

**AGENDA**  
**San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, August 8th, 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	-
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Josh Olejczak (Vice Chair)	2	no
Arron Linn	2	yes
Jim DeCecco	3	yes
Myron "Skip" Amerine (Chair)	3	yes
Kimberley Victor	4	yes
Darrin Hasham	4	yes
Ed Goshorn	5	no
Gary Kirkland	5	yes

*5 / 8 members required to reach quorum*

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Skip** – new members introductions

**Gary** – Speaks to his personal cycling experiences in Atascadero and around Calpoy

**Arron** – Grew up on Santa Rosa Creek Rd, cycling is his passion, started Cambria Bike Kitchen nonprofit. Gets kids on bikes. Looking forward to lending himself to this position – thank you/ honor to Red Davis who appointed him initially many years ago.

**Kimberley** – Comments about cyclist experience with her husband. Mentioned non-profit bike raffle, benefits go towards domestic violence awareness.

**4. APPROVAL OF MAY 9TH, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – movement to approve, **Darrin** moves, **Jim** second, 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

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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>

**Kimberley** – Comment about DMV involvement with driver / cyclist awareness. Met with senator Laird regarding making cyclist awareness/safety a larger part of DMV tests. Cyclist safety/ awareness needs to be a part of the driving test.

**Skip** – Bike related questions & guidance is on the test and pamphlet.

**Jim** – Thank you to County Public Works for improvements around Oceano Elementary!

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

### A. County Public Works

#### i. Projects of Interest

- LOVR Corridor Study (to be presented)
- Buckley Road Corridor Study

**Jake** – Board meeting on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> item will be consolidating all funding and settlement agreements. Essentially the funding package for the corridor plan.

**Lea** – Is that consent?

**Jake** – Yes, only for funding package approval.

### B. CHP

**Patrik** – February to Today [August 8<sup>th</sup>]: Provided update on Templeton CHP collisions involving cyclists.

**Skip** – please email me the crash info so I can present it to SLOCOG in October. We are trying to connect bike related injuries to collision reports.

### C. Caltrans - not present

### D. Air Pollution Control District

**Andy** - working on CEQA guidelines for greenhouse gasses based on CalEEMod. Tool that is used to evaluate new land use development and air quality/ greenhouse gas impacts from those developments. We then use our CEQA data to determine if there is a need for mitigation. A new tool has been imbedded into CalEEMod that provides mitigation measures and benefits, these are generally bike related (example bike lanes, bike parking). We will be using this tool to better quantify these mitigation measures.

**Skip** – I'm looking forward to seeing how Bike Lanes help with air. What does the increased temp do for air quality?

**Andy** – Hotter the temperature higher the Ozone levels. State is in the process of reevaluating the Ozone standards, this will probably throw out our attainment depending on how much they lower it... We are partnering with SLOCOG on a VMT mitigation bank. SB 743 asking new development to reduce VMT by 15% relative to Countywide averages. Applied for CALTRANS Sustainable Transportation grant and was awarded. Now in the process of evaluating proposals from two different consulting firms. Part of mitigation measures are bicycle related like adding lanes and will be quantified within modules and tools if we do fund the mitigations.

**Skip** – comment about electric busses and how they affect VMT.

**Andy** - APCD is funding three electric busses and working with RTA and SLO Transit to install chargers.

**Arron** – How does the 15% reduction in VMT affect places like Cambria where consumer resources are limited?

**Andy** – It's based on a bank/exchange system. Some projects can contribute while other projects can draw from the bank.

**Jake** – VMT mitigation banking or exchange programs are designed to help rural communities develop. Allows for offset so that development is feasible in these rural areas.

### E. County Parks

**Shaun** – Bob Jones Pathway: working through construction documents. Board item to be taken on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to extend consultant services to get through 90% construction. Fully funded with ATP grant totaling \$18.25 million. Construction planned for 2025. Negotiating for easements, ROW is working on it.

Morro Bay to Cayucos – \$7 million ATP grant, working through Coastal development permit process. Starting construction in FY 24/25.

