

AGENDA
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON

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 present 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

COMMITTEE MEMBER	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
VACANT	1	-
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Josh Olejczak (Vice Chair)	2	yes
VACANT	2	-
Jim DeCecco	3	yes
Myron "Skip" Amerine (Chair)	3	yes
Kimberly Victor	4	yes
Darrin Hasham	4	yes
Ed Goshorn	5	No
VACANT	5	-

4 / 7 members required to reach quorum

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Kimberly: New appointee talked about her background and experience as a cyclist.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14TH, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Josh moves – Jim 2nd – unanimous Approved

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<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

5. PUBLIC COMMENT *(Limit to 4 minutes; any Q&A from BAC)*

Members of the audience wishing to address the Committee on pertinent matters other than scheduled agenda items may do so when recognized by the Chair. Upon recognition by the Chair, please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. The Committee cannot discuss any matter unless it is listed on the agenda, in accordance with the Brown Act. The Committee may agendaize these matters for future consideration.

Gary Kurkland – wants to talk about bike lanes. Bike lanes are dangerous cars are crossing in/out of lane. Treat me like a motorcycle so that cars will know how to treat me.

Jim – comment about the perforated bike lanes that go to the left of turn lane and how proper design is important.

Skip – green paint and dashes help with visibility for drivers.

Jim – good design protects, paint does not.

Kylan – Talks about his experience with daily commute in the city of SLO and dangers on the roadway. Small safety improvements could help a lot.

Skip – clarified this is county meeting not city.

Lea – responds to Gary about becoming familiar with county bikeways plan regarding bike lanes.

Kimberly – comments about creating awareness and lobbying to the DMV. They should have questions on the driving test regarding bike safety / safe driving around cyclists. Road on Orchard/Hutton S/B needs to be cleaned up the eucalyptus trees cause debris.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please visit the County BAC website to submit your public comments in advance: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS (10 minutes max; agendaize lengthier items)

A. County Public Works

i. Projects of Interest

-LOVR Corridor Study:

Jake Hudson – This is a corridor concept plan. Limits from LOVR @ Foothill to the Coast (before MDO). Core is focusing on community. Recently awarded contract to kickoff project.

Skip – question about County working with State Parks

Jake- there will be correspondence.

Lea – can you let Riley know the meeting dates?

Jake – yes, I will be updating BAC at each meeting.

-Buckley Road Corridor Study

Jake – This is also a corridor concept plan, there will be a bit of correspondence with the city and Avila Ranch developer. There are inconsistencies with city to county bike plan. Will be developing projects, analyzing corridor, and creating a plan after the Avila Ranch frontage is complete. 3 months until brought to board for budget.

Skip – Safe Routes to school as part of that project?

Jake – yes, this is an opportunity to reassess.

Lea- Question on bike ways plan and how to update.

Jake – This is item 8, we will discuss then.

Sean – Comment about Dana Reserve Project and class 4 bike lanes.

Jake – HOA will be responsible for maintaining and sweeping lanes.

ii. Bike path: quick builds, buffered bike lanes, protected bike lanes.

Skip – A speaker had comments about where these could be applied within county bike ways plan.

Jake – only when funding is available / design allows.

B. CHP

Officer Alvarez – statistics since the end of March: 5 bicycle incidents. 3 were serious injuries. This is only for SLO area not including Templeton.

Kylan – timeline? (End of March to today)

Lea – Described an incident on Orcutt road.

Alvarez – I do not have these details. For the road maintenance on Orchard/ Hutton call public works they have always been receptive to me.

C. Caltrans not present

D. Air Pollution Control District not present

E. County Parks

Sean cooper: Bob Jones Pathway – project is fully funded, ATP grant extension has been granted, going to board in June with contract amendment.

Skip – Board date?

Sean – June 6th I believe.

Morro Bay to Cayucos connector – class 1 pathway, have consolidated permit approved, fully funded through ATP, 24/25 FY construction.

Templeton to Atascadero connector – ran by public works, working on design regarding going over the railroad.

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Skip – Comment about Morro Bay advisory, County Board and Coastal commission permitting / funding for project.

F. County Planning & Building

Sean M. – Going to board for approval on Monarch Dunes. Plan to pave trails in (Trilogy, HWY 1, Nipomo area)

Kimberly – Question about paving equestrian trail.

Sean – they will be paving part of the equestrian trail.

Skip – reoccurring theme where the county does not address connectivity for shoulders, bike lanes, etc..

G. SLOCOG

Steven A – I work in central and South County communities to develop projects. Update in Oceano-developing a Safety Action Plan, planning a workshop on May 23rd. Presentation in Spanish and English will have draft plan ready in August.

Lea – commenting on the mission of BAC and SLOCOG, there was no coordination with BAC with workshop. How do we get this committee involved?

Kimberly – you can go on chamber website to get things posted on calendar.

Steven – this project is unique in the goal of being community driven. Primarily sidewalks have been the request.

Skip – If this were an ATP committee would you have come to us?

Steven – Maybe, again this is community based regarding engagement.

H. BAC Chairperson

Skip – Paulding’s report: Halcyon complete streets projects, County received \$\$ for Los Berros widening, Pier Avenue \$\$, \$50k for ped improvements. Riley, can you speak to the Vineyard Drive Corridor plan?

