

Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Sept 23, 2008 AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE AFTERNOON TIME

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

Large Conference Room

490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206

Santa Rosa, California 95401

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes, July 22, 2008– **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Approval of Agenda – **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
4. Public Comment
5. Roundtable Members Reports - **INFORMATION**
6. Staff Reports: - **INFORMATION**
 - 6.1. Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update*
 - 6.2. Way to Go! Expo Post-Event Report*
 - 6.3. MTC 2035 report (from Regional Bicycle Working Group)*
 - 6.4. Community Based Transportation Plans/Lifeline*
7. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
8. Adjourn – **ACTION**

*Materials attached.

The next **SCTA** meeting will be held **October 6, 2008**

The next **CBPAC** meeting will be held **November 4, 2008. NOTE THIS IS FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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**COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
 MINUTES
 July 22, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Atkins, Wendy	City of Sonoma
Berrett, Mindy	City of Sebastopol
Butcherie, Patty	Citizen
Culver, Christine	Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
Eunice, Janice	Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
Favila, Fabian	City of Santa Rosa
Landeros, Mario	City of Healdsburg
Lustig, Marsha Sue	City of Cotati
Perez, Alejandro	Town of Windsor
Roberson, Chip	City of Sonoma
Schmitz, Steve	Sonoma County Transit
Tacata, Eydie	City of Rohnert Park
Tyree, Elizabeth	Sonoma County Regional Parks
Weinberger, Steve	W-trans

The meeting was called to order by Steve Schmitz at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM

1. Introductions

Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes, March 25 & May 27, 2008 – DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Wendy Atkins noted a correction to be made to the May 27, minutes, under the list of attendees. Under Chip Roberson, "Town of Sonoma" should be corrected to read "City of Sonoma." Under the list of attendees, Eydie Tacata noted that the minutes should be corrected to reflect that Paola Harris represents the Rohnert Park Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The minutes of March 25 were approved with the following correction: On page 2, paragraph 1, "Shared roadway markings would be implemented eastbound on Santa Rosa Avenue from Hahman Drive to Yulupa Avenue" is to be corrected to read "Shared roadway markings would be implemented eastbound on Sonoma Avenue from Hahman Drive to Yulupa Avenue." Steve Schmitz moved for approval of the March 25 minutes with these corrections. Eydie Tacata seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Eydie Tacata moved to approve the meeting minutes with the changes as noted. Chip Roberson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda – DISCUSSION / ACTION

Steve Schmitz made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Eydie Tacata seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Roundtable Members Reports - INFORMATION

Sonoma County Transit:

Chair Schmitz announced that the County has applied for a Bay Area Air Quality Management District Bicycle Facilities Program grant to install Class 2 bicycle lanes on Occidental Road, between Highway 116 and the West County Trail.

Sonoma County Regional Parks:

Elizabeth Tyree reported that construction of one of their Measure M projects, the Cheney Creek Bridge & Trail Project, has been completed. A dedication ceremony will be held August 28 at 5:30 p.m.

City of Healdsburg:

Mario Landeros provided an update on the Foss Creek Trail project, correcting comments from the previous meeting. Segment three, from Front Street to the railroad depot, is now in design. Design is expected to continue through the rest of the year, with construction to begin after the rainy season. Segment four, abutting Section Three, starts at the depot and extends to the Mill Street intersection bikeway. This would provide connectivity to two of the area bikeways. This segment is currently in plan review as part of the County's railroad depot project. Once permits from the City are acquired, construction will likely begin in late fall or winter. Segment 5 extends from two previously built segments, from Norton Slough to West Grant Street. This particular project is an obligation for construction as part of a housing development. This is almost at the planning review stage.

City of Santa Rosa:

Fabian Favila reported that the City has applied to BAAQMD for a grant for bicycle lockers. Public Works received additional funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Grant for completion of the Sonoma Avenue bicycle lanes. Public Works is also conducting a public workshop on the Bicycle Boulevard of the City of Santa Rosa. This is scheduled August 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall. The Bicycle Boulevard is proposed to extend along Humboldt Boulevard to the downtown area, and then jog over to Fifth Street, then down D Street. Bicycle lockers will be electronic, and could be secured using smart cards.

