

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – February 13th, 2007 @ 7:00p.m.

County Government Center, Room 361
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

I. Call to Order/Thank You

II. Thank You

III. Roll Call

*Members: Chairmen Davis, Vice-Chair Olejczak, Carroll, Collier, Goshorn, Lee,
Lewis, Lyon, Lyons, Mullin*

Staff: Berry, DiLeo, Gillham, Hostetter, Mutziger, Olmsted

IV. Visitors, Guests and New Members

Welcome Mark Lyon!

V. Public Comment

VI. Approval of Minutes and Correspondence

a. Minutes of November 14th, 2006

The minutes of the November 14th, 2006 meeting are enclosed with the agenda package.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the November 14th, 2006 Minutes.

b. Circulate Contact Lists for Updates

The contact list will be coming around the meeting, please make sure you check your information and sign.

c. Thank You Card From Templeton Cycling Club

The Templeton Cycling Club sent there thanks to the BAC and County for installing Share the Road signs in the North County.

VII. Guest Presentations

a. Q&A for Caltrans Deputy District Director Aileen Loe

Aileen Loe will be at the meeting to answer questions from members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Below is the list of questions the BAC developed:

1. Long term view of Hwy 41 from Atascadero to Shandon. This is an interesting corridor, parts of it are used for the Wildflower and with better

- 2. shoulders it could connect a lot of the North County, east of Hwy 101
- 3. Ditto for Hwy 41 connection between Morro Bay and Atascadero
- 4. Letter from North Coast Advisory Council to Caltrans requesting work on getting Class II bike lanes north of San Simeon
- 5. Explanation of basic maintenance policies for bikeways on State highways.
- 6. What opportunities are available for shoulders and increased safety for riders on Hwy 227 from SLO to AG downtown?
- 7. When Caltrans workers or contractors place flag tripods or light generators or such on the shoulders, can they leave room for cyclists to get by?

VIII. Reports

a. *Status of BTA Applications*

BTA applications were mailed in early December 2006 for Vineyard Drive in Templeton and 22nd Street in Oceano. Grants are usually awarded in October.

b. *Child Obesity Task Force*

Barry volunteered to attend the workshop and will share information about the task force.

c. *New Members Orientation Packet*

Listed here are the contents of the new member packet as of December 2006. Ed will discuss the status and any modifications.

- 7. Welcome letter from County Bicycle Advisory Committee Chairperson
- 8. SLO BAC contact list (Most recent update)
- 9. Organizational Chart of BAC and other city/county/public entities (not completed)
- 10. Bylaws Policies and Procedures that the committee approved in February 2006.
- 11. County Bikeways Plan (2005 Update)
- 12. County Traffic Codes – Bikeways:
(<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PW/Traffic/Traffic+Codes2006.pdf>)
- 13. SLOCOG's Vision 2025 - Non-motorized Transportation:
(http://www.slocog.org/Library/PDF/Reports_Publications/4_Regional%20Trans%20Plan/2005%20Final%20RTP%20Components/Ch5_NonMotorized_Transportation.pdf)
- 14. "bicycling" in the Circulation Element of the County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan:
(<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PL/Elements/Transportation+Plan-1979.pdf>)
- 15. "bicycling" in the Bikeways Element of the Regional Transportation Plan:
(http://www.slocog.org/ecm/Publications_and_Reports/Regional_Transportation_Plan.html)
- 16. Copies of previous agenda's and staff reports unless posted on website
- 17. List of Acronyms

18. Other City Bike Plans
19. Brown Act Documentation
(http://ag.ca.gov/publications/2003_Intro_BrownAct.pdf)

d. California Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

On February 1st, 2007 there was a California Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting. Red will discuss at this meeting.

e. BAC Website and Archive Status

All meeting agendas, staff reports, and minutes have been compiled from 2003 to 2006 and date back to the meeting prior to when quorum wasn't met for two years.

A BAC website has been created, <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Traffic/BAC>. The bike plan, agendas, minutes, staff reports, and new member packet are currently being added to the site. Committee can discuss if future agenda packets should be provided on website and not mailed.

f. Letters to Advisory Committees and SLOCOG

The letter sent to SLOCOG requesting inter-regional bike lanes be studied in any regional transportation fee proposal or future sale-tax initiative is included in the agenda package.

Letters to Community Advisory Councils about pursuing an additional fee for bike lanes has not been completed. Elections for these committees occur in January. Staff is planning on sending the letters in March after the committee transitions have been completed.

g. Update on County Trails Plan and Bob Jones Trail

Jan from County Parks could not attend the meeting. Included in the agenda packet is a status report of current trail projects.

