

**San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes – September 12, 2006**  
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Conference Room

**BAC members present:** Robert Davis, Chair; Josh Olejczak, vice-Chair; Greg Carroll; Harry Lyons; Bruce Collier; Frank Mullin; Marsha Lee; Steven Yamaichi; Ed Goshorn; Barry Lewis.

**BAC members absent:** None

**Staff present:** Dave Flynn (Public Works); Darren Brown (SLOCOG); Ryan Hostetter (Planning); Lisa Quinn (Rideshare); Andy Mutziger (APCD)

**Staff absent:** Jan DiLeo (Parks)

**Guests Present:** Aileen Loe (Caltrans); Michelle Olmsted (Public Works), Adam Fukushima (Bike Coalition)

**Robert Davis** opened the meeting at 6:58. He introduced **Frank Mullin** as the new District three representative replacing **Jeff Stein**. Open public comment.

**Public Comment**

**Lisa Quinn** of Rideshare discussed the Safe Route to School program and advancing future program work. There is a one hour training session on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for “Agent of Change” training and school training to better promote use of walking to school. Jessica of Rideshare is the coordinator.

**Ed Goshorn** inquires on state law for safe route to school program. Lisa notes registration is on-line. **Josh Olejczak** states concern on lack of school district support. Need to get the superintendents on board to have principals implement. **Andy Mutziger** supports parents grassroots involvement to achieve results.

**Robert Davis** notes that San Simeon interim guidelines have been published for managing the Hearst coastline. Rerouting route 1 at Piedras Blancas motel provides opportunity for Class 1 bike path and accessibility trail. **Aileen Loe** clarifies that Caltrans disposition of the excess right of way is unknown. Will need mitigation area as part of their work. Currently, they are working with Land Conservancy and Coastal Conservancy to define coastal trail route. There will be a public meeting September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Cambria Vets Hall. Comments can be sent to Greg Smith, State Parks Chief for region.

- I. Minutes of June 6, 2006 Meeting.

**Ed Goshorn** asked for two changes; adding a “y” for ready and to spell his name correctly. Minutes approved with those changes.

II. Reports

a. **Status of Letters from BAC request routing of plans for review**

**Dave Flynn** noted letter sent to SLOCOG. Will follow-up to letters to Planning. Parks program was already under review with **Josh** as the appointed BAC representative.

b. **Status of BTA Applications for Vineyard Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> St**

**Dave Flynn** noted that both applications were unsuccessful. The next cycle for BTA applications is December 1, 2006.

c. **Bylaws Revision for forfeiture of membership if not attending meetings**

**Dave Flynn** said staff behind in accomplishing. Will schedule for October 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor agenda.

d. **Agenda and minutes on Website**

**Dave Flynn** noted that the Roads Division is working on doing a website upgrade in the next 3-4 months and would add a BAC icon for agendas and minutes.

e. **Status of 2006 Unmet bike needs**

**Darren Brown** provided handout which summarized the unmet needs list. **Peter Brown** has yet to compile the responses from the various agencies. **Frank Mullin** asks what happens to this information. **Dave Flynn** clarifies that urgent maintenance issues need to be addressed by directly informing the agency responsible. SLOCOG and its board are not charged with that responsibility. The same is true for capital projects, were the individual agencies must priorities and fund those improvements. SLOCOG and its unmet bike needs list merely capture the list of desired improvements but does not program any improvement.

f. **Response to Grand Jury Report**

**Robert Davis** reported that at the last meeting a subcommittee was selected to develop a response. The committee consisted of

**Robert Davis, Adam Fukushima, Barry Lewis, and Ed Goshorn.** The response was sent to the Board of Supervisors on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations were not adopted by the Board as Administration provided the County response which was accepted by the Board. Supervisor Patterson stated he would work with the BAC and Coalition on needs.

**Frank Mullins** applauds the efforts. **Josh Olejczak** asks how it was responded to. **Dave Flynn** clarifies “Share the Road” signs saying the number of signs would double given the previous criteria developed by the BAC. **Ed Goshorn** asked about use of “Sharrow” pavement markings. **Dave Flynn** stating that signs are still cheaper to maintain. **Adam Fukushima** asked what education work BAC provides? **Dave Flynn** reads section of the County Administration response to the Grand Jury. **Frank Mullins** asks how we get results. **Robert Davis** notes we must continue to work with CHP, Public Works, and Rideshare.

**g. Non-motorized maintenance needs**

This item is a follow-up to a June SLOCOG agenda report that noted maintenance needs for Class 1 and 2 bike facilities are estimated at \$ 1 million per year.

**Ed Goshorn** asks for clarification on why a separate category? Aren't they all part of the same maintenance system? **Dave Flynn** notes they are part of road system maintenance. **Robert Davis** notes Bob Jones trail and lack of maintenance. **Josh Olejczak** notes the need for higher material standards and design standards to reduce the level of maintenance in future. He adds that BAC needs to review these plans from Planning Department. **Dave Flynn** will follow-up on contacting Planning Department.

**h. Status of South Bay Boulevard bike lane marking**

This has been on-going request for a raised type of bike lane marking which could act as rumble strip to discourage cars from going into bike lane. **Dave Flynn** notes that the product Public Works had expected to use has been discontinued and will be looking for other sources. **Josh Olejczak** asks about using botts dots. **Dave Flynn** notes concerns about safety to bike tires with **Aileen Loe** also noting that concern. Caltrans is trying out placing botts dots at 50 foot intervals. **Bruce Collier** asks about maintaining the willows which stick into the bike lane. That is in the City of Morro Bay.

i. **Parks and Recreation Element Review**

**Josh Olejczak** notes the element is in final review and public comments are welcomed. The BAC needs to review.

j. **Pavement Management Plan**

**Robert Davis** summarizes report to Board of Supervisors submitted this past spring on the pavement management of County Roads. Notes that on a scale of 0 to 100, the system is currently at a 68. Need to pave 50 miles per year to keep pace. Funding inhibits work.

