

BAC

SOLANO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 13, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
STA Conference Room
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun, CA 94585

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMITTEE/STAFF PERSON</u>
I.	CALL TO ORDER - SELF INTRODUCTIONS (6:30-6:33 p.m.)	Glen Grant, Chair
II.	APPROVAL OF JULY 13, 2006 BAC AGENDA (6:33-6:35 p.m.)	
III.	APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2006 BAC MINUTES <i>Recommendation: Approve the April 20, 2006 BAC minutes</i> (6:35-6:40 p.m.)	
IV.	OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (6:40-6:50 p.m.)	
V.	INFORMATION ITEMS	
A.	State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes / SR12 West Bike Route Update (6:50-6:55 p.m.)	Sam Shelton
B.	MTC's Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy: Checklist Development (6:55-7:00 p.m.)	Sam Shelton
C.	STA's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Study Update (7:00-7:05 p.m.)	Sam Shelton

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 Funding Recommendations

Sam Shelton

Recommendation:

1. *Amend the Bicycle Advisory Committee's Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program's (SBPP) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Lists to include the City of Benicia's State Park Road Project.*
2. *Recommend that the STA Board adopt Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 bicycle project funding recommendations.*

(7:05-7:45 p.m.)

B. Appointment of Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Review Subcommittee Members

Robert Guerrero

Recommendation: *Appoint two Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) members to the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Review Subcommittee.*

(7:45-7:50 p.m.)

VII. ADJOURNMENT (7:50 p.m.) – The next regularly scheduled BAC meeting will be on September 7, 2006 in the STA Conference Room at One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585 at 6:30 p.m.



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting
April 20, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority’s Conference Room.

Present:

BAC Members:	Glen Grant, Chair	Solano County BAC member
	Jim Fisk	Dixon BAC member
	Randy Carlson	Fairfield BAC member
	Michael Segala	Suisun City BAC member
	Mick Weninger	Vallejo BAC member
	Barbara Wood, Vice Chair	Member-at-Large
	Larry Mork	Rio Vista BAC member
	J.B. Davis	Benicia BAC member
	Ray Posey	Vacaville BAC member

Others Present:

Eva Laevastu	PAC Chair
Mike Duncan	City of Fairfield Public Works
Taner Aksu	City of Vallejo Public Works
Ed Huestis	City of Vacaville Public Works
Paul Wiese	Solano County
Nick Lozano	City of Suisun City Public Works
Rob Powell	Solano County Resident
Robert Guerrero	STA
Anna McLaughlin	STA-SNCI
Sam Shelton	STA

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND FEBRUARY 2, 2006 BAC MINUTES

On a motion by Mike Segala and a second from Glen Grant, the BAC unanimously approved the April 2, 2006 BAC Agenda.

Barbara Wood asked that last name not be pluralized as “Woods” in the meeting minutes. On a motion by Randy Carlson, and a second from Jim Fisk, the February 2, 2006 BAC meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the BAC with Ms. Wood’s amendment.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Duncan informed the BAC of the latest developments on the McGary Road project. Mr. Duncan stated that after the recent heavy rains, the slide has had minimal movement. Mr. Duncan stated that he intends to complete the McGary Road Feasability Study in June 2006. Mr. Duncan explained that the project will be constructed in two phases. The first phase will be to construct two 12’ lanes with a 4 to 5’ shoulder. The second phase will be the construction of a decomposed granite path along the road for pedestrian and

equestrian use. Larry Mork asked what decomposed granite is. Mr. Duncan replied that decomposed granite is has a yellow crunchy feel, not for use by road bikes.

J.B. Davis asked about how retaining walls are part of the McGary Road project. Mike Duncan stated that several separate walls would be made along the 1000 feet of rehabilitated road.

