

**Meeting Minutes
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON

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 present 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. ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
VACANT	1	-
VACANT	1	
Josh Olejczak (Vice Chair)	2	<u>YES</u>
VACANT	2	-
Jim DeCecco	3	<u>YES</u>
Myron "Skip" Amerine (Chair)	3	<u>YES</u>
Robert Horch	4	<u>NO</u>
Darrin Hasham	4	<u>YES</u>
Ed Goshorn	5	<u>YES</u>
VACANT	5	-

4 / 7 members required to reach quorum

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENT *(Limit to 4 minutes; any Q&A from BAC)*

Members of the audience wishing to address the Committee on pertinent matters other than scheduled agenda items may do so when recognized by the Chair. Upon recognition by the Chair, please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. The Committee cannot discuss any matter unless it is listed on the agenda, in accordance with the Brown Act. The Committee may agendaize these matters for future consideration.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please visit the County BAC website to submit your public comments in advance: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

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Bruce Hilton – Discusses CalBike flier about Quick Build and protected bike trails. Wants to build a coalition of people to advocate for build quick paths. Potential agenda item for next meeting.

Skip – I am interested. Lea & Jim interested as well

Lea – Recommended city of SLO to adopt quick build. Should agenda for next meeting. Does current bike plan allow this? What would it take to build class 4 / quick build if bike plan does not have it. Can you build class 4 if its not in the bike plan?

Skip – We need to update the plan. It's been 10 years! We want to convert to an active transportation plan

Bruce – I will take this to the board, Idea of quick build is so you don't get stuck in plan

Skip – Quick build does not mean class 1 – it's cost efficient.

Jim – When will Caltrans resurface hwy 1 connecting frontage street? From Vantana grill to Dolover in Pismo? That stretch of road is almost unrideable.

Scott (CalTrans Engineer) – We will start in March at Mattie Rd under crossing where route 1 stops and then going all the way through Shell Beach.

Jim – I am on the Safe Routes to School Committee at Oceano Elementary School and want to see minor changes with design on 19th st at Oceano Elementary regarding the drainage project.

Riley –I believe this is a CSD project. I'll ask around and get a contact for this project. I am planning on doing some signage and striping clean up on that roadway but is not related to the drainage project.

Jim – Expresses concern over safety for pedestrians.

Josh O – Do we no longer get notifications from public works? Shouldn't this project be one of those alerts for us to know of?

Multiple – Is there a way to create a system to notify the BAC of project?

Riley – I can add you to my personal spreadsheet for notifications / referrals. I will inquire about our notification system.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS (10 minutes max; agendize lengthier items)

A. County Public Works

1. Projects of Interest

-Los Berros @ Dale

Riley – additional scope added to project – additional 500ft of class 2 facilities. Construction at 60-90% per project manager.

Debbie – Question about work on LOVR – will striping be extended up into Los Osos? The striping is difficult to see and is a safety issue.

Riley – Josh Roberts is the best point of contact for this.

Skip/Debbie – There is now a buffered bike lane and would like to see into town.

-County Overlay in Nipomo area

Riley - various street overlayed, Los Berros, LOVR , and neighborhood streets

Kimberly – Question about Los Berros – From Stanton towards Oceano will any of that be widened?

Riley –Considering level of completion, the limits of this project have been established. This does not mean that future widening is out of the question.

Jim – how wide are the lanes? Reducing lane width is an affective traffic calming measure.

Skip – Foothill to LOVR they took 1 foot out of vehicular lane and added it to the bike lane.

B. CHP

Patrick - 1 fatality since October (12/22). Every 15 mins program at Coast Union High School

Skip – Dog issues / accident? Is that Sherrif?

Josh O – Inquired about personal report/ cycling accident.

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Patrick – Templeton CHP does not patrol the area that occurred. I do not have report.

C. Caltrans

6.7. Bailey – Cycle 2 Clean CA kick off day! Program funds cleaning and beautifying spaces. Deadline is April 28th at 5pm. 2-3 workshops to be posted on website once scheduled.

1. HWY 58 Improvements

- Project website <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1j970>

Scott – Presentation on Santa Margarita 58 capital improvement project. From I ST to Route 229. Pavement preservation project. Overlay, dikes will be replaced. Sidewalks will be added in town.

Jim – Is there a destination out there? Could there have been a two-way class 1 bike way?

Scott – There was input on this from bicyclists. We are moving trees and utilities further from the roadway. 15 poles moved and 25 trees to be removed.

Andy – Flood issues in this location is there a possibility of permeable sidewalk?

Scott – We are maintaining the drainage facilities there. The water should shed off sidewalk. Will be doing sliver takes on a few properties.

Skip – Providing clarification on segment use (Tourists, cyclists). Concern about boat traffic and cyclists getting ran off road. This shoulder should help a lot. Please give Riley a link to project website.

Lea – Can Bike turnouts be added?

Bruce – 227 going south - rumble strips were put out there what are the long-term efforts to improve safety?

Skip – Provided clarification on rumble strips vs mumble strips. Would be nice to see the use of mumble strips continued.

Andy – 227 discussion: Rumble strips are 1ft from white line. Hard to ride in bike lane.

Jim: People complained about rumble strips due to cars being noisy to residents. Rumble strips act as a barrier. I hope Caltrans would move strips towards white line to make strips narrower and less deep.

