

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2011
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Dadko called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Present: Chair Dadko, Members Gustavson, Klassen, Rego, Rhodes

Absent: Members Adams, Frye, Moulton

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Rego motioned to approve February Minutes, as amended, seconded by Member Klassen. Motioned carried 5-0.

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

Member Klassen will abstain from voting on Item 5.2.

5. REPORT ITEMS

5.1 Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Department of Public Works (DPW) Staff Julia Gonzales and Tina Panza of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and Co-coordinator of the countywide SRTS work group, presented an update on the City's 2-year pilot Safe Routes to School Program in partnership with the Santa Rosa City School district (18 schools). This pilot project with the Safe Routes to Schools Program will conclude this academic year. The presentation included an update on efforts to continue the Safe Routes to Schools Program on a countywide level. (The PowerPoint presentation is available on the BPAB webpage, identified as Item 5.1 for the March meeting under Staff Reports.)

SRTS is part of the "Street Smarts" campaign. Julia explained and shared the outreach components, partnerships and resources, and what they learned from the program. Tina Panza gave a broader view of countywide efforts and encourages the city to apply for state and federal grants that are available. October 5th is the international walk and roll to school day.

BOARD COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

5.2 Bicycle Transportation Account

The California Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Program funding, and DPW is preparing an application requesting funds to construct a Multi Use Path along the SMART corridor between College Avenue and Jennings Avenue. Applications are due March 18, 2011.

There was not a quorum in attendance to make a motion on this item. Item moved to April meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Member Rhodes inquired as to the funding of the project, and why SMART is not paying for the path as previously stated. DPW Nancy Adams stated that SMART will be trying to leverage grant monies for the project, and will be matching some funds, but in the meantime this BTA grant will allow the project to move forward.

Member Gustavson inquired as to segments south of College Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

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.

Sandra Lupien of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition introduced herself and offered her assistance on any issues.

7. CHAIR / BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Rhodes asked his Merchant Marine Veteran's Association if there was anything they would like brought to the board. They stated that, "cars being allowed to park too close to intersections is a safety issue for pedestrians." It was suggested that they contact DPW Traffic engineering because there are existing policies and procedures in place. DPW stated that they perform site visits when specific intersections are questioned.

Chair Dadko announced that we are working on making a place for future agenda items.

Member Rego will not be attending April meeting.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fabian Favila wanted to remind the Board that the Transit Department is going through a lot of changes right now and are short staffed.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chair Dadko adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.