City of Sebastopol:

Mindy Berrett of the City of Sebastopol reported that they are expecting approval from Caltrans at any time to proceed with construction for Safe Routes to School and the Huntley Street sidewalk. A tentative bid date has been set for October.

The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition is preparing for a kick-off meeting of the Safe Routes to School Program.

Street Smart Phase 2 (Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian grant) received approval on July 8 from the City Council for conceptual plans. Final design is in progress for the next three intersections (Healdsburg and Murphy, Analy at North Main Street, and Bodega Avenue and High Street).

Street Smart Phase 3 (Measure M and other local funding) has survey work completed for the nine remaining intersections. Staff is going to request approval by the City Council of the final design contract with Green Valley within the next month.

City of Cotati:

Marsha Sue Lustig had no new items to report.

Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition:

Christine Culver presented copies of the new Safe Routes to School brochure. Staff is currently working on Bicycle Rodeos, working with the State Kids' Coalition to create a more standardized

curriculum that can be followed by other groups. Staff is also working with the Santa Rosa Police Office of Traffic Safety and this is going very well.

City of Sonoma:

Chip Roberson reported that the City of Sonoma is holding a Bicycle Festival September 6. The City donated and waived fees.

Janice Eunice expressed the need for securing bicycles at shopping and transit areas, and to have bicycle lockers.

Town of Windsor:

Mr. Perez reported that the City has applied for a grant for bicycle lockers for the downtown area and the Town Hall.

Bicycle lane striping has just been completed on Old Redwood Highway from Pleasant Avenue to Lakewood Drive. This is anticipated to extend further north through town.

Another bicycle lane striping project was just released to bid. This will be on Windsor Road, Windsor River Road, and Mitchell Lane, filling in gaps in the pathways.

Staff is also meeting with Caltrans on connecting bicycle pathways under the old Highway 101 overpass.

City of Sonoma:

Wendy Atkins reported that the Community Services and Environment Commission reviewed the Sonoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and recommended the City Council approve it. The Planning Commission reviewed the plan and made recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will review the Plan September 3.

Ms. Atkins announced she had attended two of the Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings. A charter and work plan have been adopted, and officers have been appointed. The next meeting date is to be announced, at which time actual work on the project will proceed.

City of Rohnert Park:

Eydie Tacata reported timeline difficulties in proceeding with the Rohnert Park Expressway project. Caltrans said they would require a separate process for review just for the design alternative. Therefore, staff is not going to award the design alternative; they will just put the project out to bid.

In July and August contractors will be re-paving on Commerce Boulevard, to correct previous work that was unsatisfactory.

Staff has awarded the Copeland Creek Trail project.

6. Staff Reports: - INFORMATION

6.1. Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan*

Ms. March reported that all jurisdictions now have binders and a CD of the Plan. All plans are technically draft, with the exception of Sebastopol, which has formally adopted their plan. She requested notification when each jurisdiction has adopted their Plan.

Ms. March explained that since the current adoption dates have changed, she has had to use the information that is currently available for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Additionally,

when the Regional Transportation Plan comes up for review, she advised members that she would be contacting them for the most recent version of their Plan.

Each jurisdiction is responsible for changes and updates of their Plan. After adoption of the Plans, Chris Barney will produce a final map, to be posted on the SCTA web site.

Steve Weinberger added that each jurisdiction's Plan consists of two pieces; the overview section (which is the same for all jurisdictions) and then each jurisdiction's individual Plan. Each of the CD's has all the jurisdictions' Plans. He acknowledged the hard work of Josh Abrams, and asked that this be recognized and acknowledged by the members to him via email.

Ms. March reiterated that for purposes of approval by MTC and Caltrans for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) eligibility, jurisdictions will need to submit the overview, appendices, and their Plan as a packet.

Chair Schmitz expressed his thanks and acknowledged the hard work and ambitious effort of the SCTA and Chris Barney in completing this project.

6.2. TFCA & TDA3 Quarterly Report*

Ms. March referred to the report and asked that members check to confirm whether they have projects coming due. She noted that Petaluma and Rohnert Park both have projects coming due in 2008.

Ms. Culver inquired whether the Santa Rosa CityBus vehicles are subject to TFCA funding for bicycle racks. Mr. Favila replied that on the new buses, these were funded through Article 4.

