

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St. Room 161/162, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

The Bicycle Advisory Committee promotes the expanded use of bicycle transportation by working together with County staff to develop the County Bikeways Plan, reviewing the Plan and presenting a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for its adoption; by reviewing the policies and programs related to bicycling in the Circulation Element of the County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan and making recommendations on the goals and their implementation to the Board of Supervisors; and by reviewing the policies and programs related to bicycling in the Bikeways Element of the Regional Transportation Plan and providing input to the Board of Supervisors on the goals and their implementation.

1. **Call to order/ Thank you**

2. **Roll Call**

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Heidi Wicka (District 1), Robin Culver(**District 1**), Josh Olejczak (District 2), **Vacant (District 2)**, Dale Sutliff (Chairperson, District 3), Myron "Skip" Amerine (Vice Chairperson, District 3), **Vacant (District 4)**, Rob Horch (District 4), Claudia Callwood (District 5) , Ed Goshorn (District 5)

Staff/Guests

Andy Mutziger, Air Pollution Control District
Steve McMaster, County Planning & Building
Hillary Brown, County Planning and Building
Shaun Cooper, County Parks
Patrick Seebart, CHP
Dave Flynn, County Public Works,
John DiNunzio, SLOCOG
Megan Syfan
Lea Brooks
Kevin Christian

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes** – Meeting Minutes are approved. Motioned by Skip Amerine. Seconded by Heidi Wicka. All in favor.

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Presentation**

Navigating the Planning Department Website for Referrals – Hilary Brown

Hilary Brown provide an overview of the internet access and webpages for accessing the active project referrals. Showed in Landview the access paths. Provides handouts for the pathways and explains the current set up. Dale Sutliff notes the need to follow-up on referral comments, that comments are reflected in the conditions. Steve McMaster says that Planning can keep a

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running list of projects that have been commented on. He can update a spreadsheet for tracking purposes. Josh Olejczak requests search by District so he can readily review his area. Steve notes it is by area and that is the closest we can get at this point. Need to sort by area. Josh asks about finding permits by address. Hilary shows that by using Landview, you can zoom in to individual parcels for status. Click on "permits" layer. View "additional details" will give you permit history per parcel. Run report is alternative means to get permit history to download.

7. **Committee/Staff Reports**

I. CHP Public Information Officer (Patrick Seebart):

- Noted two bike collisions
 - 1)North County, husband and wife bike tourist. Wife crashed. Nacimiento Lake Drive.
 - 2)March 4th, El Camino Real at Atascadero State Hospital traffic signal; 63 year old male on a green light.
- Amgen Tour is here on central coast May 15th/16th. Have added staff for escort.
- For May as bike month, CHP working with Atascadero Police Department for National Night Out. Promote and distribute bike helmets.
- Dale Sutliff noted that the recent Wildflower ride was well managed. Good to ride on new pavement on O'Donovan Road outside of Creston. Concerned with "Adventure Trekkers" group who are running caravan cyclist. Looking to enforce as they take the whole road. Officer Seber notes that when that occurs, call Templeton CHP with any complaints.

II. County Planning and Building (Steve McMasters):

- No Report.

III. County Public Works (Dave Flynn):

- Handed out the new Five Year Paving List generated May 2019. Roads noted for complete street review are denoted with asterisk. With SB1 money we can proceed with \$ 10M annual overlay and seal coat program.
- Discussed ensuring maintenance of the shoulders and the need to do proper prep work prior to paving or seal coat. Need to include shoulder condition rating as part of the inventory. Have new individual managing the pavements so will certainly relay to them the need to track shoulder conditions. Skip Amerine notes Ontario Road as a recent example of poorly prepped road. Dale Sutliff reinforces this point. Requests staff travels these on bike to note deficiencies.
- Lea Brooks notes the need to address the rolling or failing sections on Bitterwater Road. Public Works has had difficulty maintaining a stable section in parts, specifically in the area approaching the fault zone.