IX. Business

a. Review and approve committee's annual report to BOS - Robert

The committee's annual report is included in the agenda packet and Red will discuss.

b. Reclassification of Bennett Way to Class II Bike Lanes

Development has completed the construction of Bennett Way between Las Tablas Road and Peterson Ranch Road and includes 5' shoulders with curb and gutter. In the future Bennett Way will be a major north/south connector in Templeton with connections to Vineyard Drive, Las Tablas Road, and Theatre Drive.

When the Bike Plan was assembled, the future alignment of Bennett Way was not known and/or constructed. Attached is a map of the Templeton Area including existing and future bike lanes.

Staff Recommendation: Reclassify Bennett Way to a Class II facility between Las Tablas Road and Peterson Ranch Road.

c. *BAC Meeting Time Change*

To be discussed at the meeting.

d. *Quorum Check for May Meeting / Discuss Reschedule*

To be discussed at the meeting.

e. *Update to County Bikeway Project Ranking*

Members of the committee have ranked the project in their district and will present at the meeting. The criterion for ranking is listed below:

1. Consistency with other plans - Score 0 to 4 points
Projects rank higher which are consistent with other existing planning documents. These include the Regional Transportation Plan, the Circulation Element of the County General Plan, the Clean Air Plan and the County Trails Plan. This category is scored from 0 to 4, tallying the number of other plans found consistent.
2. Land uses served - Score 1 to 5 points
High priority is given to projects which connect or pass through existing schools, parks and commercial areas. Lower priority is given to those bikeways intended to serve potential future demand. Regional bikeways, those which connect population centers through the rural areas, are ranked according to the magnitude of the centers they connect.
3. Ease of environmental clearance - Score 1 to 5 points
Higher priority is given to those projects which can be more easily implemented. This involves considerations such as environmental impacts, right of way required, bridge construction, etc.
4. Need for improvement along the route - Score 1 to 5 points
This category includes an evaluation of the corridor for such factors as traffic volume and speed (and width of existing lanes for proposed Class II facilities) and distance and hazards involved in the necessary detour around a proposed Class I facility.
5. Cost - Score 1 to 5 points
Lower cost improvements are ranked higher in this category. Such projects will provide the greatest amount of improvement in the shortest time, i.e., the most bang for the buck during the early states of implementation of the Bikeways Plan.
6. Aesthetics/Recreation/Tourism value (ART) - Score 1 to 10 points
Members of the Committee evaluate each recommended bikeway for its scenic qualities, recreational opportunities and potential to attract bicycle tourism.

f. *Meeting/Discussion with Supervisors*

To be discussed at the meeting.

g. *Child Obesity Abatement*

Discussion by Josh Olejczak

h. Safety issue of glass being swept from roadway into bike lanes

Discussion by Josh Olejczak

i. Caution signs placed in bike lanes

Discussion by Josh Olejczak

j. Shall we invite city representatives to discuss bikeway interfaces between city and county

Discussion by Marsha Lee

k. Status of Bob Jones Trail through Avila Estates

X. Information , Announcements and Future Agenda Items

a. Status of Bike Lane Projects

- i. Route 101/Vineyard Drive – Construction on interchange and the roadway between Bennett Way to Main Street is schedule to begin in August of 2007. The BTA grant application would complete section from Bennett Way to Bethel Road.
- ii. Cambria Crosstown trail – This project has been delayed due to a Caltrans redesign on the flood control project. Best case for the project is summer 2008.
- iii. San Luis Bay Drive Bridge - This project will remove the at-grade crossing of the Bob Jones trail on San Luis Bay Drive and will construct undercrossing along the creek with a bridge replacement. Work will begin in April 2007. The trail crossing will remain open during construction which will last 18 months.
- iv. Price Canyon Road – Due to funding constraints, the project will construct only the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile section west of Route 227 and focuses on widening the bridges. Construction would begin in the summer of 2008. Additional federal funding sources are being sought to complete to improvements to Ormonde Road.
- v. Halcyon Road/Route 1 – Public Works is going to the Board of Supervisors on March 6. There are three environmentally superior alternatives, (1) the realignment project, (2) double roundabouts, and (3) offset signalized "T" intersections. Funding for the climbing lane improvements will not occur until after 2010 or 2012.
- vi. Route 101 Santa Maria Bridge Widening – SLOCOG has nominated this project as priority three for the region under CMIA, congestion management program funded from the bonds. It has a high probability of funding since it is in two counties. The CTC will act on these in March.

b. Future Agenda Items

XI. Adjourn until next meeting.