

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2009
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Present: Chair Klassen, Vice Chair Frye, Members Adams, Brown, Dadko, Jones, Rhodes, Stanley

Absent: Member Bayless

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Stanley motioned to approve December and January minutes, seconded by Member Jones. Motion carried 5-0-3 with Chair Klassen and Members Dadko and Adams abstaining.

Chair Klassen motioned to approve February minutes, seconded by Member Stanley. Motion carried 6-0-2 with Members Rhodes and Adams abstaining.

3. COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public are noted under each specific agenda item. Non-agenda items appear under item 6.

4. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

5. REPORT ITEMS

5.1 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Revenues and Projects proposed for Fiscal Year 2008/09

Department of Transit and Parking Staff Fabian Favila provided an overview of available revenues and projects currently funded by TDA (the City annually receives TDA funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects), and the projects proposed for funding in Fiscal Year 2009-10 with TDA funds. Projects included Electronic Bicycle Lockers and Supplemental Bike Racks, West College Avenue Bike Lanes, and Class III Signage Program and not the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard project as previously noted in the agenda. Fabian explained the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard project was subsequently removed by City staff since the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard is currently in "pilot phase." Should the pilot phase prove successful, the project would be considered for funding in subsequent TDA Article 3 funding cycles for future construction. In November, Public Works will apply for Bicycle Transportation Account Funds and that will be the appropriate time to apply for TDA Article 3 funds for this project.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board asked clarifying questions as to the unused portion of funds and if the City loses funds when they aren't used. Staff Fabian Favila stated no, that the allocation reverts back to the City's funding pot for future allocations. However, once an amount is allocated to a specific project, the City has a 3 year time period to use the funds for that specific project.

Motion made by member Stanley, seconded by Vice-Chair Frye to support the City's plan to allocate \$128,280 of TDA3 funds to the Electronic Bicycle Lockers and Supplemental Bike Racks, West College Avenue Bike Lanes, and Class III Signage Program in FY 2009-10. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

5.2 Wilson Street Corridor Vision

Department of Transit and Parking staff Fabian Favila gave a presentation to the Board that had previously been presented to the City Council and stake holders on the Wilson Street corridor Vision. The review envisions a multi-modal corridor that is pedestrian, bicycle and transit friendly.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members of the Board asked clarifying questions regarding traffic calming and expressed concern regarding the introduction of 3 stop signs along Wilson and the impact on bicycle and automobile behavior. Public Works Staff believes having stop signs will make the flow of traffic more consistent, will standardize the traffic pattern, and improve pedestrian access. Additionally, there were questions regarding the SMART site and it's connectivity with the Prince Memorial Greenway. Fabian explained that staff is aware and supports direct connections to the SMART site noting that the desire for this connection is documented in the current and update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and the Regional Bicycle Network Plan, but the City does not own the Right-of-Way that approaches the SMART from the north or the south, and staff continues to work with all the involved parties.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim McCalligan: inquired if the existing plan included any provision that the parking lot next to Aroma Roasters (Hotel La Rose's parking lot) have a setback. Staff replied that if there is development there, and parking is desired setbacks would be requested. If no parking – no setback.

Michael Eunice: expressed concern about how bicyclists riding on the smart trail are going to access the station, approaching from both directions.

Believes the number of bicyclists will decrease when they have to ride with the traffic.

Lynda Angell: President of the Historic Railroad Square Association, believes the Wilson Street Corridor Vision will take some getting used to and will be a learning process for everyone. Ms. Angell supports making Wilson Street a multi-modal corridor and believes it works. The Historic Railroad Square Association supports the vision.

5.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP)

Department of Transit and Parking Staff Fabian Favila reported out on the highlights of the BPMP, upcoming schedule and overall progress on the BPMP.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Chair Klassen inquired when the Board will be able to comment on the draft plan, and Fabian replied that this will occur during the public commenting period. The draft plan goes to the Planning Commission mid to late May 2009, then to City Council the following month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

There were no public comments.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Klassen welcomed new Board Member Mark Adams and asked Mark to introduce himself to the board.

Chair Klassen stated there was a discussion at the Chairman's lunch regarding linkage through the downtown mall.

Member Jones announced there will be a documentary regarding a bicycle trip from Alaska to Argentina. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition is sponsoring the event on April 11th at the Global Legacy Center.

Vice Chair Frye stated a site visit will be taking place at Sunridge Drive (at the water tanks) on April 2nd with City Staff.

Member Brown and the Pedestrian safety committee participated in a walkabout at Farmers Lane and 4th Street.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bicycle and Pedestrian Draft Master Plan Public Workshops are happening on April 1st and April 2nd.

Staff Fabian Favila stated that bike circle racks have been installed on 4th and 5th

Streets where meters are being taken out. There were 16 racks placed to see how they work with pedestrians and cars and if they are being used.

Public Works staff Nancy Adams announced her department will be submitting two (2) Safe Routes to School Applications - Lance Drive pedestrian pathway between College Avenue and Jennings Avenue and Chanate Road pedestrian pathway between Parker Hill Road and Glen Echo Road.

Public Works staff Jason Nutt stated regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that the City of Santa Rosa is one of the very few that were able to include bike lanes in their projects.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.