Robert Guerrero updated the BAC on the Alternative Modes Committee's recommendation that the STA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees be involved in the review process for bicycle and pedestrian projects that submit applications for Yolo-Solano and Bay Area Air Quality Management District Clean Air Funds. Mr. Guerrero noted that it was too late to implement this policy this fiscal year. Mr. Guerrero informed the BAC that 5 projects were being considered for Clean Air Funds this year: Solano County's Vacaville-Dixon Bike Route, Vacaville's Nob Hill, Ulatis Creek, and Centennial Parkway projects, and Fairfield's McGary Road project.

Glen Grant commented that Vacaville's Centennial Parkway Project was not considered for Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds and added that Vacaville might not receive a recommendation for Clean Air Funds from the BAC.

Sam Shelton gave a quick overview of STA's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Study. Mr. Shelton reminded the BAC that they would be involved in creating a priority list of SR2S priority programs and projects.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Lists

Sam Shelton gave an overview of the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) and that the BAC would adopt Tier 1 and Tier 2 Project Priority Lists based on their SBPP project scores, project comments, and discussion.

Larry Mork asked for clarification where Solano County's Abernathy Road Bridge Project was located. Several BAC members refreshed Mr. Mork's memory of the BAC Tour of the Abernathy Road Bridge Project.

Larry Mork asked for a few more funding details regarding Suisun City's Bike Lane Striping Project. Nick Lozano answered that Suisun City was asking for nearly complete funding through SBPP funds, \$60,000 in SBPP with \$9,000 from Suisun City. Mr. Mork expressed concerns about committing large percentages of a project's total cost with BAC recommended funds instead of using BAC funds as seed money for larger fund sources.

Randy Carlson noted that Solano County's Abernathy Road Bridge project is a classic seed money project. Paul Wiese agreed, adding that this TDA-Article 3 money will match other bridge funds. Mr. Wiese also stated that is would be difficult to require that all bicycle funds leverage greater amounts of funding.

Barbara Wood asked what would happen to Solano County's Abernathy Road Bridge project if the BAC did not recommend funding this fiscal year. Paul Wiese stated that he would do everything he could to make sure that the bridge would have shoulders and handrails.

J.B. Davis recommended that the BAC create their Tier 1 and Tier 2 priority lists based on the a "natural break" of project criteria scores, as described in the SBPP guidelines. Sam Shelton asked the BAC to consider the project scores that varied widely between BAC members and discuss any adjustments to the priority of those projects.

Glen Grant asked how Suisun City's Bike Striping Lanes project was a school route and asked why Pintail Dr. was not chosen as that route. Nick Lozano stated that Suisun City's project would be a route to Crystal Middle School and that Pintail Dr. is not wide enough to accommodate bike lanes, despite it's recommendation in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan.

J.B. Davis asked how much of Solano County's Vacaville to Dixon Bike Route project request would fund the repaving. Paul Wiese answered that 90% of the project costs are to widen the road to accommodate the width of bicycle lanes. Mr. Wiese noted that this project is a candidate for Eastern Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds.

Glen Grant reminded the BAC that they need to adopt a BAC Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Project Lists. Randy Carlson made a motion and J.B. Davis seconded the motion to adopt the staff recommended Tier 1 and Tier 2 lists with the following amendment:

Tier 1 projects follow the staff recommended listing except that two projects be placed into the following Tier 2 Projects list in this order: Vacaville's Ulatis Creek Project, Vallejo's Bicycle Pedestrian Links Project, Solano County's Suisun Valley Bridge Project, Suisun City's Bike Lane Striping Projects, and Solano County's Abernathy Road Bridge.

J.B. Davis thought that Vallejo's Bicycle Pedestrian Links project deserved to be a Tier 1 project due it it's Transportation for Livable Communities qualities.

Ray Posey thought Vacaville's Ulatis Creek Project scored well, yet it was still recommended to be a Tier 2 project. J.B. Davis noted that he would endorse the project if the transit center's site was final.

The BAC adopted the recommendation 8-0 with Larry Mork abstaining.

