

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 9, 2025 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This meeting was held in person at the RTC Offices, 1101 Pacific Ave #250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

- 1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Gina Cole called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.
- 2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jack Brown, District 2
Sally Arnold, District 3
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)
Leo Jed, CTSC

Members Remote, Voting under Just Cause or Emergency:

Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)

Staff:

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

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Rick Hyman, District 5

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)
Christopher O'Connell, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action
(Alt.)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 2 - Alternate City of Scotts Valley - Primary and Alternate City of Watsonville - Alternate

Guests:

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola

- 3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely:

 Theresia Rogerson participated remotely under Just Cause conditions due to illness.
- 4. Staff announcements

Staff announced that the Executive Summary to the draft project concept for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail will be presented at the upcoming RTC meeting and that a virtual open house is launching this week, with office hours and a public hearing planned over the summer.

5. Oral communications

Committee members asked staff when to expect the Chanticleer Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing to open to the public. Staff said to expect the overcrossing to open in 3 to 4 weeks. Committee members announced the winners of the Bike Encouragement month competition.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:
Staff announced that an attachment for item 10 was provided on the Committee webpage.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. Approved draft minutes of the May 19, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8. Received Summary of Hazard Reports

A motion was made (Jed/Bradley) to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with Brown, Arnold, Jonsson, Rogerson, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, and Jed voting in favor and Roseman abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. 41st Ave Multimodal Improvements and Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola

Kailash Mozumder provided an update on the 41st Ave Multimodal Improvements and Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The presentation covered proposed changes to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure along arterial between Clares Street and Cory Street.

Committee members discussed several concerns and suggestions. One member raised safety concerns at Clares Street and Gross Road and questioned the use of bollards, stating they may introduce unnecessary conflict. It was also suggested to consider changes to the proposed striping treatments for northbound 41st Ave at Auto Plaza Drive. Another member noted that the Auto Plaza Drive area may become a conflict zone due to turning movements. One member expressed support for the inclusion of bollards due to improved separation for cyclists. The committee also discussed the potential addition of a green bike signal phase to enhance safety and visibility for cyclists.

10. Review and provide input on The North Coast Transportation Demand Management Plan Existing Conditions – Max Friedman, RTC

Staff presented the draft Existing Conditions Report for the North Coast Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan. As part of Milestone 1, staff summarized existing travel conditions along the corridor and described the first round of engagement activities. Committee members were asked to provide input on the draft Existing Conditions Report.

Comments from committee members included the need for additional secure bicycle parking and signage to indicate where bike parking is available. Committee members emphasized the importance of better wayfinding at key stopping points and encouraged revisiting bus service to Waddell Creek, along with improving bike-to-transit connections. Rumble strips along the corridor were identified as a major conflict for cyclists. Members also suggested encouraging use of Segment 5 of the Coastal Rail Trail and increasing access to bike charging infrastructure for e-bikes.

11. Discuss construction safety for roadwork and encroachments affecting bikeways – Committee members

Committee members discussed strategies for establishing a point of contact with local public works departments to raise concerns regarding safety in construction zones for cyclists, including the idea for local jurisdictions to require that contractor construction bids include traffic control plans that specifically plan for bicycle needs.

12. Updates related to committee functions – Committee members (oral updates)

Members discussed the need for a future agenda item on the zero-emission passenger rail and trail project.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for August 11, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the RTC offices. Members of the public and non-voting committee alternates may join remotely.

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