

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

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

Absent: Members Bayless, Brown

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve April minutes by Vice-Chair Frye seconded by Member Rhodes. Motion carried 6-0. (six members in attendance at time of motion)

Motion made to approve June minutes by Vice-Chair Frye seconded by Member Dadko. Motion carried 6-0. (six members in attendance at time of motion)

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 Safe Routes to Transit Program

The Regional (MTC) Measure 2 Safe Routes to Transit grant program has issued a Call for Projects. The purpose of the Program is to reduce congestion on Bay Area bridge corridors by improving access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians to and from regional transit stations.

The Department of Public Works Staff has identified two projects – capital construction funds for 6th Street Undercrossing between Davis Street and Morgan Street in the amount of \$250k; and planning funds for the Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing in the amount of \$100k. Both projects are included in the Public Works Work Plan that was presented to the Board in January 2009.

The Board inquired as to how this will affect and link to existing transit service.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Staff Jason Nutt stated the overcrossing is the next project on the list for 2009-10. Nancy stated they will then need to apply to the funding agencies, east bay bicycle coalition, mtc, _____, and see where it falls in the priorities.

Caltrans demands an improvement on the 6th street undercrossing before they would approve a thru way. Nutt – funding needs to be in place by spring of 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Culver: does not believe the undercrossing should be open to vehicles.

Motion made by Rhodes seconded by Stanley to support the DPW recommendation and issue a letter of support for the proposed projects. Motion carried 7-0.

5.2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Review

Transit Department staff Fabian Favila handed out a draft outline of the project schedule for the BPMP. The outline is contingent upon the time allowed for completion of the Master Plan. The Board went over

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Culver: Aston should continue to have class 2, as there is a possibility that parking could be removed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane Dewitt: regarding Roseland Creek Park and Trail. Feels this trail has been neglected, and suggests recommending stimulus funding be invested. Invites the board to visit the trail and talk to the bicyclists in the southwest neighborhood. Needs to be developed as an alternative route from the southwest into the city. Feels the safety of walkers needs more consideration.

Chris Culver: very excited about the Humboldt bike boulevard. Work has already begun.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Klassen made a request to agendaize the visit to the Roseland Creek bike trail. An internal staff discussion needs to take place.

Member Frye would like to have a special meeting to go over more comments. The board agreed Fabian and member Frye should meet.

Until further noticed, the board will cancel August and September meetings.

Chair Klassen announced that Jacob Bayless has resigned from the board effective immediately.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mona Babauta of the Transit Department stated that Month 1 will be August on the timeline – back mid October to board.

Nancy Adams of the DPW requested comments about the bike boulevard be directed to her.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.