

Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Announcement

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Tele-Conference Mtg.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91103343933>

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Agenda:

I. Introductions & Public Comments* (10 Minutes)

II. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

III. Staff Reports (30 Minutes)

- Status of Petaluma Blvd. South at Kastania Rd. Intersection Improvements.
- Comments Prepared for County's Proposed Bridge Maintenance Projects.
- Update on Bodega Bay BPAC Mtg. Regarding Bodega Bay Trail - Coastal North Harbor Segment.

IV. General Meeting:

- A. Review County's Prioritized List of Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects for Reauthorization of Measure M (Traffic) Sales Tax. (30 Minutes)
- B. Presentation by Permit Sonoma Staff on Development of New 'Vehicle Miles Traveled' (VMT) Traffic Standards. (30 Minutes)

V. Other Business & Announcements (5 Minutes)

VI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting of the Sonoma County BPAC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

*Public Comment on Issues Not on the Agenda. Please limit comments to 3 minutes each. The Committee will hear public comments on non-agenda issues within the Committee's scope of authority. The Committee will hear public comments on non-agenda issues for up to 10 minutes, at which time they will hear scheduled agenda items. Any additional public comments will be heard at the conclusion of the items that are already on the agenda.

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Members in Attendance		Other Participants	
Chris Woodcock	1 st District	Matt Frazier	2 nd District Resident
Brad McCarty	1 st District Alt.	Eris Weaver	SC Bicycle Coalition
Joe Morgan	2 nd District	Nader Dahu	Public Works
Vin Hoagland	3 rd District	Hunter McLaughlin	Public Works
Jennifer Neeley	5 th District	Ken Tam	Regional Parks
		Gary Helfrich	Permit Sonoma
		Steven Schmitz	SCBPAC Staff

Meeting Summary

I. Introductions and Public Comments

Self-introductions were made. There were no public comments regarding items that were not already on the agenda.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the February 19, 2020 meeting was approved as presented.

The minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting were approved with the following corrections; Vin Hoagland said that the letter 'n' was missing from his last name in the second paragraph on page 4 of the minutes under Other Business and Announcements; Brad McCarty said that the second and third sentences in the fourth paragraph on page 3 of the minutes under General Meeting should be revised as presented below.

'Brad also said that a county-wide Vision Zero project is an unprecedented scope and, in his opinion, seems to be overly ambitious in light of constrained budgets. Resources should first be prioritized on making the already-identified bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, at this point. Subsequently, additional resources could be put toward a countywide Vision Zero program.'

III. Staff Reports

Update on Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study. Ken Tam of Regional Parks reported that the Draft Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study was presented to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors during their meeting on January 14, 2020 during which the Board and general public provided comments on the draft study. On February 11, 2020, the Board of Supervisors accepted the findings and recommendations contained in the Final Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study.

Review List of Priority Roads for Ongoing Shoulder Sweeping. Staff distributed the list of priority roads for ongoing shoulder sweeping that was submitted to the Transportation and

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Public Works Department in February 2019. Since it's now been one year since the original list was developed, it would be a good time to review the list and propose changes, if any. Joe Morgan said that he'd like to propose adding Petaluma Blvd. South and 'D' Street (Petaluma) to the list of priority roads for shoulder sweeping. Chris Woodcock requested that staff from the Integrated Waste Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department be invited to the committee's next meeting to discuss making adjustments to the list and to better understand the shoulder sweeping process with Recology. Also, as mentioned during previous committee meetings, a similar list needs to be developed for Caltrans-maintained roadways in Sonoma County.

Eris Weaver of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition mentioned that communication chain for the So-Co Report-It road maintenance system still seems to be broken. Staff said that the Public Affairs Manager for the Transportation and Public Works Department who oversees So-Co Report-It would also be invited to a future committee meeting to provide a better understanding of the reporting process and how it might be improved.

Report on Caltrans District 4 Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee Meeting. Chris Woodcock said that he attended the most recent meeting of Caltrans District 4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He reported that the meetings seem to be very policy-oriented and lacking in project specific discussions. Approximately 3/4 of the participants at the meeting were staff and the other 1/4 were bicycle and pedestrian advocates. It was interesting to hear about a potential new Class 2R designation for rural bicycle lanes, which could apply to many roads in Sonoma County.

