

Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

April 26, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.

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

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: March 22, 2016 - **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Public Comment
4. TFCA/TDA3 Quarterly Report – Dana Turrey –Discussion*
5. TDA3 Program of Projects – Dana Turrey – **DISCUSSION / ACTION****
6. SMART Bicycle Parking Study – Nelson Nygaard – Presentation
7. SCTA Draft Bike Share Feasibility Study – Dana Turrey, SCTA – Presentation*
8. ATP Cycle 3 Disadvantaged Communities Mapping – Chris Barney – Discussion
9. California State Bike/Ped Plan Update – Dana Turrey – Discussion
10. Articles and Events of Interest - Information
 - 10.1. Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks, FHWA report providing guidance for integrating bicycle facilities into resurfacing program - <http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/174162.aspx>
11. Next Meeting – Scheduled for May 24, 2016 – Discussion
12. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
13. Adjourn - **ACTION**

*Materials attached

**Materials to be handed out

The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held May 9, 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 March 22, 2016

ITEM

1. Introductions

Called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chair Wendy Atkins.

Committee Members: Wendy Atkins, City of Sonoma, Chair; Nancy Adams, City of Santa Rosa; Curtis Bates, City of Petaluma; Steve Birdleough, Friends of SMART; Jim Bohar, City of Sonoma; Gary Helfrich, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition; Joe Morgan, Citizen Representative, County of Sonoma; Tina Panza, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks;

Guests: Beth Dadko, Santa Rosa Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board; Duane DeWitt, Citizen, City of Santa Rosa; Jennifer Larocque, Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works.

2. Guest Speaker Meredith Glaser, Amsterdam-based urban and mobility strategist – Bicycle Planning in City Revitalization – PRESENTATION

Meredith Glaser, a planner based in Amsterdam and involved in sustainability, bicycles, traffic, and urban planning, presented slides on “How to Design Cities for People.”

Ms. Glaser explained cultural and policy differences between American and European use of the bicycle for transportation, which is the primary mode of transportation in Amsterdam.

The importance of observation, planning and design was pointed out, by planners and engineers walking and biking the streets themselves. Ms. Glaser showed examples of major intersections in Amsterdam that have been redesigned for greater efficiency, and how they have developed their bicycle infrastructure.

Ms. Glaser cited various examples of cities throughout the United States that are redesigning streets for greater bicycle infrastructure and more transportation choices.

Ms. Glaser next addressed the importance of livability and access to daily shopping and services through careful planning. She described these and other strategic land uses, and the role they play in the choice of transportation.

Ms. Glaser summarized the history of transportation in Amsterdam, including bicycling, and illustrated various examples of bicycle infrastructure. She noted that design is intuitive, based on the use and speed of the road.

Ms. Glaser also noted that maintenance of roads and infrastructure is a priority in Amsterdam.

3. Approval of Notes: January 26, 2016 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***

Approved with the following corrections: Nancy Adams, City of Santa Rosa, to be included in attendees.

4. Notice of Special Meeting on April 26, 2016



Dana Turréy announced this meeting, noting that it is timely in light of the TDA3 call for projects.

5. Public Comment

Steve Birdlebough reported on a future bicycle boulevard to be implemented on Jennings Avenue. Application has been made to the Public Utilities Commission for the City of Santa Rosa to install an at-grade crossing at this location. He noted that letters of support will be submitted to the local Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board.

6. Roundtable Updates

6.1. Member Updates

City of Santa Rosa:

Nancy Adams announced that staff is applying for three TDA projects: (1) a Class II bicycle lane between Brush Creek and Middle Rincon Road; (2) a transition lane in various intersections; and (3) a Class II bicycle lane and pedestrian enhancements on Third Street under the freeway at the Santa Rosa Plaza.

Bids are expected by the end of March for the Courthouse Square project. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer.

Sonoma County Regional Parks:

Elizabeth Tyree reported that staff is completing work on the SMART Trail.

The Board of Supervisors accepted the plan for the Sonoma Valley Trail Feasibility Study.

Staff met with Caltrans regarding a planning grant for the Petaluma/Sebastopol Trail.

Sonoma County Bicycle Advisory Committee:

Steve Schmitz reported that the County has submitted another round of comments on the next group of County pavement preservation projects. These will include new Class II bicycle lanes. Mr. Schmitz summarized some of the highlights of these projects; which will include Petaluma Hill Road from Rohnert Park Expressway to the city limits and other major arterials.