Robert Guerreo asked the BAC to make a funding recommendation for fiscal year 2006/07 SBPP funds.

Glen Grant explained that the BAC has the option to not recommend all of the available funding in the current fiscal year in order to fund other priorities in later

fiscal years. Larry Mork disagreed with exercising that option, stating that funds that are not recommended for expenditures may not be available in later fiscal years.

J.B. Davis made a motion to recommend that Solano County's Vacaville to Dixon Bike Route project receive \$151,000 and that Solano County's Abernathy Road Bridge Project receive \$50,000. Randy Carlson seconded the motion and the BAC passed the recommendation.

B. MTC's Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy

Robert Guerrero summarized the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's latest effort to draft a policy that asks for routine accommodation of non-motorized travel in projects funded by regional funds. Mr. Guerrero also explained that MTC is considering delegating 100% of the regional bicycle pedestrian funding to the county shares. Mike Duncan explained how the Local Streets and Roads committee, an advisory committee of the Bay Area Partnership, has been working with MTC to develop policies that all public works agencies would accept.

J.B. Davis supports MTC's current recommendation regarding the conditioning of MTC's discretionary funds to include non-motorized accommodations at 15% of the total project cost. Robert Guerrero explained the details of the recommendation, in particular the planning and safety standard pieces of the recommendation. Glen Grant did not support the 15% recommendation and the planning requirements attached to it. Mr. Grant explained that the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan addresses countywide bicycle needs, not particular local routes that would benefit from a routine accommodation. Mr. Davis believed that the BAC could update the plan in the future to address more local needs.

J.B. Davis made a motion to support the Routine Accommodation Study's recommendations as currently shown and the delegation of MTC's regional bicycle and pedestrian funds to the county shares. With a second from Randy Carlson, the BAC adopted the recommendation.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2006 Bike to Work Week

Anna McLaughlin explained the 2006 Bike to Work Week campaign that the Solano Napa Commuter Information Program has put together.

B. State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes / SR12 West Bike Route Update

Sam Shelton gave an overview of the status of the State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes project. J.B. Davis explained to the BAC that the Project Study Report prepared for the Truck Climbing Lanes project identifies the route as a Class III bike route while the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan identifies the route as a Class I or Class II.

Robert Guerrero stated that the STA will ask someone from Caltrans to present the project to the BAC and answer questions at a later meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ray Posey and a second by Glen Grant, the BAC adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting of the STA BAC is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.



DATE: June 8, 2006
TO: STA SR2S Steering Committee
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager
RE: Information Items

A. State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes / SR12 West Bike Route Update - (Sam Shelton, STA)

Caltrans proposes to construct a truck climbing lane on westbound Route 12 (Jameson Canyon Road) from postmile markers 1.5 to 2.79 (nearly half the length of SR12 West from I-80). The new truck climbing lane will bring the shoulders on the westbound side of SR12 up to Caltrans standards of 2.4 meters (nearly 8 feet) and 3.0 meters (nearly 10 feet) at retaining wall locations. The existing 1.0 meter to 1.2 meter shoulders on the eastbound lanes will remain the same. The entrance to the existing Class I path along the north side of I-80 to Red Top Road will be improved to accommodate the additional truck climbing lane and shoulders.

STA Staff as asked that the Caltrans project manager for the SR12 Truck Climbing Lanes project give a presentation to the BAC at their September 2006 meeting. The project's design is currently 35%, preliminary designs are underway and permits for environmental & right-of-way are being negotiated. STA staff has also asked that a cost estimate for a Class II path be presented to the BAC at their September 2006 meeting.

B. MTC's Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy: Checklist Development - (Sam Shelton, STA)

MTC has adopted a Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy. The final adopted policy is different from the version that BAC recommended in April 2006. The final version does not condition funding but does require consideration of non-motorized accommodation by having project sponsors fill out a checklist of routine accommodation considerations.

