

San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee
FINAL Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St. Room 161/162, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

The Bicycle Advisory Committee promotes the expanded use of bicycle transportation by working together with County staff to develop the County Bikeways Plan, reviewing the Plan and presenting a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for its adoption; by reviewing the policies and programs related to bicycling in the Circulation Element of the County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan and making recommendations on the goals and their implementation to the Board of Supervisors; and by reviewing the policies and programs related to bicycling in the Bikeways Element of the Regional Transportation Plan and providing input to the Board of Supervisors on the goals and their implementation.

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

2. **Combined meeting of Bicycle Advisory Committee and Trail Advisory Committee**

3. **Roll Call**

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Heidi Wicka (District 1), **VACANT (District 1)**, Josh Olejczak (District 2), **Aaron Linn (District 2) (ABSENT)**, Dale Sutliff (Chairperson, District 3), Myron "Skip" Amerine (Vice Chairperson, District 3), Bill Kennedy (District 4), Rob Horch (District 4), Claudia Callwood (District 5) , Ed Goshorn (District 5)

Trails Committee

Skip Dyke, Gary Felsman, Helene Finger, Nancy Graves, Charolette Gorton, Kathy Longacre (chair), Debbie Lyon, Shelia Patterson, Kelli Schonher, Bruce Hilton (District 3 Park and Recreation Commissioner)

Staff/Guests

Andy Mutziger, Air Pollution Control District
Steve McMaster, County Planning & Building
Mike Poelking, CHP
Dave Flynn, County Public Works,
John DiNunzio, Rich Murphy , Stephen Hanamaikai,SLOCOG
Megan Syfan
Lea Brooks
Kevin Christian

4. **Introductions**

5. **Public Comment**

Megan Syfan, resident of Los Osos, thought the Los Osos Valley Road Class I trail was to be on the agenda tonight. Seeks that it be discussed at next meeting as is vital link for community.

6. **BAC-TAC Business and Discussion Items**

(a) **Class I Trail requirements**

Dale Sutliff introduces the topic of having one standard for Class I trails. Shaun Cooper presents the trail standard out of the Park and Recreation Element (PRE). Skip Amerine proposes to accept the Highway Design Manual (HDM) requirements from Caltrans. The

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standard provides for 25 mph sight distance. Requires 12 foot paved width with two foot graded shoulders on either side. Wishes to add clear setbacks for trees to provide sight distance and vertical clearance. What to get to a final version with TAC for major corridors. Bruce Hilton points out good example in the American River trail in Sacramento. That has 12 foot paved with four foot graded shoulders. Dale indicates the current Bob Jones trail is undersized for its use. Eight foot minimum on current paths. That may be need for exceptions but no general paths. Kathy Longacre that main trails need 8-10 feet. Lesser standard on small paths. Suggests having subcommittee of both groups come up with ideas to refer to future TAC meeting. Claudia Callwood agrees. Shaun Cooper clarifies width. PRE established need to follow HDM for funding requirements. Looking for flexibility. Bob Jones EIR defines 12 foot minimum but some Class I would not need to be 12 foot (Such as Santa Margarita to Garden Farms trail). Dale suggests we ask for input from other agencies. Kevin Christian advises to be careful on definitions. He advocates adopting the HDM standards for agency liability. Having a "sub" Class I facility will not provide width for multiple users. Notes inconsistency in existing policy if use PRE as is. Lea Brooks says chaos on trails is due to lack of width. This is aggravated by folks who already do not follow the rules. City of San Luis Obispo is working on this issue as well. Points out conflicts on the Bob Jones trail along Blue Herron drive with conflicts with golf carts. Also, issue with homeless encampments. Bruce Hilton notes there is no PRE update forthcoming and Shaun Cooper says there is no need to update. Josh Olejczak advocates for the PRE update in the General Plan as it is need for conditioning future development. Steve McMaster concurs that you need a strong PRE in order to exact conditions on development. Andy Mutziger says that Parks can use HDM, suggests joint letter from TAC/BAC chairs that when PRE is updated move to HDM standard. Kathy Longacre asks Dale Sutliff to bring forward item to Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) with joint letter signed by both of them. Skip Amerine moves trail standard be removed and refer to HDM standard in the PRE. No second. Dale Sutliff moves for both chairs to create joint letter for presentation to the PRC. Bruce Hilton seconds and suggests to talk to County Counsel. Voice vote. Pass unanimously.