Riley- update on Vineyard Dr corridor study – this plan is creating a buildout version of the corridor. Public input was open via website from November to February. This project has been greatly driven on community input. Extended invitation to meeting tomorrow (May 10th at 1:00) to present draft plan.

Jake- provided info on Pier Ave corridor plan – working on scope and contract for bidding.

7. PRESENTATIONS (10-12 minutes max)

A. CSSA & ATP Vision in Los Osos – By: Deborah Howe

Deborah- Bridge replacement project on South Bay blvd near Turri rd – design: put in your county bikeways plan. California Coastal Trail – include in Bikeways Plan.

Skip - would the trails be under County parks?

Deborah- Morro Bay Estuary Climate Resiliency Transportation Study – SLOCOG brought in Caltrans for South Bay Blvd

Skip – Climate Resiliency Question – is there a plan to raise South Bay blvd? We had flooding at high tide so this roadway would have to be risen.

Deborah – I think this is what this study is all about, the coastal trail will move. Montana De Oro was chosen as #9 in the US for best state parks by USA today. Brings lots of tourism.

Kylan – Is there potential for bikes to have their own path through MDO?

Josh – Discussed in 1992 when BAC was founded. Was not supported by the committee.

Deborah – this is about a vision for the future and creating accessibility for all users.

Skip – talks about bike tour in Zion Utah and how bike path / access has changed. You can no longer drive a vehicle due to the town being so affected by tourists.

Jim – what comes next? Skip - we need a new ATP plan! Not bikeways plan to move forward.

Unfortunately, there is no one to sponsor. Funding is a big issue for this county.

Steven – question about how bike plan is initiated?

Jake – Public Works is the point/lead agency, but Parks is heavily involved.

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Deborah - tourism is important and will get the attention of the Board for active transportation.
Skip – comment about tourism and lack of room for widening roads/ areas for growth.
Josh to Deborah – have you talked to State Parks? They have been cooperative in the past. Does Public Works know our easement limits on Pecho and MDO?
Jake – I will need to get back to you on this. Deborah – invitation to Los Osos ATP meeting at CSD office on the 16th

8. BAC BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

B. BAC Vacancies

- i. District 1 - 2 vacancies
- ii. District 2 - 1 vacancy
- iii. District 5 – 1 vacancy
Kimberly to reach out for an appointee in district 1

C. Calendar Future Meetings

- i. 2023 Dates: August 8th and November 14th

D. Progress on moving forward with actions and advisory items from BAC over the last 5 years with regards to Bicycling, Walking, and ADA issues in the County

- i. BAC minutes from February 19, 2019 – Action items.
For reference see June 2, 2016 BAC Meeting Minutes:
<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee/Minutes/2016/2016-06-02-BAC-Minutes.pdf>
- ii. Updating Bikeways Plan for 2016 (5-year update)
- iii. Update Board of Supervisor action on Ranking criteria (Methodology) and top 40 Projects ranking.
- iv. Request to transition from Bikeways Plan to Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for the County.

Skip – invitation to committee to see Debbie Arnold and Presong

Deborah – I'll go with you to see Arnold.

Member of public- is there anything members of the community can do to help?

Skip - write to your supervisor.

Kylan - could the committee draft guidelines/info sheets so the community can interface with their supervisor easier?

Jake – there was an acknowledgment at staff level that an update is needed. Currently not part of the budget, county is currently looking at possible different grant sources for the update.

Deborah – what would be the cost?

Jake – depends on how extensive. To just change the current methodologies would be around \$100k-150k. If it is an ATP plan, then that would be VERY expensive! A facelift to the plan could be much more cost effective.

Skip – ATP plan must reflect local and state federal design criteria that are not in our plan now. A plan that was never completed was approved in 2016. We need public support or else we will not get the attention of the supervisors.

Jake- board support is the first step, once board approved it will get added/ programed to public works list of projects.

Gary – question/comment about 3 supervisors that voted to make solving homelessness a priority and not transportation.
Skip – Homelessness is not within the purview of the committee.

- E. Review and Update the Committee Bylaws.
 - i. Revise meeting attendance requirements, as needed.

- F. LACK of progress on moving forward with actions and advisory items from BAC over the past 10-years regarding Bicycling, Walking, and ADA issues within the County.
 - i. BAC minutes on February 19, 2019, Action items. Plan Update approved committee items. For reference see meeting minutes from June 2, 2016.
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 - ii. Updating Bikeways Plan for 2016 (5 year update) -now 8 years-
 - iii. Update Board of Supervisors action on ranking criteria (methodology) and Top 40 projects ranking. (2015/16 to 2018)
 - iv. Request to transition from Bikeways Plan to Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for County. Letter to Public Works Director.
 - v. SB 932, SB 922, AB 2147, and AB1909

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items are to be submitted to the BAC chair and secretary no later than two (2) weeks ahead of the scheduled meeting. Requests shall include the desired recommendation, discussion, and any other items to be included in the meeting agenda.

10. ADJOURN

Chair – move to adjourn meeting.

Josh/ Kim second

Unanimous - ADJOURNED

Future Meetings

- August 2023 & November 2023

Attachments:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (February 14th 2023)
2. BAC Contact List

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