

COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

2:00 – 3:30

SCTA Conference room

520 Mendocino Ave, Suite 240, Santa Rosa

ITEM

- I. Introductions and public comment on items not on agenda
- II. Consent Items – DISCUSSION/ACTION
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. October 19, 2004 Minutes will be distributed at the meeting -
- III. Member Reports – INFORMATION
- IV. Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Review of Projects, * DISCUSSION/ACTION
- V. Measure M - - Discussion*
- VI. Adjourn – ACTION

* attachment included

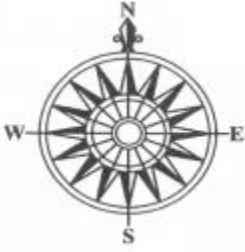
The next **CBAC** meeting is January 25, 2005

The next **SCTA** meeting is January 10, 2005

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COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 19, 2004

ATTENDEES

Steven Schmitz, SCBPAC	Bunni Zimberoff, Santa Rosa BAC
James Ryan, City of Petaluma	Linda Picton
Bruce Eisert, City of Santa Rosa	Nancy Adams, Santa Rosa PW
Ken Tam, County Regional Parks	Steve Urbanek, County PW
Sue Kelly, City of Sebastopol	Janet Spilman, SCTA

ITEM

- I. Introductions were made. There was no public comment.
Question was asked when Caltrans would have public meeting on Highway 116 rehab. (The meeting was held on Nov. 17 at the Schell-Vista fire station).
Question – who is the County contact for bicycle signage on south Santa Rosa. Answer -Dave Wallace.
- II. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of the Agenda - agenda was approved
 - b. Approval of September 28, 2004 Minutes – minutes were approved
- III. Reports
 - a. Sebastopol – The Railroad Forest Bike Path (connects Joe Rodota Trail to Petaluma Avenue in Sebastopol) goes to bid next month (in November). Street Smart Sebastopol will also go to bid in November. The Hwy 116 SHOPP project between Sebastopol and Cotati is on hold because of environmental problems.
 - b. Petaluma – Construction has begun East Washington – rehab of bike path.
 - c. Santa Rosa – SR Creek connection to Joe Rodota Trail is expected late 2005. The North/Franklin project needs more right of way at the park. Signal design is complete at Dutton. SR anticipates doing a Creek Master Plan for creeks citywide.
 - d. Sonoma County – Bike lanes are complete on Old Redwood Highway to Healdsburg. Stony Point rehab (near Petaluma) will be complete by the end of the year. The sidewalk project in Glen Ellen in through the environmental phase.
- IV. TFVA/TDA3 update – Project status sheets were attached. The TFCA project 03-SON-02 Petaluma Electric Vehicle lease is rescinded.
- V. Bicycle/Pedestrian Program – Eligibility requirements were discussed and clarified. \$8 million is available regionally. MTC has requested that each CMA in the region review the projects before they are approved by MTC. Applications are due to MTC on January 21, 2005. The SCTA meets January 10, 2005. Working backward from these dates it was decided that CBAC should review projects on the 14th and that applications are due to SCTA office on Dec. 3rd.

**SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: December 14, 2004
TO: Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)
FROM: Janet Spilman, Senior Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Staff Report Item IV **Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program**

Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program

The Call for Projects was sent out October 5. CBAC met on October 19 to discuss the application process and potential projects. Applications were due to the SCTA by December 3 in order to be assembled into this report and distributed to committee members for review. Attached here is the criterion required by MTC for project screening. CBAC recommendations will be forwarded to the SCTA for approval at the January 10 then to MTC before the January 21 deadline.

Following is a brief description of each project. More information will be provided at the meeting.

Applicant – **City of Cloverdale**
Project - **Cloverdale Bicycle Lane Striping Project**
Location – various Cloverdale Streets
Length – 28,000 feet
Eligibility –
Funds Requested \$38,953 Match \$5,047

Applicant – **City of Santa Rosa**
Project – **SMART Bicycle/Pedestrian Path**
Location – along Rail corridor from 7th Street to College Ave
Length – 3200 feet
Eligibility – Regional Bicycle Network - 6
Funds Requested \$625,000 Match \$175,000 TDA3

Applicant – **City of Santa Rosa**
Project – **Kawana School Route Pedestrian Improvements** (path and intersection improvements)
Location – Pedestrian path along Aston Avenue between Petaluma Hill Road and Moraga Drive
Length – 2,000 feet
Eligibility – Access to school and transit – 1,2
Funds Requested - \$369,000 Match \$123,000 City of Santa Rosa

