



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

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2026**

This meeting was held in person at the Aptos Branch Library, 7695 Soquel Dr, Aptos, CA 95003
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 5:38 p.m.
2. Introductions

Members Present, in Person:

Corrina McFarlane, District 1 (Alt.)
Jack Brown, District 2
Steven Jonsson, District 4 (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:**

Alex Santiago, District 3 (Alt.)

Staff:

Grace Blakeslee, Supervising Transportation
Planner
Nick Danty, Transportation Planner
Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

Members Remote, Not Voting:

Rick Hyman, District 5

Unexcused Absences:

None

Excused Absences:

Sally Arnold, District 3
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.)
Kelly Curlett, CTSC (Alt.)

Vacancies:

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

Guests:

Shannon McCarty, HDR Consulting
Tiffany Mendoza, HDR Consulting
Miguel Lizarraga, City of Watsonville
John Urgo, member of the public

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

None.

4. Staff announcements

None.

5. Oral communications

Jack Brown discussed their experience at the Cradle to Career community walk over the Chanticleer bicycle and pedestrian bridge and suggested adding speed limit signs on the downhill of the bridge.

John Urgo, a member of the public representing Friends of Santa Cruz Metro reported on the group's ongoing campaign to support a ballot initiative for a new half-cent countywide sales tax to fund transit operations.

Steven Jonsson announced that the Santa Cruz Cycle Fest will take place on June 13th, 2026 between 11am and 3pm. The event would include a community bike ride, bicycle advocacy groups, live music, and food vendors. Gina Cole announced a similar event in Watsonville at the Pinto Lake County Park organized by Modo, Ecology Action, Growing Greatness, Gardenia, and Amor y Bien Estar.

6. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas:

A request was made to reorder agenda items 10 and 11 so that guest presenters can leave the meeting earlier. Staff announced that revised draft minutes of the May meeting were posted on the committee webpage.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve draft minutes of the May 11, 2026, Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
8. Receive Summary of Hazard Reports

Paula Bradley stated that item 11 of the May meeting included an update related to safety in construction zones.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Receive information and provide input on the City of Watsonville's Clifford Ave Road Rehabilitation and Traffic Calming Project – Miguel Lizarraga, City of Watsonville, Public Works and Utilities

Miguel Lizarraga presented information on the design, funding, and construction of the City of Watsonville's Clifford Ave Road Rehabilitation and Traffic Calming Project between Pennsylvania Ave and Main Street in Watsonville. One committee member asked if flexible delineators could be included in the bikeway design, with another member suggesting narrower vehicles lanes to allow for wider bike lanes. One committee member also advocated for a speed limit reduction, citing AB392 as legal precedent for the discretionary setting of speed limits to 20mph in school zones. One committee member questioned the narrow design of two west-leg curb ramps at the Montebello intersection, suggesting it may be difficult for people in wheelchairs and with strollers to align themselves with the ramps. Several committee members suggested that City of Watsonville carefully structure its narrative—and support it with crash data—when discussing the project and its parking impacts with residents, citing successful efforts made by the City of Santa Cruz. Additional topics related to flashing beacons at intersections, speed tables, raised intersections, and bicycle/pedestrian accounts were brought up by committee members.

10. Receive information and provide input on Cruz 511 Hazard Report Form – Nick Danty and Jason Thompson, RTC

Nick Danty updated the committee on the status of SCCRTC's effort to upgrade its hazard report form. Several committee members voiced support for the effort and were satisfied with the progress. Some committee members found the new Survey123 mobile interface to be intuitive and a substantial improvement to the former browser-based form. Several members had difficulty accessing the form since they still had to use their browser to click on a link. One committee member suggested printing QR codes onto stickers or business cards to allow for quick access to the form. One committee member wants the form to have the capability of uploading multiple images of the hazard depending on size and severity. Almost all committee members want to see more accountability from SCCRTC and local

jurisdictions after hazards are reported. Several committee members were supportive of staff exploring online interactive dashboards that display the hazard reports that they and other members of the public submit, and recommended systems such as San Francisco's 311 application and the City of Watsonville's SeeClickFix application. Some committee members reiterated the importance of developing a method for reporting hazards in active construction zones, with one member recommending that immediate construction hazards be reported to city staff immediately separate from the hazard report forms.

11. Receive information and provide input on Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Corridor Climate Resilience Study – Amanda Marino, RTC

Amanda Marino gave a presentation on SCCRTC's Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Corridor Climate Resilience Study. The presentation included information on the purpose of the study, schedule, hazard types, design alternatives, and timeframe. One committee member asked if the study should include San Andreas Road and Beach Street (i.e. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segments 17B and 18A). One committee member recommended that the RTC emphasize that the study is funded by a Caltrans planning grant, not community tax dollars. Several committee members suggested that discussions with the community should be oriented more around cost and lived experience rather than technical specifications of designs. Another committee member requested that the trail-only project be studied in the long term as well, and that the environmental cost of each design alternative be studied. Several committee members inquired about the lifespan of the study and whether it was focused on a worst-case scenario or multiple timelines, with one committee member requested studying the optimal location of the trail at different future years.

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

Paula Bradley reported that the Ad-Hoc Construction Safety Sub-Committee had a positive recent meeting with engineers from each Santa Cruz County jurisdiction, as well as the RTC and UC Santa Cruz to discuss the need to improve construction zone safety. A committee member reiterated that the main goal of the sub-committee is to implement consistent MUTCD safety standards and regulations in all construction zones, as well as to improve enforcement of these standards and other traffic control plans. One committee member reinforced the importance of reporting construction zone hazards since city and county staff need complaints from the public to address the issue. A committee member spoke to the potential development of

educational tools to distribute to contractors so that they know the standards prior to construction.

Jack Brown reported on the status of conversations with Santa Cruz County Public Works Department regarding flexible delineators used for protected bike lanes. The physical deficiencies of the delineators installed on Soquel Drive are known by County staff, who plan to pilot a different product, now seen on Water Street in Santa Cruz, along an area of Soquel Drive.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Bicycle Committee meeting is a special meeting scheduled for August 10, 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