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SOLANO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members:

- Benicia
- Dixon
- Fairfield
- Rio Vista
- Solano County
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo

Thursday, July 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
STA Conference Room
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun, CA 94585

- | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>Committee or Staff Person</u> |
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| <p>I. CALL TO ORDER- SELF INTRODUCTIONS-
(6:30 p.m.)</p> | <p>Glen Grant, Chair</p> |
| <p>II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
<i>Recommendation: Approve the July 12, 2007 BAC Agenda (6:30-6:33 p.m.)</i></p> | <p>Glen Grant, Chair</p> |
| <p>III. APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2007 BAC MINUTES-
<i>Recommendation: Approve the May 3, 2007 meeting minutes (6:33-6:35 p.m.)</i></p> | <p>Glen Grant, Chair</p> |
| <p>IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (6:40-6:50 p.m.)</p> | |
| <p>V. INFORMATION ITEMS (6:50-7:30 p.m.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. SR 12/Jameson Canyon Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Project Review B. MTC Routine Accommodations C. North Connector Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Corridor Concept Plan D. MTC Regional Bicycle Plan Update E. Bike to Work Week | <p>Robert Macaulay, STA</p> <p>Robert Guerrero, STA</p> <p>Robert Guerrero, STA</p> <p>Robert Guerrero, STA</p> <p>Judy Leaks, SNCI</p> |
| <p>VI. ACTION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP)
<i>Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to issue a Call for SBPP Projects for the FY 2008-09 to FY 2010-11 SBPP 3-Year Plan (7:30-8:00 p.m.)</i> | <p>Robert Macaulay, STA</p> |
| <p>VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS</p> | |
| <p>VIII. ADJOURNMENT (8:00 p.m.) – Next regular scheduled meeting tentatively for September 6, 2007 in the STA Conference Room at One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun, CA 94585 at 6:30 p.m.</p> | |



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting
STA Conference Room
May 3, 2007

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 J.B. Davis Randy Carlson Mick Weninger Larry Mork Michael Segala Jim Fisk Ray Posey	Solano County BAC member Benicia BAC member Fairfield BAC member Vallejo BAC member Rio Vista BAC member Suisun City BAC member Dixon BAC member Vacaville BAC member
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BAC Members Absent:	Barbara Wood JB Davis	Member at Large City of Benicia
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Others Present:	Eva K. Laevastu Michael Thorne Mike Duncan Paul Wiese James Loomis Taner Aksu Robert Macaulay Robert Guerrero	PAC Chairperson City of Benicia City of Fairfield Solano County City of Vacaville City of Vallejo STA STA
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II. APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2007 BAC AGENDA

On a motion by Randy Carlson and a second from Mike Segala, the BAC approved the May 3, 2007 BAC Agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2007 BAC MINUTES

The BAC pointed out the following errors in the March 8, 2007 BAC meeting minutes:

- Barbara Wood’s name was incorrectly added to the attendance roster twice
- Eva Laevastu’s name was incorrectly spelled.

On a motion by Michael Segala and a second from Randy Carlson, the BAC approved the minutes provided the corrections to the errors take place.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Segala discussed a safety concern for the Fairfield’s West Texas Street Gateway project currently under construction. Mr. Segala indicated that there are

bushes along the path being constructed that people can easily hide behind to surprise walkers or bicyclists. Mike Duncan indicated that the project is being constructed by Caltrans and gave a description of the project's scope and configuration. Mike Duncan indicated that he will pass on Mr. Segala's concern about the bushes to Caltrans.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP)

Robert Macaulay discussed STA staff's recommended changes to the FY2007-08 SBPP project funding. Mr. Macaulay indicated that the City of Suisun's Rail Road Avenue project will not be able to use the \$90,000 allocated toward the project. Mr. Macaulay explained the shortfall in Eastern Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (ECMAQ) Program funds and the additional available Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds. The BAC briefly discussed options for re-allocating \$90,000 from Suisun's original project towards a different bicycle project. Mike Duncan, City of Fairfield and Michael Throne, City of Benicia, explained their issue with having partial funding allocated to their projects. They requested the BAC consider moving the recommending funding amounts from FY 07-08 to combine the with the funding recommended for their projects in FY 08-09.