Staff is still awaiting the results of their submittal for a bicycle safety education grant.

Mr. Schmitz next reported that staff had met with Supervisor Gorin regarding Arnold Drive

improvements for bicycling, and that she is open to all ideas.

Discussion followed regarding the street sweeping that had recently taken place on Arnold Drive and on Occidental Drive and how this has reclaimed some road surface.

City of Petaluma:

Curtis Bates reported that staff has completed construction plans for a Class I bicycle lane from the Wiseman Park softball fields to the park.

Construction has started on Lakeville Highway and B Street for Class II bicycle lanes. This is part of the Complete Streets Project funded by the One Bay Area Grant.

Mr. Bates next reported that staff has been working with potential consultants on the Sebastopol/Petaluma Trail.

The City Council is in the process of updating the Sidewalk Program. This includes a sidewalk improvement program that will offer low-interest loans to homeowners in order for them to repair their sidewalks.

Staff has attended recent SMART meetings to address bicycle parking for rail stations and received comments from City Council on configuration and planning of bicycle parking.

Mr. Bates next announced that the City received a grant for a road diet that will help improve bicycle access from Petaluma Boulevard South to the City Limits.

Ms. Tyree thanked the City of Petaluma for the at-grade crossing that was completed at Red Hill at the Ridge Creek Trail where it connects to the new bridge crossing the Petaluma River.

In response to questions from Duane DeWitt, Mr. Bates explained that a new bicycle lane will be installed on Lakeville Street as part of this project.

Town of Sonoma:

Wendy Atkins announced the hiring of a new Public Works Administrator who is seeking funding for the Fryer Bridge project.

6.2. Other Entities' Updates

Gary Helfrich announced that Climate Action 2020 had determined that the Safe Routes to

School program, if expanded to serve all schools, would be more effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions than clean energy programs.

Safe Routes to School:

Tina Panza added to Mr. Helrich's report, noting that this represents a significant achievement based on a modest investment.

Staff is continuing to work on a database of schools and a program for sharing and updating this data. Ms. Panza noted that the Committee will be updated on progress.

7. Complete Streets Checklist for MSN B2 Phase 2 project – DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Ms. Turréy explained that the checklist for Complete Streets needs to be approved in order to obtain funding. Discussion followed regarding Class I and Class II bicycle lanes that will be constructed as a parallel bicycle facility to MSN.

Staff recommendation is that the CBPAC approve the Complete Streets checklist.

Motion by Robert Betts, seconded by Joe Morgan, to approve the Complete Streets Checklist. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Active Transportation Program Cycle 3, March 17th CTC Hearing on Guidelines – <http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>

Ms. Turréy responded to questions about guidelines and explained that extensions of up to 20 months will be considered.

Criteria is still being confirmed. Staff will be working on identifying geographic areas that meet the criteria for disadvantaged communities and update the Committee.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Turréy noted that she had not been advised of the deadline as to when the scoring criteria would be finalized, but would update the Committee when she gets this information and invited any interested Committee members to contact her with questions about pursuing the ATP funding.

An information session/webinar is scheduled for April 16.

9. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

Ms. Turréy announced the development of the Caltrans District Four bicycle map, noting that comments are being accepted. Discussion followed regarding the issue of preferred bike routes on local roads.

10. Adjourn – ACTION

3:26 p.m.

Staff Report

To: SCTA Technical Advisory Committee
From: Dana Turréy, Transportation Planner
Item: Quarterly Status Report of TDA3 and TFCA Projects
Date: April 28, 2016

Issue:

This report provides the status of TDA3 and TFCA projects not yet fully expended as of March 31, 2016. Expenditures and remaining balances are as of April 5, 2016.