Applicant – **City of Sebastopol**

Project – **Street Smart Sebastopol, phase 2**

Location – Healdsburg Avenue (SR 116) and North Main Street in Sebastopol

Length – bulbouts, enhanced pedestrian crossing w/beacons and warning lights at 4 downtown intersections

Eligibility – access to school and transit – 1,2,4

Funds Requested - \$442,000 Match \$58,000

Applicant – **Sonoma County**

Project – **Old Redwood Highway Bike Lanes, phase 2**

Location – Old Redwood Highway just north of Eastside Road between the cities of Healdsburg and Windsor

Length – 3600 feet

Eligibility – Regional Bicycle Network - 6

Funds Requested - \$650,000 Match \$190,000 (TDA3), Traffic Mitigation funds

Applicant – **Town of Windsor**

Project – **Pedestrian Signal Enhancements**

Location – intersections throughout Windsor

Length – 19 signalized intersections

Eligibility – Pedestrian access to regional activity center

Funds Requested - \$130,000 Match \$15,000

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DATE: December 14, 2004
TO: Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC)
FROM: Janet Spilman, Senior Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Staff Report Item V **Measure M**

Measure M

The office of elections on November 19 finally announced the results for Measure M – Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County. The final vote count was 140,557 yes votes (67.2%) and 68,671 no votes (32.8%).

Following is the expenditure plan for Bicycle Projects and the Implementation Guidelines.

The following projects have been identified as high priority needs but they are not listed in priority order.

1. Santa Rosa Creek Trail

Sales Tax: \$1,450,000

Implementing Agency: City of Santa Rosa

Project Description: Close gaps along the Santa Rosa Creek Trail in Santa Rosa. This will create an east-west connection through central Santa Rosa.

2. Old Redwood Highway/Mendocino Avenue/ Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Project

Sales Tax: \$500,000

Implementing Agency: City of Santa Rosa

Project Description: Creates a safer north-south bike route through central Santa Rosa.

3. Central Sonoma Valley Trail – Hwy 12 alternative route

Sales Tax: \$1,900,000

Implementing Agency: Sonoma County (Public Works & Regional Parks)

Project Description: Creates a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists between Verano Avenue and Agua Caliente Road. There is currently no alternative through route to Highway 12: forcing pedestrians and bicyclists to use the shoulder of Hwy 12 for such destinations as Flowery School, Larson Park, La Luz Community Center, Maxwell Farms Park and the Boys and Girls Club.

4. Sonoma/Schellville – along NWP Right-of-Way – Hwy 121 to Lovall Valley Road

Sales Tax: \$650,000

Implementing Agency: Sonoma County (Regional Parks)

Project Description: Class 1 path would connect Hwy 121 to City of Sonoma Class 1 path through town.

5. Arnold Drive from Altimira Middle School to Hwy 12

Sales Tax: \$2,000,000

Implementing Agency: Sonoma County (Public Works)

Project Description: Build shoulders on Arnold Drive just north of middle school to add bike lanes, through Sonoma Developmental Center and Glen Ellen to Hwy 12. This would continue the existing bike lane on Arnold Drive at Petaluma Avenue.

6. Petaluma River Trail Enhancement

Sales Tax: \$2,000,000

Implementing Agency: City of Petaluma

Project Description: Create a bicycle and pedestrian pathway along Petaluma River connecting east side of town to new shopping, new housing and theater district downtown.

7. Copeland Creek/Laguna Trail – Redwood Drive to RP Expressway

Sales Tax: \$350,000

Implementing Agency: City of Rohnert Park

Project Description: Make the existing path along Copeland Creek and Laguna de Santa Rosa from Redwood to Hinebaugh Creek (at Rohnert Park Expressway) useable for pedestrians and bicyclists.

8. Street Smart Sebastopol – enhanced bike & pedestrian access through downtown

Sales Tax: \$2,000,000

Implementing Agency: City of Sebastopol

Project Description: This project includes closing gaps in sidewalks, adding bike routes, placing directional signs, building transit shelters and other related items within Sebastopol.

9. West County Trail – Hwy 116 to Steelhead Beach

Sales Tax: \$500,000

Implementing Agency: Sonoma County (Public Works)

Project Description: This is the last segment of the West County Trail.

10. McCray Road bike lane from Cloverdale city limits to River Park

Sales Tax: \$250,000

Implementing Agency: Sonoma County

Project Description: Create safe passage to the River Park from existing Cloverdale bike lanes.

