Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

September 24, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Large Conference Room
411 King Street
Santa Rosa, California 95404

ITEM

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: July 23, 2019 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

3. Public Comment

4. Roundtable Updates – Discussion

5. Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2050 Update – Discussion

6. Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan Update – Discussion*

7. Vision Zero Update – Discussion

8. Bike Share Updates - Discussion

9. Upcoming Active Transportation Grants and Events – Information*

10. Other Business / Comments / Announcements – Discussion

11. Adjourn – ACTION

*Materials attached
**Materials to be handed out

The next SCTA/RCPA meeting will be held October 14, 2019
The next CBPAC meeting will be held November 26, 2019

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COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of July 23, 2019

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:33 by Chair Jon Paul Harries.

Committee Members: Jon Paul Harries, Chair, City of Cotati; Nancy Adams, Vice Chair, City of Santa Rosa; Bobby Boinski, City of Healdsburg; Gina Benedetti-Petnic, City of Petaluma; Wendy Atkins, City of Sonoma; Mona Ibrahim, Town of Windsor; Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks; Kyle Rabellino, Permit Sonoma; Joe Morgan, Citizen representative, County of Sonoma.

Guests: Brittany Lobo, Sonoma County DHS; Eris Weaver, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols; Chris Barney; Janet Spilman; Seana Gause; Tanya Narath.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: April 23, 2019 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Mona Ibrahim corrected the TFCA application was for the Class 1 trail on Faught Creek in Windsor, not for Foss Creek.

Approved as submitted following the correction.

3. Public Comment

N/A

4. SB-1 Local Partnership Formulaic Program, 20/21 Call for Projects Results – DISCUSSION/ ACTION

Seana Gause reported on the SB1 Local Partnership Formulaic Program.

SCTA released a Call for Projects in March for funding through this SB-1 program. This is a formulaic program for the entities which have passed a sales tax measure for transportation, i.e. self-help counties. As the taxing authority, SCTA is the eligible recipient for the funds.

Two projects were received as part of this call. The first application described was submitted by Sonoma County Transit to purchase an electric bus and to install en-route chargers along the system; funding was requested for FY 20/21.

The second application described was submitted by the City of Petaluma for improvements along the McDowell corridor. Funding was requested for FY 21/22 to indicate the interest of the project and not to compete against Sonoma County Transit’s application.

Staff has participated in the devolvement of the guidelines with the staff of the California Transportation Commission. When the guidelines are updated, there is an expectation the program will change from a one year to a two year program.

Given the expected changes to the guidelines, the SCTA Technical Advisory Committee was given the option to either issue a new Call for Projects, or use the two submittals for the two years.

The TAC recommended to the SCTA Board of Directors to approve the two projects received for the two years instead of issuing a new Call for Projects and Staff is requesting the CBPAC to recommend approval of the projects submitted.

Jon Paul Harries asked if there is a disadvantage of not choosing the two projects in recommendation.

Ms. Gause responded the other option was to reissue the Call for Projects for a two year program. The request seems reasonable to take the two projects given the funding years are FY 20/21 and FY 21/22.
Gina Benedetti-Petnic moved to approve staff’s recommendation, Elizabeth Tyree second. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

5. Moving Forward 2050 (CTP) and Measure M Reauthorization joint call for projects – Discussion

Janet Spilman introduced the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update. The previous CTP was approved in 2016 with a horizon date of 2040; this year’s update will have a horizon date 2050.

Ms. Spilman encouraged the committee to review the project list and for jurisdictions to make corrections, changes, and/or additions if there are projects to be included in the CTP.

A link is available to direct individuals to the project list application.

Staff is requesting that jurisdictions be sure that whichever bicycle/pedestrian projects that are in the CTP be in their own jurisdiction’s bicycle/pedestrian plans and referenced.

Regarding significant projects, projects with a cost over $1 million, these are to be submitted separately through the CTP application.

The due date for the project submittal is September 4th.

Furthermore, Ms. Spilman spoke on corresponding actions related to the CTP update. Staff have begun a public outreach to disadvantaged communities to solicit their input.

There will not be a separate item to the SCTA Board of Directors for approval of a project list as of now; rather, will report on what is received.

