



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2026**

Location: 1101 Pacific Avenue Suite 250, Santa Cruz, 95062. Remote participation via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements. Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order: Chair Gina Cole called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.
2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jack Brown, District 2
Sally Arnold, District 3
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (Alt.)
Rick Hyman, District 5
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
Kelly Curtlett, CTSC (Alt.)

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

Staff:

Grace Blakeslee, Supervising Transportation
Planner
Nick Danty, Transportation Planner
Sierra Topp, Transportation Planning
Technician
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)

Unexcused Absences:

None

Excused Absences:

Theresa Rogerson, District 5 (Alt.)
Christopher O'Connell, City of Capitola (Alt.)
Jae Riddle, City of Santa Cruz (Alt.)
Jennifer Villegas Moreno, Ecology Action
(Alt.)

Vacancies:

District 1 - Primary
District 2 - Alternate
District 4 - Primary
City of Scotts Valley - Primary and Alternate

Guests:

Kailash Mozumder, Public Works Project
Manager - City of Capitola

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

None.

4. Staff announcements

Nick Danty, RTC Transportation Planner, provided an update on the RTC's bicycle and pedestrian hazard reporting. The new hazard report form dashboard and mobile friendly features are in development. Committee Members emphasized that coordination with the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) and individual staff members at partner jurisdictions is a major part of improving hazard response.

Tommy Travers, RTC Transportation Planner, announced that a contract was awarded at the June 11th, 2026, RTC meeting for the environmental and preliminary design phases of Coastal Rail Trail Segments 13 through 20 located in the southern portion of Santa Cruz County in and around the City of Watsonville. RTC staff communicated that future updates to Segments 8/9 and Segments 10/11 project designs will be brought to the BAC.

5. Oral communications

Kelly Curlett, Committee Member, gave an update on the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and Santa Cruz METRO's Week Without Driving Campaign that will take place between October 1st and October 8th, 2026. The Week Without Driving is an education program that encourages people to walk, bike, roll, or take transit for one week. A request for public volunteers was made for the community event taking place on October 2nd, 2026, between 4pm and 7pm at the Capitola Mall METRO Transit Center. Interested parties may visit www.cruzintogetherscc.org for more information on the event and how to volunteer.

Jack Brown, Committee Member, announced that bicyclist detour signage in and around the McGregor Drive and Mar Vista intersection has been modified to include right turn notifications.

Paula Bradley, Committee Member, thanked the City of Capitola staff for moving the temporary construction signage for the 41st Ave Pavement Rehabilitation & Multimodal Improvements project out of the bike lanes and off the sidewalks.

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola Public Works Manager, announced that the City of Capitola is developing its first Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to identify existing infrastructure and safety conditions and to create a prioritized list of active transportation projects and programs. The Plan was awarded through a Caltrans planning grant and is receiving support from Ecology Action and the consultant firm Fehr and Peers. The public outreach and engagement process is currently underway, and project staff will present the

draft plan to the Committee in early 2027. A survey to obtain input on the City of Capitola ATP is available at: www.fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/capitola-atp.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:

The staff report for Item 10 was posted to the Committee webpage prior to the meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve draft minutes of the June 8, 2026, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Receive information and provide input on the Santa Cruz METRO's Rapid Corridors Project – John Urgo, Santa Cruz METRO

METRO was unable to attend committee meeting. Item was moved to October 5th. 2026 agenda.

10. Receive information and provide input the RTC's Committee Engagement Process and Survey Results – Sierra Topp, RTC

Sierra Topp, RTC Transportation Planning Technician, discussed RTC's survey of Advisory Committee members to assess committee member engagement. Survey responses will be shared with RTC's Advisory Committees and inform staff recommendations about committee member engagement and meeting priorities. Committee Members appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback on committee engagement and discussed the evolution of the committee and the biking environment within Santa Cruz County. RTC staff

requested that BAC members who haven't completed the survey do so during the meeting.

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

Paula Bradley, Committee Member, and representative of the Ad-Hoc Construction Safety Sub-Committee, provided information about signage informing bicyclists about construction impacting bicycle facilities in Capitola on 41st Avenue, and signage informing bicyclists of construction activities in other cities. The report highlighted the importance of not placing signage in bike lanes or on sidewalks that could conflict with bicycle and pedestrian travel. Options for including signage in construction zones and not in conflict with bicycle and pedestrian travel include mounting signs on posts that can be located outside of bicycle lanes and sidewalks, smaller signs, and/or posts attached to moveable weighted bases. The update included a suggestion to encourage jurisdictions to add language to construction contracts that require firms to use small signs during construction. Committee Members supported this suggestion.

Rick Hyman, Committee Member, provided information about roles and responsibilities of the Committee. Committee members discussed communications with their respective district supervisor and council member, public works employees, and RTC commissioner. The Committee then discussed how it could be engaged in the design of bicycle infrastructure projects, in e-bike safety programs, and to incorporate pedestrian design and education safety.

Jack Brown, Committee Member, announced that new flexible delineators along Soquel Ave and Soquel Drive are being piloted.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for October 5, 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:
Nick Danty, Transportation Planner