
Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA

March 22, 2016 1:30 PM

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
SCTA Large Conference Room
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, California 95401

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Guest Speaker Meredith Glaser, Amsterdam-based urban and mobility strategist – Bicycle Planning in City Revitalization – PRESENTATION
3. Approval of Notes: January 26, 2016 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
4. Notice of Special Meeting on April 26, 2016
5. Public Comment
6. Roundtable Updates
 - 6.1. Member Updates
 - 6.2. Other Entities' Updates
7. Complete Streets Checklist for MSN B2 Phase 2 project – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
8. Active Transportation Program Cycle 3, March 17th CTC Hearing on Guidelines – <http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>
9. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
10. Adjourn - **ACTION**

*Materials attached.

The next **SCTA** meeting will be held April 11, 2016
The next **CBPAC** meeting will be held May 24, 2016

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COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of January 26, 2016

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chair Wendy Atkins.

Committee Members: Wendy Atkins, City of Sonoma, Chair; Jon Paul Harries, City of Cotati; Alexandra Kelner, Sonoma County Department of Health Services; Mario Landeros, City of Healdsburg; Tina Panza, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition; Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks.

Staff: Chris Barney, Nina Donofrio, Dana Turr y.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approval of Notes: November 24, 2015 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***

The notes were approved with the following correction under “Sonoma County Regional Parks,” page 4: “...next segment south of the Coastal Prairie Trail.”

4. CBPAC Officer Elections for 2016 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***

Dana Turr y opened elections for Committee officers (Chair and Vice Chair), noting that Wendy Atkins and Geoffrey Skinner had consented to being Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, again in 2016, and called for additional nominations.

There being no other candidates, officers were elected unanimously as follows:

Chair: Wendy Atkins

Vice Chair: Geoffrey Skinner

5. Complete Streets Checklist for MSN B2 Phase 2 project – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
This item was tabled until the March meeting.

6. Safe Routes to School Recommendations Database – SCBC – **DISCUSSION**
Tina Panza of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition presented a slideshow and database of school information, explaining how the Coalition was determining how to organize and access data addressing various recommendations for schools. She explained how the database could help identify grant opportunities; track projects; show how active the school is in encouraging students to walk and bike; walking audits; infrastructure; health and safety education, and other factors.

Discussion followed regarding what various jurisdictions identified as issues for schools; noting the value of conducting audits of school infrastructure. Concerns were expressed regarding the practicality of maintaining a database, and the issue of jurisdictions being aware of the information that is available in it.

Another issue that was raised was that of school administration turnover and the need to coordinate communication to ensure that school administration is aware of the data/information available.

Nancy Adams of the City of Santa Rosa suggested studying the City’s website under the Public Works Department, Capital Projects, as an example of a possible format that could be utilized for SRS data.

7. TFCA/TDA3 Quarterly Report (item added to agenda at meeting)



Ms. Turréy next addressed the TDA3 and TFCA quarterly Status Report.

Ms. Turréy noted that the TDA3 Call for Projects will be sent out shortly after MTC releases its fund estimates, which is expected to be in early February. Staff would present the TDA3 program of projects to the Board for the May 9 meeting, submit it to MTC by the end of May, and then funding would be available the first quarter of the next fiscal year. Ms. Turréy offered to re-send the Committee the rough/preliminary fund estimates she had sent previously. She also said she would be providing a timeline.

Ms. Turréy next cited program changes for TFCA funding, noting that the two-year fund extension limitation is being enforced.

8. Roundtable Updates

8.1. Member Updates

City of Sebastopol: Geoffrey Sykes reported that the grant application for bicycle lanes on Highway 116 was not successful. City Council is considering using matching funds for local streets and may hold back a portion of the funds for future applications.

City of Santa Rosa: Nancy Adams reported on the unification of Courthouse Square, noting this had been presented to the Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Board.

The Public Utilities Commission is held a public hearing January 25 on the crossing at Jennings Avenue and the SMART rail corridor.

Staff is working on a project for bicycle lanes on Montecito Boulevard between Brush Creek and Middle Rincon Road.

Smaller projects include pedestrian trails.

Sonoma County Regional Parks:

Elizabeth Tyree reported that staff is nearing completion of the Feasibility Study for the Sonoma Valley Trail, with a meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled February 2 for the final approval and adoption.

Sebastopol, Petaluma, and Caltrans staff will be meeting February 10 regarding the next regional trail feasibility study.

City of Cotati:

Jon-Paul Harries reported on Old Redwood Highway and Highway 116 intersection improvements with benches, striping and pedestrian improvements. A pavement, restriping, and chairs project is also planned for Old Redwood Highway.

A new pedestrian trail will be installed adjacent to City Hall.

Mr. Harries reported that Craig Scott is the new Public Works Manager and that Damien O'Bid is the new City Manager.

City of Sonoma

Ms. Atkins reported that the Police Chief and Crestwood School principal met regarding safety issues with picking up and dropping off of students, and its impact on impeding walking and bicycling to school.