6.3. Way to Go! Expo*

Ms. March announced that this is scheduled for August 13 in conjunction with the Downtown Market. More outreach has been conducted. A bicycle and Amtrak trip are to be awarded in prize drawings. There are new participants this year, and the event will have more of an emphasis on climate protection. The Board is very supportive of the event. Santa Rosa CityBus will also be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Another educational exhibit on display will be the Universe Walk. The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition will be providing free valet bicycle parking. The event will also be announced via radio broadcast by Suzanne Smith on the KRSH. Bus cards have been posted to announce the event. The Press Democrat will also have an advertisement on the event. Marsha Sue Lustig noted that Cotati has cancelled their City Council meeting to allow members to attend the Expo.

7. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

Ms. March presented materials from Caltrans a Safety Guide for Transit Agencies, Pedestrian Safety Countermeasures, Design for Mid-Block Crosswalks, and other pedestrian and bicycle safety information.

Mr. Landeros announced that Healdsburg received a grant for in-pavement lighting for crosswalks at two Healdsburg locations on Healdsburg Avenue.

Janice Eunice inquired as to how bicyclists and pedestrians will cross the Healdsburg Bridge. Mr. Landeros replied that this crossing will likely not be available for approximately two years. These issues will be discussed when they reach the point of going through the environmental process.

Chair Schmitz asked about the status of a proposed position paper being prepared to be submitted by the Sonoma County Water Agency on the Copeland Creek project. Ms. March responded that Seana Gause was working on this and that it will be presented to the Board. A

letter is being drafted addressing the issue of use of permeable pavement, and recommending review of projects on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Tacata asked if any members were familiar with regulations governing the use of Segways, and whether this is addressed in the California Vehicle Code, or if it is dealt with through local ordinance; particularly their use on sidewalks. Ms. March referred her to Mardell Morrison at the City of Santa Rosa for information, as Ms. Morrison had addressed this at the TPCC meeting and is dealing with Segway-related issues.

8. Adjourn – ACTION

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
From: Lynne March, Transportation Planner
Re: *Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan* Update
Date: September 23, 2008

The individual plans that are each a part of the *Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan* are gradually working their way through the jurisdictional approval processes.

The following are the anticipated adoption dates for each plan.

Jurisdiction	Anticipated Adoption
<i>Rohnert Park</i>	<i>September?</i>
<i>Cotati</i>	<i>September?</i>
<i>Healdsburg</i>	<i>Sept 15 or October 6</i>
<i>Town of Windsor</i>	<i>Late September or Early October</i>
<i>County of Sonoma</i>	<i>Spring 2009</i>

Three plans have been adopted to date. These are:

Jurisdiction	Adoption Date
<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>May 6, 2008</i>
<i>Cloverdale</i>	<i>July 23, 2008</i>
<i>Sonoma</i>	<i>September 3, 2008</i>

It is now anticipated that the *Regional Bicycle Plan* will be made available for review in **November** (this change was announced at the Regional Bicycle Working Group meeting on 8/21). SCTA will need each jurisdiction's most current project list when this MTC comment period opens. If the adoption schedule holds as stated above, the timing will be optimal for the cities input into the MTC product.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Steering Committee should expect that when the regional input is requested, entities will again be asked for their most current project lists (hopefully this will be one and the same as the adopted project lists). **Petaluma and Santa Rosa** input will also be requested.

Please provide your final map changes to me and Chris Barney after final Council/BOS changes. The adopted plans and maps will be posted on the SCTA website.

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)
From: Lynne March, Transportation Planner
Re: *Way To Go! Expo*
Date: September 23, 2008

Report:

The *Way to Go! Expo* was successfully held on August 13th. Forty -eight entities participated in delivering a well-attended, high-value community event. The alternative transportation fair afforded SCTA visibility as an agency promoting sustainable transportation, and offered the public contact with a wide range of transportation options and ideas about the need to think about their transportation choices. Ways to reduce energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions, and create healthier communities, were showcased.

A drawing for a bicycle, Amtrak tickets and SCBC bicycle maps drew attention at the SCTA booth. There were also SCTA give-aways, specifically an activity booklet for children, titled “101 Things You Can Do About Global Warming,” and wallets with key chains good for bus passes, or to take walking or bicycle riding.

