



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission's**

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 17, 2025
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

This meeting was held in person at the RTC Offices, 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250, Santa Cruz.
Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

1. Call to Order: Chair Anna Kammer called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Sally Arnold, District 3
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Leo Jed, CTSC
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

**Members Remote, Voting under Just
Cause or Emergency:** None

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner
Grace Blakeslee, Sr. Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
Theresa Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Aaron Robinson, District 2
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)

Excused Absences:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Drew Rogers, City of Watsonville (Alt.)
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action
(Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 2 - Alternate
District 3 - Alternate
City Capitola - Alternate
City of Scotts Valley - Primary
City of Scotts Valley - Alternate

Guests:

Manu Koenig, County of Santa Cruz
Rodolfo Onchi, City of Scotts Valley
Jim Helmer, Member of the public

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely: None.

4. Staff announcements

Staff announced the RTC's unmet needs list and encouraged Committee members to contribute any input or identify areas of need.
Staff also referenced the constrained project list currently under development for the next Regional Transportation Plan.

5. Oral communications

Matt Miller shared highlights from a recent bicycle conference and mentioned updated NACTO design guidelines.

Paula Bradley attended a session on the Murray Street Bridge project, focusing on safety in construction zones. Public Works representatives were present, and attendees were invited to sign up for updates via QR-coded cards.

Kelly Curlett reported that the Countywide Crash Report draft has been submitted and is under internal review.

Rick Hyman noted that the City of Santa Cruz is planning to expand bike lanes on Morrissey Boulevard, which will involve removing some on-street parking. However, many bike infrastructure projects have been paused following a recent Department of Transportation memo.

Jim Helmer raised safety concerns about a paving project between Felton and Ben Lomond and requested RTC staff forward these concerns to Caltrans.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas: add updates related to committee functions

Item 13 was postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. Approved draft minutes of the December 9, 2024, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8. Received Summary of Hazard Reports

A motion was made (Roseman/Farrell) to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9. Review and provide input on East Cliff "Parkway" Striping Options - Manu Koenig, First District Supervisor, Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Koenig presented multiple striping options for the one-way portion of East Cliff Drive based on a community survey via direct mailing and email, which showed strong support for fully separated bike and pedestrian areas and bicyclists sharing space with motor vehicles.

Committee member feedback included the following themes:

- Concerns about how 'walk bike' signage will be enforced and if it will influence e-bike usage on sidewalks.
- Questions about whether further speed reduction beyond 5 mph less than the current limit is possible; some members expressed a desire for a 15-mph limit.
- Space constraints make wider bi-directional lanes infeasible; members suggested the use of sharrows, signage and speed tables (humps) to calm traffic.
- Suggestions were made to explore visual enhancements like colored pavement to increase visibility.
- Preferences varied between Options D and E. Several members emphasized safety, pilot testing, and alignment with normal bike travel behaviors.

A motion was made by Rick Hyman to acknowledge the need for improvements and support a low-cost pilot project with enhanced line markings, transitions at both ends, and traffic calming. The motion was seconded by Matt Farrell and passed unanimously with Roseman, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

10. Review and provide input on Scotts Valley Drive Complete Streets Project and Mount Hermon Rd Improvement Project – Rodolfo Onchi, City of Scotts Valley

Rodolfo Onchi provided a presentation on the Scotts Valley Drive Complete Streets Project and Mount Hermon Rd Improvement Project. Committee members asked whether thicker and more visible bike lane striping could be used. Committee members also inquired about the buffer areas; Rodolfo Onchi explained buffers will mostly consist of thermoplastic white striping, with possible limited delineator usage due to numerous driveways. Committee members also suggested that speed reduction or traffic calming be considered.

11. Review and recommend approval of FY 25/26 Bike Encouragement and Walk and Roll to School TDA funding request – Piet Canin and Tawn Kennedy, Ecology Action

Piet Canin presented on the FY 25/26 Bike Encouragement and Walk and Roll to School TDA funding request. Highlights included increased digital outreach, events like Walk and Roll to School Day occurring twice per year, and the return of Bike to Work Day breakfast sites. Committee members asked about metrics used to measure program effectiveness. Piet Canin responded that data on trip purpose, cyclist experience, and frequency is tracked.

A motion was made (Arnold/Bradley) to approve the funding request. The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

12. Nondiscrimination Plan and Equity Action Plan Updates – Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner

Rachel Moriconi provided updates on the Nondiscrimination Plan and the Transportation Equity Action Plan, including highlights such as improving outreach to non-English speakers, assessment of outreach, staff training, and improvements to accessibility. RTC staff reminded Committee members that ethics training is required to receive stipends. Committee members noted that meeting location of the Bicycle Advisory Committee may pose an equity barrier to South County participation and suggested that more meetings be scheduled in a variety of locations throughout the county.

13. Presentation on Netherlands Cycling Trip - Matt Miller, Ecology Action
This item was moved to the next meeting in April due to time constraints.
14. Updates related to committee functions – Committee members
Anna Kammer stated that Cyclists for Cultural Exchange is looking for hosts.
15. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for April 14, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Aptos Branch Library. Members of the public and non-voting committee alternates may join remotely.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by:
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner

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