Due to the excessive time necessary to attend the meetings in Oakland, Chris said he was unable to commit to being appointed to the Caltrans committee representing Sonoma County, at this point. He would be willing to attend the meetings perhaps once a year, but not on a quarterly basis. It would be more worthwhile to identify who the local Caltrans contacts are in Sonoma County so that more tangible issues such as shoulder sweeping and loop detectors on state highways could be addressed.

Other Staff Reports. Ken Tam said that the next meeting of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21 at the Grange building in Bodega Bay regarding the proposed Coastal North Harbor segment of the Bodega Bay Trail.

IV. General Meeting

A. Presentation on Sonoma Valley Trail Feasibility Study Including Preferred Alignments and Phasing. Ken Tam of Regional Parks made a detailed presentation of the preferred alignments and phasing from the Final Sonoma Valley Trail Feasibility Study. The preferred alignment through the proposed Elnoka development has become controversial. An alternative alignment between Melita Road and Elnoka Lane along Santa Rosa Creek

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and Highway 12 may be necessary. Also, due to limited right-of-way along Highway 12, the preferred trail alignment through Kenwood will need to be a hybrid of multi-use trails and on-road segments utilizing Clyde Avenue between Randolph Avenue (near the Kenwood fire station) and Warm Springs Road. The remainder of the preferred trail alignment generally follows Highway 12 alternating from the north side to the south side depending on right-of-way and various other constraints.

Ken said now that the feasibility study has been completed, the next step will be to begin design engineering, which will first be focused on the segment located between Melita Road and Oakmont Drive. Additional feedback from the committee and especially the 1st District members on the committee would be much appreciated as the engineering design moves forward. Depending on the availability of funding, there could very likely be a reprioritization of the trail segments related to the design engineering and implementation phases.

B. Review and Approve Draft Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Three-Year Funding Plan. Staff distributed a Draft FY 2020 TDA Article 3 Three-Year Funding Plan for the committee's review. The County of Sonoma (unincorporated areas) is allocated approximately \$145,000 per year in TDA Article 3 funding to be used for bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. TDA Article 3 funding is derived from a 1/4 cent sales tax levied by the State of California for transportation projects, the vast majority of which provides operating assistance for public transit agencies. Of the total TDA Article 3 funding, 2% off the top is dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. TDA Article 3 funding is allocated to each jurisdiction in Sonoma County based on population.

The first column on the funding plan indicates the amount of TDA Article 3 funding to be programmed for projects over the next three-year period. All other columns on the funding plan indicate other federal, state, regional or local funding sources for each project. Class I multi-use pathway projects are developed by Regional Parks while on-road (Class II or III) bicycle facility projects are developed by the Transportation and Public Work Department.

For the Draft FY 20/21 Three-Year Funding Plan, staff recommended the removal of the proposed Willowside Road Class II bicycle lane project. This project was added to the preliminary draft funding plan last year. However, no other funding sources have been identified and the project is estimated to cost well in excess of \$100,000. The Transportation and Public Works Department is requesting \$600,000 in TDA Article 3 funding in FY 22/23 for the proposed Arnold Drive Class II bicycle lane project. This is a new project that was not included on the funding plan last year.

Staff said that the Transportation and Public Works Department has requested that \$100,000 in TDA Article 3 funding for the Crocker Street (Cloverdale) bicycle and pedestrian bridge project be moved out two years to FY 22/23. Therefore, the only project requesting TDA Article 3 funding for FY 20/21 will be \$200,000 for the Copeland Creek Trail, which was delayed the previous year to complete environmental reviews. Ken Tam said the Copeland Creek Trail is anticipated to be under construction by late spring or early summer of 2020.

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Staff said that the TDA Article 3 revenue balance at the end of the three-year funding period would be in the negative by approximately \$120,000. Regardless, the committee has the option to pay back the negative balance to the Countywide funding pot with revenue that is generated through FY 23/24. However, there would be very little TDA Article 3 funding remaining for projects in the County's unincorporated areas during that fiscal year. Several members of the committee said they were very excited to hear that the Arnold Drive bicycle lane project was moving forward. With no other comments, Joe Morgan made a motion, Jennifer Neeley seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the FY 20/21 funding plan.

V. Other Business & Announcements

There was no other business or announcements.

VI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on April 15, 2020.