(b) Trail Rules

General discussion on applicable vehicle code on trails. Skip notes posting on American River trail. Currently there is no adopted County ordinance to enforce vehicle code on trails. Park Rangers are not sworn officer for ticketing under vehicle code. Skip provides list of vehicle code references. Do to time constraints, no action is taken on this item. Committee tables for future consideration.

7. Presentation : Atascadero-Templeton Connector Trail Status

Elizabeth Kavanaugh presents the current status of the trail. Indicates limits and right of way boundaries. Underpass structure under railroad. Runs by Templeton CSD ponds and then a 200 foot steel bridge over Paso Robles Creek into existing residential tract (behind Home Depot). Skip Amerine asks how wide the bridge will be; will it be stable for riders? Elizabeth says 10-12 feet but not set yet. Andy Mutziger says it would be good to put in a permanent counter for use. Parks will look into that. Lea Brooks inquiries about having ground breaking ceremony. Elizabeth will go through advisory councils and meeting with High School officials. TAC is concerned with equestrian area parking and access to trailhead. Dale Sutliff indicates this is a key community to community link. Josh Olejczak asks about how to separate users from autos (motorcycles/dirt bikes) on trail. Wants no bollards. Dale Sutliff notes Goleta trail example. Looks for continuous yellow strip.

Bicycle and Trails Committee adjourn to their separate meeting

8. Approval of November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Meeting Minutes are approved with one

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revision; Under SLOCOG staff report, note that the \$ 100,000,000 is from SB1 funding statewide and not coming directly to SLOCOG. Motioned by Skip Amerine. Seconded by Josh Olaczak. All in favor.

9. **Committee/Staff Reports**

I. CHP Public Information Officer (Mike Poelking):

- Noted one collision with bicyclist occurring on November 20th. Minor injury collision involved golf cart at Avila. Lea Brooks mentions that Blue Herron Drive is posted at 25 mph.
- Encourages reporting on roadway conditions or drivers to contact CHP office or County roads. Dale Sutliff specifies that obstacles in shaded area of road troublesome for cyclist such as pinecones. CHP notes that difficult during this time of year when sun is directly to west-east in the early morning hours.
- Responds to vehicle code list handed out by Skip, that enforcement would need to be arranged.

II. BAC Chairperson (Dale Sutliff) :

- Announced that Aaron Lin, District 2 BAC member, has resigned.
- There is a new District 1 member, Robin Culver, who would be at May meeting.
- District 4 has one vacancy. Encourage applications through Supervisors office for appointment.

III. County Public Works (Dave Flynn):

- Our CAO's office is working on strategic plan for regional plan to meet regional housing goals. Will develop capital improvement plan to support. Reaching out to all the cities to coordinate.
- Main Street, Templeton has been paved and bike lanes added. Will be taking item to Board in May for ordinance to add Main Street bike lanes, the additional bike lanes on Price Canyon from Ormonde to Route 227, and to do the correction on Mission Street in San Miguel approved by BAC in November.
- Dale ask about projects in near term, two year horizon. County is working on a Buckley Road corridor study to look at preliminary engineering for widening.
- County Standards will go to the Board for approval this summer after we incorporate storm water requirements

IV. APCD (Andy Mutziger):

- Reports that APCD Board did not adopt a proposal which was staff incentive to pay for use of alternative transportation(\$ 2 per day). Something to look at repackaging in the future working with SLOCOG on a countywide incentive.
- Cal poly has master plan they are distributing soon. Working on TDM to incentivize alternative modes (15 cents per day).
- SB 32 and SB 375 legislation for reduction on GHG. APCD is getting about \$600,000 in those funds and looking to fund zero emission and alternative fuel vehicles. Looking at potential \$ 1M in coming year.
- Skip Amerine brings up potential for shower facilities Andy Mutziger notes that is good avenue to pursue for individual businesses.

