



City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Service Center
South
69 Stony Circle
Conference Room 5

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 15, 2025

4:00 PM

4:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Narath called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

New Board Member Kathryn Kelly was introduced.

Present 5 - Chair Tanya Narath, Vice Chair Elizabeth Ridlington, Board Member Sarah Hart, Board Member Kathryn Kelly, and Board Member Emily Warne

Absent 2 - Board Member Scott Doig, and Board Member Paul Schwarz

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

4. COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 February 26, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ridlington, seconded by Board Member Warne, to approve as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Narath, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Hart, Board Member Kelly and Board Member Warne

Absent: 2 - Board Member Doig and Board Member Schwarz

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Alexa Forrester of Bikeable Santa Rosa thanked staff for being out early for Bike to Work Day. She stated that the streetscapes that have completed road diets feel transformed and she has observed more pedestrians out and about.

Duane DeWitt spoke about attending meetings for over 30 years and advocating for a bikeway along Roseland Creek, and is hopeful for more detail regarding pathway/greenway projects in the Roseland Creek area in the Active Transportation Plan.

Sean Morgan stated he has recently moved to the area and is an avid cyclist. He said he is seeking a seat on the Board, as well as on other County bicycle and pedestrian committees and clubs.

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT - Vice Chair Election

BACKGROUND: The Board may elect a Vice Chair to serve a one-year term.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board shall, by motion, elect a Vice Chair to serve a one-year term.

Chair Narath nominated current Vice Chair Ridlington, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Board Member Kelly, and seconded by Vice Chair Ridlington to elect Vice Chair Ridlington to a one-year term. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Narath, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Hart, Board Member Kelly and Board Member Warne

Absent: 2 - Board Member Doig and Board Member Schwarz

7.2 REPORT - Final Active Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND: The Board will review the Final Active Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board, by motion, may recommend that the City Council adopt the Final Active Transportation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johanna James spoke in favor off all the work put into the plan. She commented on the need for pedestrian improvements on Lance Drive and the process involved in developing priorities.

James Duncan spoke about the at-grade pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing at Jennings Avenue, and stated that it should be listed as a high priority project, to be built in phases to support the extension of the CPUC approval. He asked that this project be revised from an opportunity project to high priority project in the plan.

Alexa Forrester spoke in favor of the plan as a big step towards the goal of a connected, protected, low stress bike route in Santa Rosa, and in favor of all of the staff work and outreach.

Duane DeWitt spoke in favor of community, equity and priority for pathway/bikeway projects in the Roseland Creek area listed in the plan.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ridlington, seconded by Board Member Warne, to approve the recommendation that City Council adopt the Final Active Transportation Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Narath, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Hart, Board Member Kelly and Board Member Warne

Absent: 2 - Board Member Doig and Board Member Schwarz

7.3 REPORT - Vision Zero Implementation Plan Annual Update

BACKGROUND: Staff will provide an update on implementation of Santa Rosa's Vision Zero Implementation Plan for the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required. The Board may provide input on implementation of the Vision Zero Implementation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexa Forrester spoke about the statewide daylighting legislation and inquired if the City had any plans for education or curb painting or enforcement.

Sean Morgan spoke in favor of positive reinforcement and encouragement to vehicles and pedestrians that yield to bicyclists. He listed suggestions for navigating safely and improvements in a few locations.

This item was received and filed.

8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Ridlington gave a big thank you for the Bike in Block Party event.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Bike in Block Party was a success and all the volunteers were thanked for helping.
- The Bike to Work Day energizing station was well attended.
- The annual City Works Festival will be held on May 21 downtown along with the Wednesday Night Market to celebrate Public Works month.
- Council has approved moving forward with a \$200,000 grant from the MTC to purchase K71 bollards. Some work will be done by City crews and some will be done by a contractor.
- Protected bike lanes are planned on South Wright Road between Joe Rodota Trail and the SRJC campus, and on Bellevue Avenue between North Dutton and the SMART tracks.
- Staff is applying for the next round of SS4A funding and looking for locations to do planning and demonstration.
- The annual TDA funding will be directed to school safety improvement projects.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Chair Narath adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Approved on:

A. Scheblik
Recording Secretary