

## MEETING NOTES

### San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 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**

**BAC Members Present**

Josh Olejczak	(Vice Chairperson, District 2)
Myron "Skip" Amerine	(Chairperson, District 3)
Dale Sutliff	(District 3)
Robert Horch	(District 4)
Darrin Hasham	(District 4)
Ed Goshorn	(District 5)

Claudia Callwood (District 5) resigned from the committee and has been removed by the committee due to 4 missed meetings per the by-laws

**Staff Present**

Andy Mutziger	(San Luis Obispo County APCD)
Jan Devera	(San Luis Obispo County Public Works)
Shaun Cooper	(San Luis Obispo County Parks)

**Others Present**

Jenna Shudson	(Cal Trans District 5)
Mike Poelking	(CHP San Luis Obispo)
Audrey Ogden	(CalTrans District 5)
John Dinunzio	(San Luis Obispo County Government)

Lea Brooks	(City of San Luis Obispo Active Transportation Committee)
Karen Aydelott	(Bike SLO County)
Sara Della Ripa	(Bike SLO County, Vice President)

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of November 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Previous meeting minutes were not transcribed. Will transcribe along with current minutes and have available at May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion to postponed approval of minutes until then

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

Josh's Constituent in District 2 – Ramona Avenue in Sweet Springs Nature Preserve needs more "No Parking" signage. People are parking within the bike lane.

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

I. County Public Works

- II. CHP – SLO CHP area responsible from 101/58 down to Santa Barbara County and all unincorporated areas in between. Bicycle related collisions in the last 6 months (July 1<sup>st</sup> until now) have had 11 bicycle collisions. (Ranging from property damage to minor injuries). No fatalities, only injuries. Mixed bag of reports – felony DUI, hit and run. Statewide, there is about 1,129 bicycle collisions statewide.

Dave Abrecht – Retired police captain from Garden Grove – Dave reviews videos of bicycle cam footage. Submit to him to review for violations. (Or send to Mike Poelking directly). Warning letters are sent out to vehicles who's license plates are visible. Without an independent witness, dash cams have been phenomenal tools of the trade. CHP supports use of dash cams. Skip recommends reviewing front and rear cameras to make sure you capture license plate footage.

CVC 26708a – Driver / passenger window tinting is still a law. CHP write a lot of fix-it tickets to remove tint. Sometimes trade speeding ticket in lieu of tinted window tickets.

III. Caltrans – No Updates

IV. Air Pollution Control District

With regards to connectivity, there are two locations of interest: Froom Ranch disconnectivity has been addressed and more connectivity has been recommended; and the Chandler Ranch is also pushing for more connectivity. The Cal Poly Master Plan has recommended several mitigation measures to reduce greenhouse gases (i.e. working with SLOCOG rideshare group). Ventura, Santa Barbara, and SLO County have a partnership with Monterey Bay to obtain a \$6,000,000 grant to install electric charging stations. State goal is to provide 5 million EV's onto road by 2020. Waiting to secure the infrastructure to support the installation of the stations.

V. County Parks

Bob Jones Trail is 30% completed in design between Octagon Barn and Ontario crossing and additional ATP funding has been applied for. County Parks is working on getting input from consultants in order to polish mapping and to improve the application. Currently a hydraulic study for San Luis Creek bridge crossings is underway.

For the Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector project, the Board authorized Toro Creek property acquisition, however the Coastal Development permit was held up due to landowner consent from Chevron. On the other hand, the construction documents are 100% ready and the ATP funding is to be resubmitted this year.

The Templeton Atascadero Connector was re-scoped to go parallel to railroad tracks (Instead of under). Two funding sources include: \$250,000 funding from SLOCOG, and \$100,000 of funding from the Parks and Recreation Department. Facility Fees funding are

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to supplement SLOCOG funding and complete construction funding has been established by previous ATP Grant.