Templeton to Atascadero town connector – change scope to over the railroad. Meeting with Templeton CSD to discuss realignment of the project. Environmental to be updated. New ATP grant application in 24/25

**Andy** – Similar to scale of the Jennifer st bridge?

**Shaun** - Yes very similar

**Lea** - How did you get the railroad to negotiate with going over?

**Shaun** – Time, their policies changed, and it was the only thing they would consider.

**Lea** – This is great news, thank you!

### F. County Planning & Building – not present

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## G. SLOCOG

**John Dinunzio** – award from state Trade Corridor Program, Pismo congestion relief project to put in a 3<sup>rd</sup> managed lane on Hwy 101 from Avila Beach Drive to Pismo. \$65 million award from the state to build that lane. We will be extending Shell Beach pathway from Shell Beach to Avila Beach Drive as a part of the project package.

**Jim** – Who will design the path?

**John Dinunzio** – The city of Pismo will lead this project and the design. Salud Carbajal earmarked \$800K for preliminary work for Edna Valley trail from Tank Farm up 227 for trail improvements. Idea is to build this path in conjunction with the intersection improvements along the 227. Avila Beach Drive improvements with roundabout to go out to construction very soon. New roundabout with shared parking, park n ride, and solar parking.

**Jim** – is Pismo working with county on the design of Shell Beach trail? Where will it go to?

**John D** – Yes, they are working together. The trail will connect where the roundabout/improvements are planned for. \*Passes out cards for US 101 North County corridor master plan\* US 101 North County Corridor plan covers from top of the Cuesta Grade to San Miguel and will be looking at everything up and down the corridor. Will also include the 46 East to Jardine Rd because of the city of Paso Robles development. Next Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Paso Robles for Union rd overcrossing will be reviewing environmental documents. Working on regional safety plan policy to go to board in October for “a road to zero” essentially a vision zero policy – zero roadway injuries/deaths by 2050. October 4<sup>th</sup> is SLO Safe Streets Safety Forum at Ludwick Center. Shortfall for transportation revenue for county so SLOCOG is looking to put measure on ballot for generating funds for infrastructure.

**Skip** – Sales Tax initiative: comprehensive package regarding the tax revenue – try to make it broad so everyone thinks they get a piece of it for their local traffic issues. Can we get another 5-year data from hospitals for bike related injuries and collisions?

**John D** – emergency services will be presenting at SLO Safe Streets and showing all the ambulance data.

**Jeff Bartel** - how much tax increase?

**John D** - we would expect about \$32-35 million, estimating a quarter cent for x amount of years. We have done 10 years in the past but could do 20 years.

**Andy** - SLOCOG did a great job on the past ballot for the sales tax, very close to passing. This tax is vital for infrastructure and development.

**Skip** – When can I get the Bikeways Plan Updated or switch to an ATP plan?

**John D** - You should ask the county to request funding from SLOCOG in the Fall.

**Lea** - Question about Shell Beach – will project eliminate existing Class 2 bike lane?

**John D** – That is a great question, this project is very new/young so that is something to be up.

**Jim** – my understanding is that the trail will be more of a multi-use path.

## H. BAC Chairperson

Reminder: BAC Chair and Vice Chair elections in November

**Skip** – reminder that my term as chair ends next meeting, I can be vice chair or there can be two new. Diablo Cyn draft EIR, send ideas for how that property should be used for bike use within 1 week. Now is the time to act.

**Chuck** – It is a lengthy document - the executive summary is a great place to start/ finish.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS (10-12 minutes max)

### A. Bob Jones Trail – Avila Beach Resort Improvements

**Chuck Stevenson** – Brief introduction to project

**Rob Rossi (presenter)** – Began presentation with history of Avila Beach Resort: The resort was a part of Reyes Estate and planned for an 1100 units mobile home park, 160 were built. Mixed use of residential/commercial. Today there is roughly 900 homes. County general plan from 1981 that a trail would be put there but there was no definition about the trail. In 1988/89 there was discussion about what the trail should be. The path requirements and sizing has greatly changed and fluctuated over the years. There is new construction taking place (135 units for hotel and 12 small cabins/hostiles) at the resort that may affect the alignment of the path. Total of 24 low-cost

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accommodations (less than \$100/night).