V. County Parks (Elizabeth Kavanaugh):

- Feedback on master plan that Cal Poly is working on is Chorro Valley Trail. Cal Poly has not shown interest. Concern about impact to Ag lands, do not want people in those areas. Would like them to consider offset on reduction to GHG under their master plan. APCD is working with Cal Poly on this issue. Parks will provide information to APCD. Dale Sutliff notes past attempts at their master plans.
- Bob Jones is at 30% construction documents. Seeking transportation grants.

- Morro-Bay-Cayucos connector. Will need Chevron to chime in on the plans before it can move forward to Coastal Commission staff for review. Need concurrence of land owner.
- Atascadero-Templeton connector. Close to completing the NEPA and CEQA documents. Would be looking for right of way to start. Construction would start ideally around Spring 2021. SLOCOG notes there could be an advancement of funding if ready.

VI. SLOCOG (Stephen Hanamaikai):

- Reviews ATP Cycle 3 and 4 score results. Bob Jones trail ranked much higher in cycle 4. Got good feedback from CTC staff on application scores and picked up pointers for Cycle 5.
- Discusses programming cycle upcoming this year. Will seek direction from SLOCOG Board on advancing trail design or construction. Would get initial programming in June for final in December. See if they can become
- Caltrans ATP plan is focused on State Highway system but is looking for improvements which can have bikeways. Also looking at maintenance needs. Will be doing public outreach.
- The Draft Regional Transportation Plan is out for public review and closes in early April. There is an ATP chapter which aligns with work of BAC. Class 1 specifically. Reflection of local policies.
- Congressman Carbajal is on the Public Works committee. Earmarks are in discussion again so they can grant funds to specific projects.

VII. County Planning and Building (Steve McMasters):

- Has no new referrals. Status report on existing? No change from previous discussion.
- Dale notes we have had only one referrals since the last meeting. Steve will review with the various group and project managers in planning to broaden considerations.
- Members would like to review the referrals to chime in on what's going on in their Districts. Steve will work on showing navigating the system.
- Discussion on event permits. Impacts still evaluated by professional consultants; no real track record on impacts.

VIII. Caltrans – No report

8. **BAC Business & Discussion**

a. US Route 95

Discussion from previous meeting was what the City of SLO determines as the preferred route. Morro Bay has already adopted. The City ATP committee will need to determine. BAC would then act on the route accordingly. Dale discusses options for moving forward. Josh Olejczak notes that wind is challenge on the LOVR routing. Skip indicates a straight shot into City of SLO is preferred by interregional cyclists. Skip moves to sign primary route(Route 1) and alternate route(LOVR-South Bay), second Claudia Callwood. Approved, unamionously.

b. Ontario Road Speed Limit, Higuera Street to San Luis Bay Drive

Currently no speed limit is posted. When not posted, the speed limit is 55 mph. Dave Flynn presents speed survey data which would support a 50 mph under the vehicle code. The speed survey has been done three times so will not get a different result. Comes down to whether to post or not for that 5 mph differential. Posting provides for enforcement. Drivers do not change their behavior even when posted. The segment of Ontario Road from San Luis Bay Drive to Avila beach Drive is posted 45 mph and is based on speed survey. Study supports the lower posting there. Concerns

about congestion around Johnson Ranch. Suggestion is to post that curve for an advisory speed limit. Looking to clean up the parking in that area with the City of SLO Natural Resource manager. Skip mentions narrowness of bridge on South Higuera Street. Skip Arimine moves to post for 50 MPH, seconded by Claudia Callwood. Skip notes this is top ranked Class II on the Bike Plan to be accomplished. Approved unanimously.

c. **Project Updates**

Los Berros Road, from Pomeroy Road to Quailwood Avenue is in design and funded by federal safety grant. Go to construction in 2020 to add six foot shoulders. Also, looking to place all-way stop at San Luis Bay Drive at Ontario Road and install early June.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- a. Los Osos Valley Road Class I bike path
- b. Countywide traffic signal bike detectors – future is to have video detection capability
- c. Navigating Planning & Building website to review referrals.

10. **Adjourn - Next meeting – May 14, 2019**