## VI. SLOCOG

Cycle 5 ATP program guidelines will be finished in April and June is when applications are due (i.e. For County Parks). The Highway Streets and Roads projects, SRTS priorities will be coordinated with PW. SLOCOG is no longer providing direct match money for applications for new projects (as done in previous years) because the last funding program has forced an end to this policy. SLOCOG will still provide grant funding application assistance but just won't be able to provide match to funds that are presented to table. SLOCOG can't "Park the money" without knowing what the project is for.

Cambria CSD / Caltrans project manager having a hiccup due to already installed sewer pipe and Caltrans needs access to install pedestrian bridge. Cambria would need to re-do all environmental applications in order to remove sewer pipe for Caltrans and then reinstall. Timing is critical due to deadline later this year.

For the SRTS Cycle 3 Guidelines, \$800,000 Regional and State Highway Funds will be available for competitive application with local jurisdictions as well as the County. El Morro sidewalk in Los Osos \$100,000 funding came from SRTS regional funds. New funding cap limit of \$400,000 for new projects has been established. SLOCOG would like to see a mix of projects come through the applications. Providing 100% designed projects allow for better chances in gaining funding. Contact Mike Britton in Public Works concerning this. In HSIP, Michelle Matson was successful at getting funding for Los Berros Rd shoulder widening.

Seeking out volunteers for "Bike Belongs" event for help getting data out of open street maps data and upload into BNA. Bicycle Network Analysis is a geospatial analysis that could utilize volunteers from Cal Poly, Cuesta, and locals.

The 2013 bicycle use survey study started in 2009. It generated funding for mailer distributed with APCD. Based on random surveys sent out to 2000 people in SLO City / County in order to sample people's cycling preferences, and to find out what prevents people from cycling. SLOCOG is interested in re-conducting the study to see if the BAC committee can review previous study and provide a list of recommended changes to study (Denunzio to provide link). SLOCOG would like survey responses back before ATP grant application deadlines (preferred) because they need to consider at least 4 weeks lead time to distribute surveys to public and for people to respond.

Way finding along the Pacific Coast Highway and US Route 95 has signs that are currently being installed. Audrey Ogden and John Denunzio had a meeting with Caltrans discussing that if SLOCOG pays for signs, then Caltrans has agreed to maintain signs in perpetuity. A gap analysis along the state highway system is being vetted by Caltrans (Not currently available to public) but it will be distributed once Caltrans has vetted it.

## VII. County Planning – No staff available

## VIII. BAC Chairperson

7. **Presentations (10-20min max)**

Avila Beach Drive & HWY 101 Interchange (*Genaro Diaz*).

Due to insufficient staff availability, motion to move presentation to May 2020 meeting.

8. **BAC Business & Discussion**

A. Caltrans Rumble Strips at Edge Lines along SR-1,41, and 227 (*Audrey Ogden*)

Rumble strips for decreasing roadway departure collisions were installed ONLY in areas that had at least 5 feet of width available for rumble strips to be installed Use of “mumble strips” is also being considered – These are quieter version of rumble strips used near residential areas. Application of these strips are contingent upon public input.

ATP – Network Gap analysis - Currently being conducted in-house. Once vetted through regional planners, anticipate public will be able to see final results, approximately a month from today. July goal to finish program. Website is called Tierra Plan – SLOCOG will review data and approve / reject locations based on need. Complete Streets (SB127) where State routes go through communities is emphasized in ATP analysis. By default, this plan works in concert with Complete Streets goal.

B. US 95 Route through SLO County and City was adopted by the Board on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. It is inclusive of area between Morro Bay and South of Five Cities. The resolution gives bikers choice of SB boulevard and then choice of Turry or Foothill. The route goes into town on Foothill, then connects with inner city route, and then heads south towards Five Cities. Michelle Matson is consultant working on specifying where Way-Finding signs are being installed. SLOCOG has a tool where public can provide recommendation where additional wayfinding signs could be placed elsewhere in the county (Denunzio to provide link to website). The Pacific Coast Bike Route along Highway 1 will remain as an alternate route while the US Route 95 (in the works since 2008) will be additional route through City. These designated routes are approved, but bicyclists could always consider taking their own routes at their own prevue.