Staff is expecting to conclude the project list by the end of the year and develop a draft plan by mid-2020.

The Plan approval date is aimed for early 2021.

6. Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Project Update

6.1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Webmap Review

Dana Turrey recalled in the previous years a request was made on updates to the bicycle/pedestrian projects for the countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Rather than update the entire plan, this effort is to refresh the maps and listed projects.

Last year, there was a request about the updates and interest captured all the projects since the 2014 Plan. Staff are now working on reconciling the projects list and the GIS files to ensure they are matching up correctly.

The project list for each jurisdiction was distributed and Ms. Turrey expressed the interest to review the list and make necessary updates, such as adding new projects adopted by the jurisdiction, any updates, or if the project is completed.

To align with the CTP update, staff would like these updates on September 4th.

Gina Benedetti-Petnic asked for clarification on any projects that should be included on the list.

Ms. Turrey responded that all adopted bicycle/pedestrian projects should be incorporated in the countywide plan.

Elizabeth Tyree asked is this will be shared with SMART, as some SMART projects were on the County’s list.

Ms. Turrey responded that in the 2014 plan all of the SMART plans were listed by jurisdiction. The SMART projects should now be listed with SMART
as the lead agency and some additional edits are needed to correct this.

Janet Spilman added that the CTP will be coinciding with the Measure M renewal. Staff are hoping to learn of the jurisdiction’s priorities though this project list update.

The application notes that every jurisdiction is asked to submit and rank up to ten projects.

7. TDA3/TFCA FY19 Q4 Report
Dana Turrey provided the quarterly report for the TDA3 and TFCA funded projects. The list includes projects not fully expended as of June 30.
Projects highlighted in red have upcoming expiration date.
Regarding TDA3 projects, any costs that were incurred before the end of the fiscal year must be submitted to MTC.
For the TFCA projects that received either invoices/estimates before the end of the last fiscal year, are not included in this report.

8. Roundtable updates – Discussion

City of Cotati:
Jon Paul Harries announced the School Street pathway will be going out to bid to address the missing gap on the west side of Cotati.
The Wayfinding project is now in the Public Works hands for fabrication and installation.
Lastly, the City Council has approved a new hotel with an anchor plaza that will hopefully set up for further pedestrian access.

City of Healdsburg:
Bobby Boinski announced bicycle and pedestrian counters set up at Foss Creek to understand how many individuals are using the pathway that is currently open.

City of Petaluma:
Gina Benetti-Petnic announced the SMART pathway in Petaluma is under construction. It is planned to be completed by the end of October/November.
The City of Petaluma conducted a two year goal setting update with community input. The most notable updates include environmental and bicycle/pedestrian issues.
Furthermore, the Lynch Creek trail to connect East and West Petaluma is in need of repair. The City is looking at CIP projects to fill the gaps of necessary improvements.
Ms. Benetti-Petnic further spoke on the Petaluma Boulevard S road diet. Funding is not available until fall 2020, however Class 4 bicycle lanes on the boulevard are up for discussion.
Lastly, Ms. Benetti-Petnic announced a Class 4 bicycle lane is now approved to be constructed near the Petaluma SMART station.

City of Sonoma:
N/A

Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition:
Eris Weaver spoke on internal work within the Bicycle Coalition and added that cyclists are calling the office to report roads that need fixing.

Sonoma County Regional Parks:
Elizabeth Tyree reported on the West County Trail to be constructed in Forestville and on the community meetings for the Lower Russian River
Trail that will connect Mirabel Road in Forestville to Highway 1 in Jenner.

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Chris Barney updated the committee on information received related to the Travel Behavior Study and added that reports can be brought to the committee in September.

Janet Spilman added that city and county planners being presented with land use tasks to designate or change PDAs.

_Sonoma County, Department of Health Services:_

Brittany Lobo spoke on the approval of a sustainability grant form Caltrans regarding Vision Zero. This is currently in the planning phase and the idea is to use the city streets coalition as the gathering point of individuals with similar efforts to call people together to form an advisory committee.

The Department of Health Services will be speaking to the county’s advisory committees starting in October.

_Sonoma County, Permit Sonoma:_

Kyle Rabellino reported on the General Plan update that will include elements of the bicycle and pedestrian plan.

