

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 16, 2009  
Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

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

Absent: Members Jones and Stanley

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Klassen motioned to approve the March minutes, seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried 5-0-1 with member Bayless 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 State Safe Routes to School Program**

Department of Public Works (DPW) Staff identified two projects for submittal to the State Safe Routes to Schools Program – (1) Helen Lehman School, Lance Drive pedestrian pathway between College Avenue and Jennings Avenue; applying for \$774,610 with a \$88,168 local match; and (2) Hidden Valley Elementary School, Chanate Road pedestrian pathway between Parker Hill Road and Glen Echo Road; applying for \$326,903 with a \$39,955 local match. DPW asked the Board to write a letter in support of the above applications.

Member Rhodes moved to draft a letter in support of the two projects, seconded by member Bayless. Motion carried 7-0. (Letter attached).

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Member Dadko inquired as to the criteria used when choosing or prioritizing schools to receive “Safe Routes to School” funding.

Department of Public Works responded by saying there was a document produced in 1990 “Pedestrian Needs” that is used when possible.

Additionally, DPW looks at: each school’s needs, pre-existing conditions, locations that have been identified from complaints, requests from schools, and opportunities that arise out of existing City projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Michael Eunice – commented on a housing development article that posed the question why people didn't ride their bike to work (in NY). Number one response was that they were afraid their bike would be stolen and had no place to safely store their bikes. Mr. Eunice would like the board to recommend that the City Council enforce the existing building codes that provide class 1 bike lockers for residential (apartment buildings) and commercial buildings.

**7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Klassen stated he attended one of the Public workshops at the first of the month.

Chair Klassen and Vice Chair Frye met with City Staff regarding the Department of Utilities Sunridge Drive site water tank project, looking to add width to the path for bikes. Construction will begin later this year. Member Frye stated an interest in making the uphill portion a class 2 as a revision to the Master Plan.

Chair Klassen stated he will not be able to attend the May meeting. Vice chair Frye will lead the meeting.

Member Frye stated he attended the City Council meeting where the Humboldt Bike Blvd. pilot project was unanimously approved. Member Frye stated he would like to have Staff re-present the pilot project to the Board since there have been modifications since the board last recommended the pilot project.

Member Frye announced he had attended the BPMP public meeting at Council on Aging and due to the poor turnout is very concerned about the process of the Master Plan update, public input and review and feels that public comment has been non-existent; and he didn't think the attendance was adequate, and he was concerned that there was not a final document to review at the meetings.

Member Frye went on to say he does not intend to endorse the current BPMP if he does not see a final document before it goes to the Planning Commission or City Council.

Member Bayless announced the new City of Santa Rosa GovDelivery email alert program is now available to the public. [www.srcity.org/EmailAlerts](http://www.srcity.org/EmailAlerts)

Member Bayless made a statement regarding the Sonoma Velo Project, of which he is a board member, to say that the group wants to bring more bicycle features into our city and county parks and to teach skills to all levels of riders.

Member Bayless is concerned with the no trespassing signs that have been posted at Wild Oak for the last 9 months. Member Bayless feels the signs should not exist on public property as this is a public easement, and would like the City Attorney's Office to update the Board at the next meeting.

Member Rhodes additionally asked clarifying questions regarding the Wild Oak path.

## **8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Works Staff Jason Nutt is attending a course in May in Portland regarding bike boulevards and will report out at the next meeting.

DPW staff Jason Nutt stated that the Sonoma County Transportation Authority voted to elevate 101 over-crossing project to Project #6 in the county, making it an active project.

Jason reminded Board members of the public meeting about the 101 over-crossing project on May 7 at the Oddfellows Hall, 7:00 pm.

Department of Transit and Parking Staff Fabian Favila apologized for delays in the BPMP updated noting the delays are a frustration for him as well. He stated the Draft BPMP will be available to the Board for additional input when the draft plan is released to the public. The intention is to release the draft plan in about 3 weeks to the public for a month long comment period and to possibly offer one more public workshop open to the board. If need be a Special Board meeting could be called to accommodate Board input.

Mr. Favila stated that the matter involving Wild Oak is a legal matter and the City Attorney's Office (CAO) is in discussion with the Wild Oak representatives, and that City legal matters are outside the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Fabian confirmed that the CAO is addressing the matter noting that within the last 2 weeks the CAO had contacted City staff regarding the matter. Fabian also noted that the CAO's efforts were confirmed by Board member Bayless' Council member in an E-mail to Mr. Bayless and staff.

Mr. Favila shared attended a meeting at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on the Regional Bicycle Network (9 Bay Area Counties) Program. He attended the meeting to represent the City's intention to include the 101 bike/ped over-crossing project at the next "Call for Projects" in a couple of months to make eligible for future funding.

Mr. Favila announced he will be presenting an update on the content and progress of the Draft Master Plan to the Board of Community Services next week.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.