



Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

***** SPECIAL MEETING *****

AGENDA

Monday, September 24, 2012

5:00 PM (PDT)

**NCTPA Conference Room
707 Randolph Street, Suite 100
Napa CA 94559**

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ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2012
3. Chair and Member Comments
4. Staff Comments
5. Public Comments

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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| 6. | Solano Ave Bike Path - Update

BAC members will discuss issues related to the new Class I Bike Path along Solano Ave | INFORMATION |
| 7. | TDA-3 Look-Ahead

BAC members will discuss status of TDA-3 funding and begin to plan for the next round of funding. | INFORMATION |
| 8. | Vine Trail - Update

Committee will review status of Vine Trail projects. | INFORMATION |
| 9. | Bicycle Project Status - Update

Committee will discuss status of various ongoing bicycle projects. | INFORMATION |
| 10. | Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Restructure and Name Adaptation

BAC will discuss the process of 1) committee restructure 2) by-law/policy changes and 3) the adaptation of "Pedestrian" in the committee's name to conform to Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) requirements with the recommendation for approval by the NCTPA Board in October 2012. | INFORMATION/
ACTION |
| 11. | Approval of Next Regular Meeting on October 22, 2012, 5:30 PM (PDT) and Adjournment | APPROVE |

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

as of May 2012

Barry Christian

Mike Costanzo

Dieter Deiss
(Vice Chair)

Herb Fredricksen

Keith Kimbrough

Joel King

Mark Lucas

Brett Risley

Paul Wagner
(Chair)

Richard Warren, Jr.

NCTPA BAC Minutes
August 27, 2012

Chair Paul Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Committee members Barry Christian, Mike Costanzo, Dieter Deiss, Herb Fredricksen, Mark Lucas, and Joel King were also present as was staff Eliot Hurwitz.

The minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: Rick Marshall from Napa County PW announced that the Hwy 29 channelization project would start on September 4 with utility undergrounding. There is a web page, accesssthelena.org with information about where and when road work will be done. There may be times when there is limited room for bicycles, but the road will not be closed to bikes. People can use the web page to get updates about when it may be a good idea to avoid cycling on the highway. The committee gave Rick ideas of who to contact about the road work including bike rental places and bike touring companies.

Tony Norris from the Parks and Open Space district is applying for a grant to build a trail bridge over Tulocay Creek on the River Trail. They are looking to get \$100 K from the Habitat Conservation Fund. The Gasser Foundation will match this grant up to \$100 K. The bridge should cost \$200 K, and should be permitted under the Flood Control plans for that area. These requests are going to the city council in September. Eric Whan from Napa City PW stated that the city is looking for money to pave the trail from Third St to Hartle Ct.

TDA-3 look ahead: NCTPA has about \$160K in its TDA account and usually gets another \$120K a year. Should we try to make mid-year requests or just get an early start on the next fiscal year? We decided to put in requests early for the next fiscal year.

Jamison Canyon Rd bike lane: We discussed the use of rumble strips as a safety device for bike lanes. Some bicyclists are opposed to them because they may take up a portion of the bike lane, and the bike lane may be more likely to fill up with debris and gravel unless it is swept regularly. They are in the MUTCD manual as is their placement. We discussed data on their effectiveness, and there is data showing a reduction in car accidents with their use. We decided to look into this more, and to ask the county to try out rumble strips when they repave a portion of the Silverado Trail. We would like to see the rumble strips on the white line or on the car lane side of the white line, and the county would have to sweep the bike lanes. We will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Countywide Bike Plan Update: On September 18, the Napa City Council will take up the bike plan. American Canyon approved it last week. That leaves only St. Helena, which is tied up with a general plan update. Rick Marshall of county PW is looking at how the plan will affect priorities for bike projects in the county. We should look through the priority matrix. Before the end of the year, we and the TAC need to review priorities in the plan. We will need to put this on the agenda before year end.

Vine Trail Update: They have come up with an Ag Respect program which will include signs and web pages showing how trail users can respect the AG community while enjoying the trail.

Bicycle Project Status: There is funding in place for the Vine Trail between Napa and Yountville. It is a complex mix of grants from various agencies and represents an alphabet soup of funding. Some of the funds need to be spent soon. Healdsburg is having similar problems with a trail, and we should check with them. We have until September 2014 to get all the planning and design work done to keep the federal funding. NCTPA has fast-tracked a new on call planning and engineering review for projects. They hope to have a company in place soon and to have the project shovel ready by the deadline. By the end of September, there should be significant movement on the project.

The city of Napa is still looking for funding for the class II bike lane on California. The bike lanes on Lincoln and Trower should be striped this year. The feasibility study on the Hwy 29 undercrossing should also be underway soon.

Member Comment: Dieter read an e-mail he had received from a bike tour company that was backing out of a deal with a local inn because the tour company couldn't find safe biking routes on Hwy 29 and Silverado Tr. This shows an economic loss from our lack of better bike facilities.

Anne Darrow of the county Office of Education, Safe Routes to School, said that they would bring trainers here to train SRTS staff to become certified bike safety instructors. She will look into having the training available to others. They will also have an outreach program to parents and kids to drive safely around cyclists and pedestrians, and to ride safely. There will be a green commute challenge for employers in Napa County.

We discussed having a bike safety summit in November modeled on our first bike summit last year on the bike plan. There will be a bike conspicuity workshop in St. Helena at Velo Vino on September 20. We need to consider changing to a bike and ped committee and think about what that change would look like.

The next meeting will be on September 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.