Scott – 6” wide stripe that will be under the stripe will be district standard.

Skip – The Cambria issue is due to the road doing turns and is noisy.

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B. Air Pollution Control District

Andy - Ebike Lending program opening on 19th of February at Old Bike Foundation On Moro St. Pilot project for Ebike incentive - goes live this Spring.

Skip - comment about bike library location

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C. County Parks

Sean – Bob Jones= Working through conceptual construction at 65%, going to board in April to get through rest of construction. Negotiations with property owners in March. Have funding through ATP will get through to construction. Go out to bid for construction at end of 2025.

Morro Bay – About 65% construction document. Coastal permit process is going to board end of Feb. State and City will have one coastal development permit.

Templeton to Atown Connector – Public works project. Currently planning trail to cross railroad (over). Apply for new ATP grant for construction.

Jim – Why did they oppose going underneath?

Sean - Railroad does not want anything that will potentially compromise their infrastructure.

Skip - Concern about homeless camping in tunnel if trail were to go underneath tracks.

Lea - Timeline for grant?

Sean – I will check with public works on the timeline for that.

E- Josh – Will the bridge be ADA compliant? – Yes!

D. County Planning & Building

F- Matt – Referrals for projects Skip is point person and has been sent a few

E. SLOCOG

G-F. N/A

G. BAC Chairperson

H. Skip – Still trying to update existing plans and top 40 projects. Bike ways plan should have been updated 5 years ago. Go back to June 2nd meeting minutes and look at list of items to be added to plan. We don't have pedestrian plan or anything.

I. Deborah – Comments about making changes to Bike plan to become an active Transportation Plan. Ranking criteria “ranking methodology does not recognize needs of all stakeholders)” Typically ranking is based on getting to point A to B, not for pleasure in residential areas.

J. Lea – New board and opportunity to be recognized. I suggest meeting with them.

H.K. Skip – We need to get vacancies filled to go to each supervisor.

7.8. PRESENTATIONS (10-12 minutes max)

TBD

8.9. BAC BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

- A. Action Item – HWY 58 Improvements
 - a. Comments and recommendations from committee
- B. District 1 Vacancy (seeking new applicant)
- C. Los Osos Valley Road Improvements
 - a. Resurfacing, buffered fog line, Class II bike facilities.
 - b. Addition of rumble strips?
- D. Bicycle Safety Focus Within the County
 - a. Alternative travelers on roadway
 - b. <https://slate.com/technology/2023/01/bike-helmets->

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[cyclist-deaths-do-you-need-to-wear.html](#)

Ed – Ebikes / electric bike are a new age thing that needs to be considered. Asking people to invest in helmets without investing in infrastructure. Fear of the vehicle that prevents more bicycling. What is our job in providing a safe culture?

Skip – 79% of fatalities on bicycles were head injuries in the 80s. Speaks to personal experience. While the helmet is important, so is the infrastructure.

Kimberly – Speaking to her own experience. Helmet saved her life. The infrastructure could be better.

Deborah – There is a culture shift. The streets need to tailor to more than just cars.

Jim – Any discussion about helmets falls under victim blaming and not something we should address as a committee. Our job is to improve infrastructure.

Skip – Talks about reading an article where someone was hit and sued driver. Case was won but, judge reduced damages since she was not wearing a helmet.

- E. Progress on moving forward with actions and advisory items from BAC over the last 5 years with regards to Bicycling, Walking and ADA issues in County
 - a. BAC minutes of Feb. 19, 2019, Action items.
 - b. For Reference see June 2, 2016 BAC Meeting Minutes:
<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee/Minutes/2016/2016-06-02-BAC-Minutes.pdf>
 - c. [Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee/Minutes/2016/2016-06-02-BAC-Minutes.pdf](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Committees-Programs/Bicycle-Advisory-Committee/Minutes/2016/2016-06-02-BAC-Minutes.pdf)
 - d. Updating Bikeways Plan for 2016 (5 year update)
 - e. Update and Board of Supervisors action on Ranking criteria (Methodology) and top 40 Projects ranking.
 - f. Request to transition from Bikeways Plan to an Alternative Transportation Plan (ATP) for the County.
 - g. SB 932, SB 922, AB2147 and AB1909.
- F. Review and Update to Committee Bylaws
 - a. Revise meeting attendance requirements, as needed

9.10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items are to be submitted to the BAC chair and secretary no later than two (2) weeks ahead of the scheduled meeting. Requests shall include the desired recommendation, discussion, and any other items to be included into the meeting agenda.

Skip – Can Staff talk about Quick Builds, Buffered bike lane, protected bike lane (Public Works). Are these allowed in current plan?

Skip / Jim - Update on HWY 1 in Pismo from Vantana to Dolover for next meeting

Josh O– Revisit Caltrans rumble strips vs mumble strips, when are they used and incorporation with Bike Lane. Can a buffered bike lane be incorporated with this section? Wants more referrals from all agencies sent to BAC would like whole Committee to get referrals. Wants discussion or research from engineer about flashing lights and how they captivate peoples attention. What are the negative impacts?

Darrin – there’s been a lot of Study as applied to driving through tunnels

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11. ADJOURN

~~10,12.~~ Moved to adjourn - unanimous

Future Meetings

- May 9th 2023
- August 8th 2023
- November 14th 2023

Attachments:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes
2. BAC Contact List
3. Article “The Cult of Bike Helmets”