Santa Rosa CityBus celebrated their 50th anniversary with cupcakes and balloons. They brought their new Transit Information Center as well. Transit, paratransit, and Airport Express operators were present. Vehicular alternatives included the new Solar Car Share; Fords; Toyotas; Saturns; ZAP scooters and mini-cars; electric cars and cycles; and Vespas. The Greenlight™ Initiative participated. They are a great source of information about alternative fuels and vehicles.

Of course, bicycle and pedestrian modes were represented. NorCal Bike Sport, the Bike Peddler and West County Revolution brought an array of bicycles to show. SCTA, County and Santa Rosa bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts were represented. Santa Rosa’s Police Department had a booth focusing on public safety, and Public Works Street Smarts and Fleet Services had a large display with much interesting information. Lite Initiatives and Community Bikes promoted both bicycling and walking. Pedestrians were specifically represented by Caltrans Pedestrian Coordination and the walking group, Sonoma County Stompers. Senior interests were highlighted by the Council on Aging of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Area Agency of Aging. The KRUSH radio station was also there to promote our event and greener choices. They had a drawing for New Balance shoes to walk about in! The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition provided bicycle valet parking sponsored by Agilent.

Both SMART and Amtrak provided information to the public about the benefits of train travel. SMART had a beautiful model of what the train would look like. Rounding out the modal choices included at the Expo was a luggage-hauling 2-passenger bicycle rickshaw from Rickshaw Rudy’s. Modes for tots were there, like wagons and tricycles. The local Toyworks toy store promoted physical activity for children as a way to stay healthy.

This year, greater focus was placed on protecting the global climate and what people can do to help. Organizations interested in transportation sustainability included: Sierra Club, Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign, Sonoma County Transportation & Land Use Coalition, Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Community Focus, Sonoma County Energy & Sustainability Division, Post Carbon Institute, Earth Elders, and, of course, SCTA. The Earth Elders presented the “Universe Walk”---a walk from the beginning of time to the present---a powerful educational tool.

At SCTA’s booth, people were encouraged to think about what they could do to protect the climate. Ideas were presented and people wrote down their ideas on a flip chart. Four boxes were also there to show people the “Answer to Climate Protection.” People took the lids off the boxes and peered in, only to see themselves reflected back. They were thus encouraged to “think inside the box.”

Policy Impacts:

In addition to being fun, the exposition was highly informational for the public. Greater use of alternatives to single-occupancy gas-powered cars supports SCTA policy.

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority's third annual *Way to Go! Expo* on August 13, 2008, at the Santa Rosa Downtown Market