**Dave Flynn** notes that since the report, the Board has fully funded the pavement program at \$ 5.5 million this fiscal year and we'll be able to keep system at 68 or more. There are some roads that do not show cost/benefit in maintaining as paved roads, for example, Shell Creek Road is long paved road with low ADT. It is road we would look at letting go to gravel and then comeback and oil from time to time.

III. **Business**

a. **New Member Package**

**Robert Davis** asked for volunteers to a subcommittee which would develop a welcome package for new BAC members. **Josh Olejczak, Ed Goshorn, Frank Mullin** and **Barry Lewis** volunteer. **Ed** will chair. Public Works will support any package construction.

b. **Reclassification of Pozo Road from Class 3 to Class 2**

At the Unmet Bikeways hearings earlier this year, there was a request to develop Class 2 bike lanes on Pozo Road from Route 58 to Santa Margarita Lake Road. Public Works has reviewed the road and usage of the route and would concur that the County Bikeway Plan should be amended to include as Class 2. Santa Margarita Ranch is developing along Route 58 west of Pozo Road and would construct much of the shoulder. The County concluded paving on these limits and currently, Class 2 lanes could be marked from Route 58 to Las Pilitas Road. Widening to the lake is feasible.

**Marsha Lee** asks about Class 1 option as part of the development. **Dave Flynn** responses that there would be class 1 from new development into Santa Margarita but that the class 1 would not be

to the lake. **Ed Goshorn** notes that the bike plan is to list objectives, may not come to pass. **Josh Olejczak** moves for staff recommendation. **Ed Goshorn** seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

**c. Reclassification of Hazel Lane from Class 3 to Class 2**

**Dave Flynn** reviews plans to implement bike lanes in Nipomo this fiscal year, primarily on Division Street, South Frontage and Thompson, with funding from the South County Air Quality mitigation fund. This fund has been in place over the last ten years and is mitigation from building permits, about \$100 per permit. In reviewing the Nipomo area layout, Hazel Lane is of sufficient width to provide for Class 2 bike lanes and would provide a flat route between Tefft Street and Division Street. **Andy Mutziger** provides more history on the South County Air Quality Fund.

**Bruce Collier** moves for staff recommendation. **Josh Olejczak** seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

**d. Update to County Bikeway Project Ranking**

Reviewed previous discussion of adding in an “Environmental” criteria which reflects the level of environmental review needed to implement the bike lane. **Dave Flynn** passes out listing by class and the level of environmental work ranging from under \$1000 to over \$50,000. Notes that it is important to note that BTA applications require the environmental document to be submitted at the time of application and so this measure dictates what can be submitted. BTA application deadline is December 1, 2006, ideally this information would need to be reviewed by that date and the BAC take action for direction of BTA applications but time does not allow. BAC members need to review list and evaluate how this can affect future rankings.

**Robert Davis** clarifies the short time frames for application. **Josh Olejczak** states that Public Works should work off the previous list. **Josh** moves to have Public Works submit application at their discretion using existing list. **Barry Lewis** seconds. Motion passes.

Item needs to be discussed at future meeting to re-rank priorities.

**e. Discussions with Caltrans**

**Robert Davis** states he would like to use this forum to invite the new Caltrans District Director the BAC meeting review issues. Asks for level of interest and format. General discussion about what questions would be asked. **Dave Flynn** notes that other Advisory Councils also have concerns about State Routes and bikeways, perhaps we could solicit input from these other groups. **Robert Davis** suggest that members each develop questions. Return at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with information and determine follow-up letter to Caltrans. Will provide opportunity for District Director to attend. **Josh Olejczak** moves to develop letter at next meeting. **Frank Mullin** seconds. Motion carries.

**f. Review San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club requests to support Lighthouse Ride**

Caltrans requires letter of local support for rides affecting their facilities. San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club requests support from the BAC. **Josh Olejczak** moves to send letter to Caltrans. **Harry Lyons** seconds. Motion carries.

**g. Child Obesity**

**Josh Olejczak** moves for the interest of time to defer this item to future agenda. Provides article to be e mailed to members for review.

**h. Annual Election of Officers**

**Robert Davis** notes it is time under the bylaws to elect BAC chair and vice-chair. **Ed Goshorn** asks what restrictions there are to the positions. **Robert Davis** notes that position is limited to two consecutive years. That he and **Josh** have held position one year. **Ed Goshorn** moves to extend the current chair and vice-chair terms one year. **Harry Lyons** seconds. **Robert Davis** asks if nominees decline. They do not. Motion carries.

**IV. Information, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

**a. Status of Bike Lanes**

Item was deferred due to time constraints

**b. Future Agenda Items**

**Josh Olejczak** would like to see better meeting facility. Perhaps the new government center. He would also like to have item looking at Road Impact Fees or alternative to fund construction of the bikeway plan. **Josh** would also like to revisit the classification of Route 41 between Atascadero and Morro Bay. **Aileen Loe** will send a representative. He would also like to have Public Health Representative at next meeting to go over the deferred Child Obesity item.

## **V. Adjourn**

**Josh Olejczak** moves to adjourn the meeting. **Bruce Collier** seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 9:27 pm.

**Minutes by Dave Flynn, Secretary to the Bicycle Advisory Committee**