On a motion by Larry Mork and a second by Mick Weninger, the BAC agreed to forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:

1. Combine the recommended funding for Benicia's State Park Road Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Project (\$569,000) and Fairfield's McGary Road Project (\$175,000) with the recommended funding for each project in FY08-09
2. Approve the following FY 07-08 projects for these specific funding amounts:
 - a) Solano County- Suisun Valley Road Bridge: \$110,000 in TDA Art. 3
 - b) Solano County- Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway Phase II: \$215,458 in TDA Art. 3 and \$127,542 in ECMAQ
 - c) City of Vacaville- Nob Hill Bike Path: \$300,000 in ECMAQ
 - d) City of Vacaville- Ulatis Creek Bike Path: \$90,000 in TDA Art. 3 and \$37,098 in ECMAQ

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MTC Routine Accommodations

Robert Guerrero, STA, gave the BAC an update on MTC's Routine Accommodation's process. Mr. Guerrero indicated that MTC is currently working to have a link on their website for other agencies to link to. Mr.

Guerrero also indicated that the STA will have post a link for BAC and PAC members to access.

B. North Connector Transportation for Livable Communities Corridor Concept Plan

Robert Guerrero, STA, gave a status report on the North Connector TLC Corridor Concept plan. Mr. Guerrero indicated that a public workshop is scheduled for May 10th at the Nelda Mundy Elementary School in Cordelia.

C. MTC Regional Bicycle Plan Update

Robert Guerrero, STA, discussed MTC's initiation of their Regional Bicycle Plan update as part of the new Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Guerrero indicated that MTC will discuss this issue in more detail at their Bicycle Working Group meeting scheduled for June 21, 2007 meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The BAC adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DATE: July 5, 2007
TO: Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner
RE: Information Items

V.A SR 12/Jameson Canyon Corridor Mobility- (Robert Macaulay, STA)
Jameson Canyon Project on State Route (SR) 12 from I-80 in Solano County to and including SR 12/29 intersection in Napa County is to relieve traffic congestion, improve mobility, enhance safety and improve current roadway conditions. A Phase 1 Project has been identified, this includes adding an additional lane in each direction and constructing a concrete median barrier. The Phase 1 Project is fully funded through the Proposition 1B Corridor Improvement Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) and is expected to begin construction in 2010.

V.B MTC Routine Accommodations- (Robert Guerrero, STA)
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will provide a website link listing transportation projects throughout the Bay Area as part of their Routine Accommodations Policy. The purpose of this link is to provide an opportunity for the general public, and bicycle and pedestrian advocates to review the transportation projects for bicycle and pedestrian consideration. MTC expects to have a list ready for review in the next month. In the meantime, the Solano Transportation Authority is currently working with a Solano Project Development Working Group (PDWG) which consists of participants that handle day to day transportation project administration at the city and county staff. One of the tasks the committee will be discuss is MTC's Routine Accommodations Policy.

V.C North Connector Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Corridor Concept Plan- (Robert Guerrero, STA)
The purpose of the North Connector Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Corridor Concept Plan is to provide a document with bicycle, pedestrian and transit related improvements in the North Connector project area. The proposed improvements will support the current and future land uses.

The Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) held a joint meeting on March 8, 2007 to discuss opportunities and constraints within the project area. The BAC and PAC were also invited to attend a public workshop for the project at the Nelda Mundy Elementary School on May 10, 2007. STA staff and our consultant ARUP is finalizing a draft plan for the BAC and PAC to review. Copies of the draft plan is anticipated to be available for distribution at the July 12th BAC meeting.

V.D MTC Regional Bicycle Plan Update- (Robert Guerrero, STA)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is currently in the process of updating the 2001 Regional Bicycle Plan. The 2008 update will be a minor update of the 2001 plan and is expected to be complete in spring of 2008. One key element is an update of the Regional Bicycle Plan Goals and Policies (see Attachment V.D.I). MTC is primarily relying on the guidance provided by the Regional Bicycle Working Group (RBWG) to update the plan; however, MTC staff is inviting comments from county BACs as well. The next RBWG is scheduled for August 16, 2007 at MTC in downtown Oakland. The RBWG is expected to finalize the update at this meeting. Interested BAC members are encouraged to submit comments and/or attend the August RBWG meeting.