_Town of Windsor:_

N/A

Public Comment:

Joe Morgan spoke about work to cut brush from bicycle pathways and roads that impedes cyclists.

9. Bike Share Updates

Dana Turrey briefly updated the committee on the upcoming bicycle share program.

Interviews were held in the previous month and staff reviewed and scored proposals.

The top ranked firm was unanimous among the interview panel and staff will start the negotiations process with the firm.

Once an agreement is made, Staff will make the announcement.

10. Other Business/Comments/Announcements

Joe Morgan announced the new county bicycle trail leaving Petaluma is now open at the Sonoma County line.

11. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 2:43 p.m.
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is developing Active Transportation Plans for each of its 12 districts to identify walking and biking needs on and across State highways throughout California. These plans carry out an important action identified in *Toward an Active California*, the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2017).

Caltrans District 4, which covers the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, is developing a Pedestrian Plan to complement its District 4 Bike Plan (2018). The Pedestrian Plan will identify priority pedestrian needs throughout the district and develop best practices.

**We want your input!**

*Street Story* (streetstory.berkeley.edu) is a community engagement tool developed by Berkeley SafeTREC that allows residents, community groups, and agencies to share their input about collisions, near-misses, general hazards, and safe locations to travel. The platform and the information collected is free to use and publicly accessible. Street Story is available for use in any city or county in California!

Caltrans is using Street Story, among other engagement strategies, to collect input from people who walk on or near State highways through Summer and Fall 2019.

Visit Street Story at [streetstory.berkeley.edu](http://streetstory.berkeley.edu)

To sign up for updates on the District 4 Pedestrian Plan, email gregory.currey@dot.ca.gov
Upcoming Grants and Conferences

GRANTS

The Air District’s Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program is currently hosting mandatory workshops for interested applicants. The workshops will cover the Vehicle Trip Reduction Program requirements, applicant eligibility, the application process, and evaluation criteria. [Grant program website](#). Workshop dates include:

- September 17, 2019, 3 PM ([Register](#))
- October 3, 2019, 10 AM ([Register](#))

Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program Workshop, Sept 26, 11am
The Safe Routes Partnership has a three-part webinar series designed to encourage Californian jurisdictions to apply for Cycle 5 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and provide insight from applicants who were successful in previous cycles. The first webinar in the series, Getting Started, will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 11am. Moderated by California Senior Policy Manager Jonathan Matz, this webinar will focus on what you should be doing to get your ducks in a row a little less than a year from the Cycle 5 deadline in June. [Register](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency will be accepting project proposals for the Recreational Trails & Greenways Grant Program through October 11. Approximately $27.7 million in awards will be funded by the program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, anticipated mid-late December 2019. [Eligibility, technical assistance workshops and program requirements, including online submittal information](#)

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants for (FY) 2020-21, through October 11
Two opportunities are available:

- Sustainable Communities Grants ($29.5 million statewide) to encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission.
- Strategic Partnerships Grants ($4.5 million statewide) to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system in partnership with Caltrans ($1.5 million). The transit component will fund planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies with a focus on transit ($3 million).

The Grant Application Guide, application forms, and required templates are available through the [Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announcement](#).
CONFERENCES

The CA Bicycle Summit: Intersections is being held October 15-17 at the Center for Healthy Communities in Los Angeles
The CA Bicycle Summit is a must-attend event for movers and shakers in sustainable transportation: planners, government officials, politicians, agency staff, and bicycle activists. Register

Active Transportation Program Symposium, October 29-30, 2019 in West Sacramento
Register for this two-day symposium, which will showcase not only inspiring speakers, including Carl Guardino, President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Tamika Butler, CA Planning Director and head of Equity and Inclusion at Toole Design and Leah Shahum, Founder and Director of the Vision Zero Network, and engaging panel sessions, it will also provide you with priceless networking opportunities. Register

TechFire’s Future of Mobility Summit, Nov 6, Bay Area
Autonomous Vehicles, Micromobility, Transportation Policy & more. One theme includes the Future of Micromobility, what’s next for scooters, ebikes and beyond, are business models sustainable or will we see massive consolidation? Will we continue to see major innovation or has the sector reached a plateau? More information & Registration