

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

STAFF REPORT – FEBRUARY 18TH, 7:00P.M.

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

1. Call to Order

2. Thank You

3. Roll Call

Members: Carroll, Collier, Davis (Vice-Chairperson), Goshorn, Lee, Lewis, Lyon, Mullin
(Chairperson), Olejczak, Van Orden
Staff: Black, DiLeo, Gillham, Hill, Hostetter, Mutziger, Olmsted (Secretary), Utter

4. Recognize Visitors and Guests

Welcome Ryan Chapman and Jean Anderson!

5. Public Comment

6. Reading and Approval of Minutes and Correspondence

a. Minutes of November 13th, 2007

The minutes of the November 13th, 2007 meeting have been provided on Page 7 of the agenda package.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the November 13th, 2007 Minutes.

b. Circulate Contact List for Updates

The contact list will be coming around the meeting, please make sure you check your information and sign. This sheet also acts a roll call. PLEASE SIGN.

7. Guest Presentations

a. Bike Month 2008 – Jaime

Jaime from Rideshare will update members on Bike Month 2008 including events and opportunities for participation.

b. Legislative Changes Affecting Cyclists - Ryan Chapman

To be discussed at the meeting. See Page 13 of the agenda package.

c. BikeEd 2009 Proposal – Jean Anderson

Jean will discuss the opportunities related to BikeEd 2009.

8. Reports

a. Helmet Safety Tags – Frank

To be discussed at the meeting. Subcommittee included, Frank Mullin, Robert Davis, and Bill Van Orden.

b. Reducing Obstacles for Bicycle Commuting – Robert/Andy

i. Showers and Bike Racks - Robert

To be discussed at the meeting. Subcommittee included, Robert Davis, Andy Mutziger, and Adam Fukushima of the Bicycle Coalition.

ii. Bus Bike Racks - Andy

Updates to be discussed at the meeting.

9. Business

a. Volunteerism For Trail Maintenance - Josh

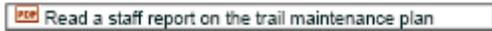
Discuss how to create volunteerism to support trail needs. The following article was in the Tribune in early February.

ECOSLO to take over coordination of some park volunteers

The county parks division says it has too little money and workers to manage all its volunteers

By Bob Cuddy

Faced with a bigger workload and not enough employees, the county parks division is trying something new: outsourcing some of its work to a local volunteer group.



The Board of Supervisors last week approved a contract that allows parks manager Pete Jenny to bring in the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County to manage its volunteers, who put in more than 50,000 hours a year.

As part of the arrangement, supervisors agreed to accept three trails — the Vineyard trail and parkland in Templeton, and the Knollwood and Callender Grove trails in Nipomo. They will be the first trails to fall under the purview of the new ECOSLO-led volunteers.

The trails offer a mix of walking, bicycling, equestrian, stroller access, "you name it," Jenny said.

The agreement includes 5.5 miles of trails, 17 miles of trail easement and 3 acres of parkland, a staff report said.

Jenny has often said his department doesn't have money to maintain trails, even though "we've got outstanding offers of dedication throughout the county."

At the same time, volunteers offer thousands of hours of their time, but there is not enough coordination.

"We could get to 100,000 hours (of volunteer time) without breathing hard," Jenny said — except that his budget does not allow for a volunteer coordinator.

Mike Winn of the Nipomo Community Services District asked that the equestrian group Ride Nipomo get the contract. But, while praising Ride Nipomo, supervisors said they wanted a broader, countywide approach.

"We're looking for a mechanism by which we can maintain all our parks and trails in the county," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Patterson.

Supervisor Katcho Achadjian suggested that ECOSLO and Ride Nipomo work together, with ECOSLO getting the contract.

Jenny estimated the cost at no more than \$25,000 but added that would not be money added to the budget; instead, he would defer maintenance on some restrooms, he said.

Jenny said he could not do the work with his current staff, even with deferred maintenance, because his staff has done as much as it can adding volunteer coordination to its other duties. It is time to either add staff or outsource to a group such as ECOSLO, he said.