V.E Bike to Work Week- (Judy Leaks, SNCI)

The 2007 Bike to Work Week took place May 14-17. Solano Napa Commuter Information staff secured prizes from local sponsors, coordinated energizer stations for Bike to Work Day, advertised through local newspapers. Over 500 individuals participated in Solano County. Scott Morison was selected as the Solano County "Bike Commuter of the Year." The "Solano Cyclo Slugs" won the Solano County Team Bike Challenge. The "Slugs" (Randy Carlson, Claudia Burlingham, Tim Jones, Rick Wood and Duane Kromm) will receive their Award and Prize (Timbuk2 bags) at the July 12 BAC meeting.

PLANNING GOALS AND POLICIES

This chapter documents the bicycle-related goals and policies of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which guided the development of this updated Regional Bicycle Plan.

PRINCIPAL GOAL:

Ensure that bicycling is a safe, convenient, and practical means of transportation and healthy recreation throughout the Bay Area, to reduce traffic congestion and risk of climate change and to increase opportunities for physical activity to improve public health.

Federal, state and regional directives place greater emphasis on considering the accommodation of pedestrians and bicyclists when designing roadway facilities than when this plan was originally adopted in 2001. That year, Caltrans issued Deputy Directive (DD) 64, which requires the State DOT to consider the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of its facilities (see Appendix B). In 2006, MTC adopted Resolution 3765, which requires agencies applying for regional transportation funds to document how the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians were considered in the planning and design of projects for which funds are requested. For the region to make further strides towards improving bicycle travel, the routine accommodation of bicycles and pedestrians must be embraced by other implementing agencies as well, such as countywide transportation authorities, jurisdictions, transit operators, and other partner agencies of MTC.

"The needs of non-motorized transportation must be considered on all highway projects."
-Chapter 1000, *Highway Design Manual*

Objective 1.0 The Regional Bicycle Network

Define a comprehensive regional bikeway network.

Policies:

- 1.1 Develop a cohesive system of regional bikeways that provide access to and among major activity centers and public transportation.
- 1.2 Ensure that all regionally funded transportation projects consider enhancement of bicycle transportation, consistent with MTC Resolution 3765 and Caltrans Deputy Directive 64.
- 1.3 Ensure that the regional bikeway network serves bicyclists with a wide range of abilities.
- 1.4 Encourage bicycle-friendly design on all roadways, public transit, and other transportation facilities, through new technologies, "best practices" standards, guidelines, and innovative treatments.

"The Department fully considers the needs of non-motorized travelers (including pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with disabilities) in all programming, planning, maintenance, construction, operations and project development activities and products."
-Caltrans Deputy Directive 64

- 1.5 Ensure that closing gaps in the regional bikeway network—particularly those that occur over jurisdictional boundaries—are given high funding priority.
- 1.6 Ensure ongoing maintenance and monitoring efforts that support the implementation and operation of the regional bikeway system.
- 1.7 Provide bicycle access across all Bay Area toll bridges whenever possible.

Objective 2.0 Bicycle Safety

Encourage local policies that improve bicycle safety.

Policies

- 2.1 Support local government efforts to improve bicyclist safety by encouraging enforcement of the California vehicle code for motorists and cyclists alike. Examples include diversion training programs and reduced fines for errant cyclists to encourage citation-writing.
- 2.2 Encourage local jurisdictions and other agencies and organizations to utilize MTC's online Safety Toolbox.

Objective 3.0 Multimodal Integration

Work toward developing seamless mode transfers between bicycling and public transportation.

