



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, October 13, 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 5:36 pm.

2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Scott Roseman, District 1
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)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
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, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
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.)
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

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

Guests:

Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz
Casey Carlson, County of Santa Cruz
Egor Murochkin, Jean Brocklebank, Cindy
Pearce, Kevin Maguire, Justin Blair, Jim
Helmer, David Dean, Richard James, and
Brian Peoples, members of the public

3. Considered any AB 2449 requests by voting members to participate remotely:
Theresia Rogerson (District 5) participated and voted remotely under just
cause.
4. Staff announcements

Staff gave an announcement reminding participants of the general rules of order to ensure an orderly and respectful discussion.

5. Oral communications

Gina Cole announced that Open Streets (Calles Libres) will take place in downtown Watsonville on Sunday, November 2, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Committee members and their respective agencies are invited to participate and host informational tables at the event. Theresa Rogerson gave kudos to the agencies responsible for organizing A Week Without Driving.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:

Item 9 was pulled from the consent agenda by the Chair and will be added to the agenda for the next Committee meeting. Staff announced that handouts were made available for Items 10 and 11.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made (Arnold/Farrell) to approve items 7 and 8 of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Brown, Arnold, Jonsson, Rogerson, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

7. Approve draft minutes of the August 11, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports

A committee member requested that the job number be included in future hazard report summaries.

9. Recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) the nomination of new committee appointment

This item was pulled by the Chair from the consent agenda to be added to the consent agenda of the next Committee meeting, since the nominee was not in attendance.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Review and recommend approval of Soquel San Jose Rd/Porter St Road Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements STIP funding request – Casey Carlson, County of Santa Cruz

Casey Carlson, County of Santa Cruz, presented draft designs for the Soquel San Jose Rd/Porter St Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements project, which is planned to go out to bid in Spring 2026. Committee members discussed intersection design considerations at Paper Mill Road, potential right-turn lane configurations at Soquel Drive, and adding additional bicycle safety treatments such as a bike box at O'Neill Road, sharrows, and extended green conflict striping, and there were suggestions to add sharrows and "3 Feet Minimum" signs on the rest of Soquel San Jose Rd where there are no bike lanes.. Claire Gallogly suggested considering a two-stage left-turn treatment. Cindy Pearce noted that the place where the pavement meets the gutter pan typically leaves a gap and suggested that new projects include paving all the way to the curb. Kevin Maguire commented that while traveling uphill along the project area he has experienced near misses with students on e-bikes who turn into the lane without looking before making left turns. An ad hoc subcommittee was formed to meet with County staff to review the corridor intersection by intersection and identify potential safety hazards. The ad hoc subcommittee includes Leo Jed, Matt Miller, and Jack Brown.

11. Receive information and provide recommendations on Consolidated Grants Preliminary Recommendations – Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner

Rachel Moriconi, RTC staff, presented the preliminary recommendations for the 2025 Consolidated Grant Program, which combines multiple state and federal funding sources to support local transportation projects.

Committee discussion included clarification on funding needs for trail design to retain state and federal grants and the overall impacts of funding distributions across jurisdictions. Several members emphasized the need to support south county projects that improve access for bicycles and pedestrians, particularly Clifford Drive and Pennsylvania Avenue projects in Watsonville, and expressed support for Scenario 1, noting its balance across the region and larger grant awards to most projects if the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail (ZEPRT) project were not funded. Some members expressed support for advancing environmental review for the ZEPRT segments and ensuring that outside grant funds at risk for the Coastal Rail Trail are protected. Another committee member also expressed support for the RTC ranking system, and strong support for the Felton complete streets project.

Public Comments:

- Egor Murochkin urged the committee to consider choosing Scenario 1 and supporting the SLV Schools and Bike Safe/Walk Safe projects.

- Kevin McGuire supported Scenario 1, noting it emphasizes bicycle infrastructure that can be used sooner, provides benefits to the most people, and ends further studies.
- Justin Blair advocated for maintaining funding for the rail study and continuing progress on rail planning.
- Jim Helmer expressed concern that the two-block walkway on Glen Arbor Road was not recommended for funding this cycle and encouraged stronger advocacy for District 5.
- David Dean stated that south county is receiving limited funding and urged the committee to prioritize south county projects especially Pennsylvania Drive, continue supporting the Rail Trail, and support service for METRO Route 90X.
- Jean Brocklebank urged the committee to select Scenario 1 as well as to support the San Lorenzo Valley, Soquel Drive, Granite Creek Road, south county, and Bike Safe/Walk Safe projects.
- Richard James stated that the Rail Trail should remain the top priority and highlighted the importance of the Soquel Drive, Highway 9, Pennsylvania Drive, and Granite Creek Road projects.
- Brian Peoples supported Scenario 1 and encouraged focusing funding on bicycle infrastructure.

A motion was made (Farrell/Arnold) to recommend an altered Scenario 2, increasing funding for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8-11 preconstruction from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, reducing funding for ZEPRT from \$5,000,000 to \$1,250,000, and increasing funding for Coastal Rail Trail Segment 8-9 construction from \$2,750,000 to \$4,000,000, excluding the temporary bridge along Murray Street. The motion failed (4-6) with Roseman, Brown, Jonsson, Rogerson, Miller, Jed voting in opposition and Arnold, Bradley, Farrell, and Cole voting in favor.

A motion was made (Roseman/Brown) to recommend Scenario 1. The motion passed (6-4) with Roseman, Brown, Jonsson, Rogerson, Miller, Jed voting in favor and Arnold, Bradley, Farrell, and Cole voting in opposition.

12. Receive information and provide input on Measure D: Five-Year Programs of Projects for Regional Projects – Rachel Moriconi, RTC

Rachel Moriconi, RTC staff, provided a presentation on proposed updates for the Measure D five-year programs of projects (5-Year Plans) for regional investment categories and projects: Highway Corridors, Active Transportation, Rail Corridor, the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing and San Lorenzo Valley-Highway 9 Corridor Improvements, as well as the 5-year plan for Community Bridges Lift Line.

A committee member questioned how Measure D funding plans would be affected if the RTC decided not to provide funding for ZEPRT. Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, provided clarification that the proposed 5-year plans would require financing either way. Some committee members raised concerns with taking on debt in regard to programming certain projects.

A motion was made (Brown/Bradley) to accept the Measure D five-year program as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Brown, Arnold, Jonsson, Rogerson, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Jed voting in favor.

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

None.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for November 3, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm **at the Aptos Branch Library**. Members of the public and non-voting committee alternates may join remotely. The meeting will be canceled if there are not action items to be considered by the Committee.

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