C. APCD – ARB Grant Information for Bicycle Related Projects (*Andy Mutziger*)

Projects that APCD fund are specific to replacing buses, reducing emissions from engines, charging stations. However, guidelines currently do not fund ATP funding. In other words, there are no grant funds available to assist with reduction of “track out.” SLO County Air District no longer has funds available to help with this type of issue. Emissions from “track out” or materials pulverized from agricultural activities have not generated enough volume to be considered Air Quality issues. Specifically, a track out is when particulate pollution of materials ends up on roadways from agricultural areas. A potential measure for future could be to enforce growers to monitor their “track out” debris onto bicycle lanes. APCD recommends bringing Farm Growers Bureau into a meeting with cycling community to establish a “good neighbor” policy. It has been noticed that “track Out” reduction devices are being used at the San Luis Ranch construction area. It could be proposed to enforce this same technology (with additional paving) on the agriculture properties with an incentive to “fund” some paving on the private property.

Constituents are complaining about the excess street cleaning in Los Osos. They feel that the extra street sweeping is a waste of their tax-payer dollars.

- D. Tacks dumped on County Roads – Corbett Canyon, Highway 227, Price Canyon, & Others  
Contact Public Works at [Publicworks@slo.co.ca.gov](mailto:Publicworks@slo.co.ca.gov) or call at 805-781-5252 when instances like this occur. Things to keep in mind when reporting the occurrence be specific about location for suggested area to sweep; send photos; the county will investigate; if it is systemic, contact CHP.

Bike Lane sweeping frequency will be increased to once per month (currently once every other month) once contract goes out to bid this spring. Only 60 miles of road will be swept per the SLO County Bike Lane List and the Fleet & Road Operations group. Sweeping is for stormwater compliance, not for maintenance or beautification.

## 9. **Project Updates**

### Buckley Road Corridor Plan

Traffic Operations unit is currently seeking funding and consultant services to prepare corridor study which should be initiated within the next 18 months.

### Tefft Street and US 101 (On-Off Ramps)

Project anticipated to begin construction summer 2020 but at this time there are no other updates. In regards to signal timing for pedestrians and bicycles, there is a request to see improvement plans which show if there are any bikes/peds safety improvements being implemented into this project.

## 10. **Future Agenda Items**

*Agenda items to be submitted to chair and secretary at least two (2) weeks before scheduled meeting. Agenda Item requests to include desired recommendation and discussion as well as any other items to be included in the staff report.*

- A. Input on Rural Development Safety Analysis Policy (Resolution 2008-152)
- B. US 101 & Avila Beach Drive Interchange Presentation
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes (November and February)
- D. Dale Sutliff motioned not to update 2015 Bikeway plan via historic methods
  - a. Dale Sutliff and Ed Goshorn spoke to Dave Flynn about use of limited funding for specific sections of bike routes and segments and developing methods to maximize bikeway improvements.
  - b. They proposed methodology of looking over entire bike routes and then identifying key/critical locations that would need improvements. (In order to determine and rank the top 25 locations worth improving along a specific route.)
- E. Dale Sutliff – Suggested to have upcoming (new) pavement plans by Public Works be reviewed by the BAC before final submission to the BOS.
  - a. BAC would like to see if they can weigh in on shoulder improvements with paving projects
  - b. Josh Olejczak – Motion to lobby to supervisors to provide a “complete streets” funding scheme built into the plan
  - c. Emphasis that Ontario Road is highest class 2 bike lane to-date and lack of funding
    - i. Chip sealing was disastrous because material began detaching
  - d. City of San Luis Obispo’s paving plan evaluates restriping since striping is cheap. They apply “road diets.”
- F. Update to Committee Bylaws

## 11. **Adjourn - Next meeting – May 12, 2020**

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