

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 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**

Heidi Wicka (District 1), **VACANT (District 1)**, Josh Olejczak (District 2), **Aaron Linn (District 2) (ABSENT)**, Dale Sutliff (Chairperson, District 3), Myron "Skip" Amerine (Vice Chairperson, District 3), **Bill Kennedy (District 4) (ABSENT)**, Rob Horch (District 4), **Claudia Callwood (District 5) (ABSENT)**, Ed Goshorn (District 5)

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of August 14th, 2018 Meeting Minutes** – Meeting Minutes are approved. Motioned by Skip. Seconded by Josh. All in favor.

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

Members of the audience wishing to address the Board on pertinent matters other than scheduled agenda items may do so now when recognized by the Chair. Upon recognition by the Chair, please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Board cannot discuss any matter unless it is listed on the agenda but may agendize such matters for consideration at a future meeting.

Megan Syfan - Commented on proposed LOVR Bike path/class I project. Stated that she attended the last LOCAC Traffic and Circulation meeting and the committee approved placement of the project in the Los Osos Community Plan. She proposed to include the project on the County Plan and requested updates on the proposed project.

Josh Olejczak – Bike lane sign that says no parking in Los Osos was vandalized with primer paint on Ramona by sweet springs nature preserve and thanked the striping of parking spots.

6. **Committee/Staff Reports** (5 min. max., agendize longer items)

- I. CHP Public Information Officer – Mike Poelking - General collision information pertaining to bicyclists, ran numbers a year from today's date. A total of 27 traffic collisions involving bicyclists, of those 22 were minor injury traffic collisions, 1 was property damage only, 3 major injury collisions and 1 fatality. New grants issued for CHP to receive federal funding to assist bicyclists and pedestrian safety. This grant came effective of October 1st to September 19th of 2019. Will be able to do enhanced enforcement with the special enforcement unit and details to come. In terms of statewide statistics, fatalities account for 29% of all roadways within California. 1,075 pedestrians and cyclists were killed and 26,000 injured on California roadways in the past year. As Public Information Officer, Mike will dedicate more resources on education.

- II. BAC Chairperson – Dale Sutliff – BAC bylaws requires attendance of 4 meetings per year and members not meeting requirement are subject to removal. Suggested looking into changing the bylaws if necessary and reminded members to regularly attend meetings.
- III. County Public Works –
- Add proposed LOVR bike path to next agenda. LOVR Class I bike path proposed project has been discussed by staff and will provide updates next time.
 - For the Bob Jones Trail, Wallace Group is under contract for final design - 65% design and row documents. 30% construction documents are anticipated to be completed by mid-December. Cycle 4 ATP grant application for \$7.3 million for ROW acquisition and construction funding has been submitted.
 - Templeton to Atascadero is in the process of finishing NEPA documents on ROW. Construction documents will be completed in late 2018. The plan for ATP funds has been aborted.
 - Los Ranchos/Highway 227 roundabout is in the design phase and is anticipated to be finishing design in 2019.
 - San Luis Bay Drive Interchange – County has hired GHD to perform ICE evaluation in 2019. Improvements, including the addition of all way stop control, will have an impact on Caltrans operations nearby. The County has contracted with a consultant to take a holistic view on operations. After then the County will reach out to Caltrans for further discussions. Currently for bicyclists on weekends the peak time is all day and therefore conflicts with vehicles is consistent.
 - Los Berros Road to add 6 ft shoulder from Avis to Quailwood, funded by a federal safety grant and anticipated for construction in 2020.
 - 22nd St in Oceano will add a class II bike lane and is to be incorporated from SR 1 to Paso Robles Street funded by SB1 and will move to construction phase in summer of 2020.
 - The Templeton 101 Interchange Roundabout proposal has undergone public outreach, the second meeting was December last year. Public reaction has generally been favorable because the roundabout takes away the least amount of property (about 2 acres).
 - About the intersection of 46/101, the City of Paso Robles is still working on the issues and the outcome may affect the Main Street/101 Interchange project. SLOCOG is studying the new impacts to traffic from new developments from the northwest and southwest quadrants by inputting to a traffic model. When the traffic model works then the proposed roundabout becomes feasible both financially and within the footprint. This project will be on the same timeline with the Main Street/101 project. The cost differences between alternatives of signalized control versus roundabout were adequately presented to the public.
- IV. APCD – Andy Mutziger –
- Public can go on the APCD website to look up air quality monitoring index for performing outdoor activities before heading out. Purpleair.com is another tool to check up on real time air quality.
 - APCD is working with Rideshare to reformat and recreate the Rideshare program for folks who use alternative transportation. The new program will feature an introductory period of 90 days where alternative transportation commuters can receive \$5 a day to develop a habit, then receive \$2 a day after the 90 days. Such program is going to be presented to the APCD board in January 2019 and will be funded by the APCD.
 - The APCD was awarded the 2018 contributor award by Bike SLO County for its efforts in promoting active transportation.
 - SB 32 and SB 375 are both legislations that aim at greenhouse gas reduction. County

grants are to help implement alternative fuel vehicles. Every city in the County has a "plan of action" from legislation called AB-32; which sets GHGs reduction levels to 90s level by 2020. APCD is working closely with all cities within the county to reduce emissions to reach goal by 2020.