**Chuck** – going through coastal permit process. Policy is you must provide 25% low cost based on your highest seasonal rate unit. In this case you are providing to this low cost. This is very appealing to the coastal commission.

**Rob Rossi** – Hostiles are size of large house, about 3600 sq ft. Cabins/Hostiles are completely off grid except for the bathrooms. Rerouting the trail would be the best option and the trail would be a class 1. We will be installing an area for electric carts, bike storage, and full-time maintenance person.

**Jim** – How are your residents going to access everything?

**Rob** - They can use the existing or built paths as everyone else.

**Jim** – Will parking on Avila Beach Drive change at all? There's so much parking it makes cycling difficult due to people blocking / impacting the lane.

**Rob** – It'll be hard to get rid of that many parking spaces. For part of the year it's packed and other times it isn't.

**Skip** – The previous trail width requirement was 8ft now the trail does not meet updated requirements of 12ft. The trail corridor would connect San Luis Obispo to Bob Jones Trail – this is a through transportation route. The trail should not go through rentals/buildings. The day-to-day usage if the trail/road needs to be taken care of. This is a heavily used road for vehicles and cyclists. Currently not being used as a multiuse trail.

**Rob** – We did look at different options at first. We could use part of the golf course but that's the only way we could do it.

**Skip** – Cutting through would eliminate the blind curve.

**Gary** – Where do private property rights come in?

**Rob** – We like the trail going through the property. Part of walking/ cycling and the other side of the trail was equestrian.

**Skip** – The bike trail in Sacramento/ Parkway Plan was going to have 4 different facilities with nowhere to put it all. They ended up widening a class 1 facility so that all could use. To eliminate conflict between pedestrians and bikes – peds walk on left and can move over onto the shoulder if needed. Trails must be wide enough for emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles.

**Lea** – Where is this in County planning process?

**Rob** – In EIR, currently waiting to review environmental documents. Expect to go into hearing next year. Zoned recreations, visitor serving, and hotel.

**Lea** – concern with parking and who owns the parking in Avila/ Avila Beach Drive. Is it the port?

**Rob** – The county owns the road.

**Lea** – There is an issue with people parking and blocking/ affecting bike lanes. Can the County prohibit parking or regulate parking during certain days of the week? Will you bring this back once EIR is out?

**Rob** – We had proposed 10 years ago to reduce the parking along Avila Beach Drive and redirect it to a parking lot supplied by UniCal. They were in favor of that then.

**Kimberly** – Will electric bikes/ motorized vehicles be prohibited on the trail?

**Rob** – We do not have the authority to regulate that. Residents can use golfcarts on some parts of the trail.

**Lea** – Is part of the trail-maintained HOA?

**Rob** – We own the fee, then there is an easement to the HOA that is not exclusive and then there is an easement granted to the County. HOA did not like the County Easement at first.

**Chuck** – in conclusion we would like some feedback / discussion from your committee to the County staff person. We will be coming back for another presentation.

#### B. Introduction to the LOVR Corridor Study – Jake Hudson

**Jake** – This is a kickoff presentation to the LOVR Corridor Plan. Background: 4 different adopted plans over the years currently trying to better define and reconcile plans. Scope: from Foothill blvd to State Park, main point of interest: Eto Lane to Rodman Drive. Timeline: Project initiation – now public outreach campaign, draft complete in Spring 2024, and BOS Summer 2024. Public engagement: through interactive website, reaching out to LOCAC, BAC, press release, farmers market appearance, and signage along the corridor. Will be working with various agency partners (we have not formally met yet).

Website link: <https://tinyurl.com/lovr corridor>

**Kimberly**: Thank you Jake for sharing this with us. The committee really appreciates the communication.

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**Lea:** Thank you for doing this. LOVR is heavily traveled by cyclists. Which farmers market?