Background:

Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) Projects						
Jurisdiction	Project	ID	Programmed Amount	Funds Expended	Funds Remaining	Funds Expire
County of Sonoma	Bodega Bay Bike & Ped Trail - Coastal Prairie Trail	15-0010-01	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$260,000.00	6/30/2017
Santa Rosa	Class III Bike Signage Program	14-0010-04	\$20,000.00	\$1,480.72	\$18,519.28	6/30/2016
Santa Rosa	Ped Enhancements Citywide	14-0010-05	\$100,000.00	\$80,271.03	\$19,728.97	6/30/2016
Santa Rosa	3rd Street Traffic Signal	14-0010-07	\$93,000.00	\$70,796.81	\$22,203.19	6/30/2016
Santa Rosa	SMART Crossing at Jennings	16-0010-01	\$503,313.00	\$0.00	\$503,313.00	6/30/2018

Project costs must be incurred prior to the TDA3 expiration date (typically June 30). Sponsors must submit invoices no later than August 31 for any funds expiring June 30. Please submit invoices to MTC (Cheryl Chi CChi@mtc.ca.gov) and copy SCTA (Dana Turréy dana.turrey@scta.ca.gov).

Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Projects, County Program Manager Fund						
Jurisdiction	Project	ID	Programmed Amount	Funds Expended	Funds Remaining	Funds Expire
Petaluma Transit	Youth Bus Pass Subsidy Program	16-SON-03	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 16,000.00	10/26/2017
Petaluma Transit	Transit Marketing program	16-SON-04	\$64,006.00	\$0.00	\$ 64,006.00	10/26/2017
Petaluma	Traffic Signal Coordination Timing Project	16-SON-05	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 100,000.00	10/26/2017
Petaluma	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation	16-SON-06	\$13,841.40	\$0.00	\$ 13,841.40	10/26/2017
Santa Rosa	Free Rider Trip Reduction Incentive Program	16-SON-01	\$230,892.00	\$77,273.04	153,618.96	10/26/2017
Sonoma County Transit	Transit Shelters	14-SON-04	\$77,983.00	\$64,305.00	\$13,678.00	10/29/2016
Sonoma County Transit (Sebastopol)	Sebastopol Bus Stop Improvements	14-SON-05	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	10/29/2016
Sonoma County Transit	Transit Marketing Program	15-SON-02	\$146,278.33	\$146,278.33	\$0	12/19/2016
Sonoma County Transit	Transit Marketing Program	16-SON-02	\$ 140,199.00	\$0.00	\$ 140,199.00	10/26/2017
Windsor	Arterial Management	15-SON-05	\$132,941.84	\$0.00	\$132,941.84	12/19/2016

Final Reports for TFCA projects completed before December 31, 2015 will be due to SCTA in May 2016.

Please submit all TFCA invoices by June 24 for any expenses incurred in that fiscal year.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this quarterly report. Please contact Dana Turrey at dana.turrey@scta.ca.gov with any corrections.

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
From: Dana Turréy, Transportation Planner
Item: Draft Bike Share Feasibility Study, Shift Sonoma County
Date: April 26, 2016

Issue:

The Draft Bike Share Feasibility Study element of *Shift Sonoma County* is available for review.

Background:

Shift Sonoma County

The SCTA/RCPA is in the process of developing an action plan for shifting toward low-carbon transportation modes in Sonoma County, under a project called *Shift Sonoma County*. The purpose of *Shift Sonoma County* is to assess and develop actions for local government to facilitate a significant shift in transportation behavior in Sonoma County. This work is made possible through a planning grant from the Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program.

Shift Sonoma County includes two main elements; a Transportation Mode Shift Action Plan (Mode Shift) and a Transportation Fuel Shift Action Plan (Fuel Shift). The Mode Shift element includes a countywide Bike Share Feasibility Study, Car Share Feasibility Study, and Transportation Demand Management Needs Assessment and Action Plan, all with the aim to enable measureable reductions in automobile usage while improving public health and equity throughout the communities in Sonoma County.

Bike Share Feasibility Study

The Draft Bike Share Feasibility Study is now available for review online: <http://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/DRAFT-Bike-Share-Feasibility-Study.pdf>. The purpose of this Study is to assess the feasibility of a bike share system in Sonoma County and the potential for bike share to contribute to the Mode Shift goals. The Study evaluates operating, organizational, and funding models using research and evaluation from comparable communities to identify models that are most promising in Sonoma County. A market analysis was completed to determine potential bike share system users and geographic areas that are likely to attract enough users to support a sustainable system.

The Study identifies zones with the highest potential for success and recommends these locations for first phases of implementation in Sonoma County. Other small pockets in smaller cities demonstrate potentially high levels of demand, though may rely heavily on subsidies if implemented before a network is established. The Study outlines station siting considerations, startup considerations, and next steps for implementation.