

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

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

Chair Klassen introduced the newest Board Member, Barbara Moulton.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Stanley motioned to pass the July minutes, member Rhodes seconded. Motion passed 5-0-2 with members Brown and Moulton abstaining. Members Adams and Jones had not yet arrived.

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 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update

Transit Department Staff Fabian Favila provided an update on the progress of the BPMP to date. 2/1/2010 begins environmental review of the Plan, and it will last 30 days. May 2010 the Plan is presented to the Planning Commission. In anticipation that the Planning Commission will then issue a recommendation in May, the proposed BPMP update would then go to the City Council in June 2010. Mr. Favila told the Board the Department hired a consultant, Celia Chung, to assist with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan workload. February 2011 will be the final public workshop on the BPMP update before the public comments periods before the Planning Commission and City Council begin.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Member Frye asked clarifying questions as to when the Master Plan would come back to the board as an action item to support the plan. Staff replied January or February.

Member Moulton thought perhaps the Board should have more time with the Plan prior to voting to support the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Culver asked what happened to the consultant website. Staff replied the consultant website is no longer. Information is now found on the City site.

5.2 Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Presentation

Department of Public Works staff Otto Bertolero and consultant Steven Grover & Associates (SGA) made a presentation on the Feasibility Study. Staff will hold a study session with the City Council planned for December 2009 and return to BPAB with the Final Report. This was based on SMART site being at Jennings – that may change.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members of the Board asked clarifying questions regarding figures in the presentation, public right of ways; questions about differences between the study and the Master Plan; and what is the project schedule. Staff replied the plan will go to City Council early next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Eunice inquired as to how much of a delay a location change would cause if there was one? Public Works Staff replied that no delay would take place in the long run, although an approximate 2 month delay will initially occur.

5.3 SMART Update – moved to December meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

None.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beryl Brown announced there will be a Pedestrian walkabout on Humboldt Street planned. Ms. Brown would like to make a presentation to the Board after the walkabout. Beth Dadko recognized community interest in bicycle safety in south Santa Rosa. A Safe Routes to School program has been initiated (7/1/09).

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Adams announced the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard Pilot Project Evaluation Period – Community Meeting #2 will take place on December 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm. at Steele Lane Community Center.

Public Works Staff Nancy Adams stated there will be an Ideas Urban Design Charette and Competition for the urban area around the future Sonoma Marin train station in North West Santa Rosa near Coddington on Friday, November 20, 2:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturday, November 21, 8:00 am to noon at the Steele Lane Community Center.

Fabian Favila announced that the election of Officers to the countywide BPAC will take place in January if anyone would like to volunteer. It was requested that this should be a reminder item at the December meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.