IV. BAC Chairperson Report

- Follow-up on referral on Huasna Road.
- May 23rd is the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 6pm. Follow-up on the joint letter from bike and trails Committee chairs for use of Highway Design Manual on Class I trails under the parks and Recreation Element.
- Submitted comments to SLOCOG for the regional Transportation Plan update; specifically Chapter 10 for Active Transportation.
- Notes that he recently attended Oceano Dunes outreach meeting regarding air quality and RV use. The issue is on-going on how State parks fulfills its master plans.

V. APCD (Andy Mutziger):

- No report

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VI. County Parks (Shaun Cooper):

- Park and Recreation commission staff report for May 23rd has recommendation from joint letter of the Bike Committee/Trail Committee chairs to adopt the Highway Design Manual trail standard to the Park and Recreation Element on future updates. It would become the standard for future conditioning of projects. (This was acted on and supported by the Park and Recreation Commission on May 23, 2019)
- 1) Skip Amerine requests to not limit use of the Highway Design Manual to just Chapter 1000 but to add other pertinent sections to encapsulate other trail elements.
- 2) Shaun indicated that we use the current version of the Highway Design manual.
- Bob Jones is currently looking at hydraulic studies for the bridge crossings and easement issues.
- Morro Bay-Cayucos trail is still working in Design phase. The Chevron land negotiations being key to final layout. No construction money; has yet to be pursued.
- Atascadero-Templeton Trail cost estimates are in the \$ 9-10M range which is well above secured Construction Phase funding. Looking at alternative which does not cross railroad to save money. Public Works would lead in getting the right of way between Caltrans freeway and railroad. Complete for the funds available. Would be transportation link and less a recreational trail. Construction late 2021.
- Dale Sutliff notes need for cost escalation factors in these projects to ensure the projects get built. That there is high interest to get things done. Skip Amerine, looking to complete projects so we can move forward with new ATP applications.
- Parks and Recreation Commission will be informed of the need to pursue alternative alignment (along Route 101) to construct a project within the programmed construction budget.
- Trail bollards; there is currently no policy on their use.
- 1) Josh Olejczak seeks to remove bollards. Utilize some alternative traffic calming measure the dissuade entrance by other vehicles.
- 2) Dale Sutliff seeks a bollard-less Bob Jones trail
- 3) Skip Amerine notes the need for proper lateral clearance in the design.
- 4) Rob Horch notes the need for ADA compliance on clearance.

VII. SLOCOG (report from John Dinunzio)

- May is Bike Month
- Volunteers for Bike Counts done by SLOCOG.
- Notes that they have received bike and pedestrian unmet needs requests which they are distributing to respective local agency and will report at the June SLOCOG meeting.
- Work continues on the Regional transportation Plan for adoption later this year. The Chapter 10, Active Transportation states that Class I trails should be minimum ten feet.

VIII. County Planning and Building (Steve McMasters):

- No Report.

IX. Caltrans – No report

- Caltrans will be paving Route 58 through Santa Margarita late this summer.

8. **BAC Business & Discussion**

- a. Los Osos Valley Road – Multi use path from Doris Avenue to Palisades Avenue

Megan Syfan, Los Osos Resident, provides overview of need and location of the

proposed multi-use path between Doris Avenue and Palisades Avenue in Los Osos. Currently this is shown as a Class II bike lanes in the bike plan and requests that it becomes a Class I facility. The road is posted for 40 mph and would see separating the bikes from the travel lanes would be a safety benefit. Recognizes the corridor narrows west of Broderson and is challenging. That the work may need to be done in phases such that the easterly connection to the community center/park could be reached by existing homes south of Los Osos Valley Road. Dave Flynn notes that in past Bike plans, this segment was listed as a Class I trail but was removed 15 years ago. BAC could place this back into the plan. Public works is working on widening the road to add a center turn lane but need to have the coastal permit updated prior to pursuing improvements. That a multi-use trail is included along the north side of Los Osos Valley Road from Doris to Palisades Avenue. Kerry Brown with Planning is working to complete the Coastal plan for Los Osos over the next 18 months. Also, a Habitat Conservation Plan is necessary for the Morro Bay Banded dune snail adopted by US Fish & Wildlife to have construction move forward. Need that approval before it is a viable project to construct. Constrained from Doris Avenue to Pine Street is tight right of way. Will need to obtain an additional twenty feet along the north side of the trip to build trail.