MTC plans to develop these checklists by the end of the year in coordination with Caltrans and MTC regional bicycle and pedestrian working groups and the Local Streets and Roads Committee. Completed project checklists are planned to be available online.

C. STA's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Study Update - (Sam Shelton, STA)

The STA has almost finished making introductory presentations to city councils and school boards describing the Safe Routes to School Program. In the fall, BAC members will be asked to serve on local Community Task Forces, responsible for creating local SR2S project and priority lists.



DATE: June 30, 2006
 TO: STA BAC
 FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager
 RE: Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09
 Funding Recommendations

Background:

The Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) helps to fund priority bicycle and pedestrian projects in countywide. The SBPP funds bicycle and pedestrian projects through three funding sources: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article-3 funds, Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian funds through Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, and Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

On April 20, 2006, the BAC adopted the following Tier 1 and Tier 2 SBPP bicycle priority lists:

Tier	Sponsor	Project	Average BAC Score
1.1	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	40.13
1.2	Vacaville	Nob Hill Bike Path	39.00
1.3	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II	36.38
1.4	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III	35.88
1.5	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I	35.22
1.6	Solano County	Old Town Cordelia Improvements	35.13
1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	34.88
1.8	Suisun City	McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II	34.63
2.1	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis to Leisure Town)	33.38
2.2	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)	33.50
2.3	Vallejo	Vallejo Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Links	32.13
2.4	Solano County	Suisun Valley Road Bridge	33.00
2.5	Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II	32.13
2.6	Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I	30.63
2.7	Solano County	Abernathy Road Bridge	30.11

The BAC then recommended FY 2006-07 TDA SBPP funding for the following projects:

- \$151,333.33 for Solano County’s Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I
- \$50,000 for Solano County’s Abernathy Road Bridge Project.

In mid June, the City of Benicia submitted an application for State Park Road Bridge Project for \$800,000 in FY 2007-08 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2008-09. Preliminary scores show that the State Park Road Bridge Project would receive a 40 average score.

Discussion:

Using the adopted Tier 1 and Tier 2 lists, the BAC is asked to make funding recommendations for the second and third years of the SBPP's 3-year implementation plan. Before the BAC makes a recommendation for funding, STA Staff asks that the BAC consider Benicia's State Park Road application and use a summary of BAC member scores and comments to insert the project into the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Project lists. Attached is a SBPP funding recommendation worksheet which has a STA staff recommended priority for Benicia's project and funding recommendations for the second and third year of the SBPP's 3-year implementation plan.

Recommendation:

1. Amend the Bicycle Advisory Committee's Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program's (SBPP) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Lists to include the City of Benicia's State Park Road Project.
2. Recommend that the STA Board adopt Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 bicycle project funding recommendations.

Attachments:

- A. SBPP BAC Funding Recommendation worksheet.

