

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes - Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
San Luis Obispo County Government Center
1055 Monterey Street Room 161/162
San Luis Obispo CA 93408

1. **Call to order/ Thank you**

Josh Olejczak called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Recognize Members and Guests**

3. **Roll Call/Contact List**

BAC Members: Robert Davis (ABSENT), Ed Goshorn, Bill Kennedy, Ken Price, Josh Olejczak (Chair), Barry Lewis (Vice Chair), Skip Amerine, William Van Orden, Dale Sutliff, Michael McMahon

Staff Present: Michelle Matson (PW Secretary), Elizabeth Kavanagh (County Parks), Rich Murphy (SLOCOG), Frank Honeycutt (Public Works)

4. **Public Comment**

Happy Bike Month!

5. **Reports**

A. County Parks

Elizabeth Kavanagh from Parks reported that the Morro Bay to Cayucos connector is almost to 30% design. Parks is working with the railroad for the Templeton to Atascadero connector.

B. SLOCOG

Rich Murphy (SLOCOG) noted that Jessica Berry will be leaving SLOCOG at the end of the month. Rich spoke of current State funding and that in the past SLOCOG had additional discretionary funds now apportioned by the State. SLOCOG and agencies have developed top projects and recommendations to the State. On June 30, SLOCOG will discuss ranking these projects. There is some flexibility for bike and pedestrian projects but the primary goal is "to fix it first." Goal is to rank and do our best to be competitive for the money that is available for alternative transportation. In cycle 1 of the ATP funding, no cities or counties in our area were successful.

C. County Public Works

Michelle Matson confirmed that an ATP application was submitted for Orchard Ave Bike Lanes. Discussed creating an ATP committee with members from the BAC, Trails Committee, and SRTS Committee to rank projects for future ATP cycles. The Road System goals, which Dave Flynn discussed in February, will be at the Board on September 1st. Michelle demonstrated the web bike map which is currently being developed by Public Works. Frank Honeycutt noted goals would not necessarily be changing but are periodically sent to the Board.

6. **BAC Business & Discussion**

A. Minutes of 2/10/2015

Dale Sutliff motioned to approve meeting minutes as provided. Ken Price seconded. All in favor.

B. Class IV Buffered Bike Lanes on LOVR

Dave Albrecht and Andres Eulate were in attendance from Los Osos. Andres brought concept of buffered bike lanes to LOCAC. Dave noted only 3-5 cars typically park on the south side of LOVR. Public Works is in support of removing parking on both sides of the road and installing buffered bike lanes within the center business district. The cost of green bike lanes is approximately \$5/SF to install per the City of San Luis Obispo. This would not include maintenance.

Skip noted green is not needed due to cost. Bike legends and buffered bike lanes are what is needed.

Dale Sutliff motioned that the BAC recommends that the staff do key areas be green with a continuous buffered bike lane between 9th and Fairchild and Bush and South Bay (per the staff report) and that staff work with LOCAC and interested parties to try to accomplish other goals as best possible in whatever the reasonable time frame would be. Ed seconded. During the discussion on the motion staff did confirm that the NO PARKING BIKE LANE R7-9a sign would be included. All in favor of motion.

C. LOVR Bikeway Naming for Red Davis

Public Works is moving forward with the naming of the bike lanes on LOVR between South Bay and Foothill for Red Davis. Michelle noted there would be one sign in each direction. Will motioned to approve the staff report. Ed seconded. All in favor of motion.

D. 2015 Bike Plan

i. Goals

Dale Sutliff lead discussion on goals and noted that there was good discussion last time with Dave Flynn. Subcommittee then met with or emailed their respective supervisors and then met together. The goals have been consolidated from 12 to 11.

Dale concluded that there are 4 main goals which staff objects to. Ed motioned for BAC to adopt goals 1-5 and goals 8 and 11. William seconded. During discussion Skip noted he would like the BOS to see the unmodified goals. All in favor.

Staff wants the BAC to use term like "recommend." Overall, BAC wants additional staff support. Frank Honeycutt noted that if the concern is that Public Works is not responsive enough with bike needs, hiring another person won't necessarily change anything. Dale noted that there has been turn over with Public Works and not enough continuity, wants more of a partnership between Public Works and BAC. Dale also noted that when he joined five (5) years ago there was more energy and support in terms of staff. Skip wants a multi-modal coordinator, not just a bike coordinator, and wants the policies in place so not affected by staff turnover.

Rich Murphy mentioned that there are things that SLOCOG is doing that other agencies don't need to replicate. County has good ideas and is committed to funding for alternative transportation and will eventually be successful.

Michelle Matson said the bulk of discussion is the wording and no one is necessarily disagreeing with another. Staff will come up with goals for Bike Plan based on BAC goals. The BAC can have whatever goals they want but the bike plan goals would need to be supported by all.

Rich Murphy noted that SLOCOG would be pursuing a regional ATP Plan. Ken motioned for subcommittee to table discussion and rewrite number 6. Ed seconded. All in favor. Dale want staff to provide language.

SLOCOG wants a ½ cent sales tax. If the County pursued, it would be Countywide. People mostly would support repairing roads. A recreational fee for developers was unsuccessful in the past. Skip noted they need to include projects for everyone to be supported.

Frank discussed that if the BAC wants more money for bike facilities, it is a good goal, but when we use percentages it creates additional work. Current accounting, sweeping, etc. may validate the percentage today.

After discussion, Ed suggested language for goal 9 be "continue to refine."

Goal 10 language needs to clarify that bike facilities would not be on the freeway.

ii. **Rankings**

Michelle will be putting together final rankings for the August meeting. Will be including data from the current Safety Report and mid-day bike counts which will also be collected in the summer. A one day bike ADT will be collected with video at 18 County locations.

iii. **Bikeway Class Modifications**

See staff report. No action.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

8. **Next meeting – August 11th, 2015**