Other Entities' Updates:

Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition:

Ms. Panza reported on school rodeos and activities in Windsor, and with the Santa Rosa Police Department, in an effort to build relationships and collaborate for increased bicycle/pedestrian and driving safety.

Department of Health Services:

Alexandra Kelner reported on a pilot high school program for a walking audit, as well as pickup and dropoff observations.

9. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

Ms. Turréy announced the extension of BAAQMD bicycle grant programs. She also reported on the upcoming early call for projects for Cycle 3 of the Active Transportation Program.

10. Adjourn - **ACTION**

2:40 p.m.

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
From: Seana L. S. Gause, Senior – Programming and Projects
Item: Marin Sonoma Narrows (MSN), Segment B2, Phase 2 Complete Streets Checklist
Date: January 26, 2016

Issue:

Shall the CBPAC approve the Complete Streets Checklist for the Marin Sonoma Narrows, Segment B2, Phase 2?

Background:

In order to program Federal funding through MTC, it is regional policy that each project produce a Complete Streets Checklist, which must be reviewed and approved by a countywide Bicycle Committee prior to programming. The above referenced project is a highway widening on US 101 south of Petaluma. The referenced phase of the project does not include any bicycle or pedestrian facilities. The overall Marin Sonoma Narrows project does contain a separate parallel facility, much of which is Class A, as part of other phases that are being constructed separately.

Policy Impacts:

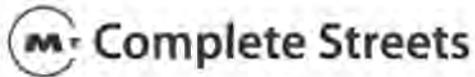
None

Fiscal Impacts:

None

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the CBPAC review and approve the attached Complete Streets Checklist for the MSN B2, Phase 2 Project.

**Project:****MSN B2 Phase 2 Sonoma Median Widening HOV lanes****Checklist:****MSN B2 Phase 2 Sonoma Median Widening HOV lanes**

CREATED 2015-11-02 (1 day ago) UPDATED 2015-11-03 (1 minute ago)

City**Status****In Progress****Description****Marin and Sonoma counties: provide median and shoulder widening between Kastania Road and just south of the county line for new HOV lanes.****Contact Name****Seana L. S. Gause****Contact Email****sgause@sctainfo.org****Contact Phone****707-565-5372****Contact Address****490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, CA 95401****1a What accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians are now included on the current facility and on facilities that it intersects or crosses?****None****Other****Please provide specifics of any items checked above.**

This is an HOV lane widening on US Route 101. All work within access controlled freeway. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be provided on frontage roads as part of prior phases, including continuous path/bike lanes from Novato to Petaluma.

1b If there are no existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities, how far from the proposed project are the closest parallel bikeways and walkways?

0-1/4 mile

Other

1c Please indicate any particular pedestrian uses or needs along the project corridor that you have observed or have been informed of.

None

Other

1d What existing challenges could the proposed project improve for bicycle, pedestrian, or transit travel in the vicinity of the proposed project?

None selected

Other

2a What trip generators (existing and future) are in the vicinity of the proposed project that might attract walking or bicycling customers, employees, students, visitors or others?

None selected

Other

There is a new facility being built/has been built along a parallel route. This project will not provide pedestrian / bike facilities.

3a Have you considered collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians along the route of the facility?

No

If so, what resources have you consulted?

4a Do any adopted plans call for the development of bicycle or pedestrian facilities on, crossing or adjacent to the proposed facility/project?

Countywide bicycle plan**Other**

Environmental Document for the Marin Sonoma Narrows. This segment does not include bike/ped facilities, but a parallel facility is available.

Is the proposed project consistent with these plans?

Yes

5a Do any local, statewide or federal policies call for incorporating bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities into this project?

None selected

Other

Freeway. See above.

If so, have the policies been followed?

No

5b If this project includes a bicycle and/or pedestrian facility, have all applicable design standards or guidelines been followed?

No

6a If there have been BPAC, stakeholder and/or public meetings at which the proposed project has been discussed, what comments have been made regarding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations?

N/A

7a What accommodations, if any, are included for bicyclists and pedestrians in the proposed project design?

None selected

Other

NONE. See above

8a Will the proposed project remove an existing bicycle or pedestrian facility or block or hinder bicycle or pedestrian movement?

No

If yes, please describe situation in detail.

- 8b** If the proposed project does not incorporate either bicycle or pedestrian facilities, or if the proposed project would hinder bicycle or pedestrian travel, list reasons why the project cannot be re-designed to accommodate these facilities.

see above

What would be the cost of the bicycle and/or pedestrian facility?

0

What is the bicycle and/or pedestrian facility's proportion of the total project cost?

0

Right-of-way. (Did an analysis lead to this conclusion?)

N/A

- 9a** How will access for bicyclists and pedestrians be maintained during project construction?

None selected

Other

N/A

- 10a** What agency will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the facility?

Caltrans

- 10b** How will ongoing maintenance be budgeted?

State Budget