

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 17, 2009  
Minutes**

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

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

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

Absent: Members Jones, Rhodes

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Stanley motioned to pass the November minutes, member Brown seconded. Motion passed 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 SMART Update**

Public Works Staff Jason Nutt presented the Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Rail Crossings presentation. There were three new crossings proposed, and Public Works is looking to Council to authorize a proposal to SMART. Council directed staff to pursue these crossings. The three proposed crossings are the Jennings Avenue Crossing; Fourth Street Crossing; and the Joe Rodota Trail. There was an additional crossing added to the proposal after the presentation, at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street connecting the Joe Rodota Trail to the TORPA site.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

The Board asked clarifying questions regarding what roles the Council and PW play if PUC and SMART are making the decisions. Staff responded that we can send letters of support, and at the expense of the city, perform the studies.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia Foster asked clarifying questions regarding stations and crossings. Questioned why there would be many stations and crossings and wouldn't that slow the train. Staff responded the trains stop at stations, not crossings. There are only two stations proposed for Santa Rosa.

## **5.2 Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard Meeting update**

Department of Public Works Staff Nancy Adams gave an update on the progress of the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard Pilot Project, and briefed the Board on the Community Meeting #2 held on December 10, 2009, and the City Council meeting held on December 15, 2009, where DPW presented the project. Although there is a lot of support for the project and the modifications that have been made since the inception of the project, there are considerable concerns by the residents. DPW Staff Nancy Adams suggested there be a stakeholder's meeting held in February.

### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Member Brown reported out on the Humboldt Street walkabout. As a whole, the group which included blind members, hearing impaired, and wheelchair members find it difficult to find the flow, and do not like the roundabouts. However, as far as the improvements to the sidewalks - there were bumps installed that guided the sight impaired to stay in the sidewalk. Safety was of major concern.

Board Members generally felt that there is too much traffic for the circles to work properly. The circles are very confusing and there should be more effort towards traffic reduction and or calming measures. There are stop signs at some intersections, and not at others, causing confusion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Christine Culver likes the boulevard very much. Felt opponents to the project at the City Council meeting were rude, and as a resident of the neighborhood and member of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, felt she wasn't heard at the Council meeting.

Michael Eunice inquired as to what suggestions the opponents had to make the project work. Staff stated it ranged from the project would not work at all, to the strongest opposition because the diverter would change their routes. Mr. Eunice rode his bike through the boulevard during both the morning and evening rush hours and found very few bicyclists, pedestrians, or cars, and therefore doesn't understand the opposition. Mr. Eunice suggested 2-way stops allowing bicycle traffic to go down Humboldt Street without stopping.

Patricia Foster is concerned there is no bigger plan, and no idea where money going to come from. Is concerned with the business at Bill's Friendly Market being "killed."

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

Transit Department Staff Fabian Favila introduced Celia Chung, the consultant who is assisting him with the BPMP. Mr. Favila gave an overview of the Draft Master Plan chapters. The Board discussed the first Chapter of the plan titled, "Introduction and Setting."

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Clarifying questions were asked to staff regarding the Board's comment period and how much time they would be allowed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Christine Culver – with the concerns of the San Francisco bike plan because of the environmental review, what are we doing to prepare?

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

**None.**

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

There will be a Special Meeting held January 7<sup>th</sup> 4-7PM, to further discuss the Master Plan.

There will be a Study Session held February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 5-7PM, to further discuss the Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard Pilot Project. The public is welcome.

**8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Transit Staff Fabian Favila reminded the Board that the Countywide BPAC elections are being held in January.

DPW Staff Jason Nutt suggested the use of a professional facilitator to run the Humboldt Street Meeting (Study Session in February).

**9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.