

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2010  
Minutes**

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

Vice Chair Frye called the meeting to order at 4:14 pm.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Rhodes motioned to approve August Minutes, seconded by Member Jones. Motion carried, 6-0.

**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 Bicycle Boulevard**

The board discussed what they would put in a recommendation letter to the Council. Board requested to see staff recommendation before they drafted their letter. Member Frye stated the Board will draft their own support letter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia Foster asked to clarify regarding diverters. It is of great concern to the residents that diverters should be installed if humps cannot be. Ms. Foster agrees that the letter was not clear to residents that they had an option. Traffic on Pacific is already bad, and feels it will increase and make it more dangerous. Has spoken with a number of people who would like to revert the street to a street, not a bike boulevard. Ms. Foster is speaking on behalf of Santa Rosa neighborhood coalition. The coalition is not against cycling but feels this project has been hoisted upon them without resident input.

Harry Bacas is a retiree who bicycles. Mr. Bacas doesn't like speed humps or traffic circles. Stop signs on all crossing streets with a low speed limit like 15 mph, would be a lot simpler than humps and circles.

Christine Culver of the Sonoma County bicycle coalition supports the Humboldt bike boulevard, and feels the City should go with diverters, it will slow the traffic. Humboldt and Chanate diverter made a huge difference.

Charlene Burke was unaware of the diverter, and is opposed to it. Ms. Burke agrees with Ms. Foster that the boulevard should not have been as extreme. Would like the street restored to the way it was.

Timothy Bacon does not believe in restoring Humboldt to the way it was, there were too many stops along the street before. At a minimum it needs to be friendlier to those who obey the rules.

#### BOARD COMMENTS:

There was a general concern on the Board's part about the safety of the traffic circles, but slowing traffic for safety is a foremost goal.

Member Moulton motioned to support the advisory letter of recommendation to the City Council, seconded by Member Adams. Motion carried 5-1, with Member Rhodes voting against.

### 5.2 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update**

Transit Department Fabian Favila stated the strike out and underline in the Master Plan is a common practice with the city. It will stay like that until the document is adopted. The document will not change further, but comments are added. Mr. Favila is working to put a cleaned up version of the master plan on the web. Mr. Favila went over the accelerated master plan schedule dates and briefly walked through the master plan layout.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Culver stated the previous master plan centered on bicycles and not so much pedestrians, which the current plan incorporated, and that changes funding availability.

#### BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board continued to discuss the Board's master plan and Class 3 route map comments and recommendations.

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

Allen Thomas – thanks to staff and the Board for all of the hard work on the draft master plan. Recommendation for class 3 on Wilson Street is appreciated. Mr. Thomas is hoping there is a solution there to slow the traffic down. Supports class 2 on Sixth Street.

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

Member Dadko stated that she and Member Moulton attended the MTC Ped & Bike workshop. There was a walking tour looking at different applications, ideas and improvement regarding safety. Attendees were from all over Marin and Sonoma Counties.

## **8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Staff Rob Sprinkle and Nancy Adams of the Department of Public Works (DPW) gave updates to the Board regarding bicycle lane striping around the City, and other completed projects:

- Coffee Lane from just north of Piner Road to Hopper Lane.
- Steele Lane from Illinois (County Center) to Salem (CVS).
- Stony Point Road – parking bays and bike lanes installed between Santa Rosa Creek and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Summerfield Road finished down to Carissa Drive.
- Planning to stripe Range Avenue between Steele Lane and Russell Avenue in the spring.
- Will be overlaying Mission Blvd. between Montecito Avenue and Austin Creek, and trying to get bike lanes in talks with Caltrans.
- Pedestrian flasher on Highway 12 is completed.
- West bound bike beacon on Montgomery Drive (near Spring Lake Village) was turned on this week; eastbound beacon will happen in the future.
- Sonoma Avenue bike lanes will happen in spring 2011. (Santa Rosa Avenue to Hahman Drive and Hahman Drive to Montgomery Drive is a federal grant; Hahman Drive to Summerfield Road is a State grant).
- Chanate path – grant funded (near Hidden Valley School), Glen Echo to Parker Hill Road - pedestrian path to be installed. Project scheduled for construction in 2012.
- West College bike lanes completed from Tiara to Marlow Road.
- Piner Road bike lanes from Marlow to Fulton Road is complete.
- Stony Circle – sidewalk installed (near the Salvation Army).
- Received Grant money for a path from College Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Stony Point Road will stay striped the way it is from Highway 12 to Sebastopol Road.

Transit Department Staff Fabian Favila gave an update on the Wild Oak path: Residents felt the public bicyclists did not have the right to go through the property. City Attorney's Office (CAO) has been working with Wild Oak. CAO will be filing litigation, checking title issues, and putting together the complaint.

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

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Frye adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.