



# City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Service Center  
South  
69 Stony Circle  
Conference Room 5

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

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

4:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

**Present** 5 - Chair Tanya Narath, Vice Chair Elizabeth Ridlington, Board Member Kathryn Kelly, Board Member Jennifer Pickrell, and Board Member Paul Schwarz

**Absent** 3 - Board Member Scott Doig, Board Member Sarah Hart, and Board Member Zach Mesel

### 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 January 15, 2026 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:** 5 - Chair Narath, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Kelly, Board Member Pickrell and Board Member Schwarz

**Absent:** 3 - Board Member Doig, Board Member Hart and Board Member Mesel

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane DeWitt thanked the Board for volunteering to be on the committee and thanked the staff for all the hard work over the years. He spoke about the pathway in Roseland, future plans for Roseland Creek, and invited all to a community Earth Day event on April 18.

Alexa Forrester of Bikeable Santa Rosa spoke about a new development planned near the Carrillo Adobe and asked for accounting for bicycle and pedestrian permeability through the area of development.

Emily Shartin of Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition stated that May is Bike Month and that many activities are planned, including Bike to Work Day on May 14; a team bike challenge opportunity; a Bike Film Festival on May 20, and event called Pedal Fest. Details can be found on their website.

## 7. REPORT ITEMS

### 7.1 REPORT - SOUTH SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**BACKGROUND:** The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) initiated the Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) program in 2002 to identify and create action plans that address the mobility needs for lower-income communities through collaborative efforts from residents, community organizations, and transportation agencies. Since 2002, more than 30 lower-income communities in all nine Bay Area counties have developed CBTPs, including a previous CBTP for the Roseland area completed in 2007.

Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities (SCTCA) and Santa Rosa City staff collaborated in 2025 to develop a Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for the South Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor area. The Plan includes sections in both the City of Santa Rosa and in unincorporated Sonoma County. The project team engaged community members in South Santa Rosa and documented the results of the community-based planning process in the CBTP.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexa Forrester spoke in favor and hopes this plan informs the development and is incorporated and implemented.

**This item was received and filed.**

**7.2 REPORT - SOUTH SANTA ROSA SPECIFIC PLAN LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ALTERNATIVES**

**BACKGROUND:** The Land Use and Circulation Alternatives present three potential approaches to achieve Santa Rosa's vision for the future of the South Santa Rosa Specific Plan Area while taking existing conditions into consideration. Each of the three Alternatives offers a different approach to distributing future housing, recreation areas, economic growth, and circulation improvements presented in detail in the Land Use and Circulation Alternatives Report (Attachment 1). The Alternatives Report is a key step in the Specific Plan process and provides an opportunity for the community to consider how South Santa Rosa will look in the future, where growth will occur, and what areas to preserve. The Alternatives present variations in the location and density of future housing, park and open space improvements. They reflect different ways to achieve the fundamental goals of the General Plan Update, aligning with the community vision and policies outlined in the General Plan.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alexa Forrester spoke in favor of option 2, and encouraged improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity be included, and letting developers decide how much parking they need.

**This item was received and filed.**

**7.3 REPORT - VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

**BACKGROUND:** Every year the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board must elect a Vice Chair to serve a one-year term.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Board, by motion, elect a Vice Chair to serve a one-year term.

**A motion was made by Board Member Schwarz, and seconded by Board Member Kelly, to nominate current Vice Chair Ridlington for election to a**

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**one-year term as Vice Chair. The nomination was accepted by Vice Chair Ridlington and no other nominations were made. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 3 - Board Member Doig, Board Member Hart and Board Member Mesel

## **8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Ridlington attended the Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing groundbreaking event.

Board Member Schwarz reported that he and City staff Alexander Ocegüera attended the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. A quorum was not met, so a Special Meeting is being planned on another date and asked if another BPAB member would be able to attend.

Chair Narath attended the Hopper Avenue groundbreaking event.

## **9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Staff also spoke about the CBPAC and stated that there are plans to consider a possible hybrid version for their board members due to the quorum issues and to nominate and vote for a Vice Chair. There is a possibility that City staff Alexander Ocegüera may be nominated. Attendance at the meetings was encouraged and an invitation will be provided when meetings are scheduled. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 1:30 PM.
- Staff also attended the groundbreaking event for the BPOC.
- Bike Month and Bike to Work/School activities were discussed and participation was encouraged.
- Staff also attend the groundbreaking event for Hopper Avenue.
- Sonoma Avenue is under construction between Hahman and Farmers and includes sidewalk improvements.
- Of the cities that have Redwood Bike Share, Santa Rosa has the most users per mile, and the number of miles for this quarter are 1800. Staff continues to work with them to get more hubs and drops zones.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Narath at 5:57 p.m.

Approved on:

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A. Scheblik  
Recording Secretary