SBPP Funding Worksheet - Preliminary Recommendation

Mode Application	Avg Score	Priority	Sponsor	Project	Bike Funding Available							
					Request	TDA	MTC	ECMAQ	BAC	T2 25%	PAC	SBPP
FY 2006/07					\$560,000.00	\$201,333.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$201,333.33	\$50,333.33	\$100,000.00	\$301,333.33
Bike	35.22	1.5	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I	\$300,000.00	\$151,333.33			\$151,333.33			\$151,333.33
Bike	30.63	2.5	Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I	\$60,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Bike	30.11	2.7	Solano County	Abernathy Road Bridge	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
Ped	28.11		Fairfield	Union Avenue Corridor, Phase II	\$100,000.00				\$0.00		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Ped	37.40	1.1	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$50,000.00				\$0.00		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Bike	36.60	1.5	Solano County	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$25,000.00				\$0.00		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Remaining					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 2007/08					\$4,235,000.00	\$212,666.67	\$465,333.33	\$542,666.67	\$1,220,666.67	\$305,166.67	\$610,333.33	\$1,831,000.00
Bike	40.13	1.1	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$175,000.00		\$175,000.00		\$175,000.00			\$175,000.00
Both	39.00	1.2	Vacaville	Nob Hill Bike Path	\$300,000.00			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00		\$100,000.00	\$300,000.00
Both		X.X	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$800,000.00	\$212,666.67	\$290,333.33		\$503,000.00		\$266,666.67	\$769,666.67
Ped	37.75		Suisun City	Marina Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure	\$110,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Bike	36.38	1.3	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II	\$1,000,000.00			\$342,666.67	\$342,666.67			\$342,666.67
Ped	35.13		Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$250,000.00				\$0.00		\$72,333.33	\$72,333.33
Ped	34.88	1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$400,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Both	33.38	2.1	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis to Leisure Town)	\$1,000,000.00				\$0.00		\$171,333.33	\$171,333.33
Bike	33.00	2.4	Solano County	Suisun Valley Road Bridge	\$110,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Bike	32.13	2.6	Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II	\$90,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Remaining					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 2008/09					\$5,700,000.00	\$224,666.67	\$465,333.33	\$337,333.33	\$1,027,333.33	\$256,833.33	\$513,666.67	\$1,541,000.00
Bike	40.13	1.1	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$650,000.00	\$184,666.67	\$465,333.33		\$650,000.00			\$650,000.00
Both		X.X	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$1,000,000.00	\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00		\$333,333.33	\$373,333.33
Bike	35.88	1.4	Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III	\$1,000,000.00			\$337,333.33	\$337,333.33			\$337,333.33
Both	35.13	1.6	Solano County	Old Town Cordelia Improvements	\$500,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Ped	35.13		Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$300,000.00				\$0.00		\$11,666.66	\$11,666.66
Ped	34.88	1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$50,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Both	34.63	1.8	Suisun City	McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II	\$200,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Both	33.50	2.2	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)	\$1,200,000.00				\$0.00		\$168,666.67	\$168,666.67
Both	32.13	2.3	Vallejo	Vallejo Station Pedestrian & Bicycle Links	\$800,000.00				\$0.00			\$0.00
Remaining					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



DATE: June 30, 2006
TO: STA BAC
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Associate Planner
RE: Appointment of Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Review Subcommittee Members

Background:

The Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) spent several months last year developing the Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) to update the overall funding recommendation process for Solano County pedestrian and bicycle projects. Based on the unanimous recommendations by PAC and the BAC, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board of Directors approved the SBPP on December 14, 2005. The SBPP is a list of Tier 1 and Tier 2 pedestrian and bicycle projects with recommended funding over three fiscal years. Funding associated with the SBPP program includes: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (E.CMAQ) funds, and Solano County's share of the Bay Area Bicycle/Pedestrian Program funds.

The PAC and BAC for the first time administered the SBPP program earlier this year as specified by the adopted SBPP Guidelines and Criteria. Applications for the three-year Tier 1 and Tier 2 list were reviewed and evaluated prior to discussions and recommendations in separate PAC and BAC meetings held in April 2006. The PAC and BAC reached consensus for funding and prioritizing Year 1 projects and proposed to continue discussions for prioritizing Year Two (2007-08) and Year Three (2008-09) Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects at a later meeting..

Discussion:

Three Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects on Thursday, July 6, 2006. Staff would like to hold a special PAC meeting in July dedicated solely to completing the PAC's priority list of projects for Year Two and Three as well in order to complete the process and have the STA Board consider a recommendation by both committees.

Furthermore, a suggestion was made by the PAC chair, Eva Leavastu, to establish a sub-committee of the PAC to discuss the overall SBPP process including positive and negative aspects of the program in an effort to improve it for the next cycle. The sub-committee is proposed to have three PAC members and three members of the BAC that will meet to exchange ideas for the full PAC committee to consider prior to the August 18th meeting. The BAC will also have an opportunity to consider the subcommittee's 14 recommendation around the same time frame (a BAC meeting date remains unconfirmed at this time).

Recommendation:

Appoint two Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) members to the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Review Subcommittee