

## Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### MEETING AGENDA

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**May 26, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.**

Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Via Zoom  
Santa Rosa, CA

#### ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: March 24, 2020 - **DISCUSSION / ACTION\***
3. Public Comment
4. Social Distancing Strategies for Bicyclists and Pedestrians
  - 4.1. MTC Quick Builds for Complete Streets Survey Results – Presentation
  - 4.2. Local Strategies and Considerations – Discussion
5. Roundtable Updates – Discussion
6. Sales Tax Measure Reauthorization 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

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The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held July 13, 2020

The next **CBPAC** meeting will be held July 28, 2020

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**COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Notes of March 24, 2020

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ITEM

**1. Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 1:30 by Dana Turrey.

Committee Members: Jon Paul Harries, City of Cotati; Nancy Adams, City of Santa Rosa; Bobby Boinski, City of Healdsburg; Wendy Atkins, City of Sonoma; Mona Ibrahim, Town of Windsor; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit.

Guests: Eris Weaver, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition; Tina Panza, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition; Erik Bahnson, Santa Rosa Junior College.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols; Suzanne Smith; Tanya Narath; Kiara Ryan.

**2. Approval of Meeting Notes: November 26, 2019 - DISCUSSION / ACTION\***

Approved as submitted.

**3. Public Comment**

Eris Weaver commented that Bike to Work Day is still up in the air given the Shelter in Place order. Information is hoped for the end of the week.

Steve Birdleough provided a comment via email and was read aloud by Dana Turrey. The comment is attached to these minutes.

**4. Sales Tax Measure**

Suzanne Smith presented on the local transportation sales tax extension discussion.

SCTA will be discussing whether to proceed in placing the measure on the ballot in November.

Staff’s approach has been to keep the conversation of this measure going, not only just the content, but the viability of the measure, at least until the April meeting. Staff is also ensuring the decision makers have what is needed to make an informed discussion.

SCTA has put together a version of this plan with no numbers included, which is linked with the Countywide Transportation Plan update. The content is the same, however numbers were included in relation to the projects that were submitted by jurisdictions for the CTP update.

Direction was given to have this measure for 20 years at a quarter-cent and be a true extension from Measure M starting in 2025 should it be approved. The value of doing this exercise in advance is queuing projects and offering the opportunity to borrow ahead if needed to build projects sooner.

The revised draft expenditure plan includes four programs in two categories:

- A. Fix roads, fill potholes, improve traffic
  - a. Smooth and maintained roads (38%)
  - b. Move traffic and improve safety (27%)
- B. Improve alternatives to cars, fight climate change
  - a. Increase bus service, affordability, and first- and last mile connections (23%)
  - b. Build bikeways and pathways (12%)

Ms. Smith recalled the feedback around the “squishy” category that was difficult to understand and the need to simplify the expenditure plan.

The link between the CTP and the vision and goals were highlighted as it relates to transportation.

Ms. Smith explained the details in the aforementioned programs. These programs are linked to the CTP goals as applicable.

Projects that used to help develop the percentage list were submittals from each jurisdiction and transit operator. There will be a competitive program and projects will require a CEQA analysis.

In regards to public transport, this proposal assumes there will be service continuity, with an additional 13% for additional services (includes proposed 3% for community benefit programs, 8% for service expansion, 2% for affordability programs).

Ms. Smith also highlighted the bicycle/pedestrian elements that are included in the expenditure plan. Based on the CTP submittals, this is about 12% of the CTP priorities.

Lastly, Ms. Smith referenced the CTP priority project needs for the new measure. These are the CTP projects that were submitted by the jurisdictions that helped inform this expenditure plan, and are included in the agenda packet for the committee’s information.

Eris Weaver commented this is such an improvement since the previous draft. The categories are more laid out, and Ms. Weaver was thrilled to see tripling in funding for bicycle/pedestrian projects.

In terms of schedule, this will go to the TAC on Thursday, discussed with the Ad Hoc committee on

Friday, and to the CAC on Monday. Staff will also be checking in with transit operators.

The goal is to take this the Board of Directors in April.

## 5. TDA3

Dana Turrey reported a Call for Projects was issued in January with the final figures for the TDA 3 annual program in February.

Five project applications have been received from Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Healdsburg, and Sonoma County Regional Parks.

Staff are looking for a recommendation from the committee for approval to the SCTA Board of Directors. This will be presented to the Board of Directors on May 11.

A roll call vote was held to approve the list of projects. The item was unanimously approved with no dissensions.

## 6. Roundtable updates – Discussion

### *City of Cotati*

JP Harries spoke on the parks being closed, but bicycle trails still open only for pedestrian use.

Furthermore, Mr. Harries announced there was a kick off meeting with Public Works for the bicycle wayfinding; this is now moving into implementation.

### *City of Petaluma*

Gina Benedetti-Petnic reported on the park closures in Petaluma and is waiting on a final word on how to address the bicycle trails.

The April BPAC has been cancelled and rescheduled to switch to telecommunications.

Lastly, Ms. Benedetti-Petnic spoke on the upcoming closure of the SMART MUP.

*City of Santa Rosa*

Nancy Adams updated the committee on the pathway construction in Santa Rosa.

*City of Sonoma*

Wendy Atkins announced the Friar Creek bridge will to begin construction in summer 2021, and Class 3 bicycle routes on E Napa Street will be constructed this summer in conjunction with a slurry seal project.

*Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition*

Eris Weaver spoke on the pathway issue, stating that the pathways should be closed to everyone due to the message that “bicycles are the problem.”

The Safe Routes to School program is on furlough due to school closures.

Tina Panza announced that schools are closed officially until April 5 and have been coordinating to figure out options to connect with students through a distance learning model.

*Sonoma County Regional Parks*

Elizabeth Tyree announced all parks are officially closed until further notice for people to have better safe passing distances. No bicycle or equestrian use is allowed on Regional Park trails at this moment. The decision was made in part from observation of recent activity on the trails.

*Santa Rosa Junior College:*

Erik Bahnson commented on the current shift to remote work and video conferencing and how that might influence how we do business and provide education after the pandemic eases.

**7. Vision Zero Update**

Brittany Lobo announced DHS is heavily impacted by the COVID-19 response and are trying to continue with the informational interviews with city staff.

Additionally, Ms. Lobo spoke on the work with Kiara Ryan (SCTA-CivicSpark Fellow) on the community survey.

Tanya Narath added SCTA is planning to bring the contract for the technical consultant to help with the data dashboard to the SCTA Board of Directors in April.

A kick off meeting is planned in late April, but in the meantime, staff will be convening the data subcommittee to talk about the dashboard looks and feels.

**8. Bike Share Updates**

Dana Turrey announced staff are moving forward with the planning activities related to the bicycle share program.

Gotcha is waiting on more data and clarifications from the Bike Share TAC. The next TAC meeting will be more of a check in, rather than have action items.

**9. Upcoming Active Transportation Grants and Events**

This is provided for the committee’s interest.

In terms of events, there is likely delays/postponement/rescheduling with any type of event scheduled right now.

**10. Other Business/Comments/Announcements**

N/A

**11. Adjourn**

The committee adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

GRANTS

**Active Transportation Program, Cycle 5** schedule has been delayed approximately three months. The revised schedule for ATP Cycle 5 is listed below, with original dates in strikethrough and new dates in bold:

Milestone	Statewide ATP Schedule	DRAFT MTC Regional ATP Schedule
Quick-Build Pilot Program Application Due Date	<del>June 15, 2020</del> <b>July 15, 2020</b>	N/A
Application Due Date (All others)	<del>June 15, 2020</del> <b>September 15, 2020</b>	<del>June 15, 2020</del> <b>September 15, 2020</b>
Quick-Build Pilot Recommendations	<del>November 16, 2020</del> <b>September 15, 2020</b>	N/A
Staff Recommendations	<del>November 16, 2020</del> <b>February 15, 2021</b>	<del>January 6, 2021</del> <b>March 31, 2021</b>
MTC Adoption	N/A	<del>January 27, 2021</del> <b>April 28, 2021</b>
CTC Approval	<del>December 2, 2020</del> <b>March 15, 2021</b>	<del>March 15, 2021</del> <b>June 2021</b>

MTC will host **one web-only workshop** this ATP cycle to share the latest program and application information. The workshop will be tailored to new applicants and applicants seeking assistance in preparing competitive applications. Other topics will include:

- An overview of the statewide and regional guidelines
- Key dates, scoring criteria, and application types
- State Quick-Build Pilot Program overview
- Best practices for gathering data and using data tools in Cycle 5
- Lessons learned from previous cycles
- Q&A with CTC, Caltrans, and MTC staff

MTC's ATP Regional Workshop on **Thursday, June 11, 2020, from 1-4 pm**. Attendees must register in advance, and can do so here:

[https://bayareametro.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvdeqppjkoGtRS\\_XybGG5a-fkJR5ainiWA](https://bayareametro.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvdeqppjkoGtRS_XybGG5a-fkJR5ainiWA)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the meeting.

MTC [ATP webpage](#):

State [ATP webpage](#).

**Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program (Bike Facilities)**, Bay Area Air Quality Management District is currently accepting applications for projects that are ready to go. Eligible projects will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Remaining funding is approximately \$1.5M. The program funds bicycle infrastructure projects that will reduce vehicle trips. [www.baaqmd.gov/tripreduction](http://www.baaqmd.gov/tripreduction)

**Urban Greening Grant Program Round 4** applications are due by **July 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. \$28.5 million is available for projects that a) sequester and store carbon by planting trees, b) reduce building energy use by strategically planting trees to shade buildings, and/or c) reduce commute vehicle miles traveled by constructing bicycle paths, bicycle lanes or pedestrian facilities that provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools. June technical assistance webinars and grant information are on the TCC website: <http://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/>.

**California Air Resources Board's Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot** creates new opportunities for zero-emission car-sharing and ride-sharing, bike-sharing, and innovative public transit services like demand-responsive transit and mobility service partnerships in disadvantaged communities statewide. The Voucher Pilot is available to disadvantaged and low-income communities in California, including some Tribal and affordable-housing communities, to increase access to safe, reliable, convenient and affordable transportation options. Community Transportation Needs Assessment applications will be accepted **starting June 1, 2020**. The Mobility Project Voucher application window is TBA. <https://www.cleanmobilityoptions.org/>

## EVENTS

**National Bike Month is STILL happening this May** <https://www.bikesonoma.org/btwd/>

**Micromobility America** is coming to the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond, CA has been postponed from April to October 1-2, 2020. <https://micromobility.io/mmamerica>