Policies

- 3.1 Encourage transit agencies to provide, maintain, and promote convenient and secure bicycle parking at transit stops, stations, and terminals, including racks, bike lockers, in-station bike storage, and staffed bicycle parking facilities.
- 3.2 Facilitate cooperation of local and regional transit agencies to ensure that bicycles are accommodated on all forms of public transit, whenever possible.
- 3.3 Focus bicycle improvements to transit station access on the half-mile surrounding each station, by improving ease, speed, convenience and safety of bicycle access, including by means of signage and bikeways.
- 3.4 Continue to fund the Safe Routes to Transit program using Regional Measure 2 revenue or other sources.



Golden Gate Transit bus equipped with bike rack

Objective 4.0 Comprehensive Support Facilities and Mechanisms

Encourage the development of facilities and institutions that contribute to a good bicycling environment.

Policies

- 4.1 Encourage development of bike stations at transit stations that provide long term bicycle storage and bicycle repair and rental.
- 4.2 Encourage local jurisdictions to adopt ordinances requiring bicycle parking and storage, and shower and locker facilities for all new developments and major redevelopments.
- 4.3 Encourage local jurisdictions to offer incentives for employers that provide indoor bicycle parking for their employees and, when feasible, their customers.
- 4.4 Continue to require cities and counties to form and maintain bicycle advisory committees, and to develop and update comprehensive bicycle plans as a condition for receiving Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.

Objective 5.0 Bicycle Education and Promotion

Develop training sessions and educational materials that emphasize bicycle safety and the positive benefits of cycling.

Policies

- 5.1 Encourage and support the creation or expansion of comprehensive safety awareness, driver education, cyclist education, and diversion training programs for cyclists and motorists.
- 5.2 Develop a comprehensive promotion and outreach effort—including but not limited to Bike-to-Work Day—that advocates for bicycling as a healthy transportation choice, both physically and environmentally.
- 5.3 Sponsor training sessions on best practices bicycle facility design and safe cycling practices.
- 5.4 Support development of street skills classes to help recreational cyclists learn to use their bicycles for transportation.

Objective 6.0 Funding Sources

Develop an equitable and effective regional funding and implementation process.

Policies

- 6.1 Continue the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program to support improvements to, and expansion, maintenance, and operation of bicycle facilities throughout the Bay Area.
- 6.2 Consider the benefits of bicycling in the allocation of all transportation funding and in developing performance measures, including vehicle trip and greenhouse gas reduction, public health and community livability.

Objective 7.0 Planning

Continue to support ongoing regional bicycle planning.

Policies

- 7.1 Support ongoing planning efforts to implement projects in the Regional Bicycle Plan, with the assistance of MTC Resolution 3765.
- 7.2 Update the Regional Bicycle Plan every four years, in coordination with Regional Transportation Plan updates.
- 7.3 Continue to staff and support a regional bicycle working group to oversee implementation of this plan, among other efforts.
- 7.4 Create mechanisms to distribute this plan to jurisdictions and other agencies throughout the Bay Area and to encourage incorporation of applicable policies into locally adopted documents.
- 7.5 Establish a program that provides consultants to perform bicycle counts to public agencies throughout the Bay Area, including transit systems. Ensure that funding does not come from bicycle funding sources.
- 7.6 Allocate resources to increase interaction between Metropolitan Transportation Commission staff working on bicycle issues and their counterparts at Caltrans.
- 7.7 Encourage jurisdictions to consider adopting thresholds of significance that establish Level of Service (LOS) guidelines for all modes, including bicycles.
- 7.8 Support inclusion of transportation and land use standards in Health Impact Assessments, in recognition of the well-documented deleterious effects that automobile-oriented community design has on public health.
- 7.9 Encourage consideration of facilities and amenities to encourage bicycle transportation in the process of planning in Priority Development Areas (PDAs).

Objective 8.0 Data Collection

Routinely collect region-wide bicycle, pedestrian travel and collision data, including for non-motorized trips combined with transit.

Policies

- 8.1 Conduct regional travel surveys every five years to understand the role that bicycling plays in the Bay Area's transportation system and to track the effect of external trends.
- 8.2 Continue to collect SWITRS collision data and include in the annual State of the System Report.
- 8.3 Continue to make travel data available to the public through the MTC website.

