



City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Service Center
South
69 Stony Circle
Conference Room 5

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present 5 - Chair Tanya Narath, Vice Chair Elizabeth Ridlington, Board Member Doug McKenzie, Board Member Paul Schwarz, and Board Member Emily Warne

Absent 2 - Board Member Scott Doig, and Board Member Sarah Hart

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 December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Yes: 4 - Chair Narath, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Schwarz and Board Member Warne

Absent: 3 - Badenfort, Board Member Doig and Board Member Hart

Abstain: 1 - Board Member McKenzie

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Eris Weaver, Executive Director of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, announced they have just moved to a new office located on Humboldt Street and are having a grand opening on March 6.

Other March events including classes for the public for ride share bikes, their third advocacy summit, and other social events are listed on their website and in their newsletter.

Johanna James spoke about the need for improvements on the south end of Lance Drive and voiced concerns about the planned development regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Chris Guenther of Bikeable Santa Rosa spoke about the Santa Rosa City Schools situation and that a flexible approach to budgeting for Capital Improvement Projects to include consideration for traffic and commute changes for school sites that are being closed/consolidated. He also spoke in favor of the City's response time for pot hole repairs.

Duane DeWitt thanked the Board and staff and spoke about the Roseland Creek Greenway-Bikeway, the current school district issues, the planned Highway 101 Pedestrian Overcrossing project, and federal funding.

Thea Rhiannon read her letter submitted as Correspondence.

Correspondence

7. REPORT ITEMS

7.1 REPORT - Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026

BACKGROUND: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board to provide programming direction for TDA Article III funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board may, by motion, recommend which project(s) to allocate approximately \$251,120 of FY 2025/2026 TDA Article III funds to.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eris Weaver spoke in favor of the compact sweeper for maintenance of bike lanes.

Chris Guenther also spoke in favor of the compact sweeper,

prioritizing improvements for school safety, the possibility of quick-build projects, and for moving Santa Rosa High School up on the list for its central location.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ridlington, seconded by Board Member Schwarz, to allocate approximately \$251,120 of FY 2025/2026 TDA Article III funds to school safety improvements, primarily for schools that will be impacted by the upcoming school closures in 2025 and 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

7.2 REPORT - Steele Lane Pilot Study Update: Phases One and Two

BACKGROUND: Staff will present a report on the Steele Lane Pilot Study Phases One and Two.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for Board discussion and no action is required. Staff will welcome feedback on phase two of the Pilot Study.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eris Weaver spoke in favor of the testing and initiating changes in the area.

Chris Guenther believes that the public appreciate the change near the school and asked what will happen to the area now that the school is scheduled to be closed. He suggested it remain the same and that additional traffic calming be added to more areas in the City.

This item was received and filed.

8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member McKenzie spoke about his 12 years of service to the Board and stated that he enjoyed his time and conversations regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Chair Narath thanked him for supporting the community and encouraged him to remain involved.

Vice Chair Ridlington reported that she and City staff Alexander Ocegüera attended the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. The CBPAC had a quorum and they were able to vote on issues that were in limbo. They were

impressed by the new active transportation counters were shown at the meeting.

Chair Narath recognized former Chair Badenfort for his service to the Board.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Redwood Bikeshare is now in the City. There are currently nine locations, and three more locations planned specifically at/near Santa Rosa Junior College.
- The City will receive SS4A grant funding for intersection improvements. Staff is currently working on projects and options and will accept feedback.
- Staff is also working on regulatory requests to add red curbs to areas near schools and train tracks.
- The second annual Bike-In Block Party is scheduled for May 10, 2025. The City is partnering with Bikeable Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.
- Thursday, May 15, 2025 is Bike to Work Day.
- The Active Transportation Plan will be available to the public the first week in March through the end of the month. It will be an online interactive PDF. The final version will be presented to the Board for review in May, with plans for formal adoption by the Council in June.
- The Planning and Economic Development Department is launching a survey about Fourth Street becoming pedestrian-friendly. Staff clarified the survey is not from the Transportation and Public Works department.
- The new Vice Chair will be elected at the next meeting.
- Staff stated that emails from the public to City staff will always be addressed by City staff. Protocol for responding to emails from the public sent the Board; Staff suggests that the Chair and/or the Vice Chair respond, and do not reply to all, and that City staff be copied in the response. Staff assured the Board that they are an email responsive team.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Chair Narath adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Approved on:

G. Garner
Acting Recording Secretary