



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, February 9, 2026
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 Gina Cole called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jack Brown, District 2
Anna Kammer, District 4
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 (Chair)
Matt Miller, Ecology Action (Vice Chair)
Alexander Yasbek, CTSC

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

Staff:

Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner
Max Friedman, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences:

Sally Arnold, District 3
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 1 - Primary
District 2 - Alternate
City of Scotts Valley - Primary and Alternate
City of Watsonville - Alternate

Guests:

Tim Nguyen, County of Santa Cruz
Jeffrey De Los Santos, County of Santa Cruz
Leo Trujilo, County of Santa Cruz Consultant
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans D5
Jon Silver, Bike Santa Cruz County
Danielle Lewis, Bike Santa Cruz County

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

None.

4. Staff announcements

Staff announced several vacancies on the Bicycle Advisory Committee including primary for District 1, alternate for District 2, primary and alternate for Scotts Valley.

5. Oral communications

Corrina McFarlane expressed concern regarding safety at the intersection of Rodriguez Street and 17th Street, noting that limited visibility at the stop sign creates hazardous conditions for cyclists.

Rick Hyman reminded the Committee of the upcoming deadline to submit comments on the Rural Highways Safety Plan and encouraged members to provide feedback.

Matt Miller suggested improving the process for submitting hazard reports by exploring reporting systems used by peer agencies.

Gina Cole announced monthly Women's Rides in Watsonville.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:

A replacement page was distributed for Item 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve draft minutes of the December 8, 2025, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports

9. Recommend to the Regional Transportation Commission approval of the City of Santa Cruz's TDA claim for the Laurel Bikeway and Pedestrian Striping project

Item 9 was pulled from the consent agenda.

10. Receive information on committee member stipends

A motion was made (Hyman/Farrell) to approve the consent agenda, excluding item 9. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Yasbek voting in favor.

For Item 9, a motion was made (Hyman/Farrell) to recommend to the RTC approval of the City of Santa Cruz's TDA claim for the Laurel Bikeway and Pedestrian Striping Project, with the condition that the City respond to concerns raised by the Committee regarding drainage (Babbling Brook and drains near Felix St) and potential conflicts of downhill travel lane facing the left turn lane onto Felix St. The motion passed unanimously with McFarlane, Brown, Arnold, Kammer, Hyman, Bradley, Farrell, Cole, Miller, and Yasbek voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Receive information and provide input on the design of the Soquel Drive/Robertson Street Signalization Project – Tim Nguyen, County of Santa Cruz

Tim Nguyen provided a presentation on the design of the Soquel Drive / Robertson Street Signalization Project. The Committee received information and provided input on the Project. A Committee Member suggested incorporating a green bike box for cyclists turning from Soquel Drive onto Robertson Street, installing a "No Turn on Red" restriction on Robertson Street, and adding dashed bike lane markings through the intersection for the eastbound direction. Committee members expressed overall support for the Project, including the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection, while also stating that there are many youth who ride e-bikes through the intersection.

12. Receive information on Bike Santa Cruz County's programs and provide input on Project PASEO scope changes – Jon Silver, Bike Santa Cruz County

Jon Silver provided a presentation on Bike Santa Cruz County's programs and proposed scope changes to Project PASEO. Committee Members expressed support for the proposed project scope changes. A Committee Member suggested incorporating a bike lock giveaway and promoting voluntary bicycle registration as part of program activities. A Committee Member inquired about whether there is ongoing communication with participants who join rides; it was noted that Bike Santa Cruz County maintains a mailing list for continued engagement. A Committee Member suggested that the Bicycle Advisory Committee develop a memo on bike security to be circulated at Bike Santa Cruz County events.

13. Receive information and provide input regarding the Highway 17 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan – Kelly McClendon, Caltrans D5

Kelly McClendon, Caltrans District 5, provided a presentation on the Highway 17 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. The Committee received information and provided input.

A Committee Member identified the Felker Street and Grant Street area at the southern end of State Route 17 as a point of conflict between pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, and suggested consideration of a multiuse overcrossing or undercrossing. Committee Members expressed support for grade-separated crossings to improve bicycle access across State Route 17 and for an active transportation connection between Felton, Scotts Valley, and Santa Cruz. Committee Members noted that the Glen Canyon Road underpass is narrow, poorly lit, and constrained for bicycle use, and suggested improvements, further noted that the Granite Creek overcrossing bridge may require widening to better accommodate active transportation, and suggested signage and striping improvements be considered for safety at all of the freeway interchanges in the project area.

14. Discuss Construction safety for roadwork and encroachments affecting bicyclists and pedestrians – Committee members

The Ad-hoc Subcommittee presented its recent work and shared that they will also present to the other RTC advisory committees. The Committee discussed construction safety for roadwork and encroachments affecting bicyclists and pedestrians. A Committee Member suggested developing a consolidated checklist for construction zones using plain language, and a Committee Member recommended that with adequate inspections, a job site can be shut down if it has inadequate traffic control procedures. Rick Hyman was added to the subcommittee.

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

None

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for April 13, 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