

MEETING MINUTES

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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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

Derek Jay (Absent)	District 1
Allison Bradshaw (Partially Absent)	District 1
Josh Olejczak	District 2 - Vice Chairperson
Claude Corvino (Absent)	District 2
Jim DeCecco (Absent)	District 3
Myron “Skip” Amerine	District 3 - Chairperson
Robert Horch (Absent)	District 4
Darrin Hasham	District 4
Ed Goshorn	District 5
VACANT	District 5

5 / 9 members required to reach quorum

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Approve - Josh Olejczak Approved, Ed Goshorn second, all in favor

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.

- Bruce Hilton, Parks Commissioner – Class IV Bikeways Topic: The No. 1 reason for not cycling is safety. EV Bikes are good. Suggested that BAC agendaize this topic and advocate for Class IV Bikeways.
 - Skip - Provided a response to Bruce citing recent Highway Design Manual Chapter 1000 for Class IV.
 - Ed - Requested clarification on Class IV characteristics.
 - Skip - Defined Class IV bikeway and their exclusive/separate usage. Cited NACTO as a good resource.
- Jeff Kreps, Los Osos – Interested in 5-year cycle for Bikeways Plan and internal community needs in unincorporated areas of Los Osos. Is there a gap with LOCAC? It is challenging to have class II when pedestrians continue to walk on those road shoulders in Los Osos. Recommends that the bike community engage their respective communities for developing the criteria.
 - Skip – County Bikeways plan will eventually transition to Active Transportation Plan to ensure the committee has a means of promoting complete streets.
- Deborah Howe, New LOCAC Member – Chair of new Active Transportation subcommittee.
 - Skip – Invited Deborah to join the BAC to ATP transition movement.

- Rick E. (BikeSLOCounty.org) – Submitted letter of support for BAC movement to ATP (Attached)
- Patrick L. (Los Osos) – Expressed frustrations with current bike program and believes the “...program is terrible all around, for all parties. Neither cyclists nor vehicles are any safer... Please stop and reassess. Reach out to groups other than cyclists. Cycling groups are only going to provide a very one-sided perspective.” The constituent also urged re-assessment of the program considering, “Half of the riders out there are also wearing headphones while riding so poorly” and they “don't share the road, they blatantly interfere with it.”

Due to impacts felt by the COVID19 pandemic, all future BAC meetings will be held virtually until further notice. If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting, please visit the County BAC website to submit your public comments in advance directly to the BAC secretary: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

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

A. County Public Works (Jan)

- Bike Lane Improvements – Ramona Avenue fronting Sweet Springs Nature Preserve
Striping and delineation improvements to existing Class-II bike lane along Westbound Ramona Avenue from 4th street to Broderson Avenue. Vehicles persistently parking in bike lane was identified therefore existing Class-II striping was enhanced and existing bike Lane signs were relocated/adjusted for better visibility. Bike lane pavement stencils were also added to supplement new signage.
- Cayucos Surface Treatment Project
Project awarded by BOS on 10/19/21 – PW anticipates project will begin soon. Pre-construction meeting to be determined. Awaiting project construction schedule from Contractor. Project includes roadways in Cayucos, some Creek roads off Highway 1, and a few North County roads.
- Cambria Overlay Project
BOS Awarded projected on 9/28/21 – PW anticipates project will begin soon. Pre-construction meeting was on 11/3/21 and currently awaiting construction schedule from Contractor.
- Los Berros Road Widening Project
Class II Bike Lane and roadway widening completed on Los Berros Road between Avis Street and Quailwood Lane. Construction is complete and the project is wrapping up remaining administrative items. Additional advisory signage and roadside guardrail delineators to be installed early January.

B. CHP - Templeton

- Debris left in the lanes should be cleared from the road. High school student recently hit while riding their bike but is recovering. Individual was traveling the wrong way and was struck by westbound traffic on Vineyard Drive.
 - Skip – Inquired on video footage pertaining to irate driver vs bicyclist incident on See Canyon Road in Avila, via CHP SLO office.
 - Allison – Expressed community need for bike safety education, including safe route information and better connectivity.

C. Caltrans (Claire)

- SR 1 widening project at Vista Del Mar intersection in San Simeon - Project will add bike lanes with wider shoulders. Proposed work and signage are consistent with SLOCOG PCBR plans (No conflicts) Claire Lester – No CEQA impacts for this proposed project. CDP will be submitted to SLO County in early 2022.
 - Skip – Provided positive feedback on the project and asked when project will begin.
 - Claire – Project start date scheduled for August 2023

D. Air Pollution Control District (Andy)

- Nothing to add on the items already discussed. No further update on EV bike program from the State. September 30th APCD EV transportation event in Santa Barbara promoted electric transportation including vehicle and bicycles.
 - Skip – Requested follow up regarding committee working on grant moneys for people who buy or sell electric bikes.
 - Andy – Indicated nothing at this time and that the State is looking to put a grant together. Also indicated that the California Air Resources Board is leading the effort.