Josh Olejczak asks about LOCAC review status. Megan notes that LOCAC adopted for Class I trail recommendation. Ed Goshorn asks for BAC clarification on action if constructed in phases. Skip Amertine suggest a extra wide sidewalk with the Class I trail integrated (like on Los Osos Valley Road approaching Laguna Middle School). Skip is concerned about weave in and out of the street on bicycles. Is the project primarily a sidewalk? If have Class I facility then is it jointly used by pedestrian, dog walkers and cyclists using the facility. Is that best for cyclists? Skip sees best as wide sidewalk and keep Class II bike lanes. Facility would be detached trail. Josh Olejczak sees this as multi-use path with connection into parks, passive trails on the mid-town parcels. Dale Sutliff notes the property acquisition is difficult. Need to look at continuing a shared pathway like at the Middle School since have room between Alexandra and Palisades Avenue. Need to retain bike lanes on street to avoid unnecessary cross over to trail. Just be a multi-use path while retaining Class II bike lanes. Be chiefly a pedestrian trail. Lea Brooks notes the City of San Luis Obispo had difficulty with the property owners on the Laguna Middle School path and that is why it is a constrained-integrated sidewalk.

Josh Olejczak express the concern being the unnecessary crossing of the street if Class I trail. But great opportunity for a multi-use path on the north side of Los Osos Valley Road to connect to the community facilities. Skip Amertine moves retain complete streets by keeping the Class II Bike lanes in the plan and plan for a separate multi-use path or large sidewalk along north side of road. Josh Olejczak seconds. Motion carries unamiously.

b. Updated Bike Plan Ranking (Information Only)

The bike lane rankings were redone August 2018. Handed out to just keep everyone informed that this is the current adopted list. Review for the more extensive scoring system that would be used into the future. We can take off Main Street Templeton off the list as now complete.

No action required.

c. Countywide Bicycle Detection at Traffic Signals

Dave Flynn covers table of current traffic signal detection and manual of traffic Control Devices requirements. Requirements are “may” not “shall”. Emphasis the need to mark bike symbols on the in-road detectors. Had done this in past but not consistently in recent years. Will be directing staff to add and to test detection of bikes annually on the detection; both in road and video.

In-road detection dependent on metal frames and now with composites, does not work effectively. Skip Amerine says we need to convert these in road detectors to video. Dave responds that video has become cheaper and easier to maintain. In the past we had retained in-road detection on the side streets in Los Osos due to concerns with video detection during fog conditions. But video has improved for fog conditions. We will still need to mark for bike location on detections. Skip notes worse case at Santa Barbara Street at Broad Street in City for video detection; what not to do. With only 14 loop detectors remaining, we can work towards a replacement program. Heidi Wicka notes the potential for bike violation of light, asks about what it takes to get to a replacement program. Dave responses with it can be integrated with preventative maintenance program. Would run about \$ 500 per approach to add. With preventative maintenance they should repaint the stencil for the bike location.

Josh Olejczak notes defense for defective light. Cannot legally run the light.

No action taken.

9. **Project Updates**

Los Berros Road, from Pomeroy Road to Quailwood Avenue is in design and funded by federal safety grant. Go to construction in 2020 to add six foot shoulders. For 2020, we will be adding bike lanes under our South County Overlay contract to 22nd Street in Oceano from at least State Route 1 to Paso Robles Avenue. Work to restripe up to Oak park Boulevard over time.

Also, looking to place all-way stop at San Luis Bay Drive at Ontario Road and install early June.

Discussion ensues regarding planning for the Buckley Road corridor.

10. **Future Agenda Items**

- a. Bob Jones Update (August)
- b. Bollard Policy
- c. Ontario Road at Johnson Ranch entrance; traffic controls
- d. Buckley Road Corridor Plan
- e. Safety Analysis Policy (Previous Board adopted Policy of 2007)

11. **Adjourn - Next meeting – August 13, 2019**