11. Healdsburg Foss Creek Trail on NWP Right-of-Way

Sales Tax: \$3,250,000

Implementing Agency: City of Healdsburg

Project Description: Create a continuous paved pedestrian and bicycle facility (Class 1 and 2) between the City's northern and southern city limits. The path is along Foss Creek and the NWP rail line in places.

12. Northwestern Pacific Railroad Bicycle Trail

Sales Tax: \$1,000,000

Implementing Agency: SMART and local jurisdictions

Project Description: Work with SMART to build a north-south bike path parallel to the Northwestern Pacific railroad track throughout Sonoma County.

13. Access Across Highway 101 at Various Locations

Sales Tax: \$1,000,000

Implementing Agency: Caltrans and local jurisdictions

Project Description: Identify key east-west access points across Highway 101

14. Highway 1 in Bodega Bay – Salmon Creek to Doran Beach Road

Sales Tax: \$950,000

Implementing Agency: Caltrans and Sonoma County

Project Description: Create on and off road bike route along the coast to provide safe passage for locals and through traffic.

I. IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

- A. The duration of the tax will be 20 years, beginning on April 1, 2005 and expiring on March 31, 2025.
- B. Environmental reporting, review and approval procedures as provided for under the National Environmental Policy Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, or other applicable laws will be adhered to as a prerequisite to the implementation of any project.
- C. Use of the retail transactions and use tax under this Transportation Expenditure Plan will be subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. The tax proceeds must be spent for the purposes of funding the transportation programs and projects as allowed in the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County and may not be used for other purposes.
 - 2. Consistent with California Public Utilities Code Section 180200, the SCTA intends that the additional funds provided governmental agencies by the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County shall supplement existing local revenues being used for public transportation purposes and that local jurisdictions maintain their existing commitment of local funds for transportation purposes.
 - 3. The SCTA is charged with a fiduciary duty in administering the tax proceeds in accordance with the applicable laws and this Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County. Receipt of tax proceeds may be subject to appropriate terms and conditions as determined by the SCTA in its reasonable discretion, including, but not limited to, the right to require recipients to execute funding agreements and the right to audit recipients' use of the tax proceeds.
- D. Actual tax proceeds may be higher or lower than estimated in this Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County over the 20-year term. The Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County expenditure plan is based on the percentage distributions to each Program Category and Project and the dollar values included are estimates only. Actual tax proceeds will be programmed annually in accordance with the percentage distributions in the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County expenditure plan.
- E. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority will prepare a Strategic Plan prior to July 1, 2005, which will identify funding prioritization criteria consistent with the goals and objectives of the *Comprehensive Transportation Plan*, developed by the SCTA and periodically updated, and the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County expenditure plan. The Strategic Plan will include general procedures for project sponsors to initiate a project and identify an implementation schedule and the programming of funds for each listed project. The Strategic Plan will include the evaluation criteria for prioritization of projects and for reallocation of tax proceeds that become available pursuant to Section V- below. The Strategic Plan will be updated at least every five years during the term of the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County.
- F. The ability to fully fund or complete all programs or projects in this Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County expenditure plan may be impacted by changing circumstances over the duration of the tax. Tax proceeds originally allocated to a listed project may become available for reallocation due to any of the following reasons:

1. A listed project is completed under budget;
2. A listed project is partially or fully funded by funding sources other than tax proceeds;
3. A project sponsor and implementing agency request deletion of a listed project because of unavailability of matching funds;
4. A listed project cannot be completed due to an infeasible design, construction limitation or substantial failure to meet specified implementation milestones.

Upon a finding that tax proceeds are available for reallocation due to one of the conditions above, the SCTA may reallocate such tax proceeds subject to the following guidelines:

5. Available tax proceeds can be reallocated only to project(s) within the same Program Category as the original listed project.
6. Reallocation of tax proceeds within a Program Category will be based on criteria specified in the Strategic Plan, which may include impact on congestion, cost-effectiveness, availability of matching funds, project readiness and schedule adherence as determined by the SCTA.

G. The SCTA is authorized to bond for the purposes of advancing the commencement of or expediting the delivery of transportation programs or projects. The SCTA may issue limited tax bonds, from time to time, to finance any program or project in the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County as allowed by applicable law and as approved by the SCTA, and the maximum bonded indebtedness shall not exceed the total amount of proceeds of this retail transactions and use tax, estimated to be \$470 million in 2004 dollars. All costs associated with the issuance of bonds, including debt service payments, issuance costs, interest, reserve requirements, and insurance shall be accounted for within that program category in which the bond proceeds were used. Such bonds will be payable solely from the proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax and may be issued any time before expiration of the tax.