E. County Parks (Shaun)

- Bob Jones Trail
4 ½ mile connection, 60% construction documents are in process. Surveyors out, geotechnical workers doing core borings to help with 60% construction documents. Aiming to have negotiations starting for easement acquisitions started early next year.
- Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector
Project is in preliminary phase and currently looking into prop 68 funding sometime January 2022 for rural and recreation. Looking into ATP funding as well.
- Templeton to Atascadero connector Project
Current design route is in the middle of ROW and easement review with railroad as well as other agencies.
 - Skip – Inquired about who owns the billboard obstructing the current design route
 - Shaun – PW is still looking into ownership information

F. County Planning & Building (Steve)

- Briefly mentioned Diablo Canyon decommissioning topic. Multiple upcoming meetings are scheduled for the public to be involved in – including project description, riders, road condition, etc. Members may want to comment and attend upcoming meetings. Please visit County Planning & Building website for more info.
 - Skip – Asked for elaboration on what this project has to do with and Interested in connection between Port San Luis and MDO
 - Steve – Decommissioning project is a major multi-year endeavor, involving many components, and requiring multiple public meetings. The group is encouraged to participate in future meetings and propose ideas they'd like to see in the project. Links available via the County website for more info.

G. SLOCOG (Absent)

H. BAC Chairperson (Skip)

- Deferred to BAC business & Discussion

7. PRESENTATIONS (10-12 minutes max)

No items to present

8. BAC BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

A. Approve BAC response letter regarding proposed MND for new County Probation Department Building project located at the County-owned Johnson Avenue Campus, within the City of San Luis Obispo. 30-Day review and comment for the proposed MND began October 18th, 2021 and ends November 17th, 2021. More information is available via the following link: [MND - Public Works New Probation Department Building Project](#)

- Skip – Provided a brief update about the project. The draft BAC response letter to the Board of Supervisors provides recommendations for a class-I bikeway though the project per the City's ATP.
Motion to Approve – Darrin Hasham approves and Ed Goshorn seconds, quorum not reached (Only 4/9 members present)
- Andy – APCD provided comments on the project via separate letter. Recommended BAC provide their comments in line with plan comments similar to SLORTP, SCS, and Caltrans ATP. Recommended adding credence to general argument as well as supportive evidence to strengthen their letter.
- Deborah – Comment on draft letter and agreed with main points. Indicated that Los Osos has similar needs.

- **Motion to Approve – Revise Letter to include Andy’s suggestions** – 4/9 committee members approved. Allison was no longer in meeting due to family emergency. Quorum was not reached (5/9 members required). BAC Chair was advised to revise letter and submit as an individual community member to Board of Supervisors. (Instead of on the behalf of BAC)
- B. Board of Supervisors documents governing BAC meetings
Skip provided an overview of how the BAC Committee was created and how it generally operates. Also brought up concerns regarding membership attendance.
- Ed – Indicated that revising attendance requirements would be challenging since BAC only meets 4x per year.
 - Darren – Mentioned that stricter attendance requirements could lead to more vacancies for longer periods of time.
 - Skip – Suggested that the Board of Supervisors should recommend/appoint those that are actively involved. Recommended adding this discussion again to the agenda for the next BAC meeting.
- C. SLO County Active Transportation Program
- Creation of ATP Subcommittee – Jim Dececcio and Skip are currently on the ATP subcommittee committee
 - BAC Chair is still seeking additional members
- D. BAC Annual Report (Skip)
- Skip – Each year the committee submits a report to the Board of Supervisors outlining the committee’s various accomplishments and year-end recommendations. The report also includes noteworthy topics such as the BAC’s transitioning efforts to an ATP and miscellaneous governing body documents. The BAC Chair will coordinate with County staff and draft a report between now and the next meeting. The Chair is working on a draft report and would like to receive feedback, additional comments, or changes from other committee members before sending to the Board.
- E. Approval of 2022 BAC meeting dates - 4 dates
- February 8th
 - May 10th
 - August 9th
 - November 15th (In observance of Election Day)
- F. New BAC Secretary - Starting 2022
- Jan – Introduces Matt Leal as the new BAC starting 2022.
 - Matt – Provided additional insight, background, and working experience

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 into the meeting agenda.

- G. Review and Updated to Committee Bylaws
- Revise meeting attendance requirements, as needed
- H. Discussion for SRTS for Los Osos and Templeton
- I. Update Bikeways Plan
- Updated ranking criteria
 - Top 40 rank project list
 - January 2nd, 2016 had a lot of action items that need to be rolled into the plan
 - By laws
 - Identify what new projects need to be added to the list (Bikeway plan) (Los Osos, Templeton area)
 - Adopt Chapter 1000 of the streets and highway code, NACTO, and Federal Hwy for Bike and Ped facilities
 - Class 4 items to address

10. ADJOURN



September 14, 2021

Secretary, Bicycle Advisory Committee
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee
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Re: Item #8D 9/14/2021 SLO County Active Transportation Program

Greetings Committee Chair Amerine and Members of the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee,

It is our understanding that the SLO County Bicycle Advisory Committee will consider changing the name and the scope of the Bicycle Advisory Committee at the upcoming meeting. On the surface, changing the name from Bicycle Advisory Committee to Active Transportation Committee broadens your scope and is a positive recognition that all vulnerable roadway users need representation in your committee's deliberations. Including the most vulnerable users of roadways-- people on bikes, people walking and people with mobility challenges-- seems a logical new definition of your scope. Attention to these groups should be a priority and is needed.

Additionally, we understand that broadening the Committee's scope to encompass new, broader priorities may align better with State and Federal grant guidelines. We encourage your committee to take advantage of increased funding opportunities from state, federal, or local sources for all forms of active transportation.

Bike SLO County acknowledges that the County allocates limited resources to bicycle infrastructure improvements. We also recognize and celebrate that bicycling infrastructure frequently benefits and augments pedestrian infrastructure. Our concern with this name and scope change is that overall funding resources might be spread too thin to properly address both. We urge the County to continue to fully fund both infrastructure needs when broadening this committee's name, scope and impact.

Respectively submitted for your consideration.

Gary Havas
Board President

Rick Ellison
Executive Director