**Jake:** Baywood/Los Osos on Monday from 2-4pm.

**Lea:** What is the status of the resurfacing? Will it go to Foothill, was it on hold due to storms?

**Jake:** I cannot speak to the resurfacing project but, the County did have to completely reconstruct due to the major damage from the storm.

**Lea:** Request for future agenda item: what projects have been set aside due to the storm efforts.

**Skip:** between Foothill to South Bay, we have an 8 ft shoulder. The shoulder is deteriorating, and county practice has been to only resurface the vehicular lane. We want complete roadwork from edge to edge. Past South Bay blvd there is a constraint with width- is there a possibility for a version of a class 2 bikeway?

**Jake:** we will be getting to design level, surveying road and creating a design.

## **8. BAC BUSINESS & DISCUSSION**

### **A. BAC Vacancies**

- i. District 1 - 2 vacancies

**Skip –** send Peschong’s office an email reminder of vacancy.

### **B. Calendar Future Meetings**

- i. 2023 Dates: November 14

**Skip:** Future Dates for 2024? Feb, May, August, Nov. We are supposed to meet in September but, can leave it as an August meeting instead.

**Jim:** Can we move the meetings to a different day of the week?

**Skip:** Make a motion at the next meeting. Set an agenda item.

**Kimberly:** Could we meet via zoom?

- C. 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 the County

**Skip:** There is no movement on updating the bikeways Plan. I mean we have a suggestion to update from 2016.

**Andy:** I think I heard SLOCOG suggest asking public works / board to request funding.

**Lea:** Yes, John gave you a strong suggestion to ask County for funding.

**Skip:** Is there a consensus for me to write a letter to the County for funding request.

**Multiple:** Yes, write the letter!

- i. BAC minutes from February 19, 2019 – Action items.

For reference see June 2, 2016 BAC Meeting Minutes:

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- ii. Updating Bikeways Plan for 2016 (5-year update)

**Skip:** Do we want to request an update of the bike plan or transition to ATP?

**Darrin:** moves to update bike plan and generate letter to public works. Arron seconds

**Darrin:** amend motion for County to request funding from SLOCOG to update bike plan.

**Jim:** What about ATP plan? What is more important?

**Skip:** The County doesn’t have existing policy to create ATP plan but there is policy for updating bikeways plan.

**Andy:** John was suggesting ATP not Bikeways plan update.

**Skip:** ATP vs Bikeways Plan? I would prefer ATP.

**Darrin:** moves to request to transition from bikeways plan to ATP plan for the County and as a contingency request that the County request SLOCOG to provide funding to update the bikeways plan or vise versa.

**Jim –** I second, UNANIMOUS

- iii. Update Board of Supervisor action on Ranking criteria (Methodology) and top 40 Projects ranking.

- iv. Request to transition from Bikeways Plan to Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for the County.

### **D. Review and Update the Committee Bylaws.**

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- i. Revise meeting attendance requirements, as needed.
- E. LACK of progress on moving forward with actions and advisory items from BAC over the past 10-years regarding Bicycling, Walking, and ADA issues within the County.
- i. BAC minutes on February 19, 2019, Action items. Plan Update approved committee items. For reference see meeting minutes from June 2, 2016.  
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  - ii. Updating Bikeways Plan for 2016 (5 year update) -now 8 years-
  - iii. Update Board of Supervisors action on ranking criteria (methodology) and Top 40 projects ranking. (2015/16 to 2018)
  - iv. Request to transition from Bikeways Plan to Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for County. Letter to Public Works Director.
  - v. SB 932, SB 922, AB 2147, and AB1909

## 9. 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 in the meeting agenda.

A. BAC Member Election: Chair and Vice Chair

**Lea:** Which projects have been delayed due to the storm efforts?

**Jim/Skip:** Future meeting dates and changing weekday?

**Skip:** Future Action item: ask County for funding to update the Bike plan or to transition to an ATP plan.

## 10. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn, Darrin moves, Jim seconds, ADJOURNED**

Future Meetings

- November 2023

Attachments:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023)
2. BAC Contact List

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