

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

June 18, 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 Bayless, Brown, Dadko, Jones, Rhodes

Absent: Members Adams, Stanley

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April Minutes moved to next meeting to allow Board members additional time to review.

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 Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard – Design Standards

In April, the City Council approved the pilot bike boulevard project for Humboldt Street between Lewis Road and 5th Street. August installation is anticipated for the pilot project. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is trying to put together some “design/concept standards.” DPW Nancy Adams answered clarifying questions regarding bike boxes, which she stated are not part of the pilot project, signalized intersections, right turns on red signals, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Eunice: inquired as to how public acceptance of this project will be judged. DPW Staff Nancy Adams stated there will be a meeting in the Junior College neighborhood after the bike boulevard is installed, where the DPW will collect feedback, suggestions, and related data collection such as volumes and speed, etc.

Patricia Foster: stated her appreciation for the hard work and great sense of fairness regarding this pilot project. Ms. Foster agrees with the idea of bulb outs at Humboldt Street and College Avenue as safety issues. Ms. Foster believes the pilot project should reflect exactly the intended implementation so as to avoid confusion Ms. Foster then passed along a letter to Department of Transit and Parking staff Mona Babauta, written by Diane Test, a Humboldt Street resident. (Letter attached).

Chris Culver: stated she hopes that the boulevard gets people out of their cars and onto their bicycles along Humboldt Street.

Motion by Chair Klassen to support the single lane approach design concept with bulb outs, and seconded by member Jones. Motion carried 6-0-1, with member Bayless abstaining due to lack of information.

Motion by Chair Klassen to support prohibition of a right turn on red design concept, and seconded by Vice Chair Frye. Motion carried 5-0-2 with Chair Klassen and member Bayless abstaining.

Motion by Vice Chair Frye to support left turn prohibition from College Avenue onto Humboldt Street as a design concept, and seconded by Member Dadko. Motion carried 5-1-1, with a nay vote from member Rhodes and member Bayless abstaining due to lack of information.

Motion by Vice Chair Frye to support bike boxes being implemented on Humboldt Street at College Avenue, in both directions, and seconded by member Jones. Motion carried 4-1-2, with a nay vote from member Rhodes and members Bayless and Dadko abstaining due to lack of information.

5.2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Review

Board members reviewed and discussed the bike routes in draft bicycle map (Ver. 5/11/09).

BOARD COMMENTS:

Member Bayless commented Highway 12 right of way, continuing into Howarth Park and Spring Lake as a class 1 thoroughfare is not indicated.

Vice Chair Frye: wanted to make sure the new map showed all of the improvements over the 2001 BPMP. Mr. Frye went on to further indicate specific issues on the existing BPMP and to ask clarifying questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Eunice: disappointed that Jennings Avenue is a proposed Class 3 and not a bike boulevard, and suggests it be changed back.

Chris Culver: agrees with Mr. Eunice regarding Jennings Avenue. Believes the red box at College Avenue on the east side is not necessary.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Chris Culver: is very pleased with the Mendocino Avenue bike lanes.

Patricia Foster: would like to re-emphasize the harm of the street light turn off's as a budget saving measure on Humboldt Street for safety reasons. Ms. Foster also commented that bike parking needs to be more of an issue.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Brown stated there was a walkabout the previous week at City Hall, 1st Street, and Santa Rosa Avenue. Walkabouts occur monthly and anyone can join in to evaluate audible signals at crosswalks and general ease of mobility for pedestrians.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Transit and Parking Deputy Director Mona Babauta stated that a timeline for the completion of the BPMP will be provided at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.