

Staff Report

To: Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From: Lynne March, Transportation Planner

Item: CBPAC Officer Elections in January

Date: November 10, 2009

Issue:

The election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the CBPAC for 2010 will take place at the January meeting of the CBPAC.

Background:

The committee's purpose is to provide technical assistance to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) related to bicycle and pedestrian planning and funding. The CBPAC meetings serve as a forum for the exchange of information about bicyclist and pedestrian issues and to coordinate efforts countywide.

Officers: SCTA's Ordinance No.3 requires that a Chair and Vice Chair be elected at the first meeting of the year to lead the CBPAC during the calendar year. Officers must be members of the CBPAC. There are no other requirements or term limits.

Wendy Atkins has been Chair during 2009. Fabian Favila has served as Vice-Chair during 2009. They could be candidates again for 2010; or different CBPAC members could be.

Organization: The officers elected in January are to accept responsibility for conducting the CBPAC meetings, as well as representing the CBPAC before the SCTA Board and at other venues as necessary.

Meetings: There are to be approximately six regular meetings of the CBPAC in 2010. Additional meetings are scheduled as the need arises.

Membership: The membership of CBPAC is designated as up to twenty (20) members, based on the ten (10) jurisdictions of Sonoma County (the County and its nine city/town entities). Each

jurisdiction may appoint a staff person and citizen representative. Regional agencies are considered ex-officio, non-voting members.

Voting: Each member, excluding non-voting members, shall have one vote on any matter to come before the committee for a vote. SCTA, however, urges the CBPAC to reach consensus on issues. If consensus is not reached, a minority opinion report can and should be made at the SCTA Board meeting if the issue is to go to the Board for a decision.