



**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

New Board Member Zach Mesel was introduced.

Present 6 - Vice Chair Elizabeth Ridlington, Board Member Sarah Hart, Board Member Kathryn Kelly, Board Member Zach Mesel, Board Member Jennifer Pickrell, and Board Member Paul Schwarz

Absent 1 - Chair Tanya Narath

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)

3. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

4. COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Board Member Pickrell, to approve as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Kelly, Board Member Mesel, Board Member Pickrell and Board Member Schwarz

Absent: 1 - Chair Narath

Abstain: 1 - Board Member Hart

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane DeWitt spoke in favor of the current Director of Transportation and Public Works, staff participation in community bike rides, and the Roseland Community.

Alexa Forrester of Bikeable Santa Rosa gave a report on the Bikeville Santa Rosa event, spoke in favor of the Director's participation, having infrastructure to get bicyclists across major arterials while on the creek path, and greater and safer connectivity between all the neighborhoods.

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED WORK PLAN

BACKGROUND: Each year, Transportation and Public Works (TPW) staff presents a proposed Work Plan for the Board to review. Annual Work Plans are created based on the transportation projects that are in the project development pipeline.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for the Board's information and no action will be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexa Forrester spoke in favor.

Duane DeWitt spoke in favor.

This item was received and filed.

7.2 REPORT - VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

BACKGROUND: Each year, Transportation and Public Works (TPW) staff presents an update on the Vision Zero Implementation Plan, annual collision data, and any other relevant updates related to reducing fatal and severe injury on the city's transportation network.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for the Board's information and no action will be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane DeWitt provided comments.

This item was received and filed.

7.3 REPORT - FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 PROPOSED CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

BACKGROUND: Each year the Santa Rosa City Council adopts the annual Fiscal Year (FY) budget, appropriating money to various City Departments and specific accounts for the coming year

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for the Board's information and no action will be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane DeWitt provided comments.

This item was received and filed.

8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Ridlington signed up for Redwood Bikeshare and provided an example of how it fit in with other public transportation options to get to and from a few locations and events.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Bicycle Coalition is holding an event titled Pedal Fest on May 31. Also on that date, there is another event called Child in the Wild. City staff will be at both events.
- Staff is ramping up engagement for the connection between Prince Memorial Greenway and the Southeast Greenway, and will be looking for feedback on different alternatives.
- Staff is taking a contract to City Council for a Master Plan for the Southeast Greenway; a planning design firm has been picked; and we have donors lined up through our partnership with the Sonoma Land Trust to spend on playgrounds and early build projects.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Ridlington adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Approved on:

A. Scheblik
Recording Secretary