



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, December 8, 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: Chair Anna Kammer 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
Anna Kammer, District 4 (Chair)
Rick Hyman, District 5
Theresia Rogerson, Dist. 5 (Alt.)
Paula Bradley, City of Capitola
Matt Farrell, City of Santa Cruz
Gina Cole, City of Watsonville (Vice Chair)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action
Alexander Yasbek, CTSC

**Members Remote, Voting under Just
Cause or Emergency:**

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner
Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
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:

Bill Cook, Member of the public
Tom Brady, Member of the public
Chuck Ross, Member of the public
Catherine Weber, Member of the public

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

4. Staff announcements

Staff provided an announcement regarding an upcoming virtual community workshop for the North Coast Transportation Demand Management Plan.

Staff noted that the project team is soliciting public input on the draft TDM strategies.

Staff also announced that the RTC's Transportation Equity Action Plan has been released and that an item will be brought to the Committee for consideration at a future meeting.

5. Oral communications

Jack Brown provided an update on construction along Soquel Drive, noting that the project includes increased spacing between delineators.

Bill Cook, a member of the public, suggested the use of rubber grade crossings at the Boardwalk railroad tracks to reduce the risk of bicycles becoming stuck in the tracks and crashing. Tom Brady, a member of the public, raised concerns about bicycle safety along Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville, particularly in both directions near the intersection of Buena Vista Road and Freedom Boulevard.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:

Item 15 was moved to go first on the regular agenda before item 12.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve draft minutes of the October 13, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports

9. Accept Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026

A committee member suggested scheduling more meetings at alternative locations in South County in 2026.

10. Recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) the nomination of new committee appointments

11. Accept the direct appointment of new committee member

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

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Receive information and provide input on Rural Highway Safety Plan: Milestone 3 Draft Safety Enhancement Concepts – Brianna Goodman, RTC

Brianna Goodman, RTC, presented draft safety enhancement concepts as part of Milestone 3 of the Rural Highways Safety Plan (RHSP). Through previous analysis of crash patterns and community needs, the RHSP team has drafted 10 safety enhancement concepts at 10 different priority locations along rural highways in Santa Cruz County. Committee members provided input on the draft safety enhancement concepts, including questions regarding coordination with Caltrans, prioritization criteria, and the extent to which proposed improvements would maintain safe and accessible conditions for bicyclists along rural highways. Discussion focused on design considerations that could affect bicycle safety, such as signage placement, shoulder widths, curb extensions, and intersection treatments, and there were especially concerns about the concept design of a roundabout on Highway 129 at Murphy Road. Also discussed was how the ten priority concepts would be further prioritized based on factors including crash history, funding availability, and coordination with partner agencies.

Tom Brady, a member of the public, commented about the designs of new Scotts Creek parking along Highway 1.

12. Elect New Chair for Bicycle Advisory Committee – Committee Members

A nomination was made to elect Gina Cole for the position of Chair (Arnold/Bradley), and a second nomination was made to elect Matt Miller for the position of Chair (Roseman/Yasbek). The motion to elect Gina Cole as Chair passed (8-2) with Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Yasbek voting in favor and Roseman and Brown voting in opposition. This action resulted in a vacancy in the position of Vice Chair.

A nomination was made to elect Matt Miller as Vice Chair (Kammer/Roseman). The motion passed unanimously with Roseman, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Yasbek voting in favor.

13. Review and provide input on 2025 State and Federal RTC Legislative Programs – Max Friedman, RTC

Max Friedman, RTC staff, presented an overview of the bicycle-related components of the proposed 2025 State and Federal RTC Legislative Programs and highlighted active transportation legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative year. Individual committee members provided input including favoring a target amount of state funding for the Active Transportation Program, opposing VMT-based fees, opposing a federal rail

trail bill, favoring vehicle automated detection of pedestrians and bicyclists, and favoring increasing local safety liability exposure caused by the lack of maintenance of bicycle paths.

14. Receive information on Draft 2050 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan – Tommy Travers, RTC

Tommy Travers, RTC staff, provided an overview of the Draft 2050 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including the Plan’s policy, action, and financial elements and the development of a constrained project list. Committee members asked for a practical explanation of how the RTC uses the RTP, and staff explained that the RTP is used to support grant applications and to prioritize planning and funding.

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

Committee members provided updates from the Ad Hoc subcommittee on safety in construction zones and noted that the group is working to organize a meeting with County Public Works and planners and engineers from other local jurisdictions.

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for February 9, 2026, 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