The contract also could allow ECOSLO to raise money for parks and trail projects, environmental education and interpretive programs, Jenny said.

b. Sharing the Right-of-Way Between Class I and II Facilities - Ed

The item was previously discussed at the joint BAC/Trails committee meeting (see Page 11). Noted in that discussion was that Class I and Class II facilities serve different users and that Class I facilities also serve alter non-motorized modes. Also noted, was that each corridor needs to be explored on its own and there is no magic answer.

Class II bike lanes are the “shoulder” of the road, except no parking is allowed within the 4’ or 5’ bike lane. In the current SLO County standards most roads with a future ADT greater than 3000+ would have adequate shoulder with for bike lanes. The right of way is utilized with or without bike lanes. Some of the conflicting Class I/Class II corridors include:

Corridor	Document	Notes
Vineyard Dr.	County Bikeways Plan	Class II facilities from Main Street to Highway 46
	Circulation Study	References County Bikeways Plan
	Parks and Recreation Element	No Trail or Bike Path shown on Vineyard Dr
	Future ADT/County Standard Shoulder	7300-15600/8’ shoulders (Rural), 5’ bike lanes (Urban)
LOVR	County Bikeways Plan	Class II facilities from SLO CL to Montana De Oro
	Circulation Study	References County Bikeways Plan
	Parks and Recreation Element	Bike Path from Park to Montana De Oro
	Future ADT/County Standard Shoulder	5000-23000/8’ shoulders (Rural), 5’ bike lanes (Urban)
Mission St.	County Bikeways Plan	Class II facilities from Highway 101 North to Highway 101 South
	Circulation Study	No Community Study
	Parks and Recreation Element	San Miguel Trail Corridors
	Future ADT/County Standard Shoulder	4250/5’ bike lanes (Urban), standard along would guarantee bike lane width

Additional conflicts include El Camino Real existing Class II facilities versus proposed trail and existing Bob Jones Trail with proposed Class II facilities on Avila Beach Drive. Committee could consider a category for adjacent facilities in bikeway ranking.

c. BAC Start Time - Frank

Discuss moving the BAC meeting start time to 6PM instead of 7PM.

d. Development Fees for Funding Bikeways Projects - Josh

Josh would like to revisit this item. Previously a letter was sent in May 2007 to all community advisory committees regarding alternative funding options for Bicycle Facilities. Public Works did not receive any responses from the committees.

10. Information, Announcements and Future Agenda Items

a. Status of Bike Lane Projects – Michelle

- i. Route 101/Vineyard Drive – The project will widen and improve Vineyard Drive between Ashton and Main Street to provide center turn lanes as well as bike lanes

and pedestrian facilities. The construction contract has been awarded and construction will begin in March.

- ii. Cambria Cross-town 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 – The bridge was opened in late December 2007. The Bob Jones Trail is open and cyclists no longer have an at-grade crossing with San Luis Bay Drive.
- iv. Price Canyon Road –The project will construct the first ¾ mile section west of Route 227 and focuses on widening the bridges. Construction is planned in late 2008 pending Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Coordination.
- v. Halcyon Road/Route 1 – Phase 1A of the project will widen and overlay Halcyon Road south of SR 1. The contract for Phase 1A was awarded in December 2007. Construction will begin in March 2008. Phase 1 of the project will add an additional bridge north of the existing SR 1 bridge over Arroyo Grande Creek and the widening of SR 1 east and west of Arroyo Grande Creek
- vi. South Bay Rumble Strips – Project on-hold or dead. Any “bump” or “dip” is a hazard for cyclists.
- vii. Thompson and Division Bike Lanes – Project will facilitate striping of bike lanes on Division Street between South Frontage Road and Orchard Road and Thompson Avenue between Tefft Street and the Nipomo High School. Road widening has been completed crews will sign and strip when weather permits.

b. Joint BAC/Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – Michelle

The meeting minutes from the joint BAC/Trail Committee meeting are attached to the agenda package (Page 11)

c. Los Osos Valley Road Corridor Study – Michelle

No formal public meeting for the Corridor Study has been held. Project updates are presented at the Los Osos Community Advisory Council meetings.

d. Future Agenda Items

- i. Committee By-Laws/Appendix G Rankings – Michelle
Staff will work with chair and vice chair to amend discrepancies in bylaws also discuss bicycle priority ranking.
- ii. Annual Report - Frank

11. Adjourn until next meeting.