Financially Constrained Investment Plan

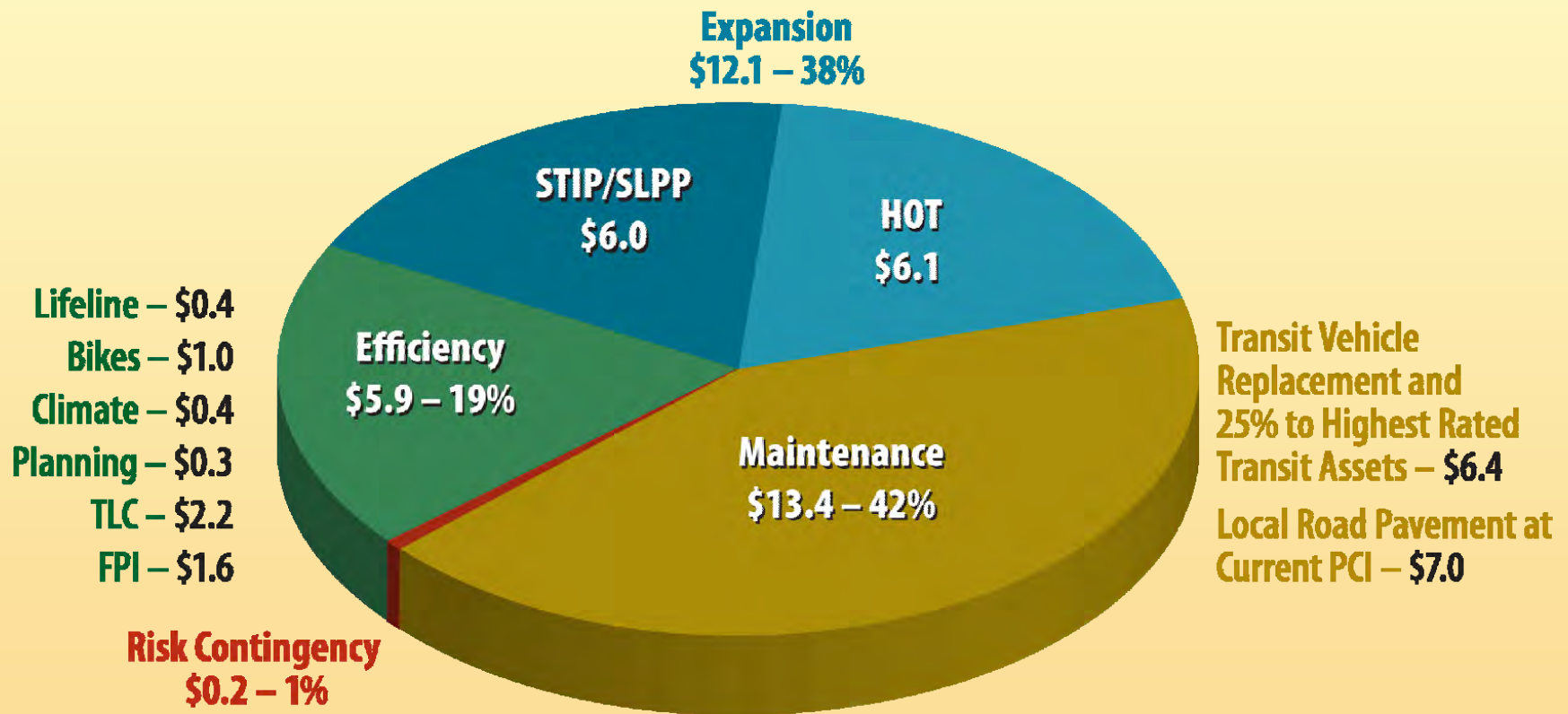
Commission Meeting

July 23, 2008

Committee Recommendation

(escalated billions of \$)

Total = \$31.6



Recommendation: Investment Plan for the \$31.6 Billion Uncommitted Discretionary Funds

(escalated billions \$)

Investment Category	Amount	% of Total	Rationale
Maintenance			
Transit	\$6.4	20%	Regional investment priority given to vehicles plus 25% of to-be-determined priority guideway (e.g. track and structures) needs
Local Road	\$7.0	22%	Regional investment priority given to MTS pavement needs to maintain current PCI of 64
State Hwy			Assumes State responsibility for funding shortfall need
Subtotal	\$13.4	42%	
Efficiency			
Lifeline	\$0.4	1%	Extends Commission's current 10-year Lifeline commitment (\$300 million, which includes means-based pilot program) to 25 years for a total investment of \$700 million
Regional Bicycle Plan	\$1.0	3%	Fully funds Regional Bike Plan network, excepting toll bridge facilities
Climate Change/PM Reduction Program	\$0.4	1%	Fully funds 5-year Climate Change/Particulate Matter Reduction Program that includes the following elements: 1. Outreach/Incentives Programs - \$27 million/yr 2. Safe Routes to School/Transit - \$ 20 million/yr 3. Transit Priority Program - \$10 million/yr
Planning	\$0.3	1%	Planning funds for CMAs and Regional Agencies (ABAG, MTC, BCDC)
TLC	\$2.2	7%	Doubles current program from \$27 million/yr to \$60 million/yr
FPI	\$1.6	5%	Fully funds capital and maintenance/operations costs
Subtotal	\$5.9	19%	
Expansion			
	\$12.1	38%	Revised HOT revenue estimates increase 25-year projection from \$5.1 billion to \$6.1 billion; STIP/SLPP amount remains at \$6.0 billion
STIP	\$5.7		
SLPP	\$0.3		
HOT	\$6.1		
Cost Risk Contingency	\$0.2	1%	Includes additional contingency for committed projects to cover potential committed projects cost increases
TOTAL \$31.6			

Issue 2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Parity (escalated millions of \$)

