

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2010
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

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

Absent: Members Brown, Jones, Rhodes

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September Minutes amended but not approved due to attendance. Chair Klassen motioned to approve October Minutes as amended, seconded by Member Stanley. 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 Highway 101 Overcrossing

Public Works staff Otto Bertolero introduced Steven Grover of Steven Grover & Associates (SGA), the consulting firm that completed the feasibility study for the project. Mr. Grover gave a presentation on the feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian crossing over Highway 101 in the vicinity of the Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC). The current Elliot Avenue location of the project was preferred in part due to its direct connection to the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) rail station at Guerneville Road. Mr. Grover and those in attendance discussed the project models that were provided by SGA. Key findings and next steps on the project were stated. Design guidelines (section 3) were discussed.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board asked clarifying questions regarding property owners involved in the vision and their cooperation. Member Frye is concerned with the \$1M from the SRJC that expires in December 2012 and whether or not the project will begin prior to expiration. Member Frye is also concerned about the cooperation of the SRJC on this and other projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tony Ichsan, Dean for Facilities Planning and Operations at the SRJC stated that any landing on the SRJC property would require a mutual agreement between City and SRJC.

Christine Culver asked for clarification on the start date for the project, and was pleased to see the total cost was much less than anticipated. Ms. Culver hopes that Codding can help fund the project if it ends up in Coddingtown. Ms. Culver supports moving the project forward.

Willard Richards, Chair of the Sonoma County Transportation and Land Use Coalition. The community is pleased with the northern SR Station and the northern alignment of the bridge; and are delighted that Codding is coordinating with the SMART station.

Stephanie Copp is concerned with the ADA rule of 5' wide sidewalks and how that will accommodate strollers; and what materials will be used when building the bridge.

Dave Hanson, Carlile-Macy. Asked about the eastern end of the project, and what planning and development still needs to be done.

Geoff Syphers – from Codding Enterprises. Feels it is hard to say whether Codding could come up with any funding. Like the SMART project, Mr. Syphers thinks this could be a very worthwhile project.

Member Stanley motioned and Member Adams seconded to support staff's recommendation to Council to 1) accept the Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study and adopt its bridge design guidelines, 2) direct staff to work with Caltrans on developing a cooperative agreement for a Project Initiation Document (PID) and negotiate a professional services agreement for a consultant to prepare the PID, and 3) direct staff to focus the PID work on an overcrossing in the vicinity of the Elliott/Edwards Avenue alignment. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Klassen motioned to bring the design guidelines back to the next Board meeting. Seconded by Member Frye. Motion carried 6-0.

Member Moulton motioned for the consideration of creating a Pedestrian Subcommittee, and a Bicycle Subcommittee and to discuss at the next Board meeting. Seconded by Member Frye. Motion carried 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address the Board on matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Each speaker is allowed three minutes.

7. CHAIR / BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Dadko stated she would not be attending the December meeting, as she will be at an all day Safe Routes to School conference.

Member Frye stated he and Paul Klassen met with Bill Ellis and Nancy Adams about the TDA Grant for bike route signage, and setting those priorities.

Chair Klassen reminded that the new City Council members will be coming in, and that come February there may be new board members.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transit Department Staff Fabian Favila reminded the Board of the project priority cycle (Nov/Dec) and Department of Public Works (DPW) work-plan schedule (Jan/Dec), and the Board would discuss the priority list at their next Board meeting.

DPW Staff Nancy Adams stated that the Humboldt Street Bicycle Boulevard Project will be going to City Council for approval on December 14th. Initial Study is completed and is out for Public Review, and will also be considered by the City Council on December 14th.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chair Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.