V. County Parks –

- Morro Bay to Cayucos connector NEPA documents have been signed off. As such the Coastal Conservancy is looking at grant funding for construction and acquisition of Chevron property.
- Bob Jones trails to have 30% construction documents completed by the end of this year. An ATP grant has been applied for and if state officials were to perform site visits county will be able to show progress on the project.
- Templeton – Atascadero Connector will break ground mid to late 2020.

VI. SLOCOG –

- Prop 6 has been defeated, so SB1 remains in effect.
- Extra 100,000,000 dollars coming to SLOCOG match for ATP grants.
- Regional transportation plan (2019) draft will be available in February to look at.
- SLOCOG Board will receive new board members from the recent city elections and orientation or education on new members about alternative transportation will be a focus.
- RHNA information will be presented by HCD officials at December board meeting to discuss housing allocation and impacts on the regional traffic model.
- Under active transportation partnership program, volunteer counts in Septembers were conducted and details will be released in the future.
- A wayfinding strategy will be started, looking at examples from Ventura and Santa Cruz, to improve signage and propose efforts to wayfinding in the County.

VII. County Planning and Building – Steve McMasters –

- La Lomita Event Center near Orcutt Road has construction permits for frontage improvements approved.
- Solar Farm near La Lomita – use permit is approved at Planning Commission, but no building permit applications have come forward.
- 3 S Ranch is approved back in February and conditions for approval are attached in information packet.
- King RV resort Project on Ontario Road had code violations on illegal grading and bike camping but most recently it was found to be mobile home parks. Most of the discretion authority on the mobile home parks falls to the HCD and not the County.
- Farmhouse Market on Farmhouse Lane – minor use permit for the construction of a 5,000 sq. ft. tenant improvement – on information hold. This is a vacation rental that was operating as an event center and applying to be an official event center. Requires further information for environmental review and a hearing.
- Tallent Event Center (Olive tasting center) – Proposed Minor Use Permit for temporary events program and on-site olive oil tasting – off Route 41 – on information hold.
- Avila Beach Resort – information hold which will probably require an EIR.
- Avila Cottages – in the early stages of an EIR and working on RFPs for consultants. Next step will be notice of preparation and public scoping meeting for the EIR.

VIII. Caltrans – No report

7. **Presentations**

A. Avila Beach Dr./HWY 101 Interchange (Exhibit)– Genaro Diaz

Since the project touches Caltrans property, it is required to follow Caltrans procedure as a 4-phase process. First phase is complete, and the second phase is now in progress (approval of

environmental document) by fall of 2019. Third phase for design by Fall 2021 and fourth phase for construction currently does not have any funds allocated by applicable grant funding will be applied for.

8. **BAC Business & Discussion**

- a. Mission Street Bike Lanes – PW/BAC
Concerns with no parking zones for churchgoers on Sundays. The advisory council has requested possible adjustments to the bikeways plan to consider eliminating the class II bike lane on southern portion of Mission Street to become a class III bike route with the perception of no specific destination for cyclists beyond the Mission. Motion to approve by Skip. Seconded by Heidi. All in favor.
- b. US Route 95 – PW/BAC
 - Staff recommendation – to take action to support concept, especially parts that go through San Luis Obispo County, but will require approval from each city.
 - Skip – suggestion of bike route to use Highway 1 to lead visitors into downtown SLO instead of through LOVR and skipping the downtown completely. Also, LOVR can be a wind tunnel under certain conditions hence Highway 1 is more pleasant for riders.
 - Dale - eventually the City's active transportation committee to work on the route through the city and maybe the Railroad or Bob Jones trail can be tied in to the bike route. Motion by Rob to approve conceptually with further meetings to provide input on the route. Seconded by Skip. All in favor.
- c. Proposed County Standards – PW/BAC (Dave Flynn)
County to update Public Improvement Standards. Current ones are adopted in 2014, updated ones will be for 2019. Bike related items include a 6 ft bike lane or shoulder for roads exceeding 40 mph and to incorporating pavers for roads, sidewalks, and roadways in urban areas. An example would be herringbone designs at the Osos and Palm Streets intersection. Such designs would allow easier access to utilities without having to dig up the whole road.
Suggestion – bike and pedestrian collisions should be considered as a criteria in hierarchy, while only bike collisions are being considered currently. Comments throughout the end of the year will be considered and packaged to be sent to Board of Supervisors in early February.
- d. BAC/TAC subcommittee – TAC/BAC/County Parks
February meeting will be a joint meeting with the trails advisory committee to discuss design standards on Class I multi-use bike paths and have a look at the County's parks elements. Design standards to discuss include foliage clearance, stopping distance, sight distance, drainage, etc.
- e. Planning Department Referrals – Dale/BAC/ Planning and Building
Self Help Housing – submitted application did not include provisions for bike parking and storage on intersection of Highway 227 across the airport with a lot of bike commuters.
- f. Schedule future quarterly meetings for BAC – PW/BAC
Second Tuesday of every three months. For 2019, February 12; May 14; August 13; November 12. Motioned to adopt by Skip(?), seconded by Ed(?).

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- a. US Bike Route 95
- b. Countywide traffic signal bike detectors – future is to have video detection capability
- c. Los Osos Valley Road Class I bike path

10. **Adjourn - Next meeting – February 12th, 2018**

Agendas and Minutes are available on the web @ <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Traffic/BAC>. Visit <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Bicycles.htm> for Bicycle Advisory Committee information, the SLO County Bike Plan and to submit bicycle requests