	Projected Revenues	Estimated Ped. Share	Estimated Bike Share
Committed Funds*	\$400	\$150	\$250
Discretionary Funds**	\$2,300	\$1,550	\$750
Regional Bike Plan Funding***	\$1,000		\$1,000
TOTAL	\$3,700	\$1,700	\$2,000

* Projected revenues and shares based on historical fund allocations to bike and ped projects from various fund sources (e.g. TDA Art. 3)

** Discretionary revenues include TLC and Climate Change Programs; TLC shares based on historical allocations while Climate assumes 50/50 split

*** Includes Class I multi-use paths, which also serve pedestrian travel

Phase →	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
FUNDING SOURCE	Conceptual to Planning	STUDIES - project specific	Environmental Document	Design	Construction	Maintenance	Operations	Bike Parking	Other
typical product:	City or regionwide bike plan	Feasibility/ alternatives analysis/ master plan	IS/EA Mitig.Neg Dec EIR/EIS	PSE's	built project	maintenance activity	usually staff time	racks or lockers	VARIES
TDA bike ped projects	yes <i>once every 5 years per agency</i>	no	no Can this be changed to YES??	yes <i>ED must be completed</i>	yes	yes	no	?	?
TFCA <i>must have air quality benefits</i>	?	?	yes	yes	yes	no	?	yes	bike racks on buses
CMAQ <i>must have air quality benefits</i>		yes <i>Studies that are part of project development pipeline under NEPA i.e PE</i>	yes <i>Bike and pedestrian facilities paths (lanes) project must not be exclusively recreational and must reduce vehicle trips. TDM program components.</i>	yes	yes	no	yes* <i>*limited to startup costs; max. 3 years</i>	yes <i>racks, lockers & valet but see *</i>	yes <i>Promote new/ex service, dev. place or evaluate mkt/advrting materials/messages</i>
PMS		no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
	<i>pavement resurfacing and restriping only?</i>								
Self help-	← depends on the language in each counties legislation →								
VTA - Meas, B	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	
BTA			yes	yes	yes		for prgrams:	yes	yes
anything that encourages biking for transportation					incl. lights, call boxes		safety education programs	also showers& lockers	bike detection and signal timing

outreach/
promotion/ safe
bicycle use

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)
From: Lynne March, Transportation Planner
Re: Community Based Transportation Plans/Lifeline Transportation Program
Date: September 23, 2008

Issue

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is funding three new Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) for Sonoma County.

Background:

MTC's *2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* included a *Lifeline Transportation Network Report*. The report identified transit needs in low-income areas. Additionally, the *Environmental Justice Report* was part of the 2001 RTP. It identified the need for MTC to support local planning efforts in low-income communities throughout the region.

As a result of the findings of these reports, MTC established the Community-Based Planning Program to reach out to economically disadvantaged communities throughout the Bay Area to identify both transportation/transit needs and solutions. "Communities of Concern" were also identified as priorities for examination. In Sonoma County four "Communities of Concern" were identified: Roseland, the Russian River area (Guerneville & Monte Rio), Central Sonoma Valley, and parts of Healdsburg. SCTA led a Roseland CBTP effort that was approved last year by the SCTA. MTC is now providing funding to complete CBTPs for the remaining three areas. \$180,000 has been allotted for the three plans. A decision was made to prepare these plans "in house" with consultant assistance for the outreach component of each plan, which will include Spanish language outreach. The first study to be undertaken will be for the River. It is anticipated that all three plans will be completed within approximately 18 months.

The community based planning is supportive of the objectives of the Lifeline Transportation Program. The Lifeline Transportation Program of last year funded \$1,148,676 worth of projects, including the new Route 19 CityBus service that will serve Roseland residents---a project that arose from the Roseland community-based planning.

The call for projects for the 2009-2011 Lifeline Transportation Program funding cycle was issued by SCTA on July 30, 2008. An estimated \$4,500,000 will be made available over three years, considerably more than last year. Funding is principally for transit operators. Sources for the new cycle include: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC); State Transit Assistance (STA) and Proposition 1B.

Fiscal Impacts:

\$180,000 will come from MTC to SCTA for the new planning efforts (approximately \$60,000 each).

Policy Impacts:

The CBTP planning will assist SCTA, and others, in determining the transportation needs of the County's low-income populations and identification of potential projects and strategies to address those needs.