DATE: July 5, 2007
TO: Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP)

Background:

The Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) funds priority bicycle and pedestrian projects 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 (ECMAQ) funds.

To assist in recommending funding for the program, the Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) created a 3-year implementation plan that consists of funding for countywide significant bicycle and pedestrian projects. Attachment A is the current 3-Year Plan.

Upon conclusion of the first cycle of the SBPP program, members of the BAC, PAC and the Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) revised the SBPP program in effort to make the process less cumbersome for the committee members and project sponsors. The SBPP program was also revised to be a set 3-year funding plan to provide project sponsors some assurance of available funds as their allocation year approaches. The BAC and PAC agreed to create a new SBPP 3-Year Plan for fiscal years (FY) 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.

Discussion:

The STA Board approved the BAC and PAC recommended SBPP projects for FY 2007-08 at their June 13, 2007 meeting. To prepare for the new cycle of SBPP funding the BAC and PAC will need to begin the process to create the new 3-Year Plan. The tentative schedule is as follows:

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| 1. BAC/PAC recommends Board Call for SBPP Projects | July 12, 2007/ July 19, 2007 |
| 2. STA Board issues Call for Projects | September 12, 2007 |
| 3. SBPP Project Due | October 2007 |
| 4. BAC/PAC review SBPP Projects | November 2007 |
| 5. BAC/PAC recommends SBPP 3-Year Plan Projects list | January 2007 |
| 6. STA Board approves SBPP 3Year Plan | February-March 2007 |

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to issue a Call for the FY 2008-09 to FY 2010-11 SBPP 3-Year Plan.

Attachment: A. Current 3-Year Plan

ATTACHMENT A

Current Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) 3-Year Plan

Mode	Priority		Sponsor	Project	Request	TDA	Funding Sources		TOTAL SBPP
	Application	BAC					PAC	MTC	
FY 2006/07					\$275,000.00	\$302,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302,000.00
Ped		2.3	Fairfield	Union Avenue Corridor, Phase II	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
Bike	2.5		Solano County	Abernathy Road Bridge	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
Bike	1.1	1.6	Solano County	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I	\$300,000.00	\$152,000.00			\$152,000.00
Bike	2.4		Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I	\$60,000.00				\$0.00
					Remaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 2007/08					\$4,235,000.00	\$415,458.00	\$73,000.00	\$464,640.00	\$953,098.00
Both	1.3	1.1	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$800,000				\$0.00
Ped		1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$400,000				\$0.00
Bike	1.1	1.6	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$175,000				\$0.00
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$250,000		\$73,000		\$73,000
Bike	2.3		Solano County	Suisun Valley Road Bridge	\$110,000	\$110,000			\$110,000
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$215,458		\$127,542	\$343,000
Bike	2.4		Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II	\$90,000				\$0.00
Ped		2.2	Suisun City	Marina Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure	\$110,000				\$0.00
Both	1.2	1.5	Vacaville	Nob Hill Bike Path	\$300,000			\$300,000	\$300,000
Both	2.1	2.4	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis to Leisure Town)	\$1,000,000	\$90,000		\$37,098	\$127,098
					Remaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 2008/09					\$5,700,000.00	\$456,000.00	\$1,323,000.00	\$506,000.00	\$2,285,000.00
Both	1.3	1.1	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$1,000,000.00	\$271,000.00	\$671,000.00		\$942,000.00
Ped	1.6	1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$50,000.00				\$0.00
Bike	1.1	1.6	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$650,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$640,000.00		\$825,000.00
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$300,000.00		\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00
Both	1.5	1.4	Solano County	Old Town Cordelia Improvements	\$500,000.00				\$0.00
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III	\$1,000,000.00			\$337,000.00	\$337,000.00
Both	1.7	2.1	Suisun City	McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II	\$200,000.00				\$0.00
Both	2.1	2.4	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)	\$1,200,000.00			\$169,000.00	\$169,000.00
Both	2.2	1.3	Vallejo	Vallejo Station Pedestrian & Bicycle Links	\$800,000.00				\$0.00
					Remaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00