



City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Service Center
South
69 Stony Circle
Conference Room 5

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, August 17, 2023

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present 6 - Chair Kim Badenfort, Vice Chair Elizabeth Ridlington, Board Member Emily Kyle, Board Member Doug McKenzie, Board Member Dylan Prindle, and Board Member Tanya Narath

Absent 1 - Board Member Paul Schwarz

2. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

3. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member McKenzie, seconded by Board Member Prindle, approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Badenfort, Vice Chair Ridlington, Board Member Kyle, Board Member McKenzie, Board Member Prindle and Board Member Narath

Absent: 1 - Board Member Schwarz

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Alan Acorn Sunbeam submitted a comment via email:

I am disappointed that the Fulton Road rebuild is old style bicycle lanes rather than a much safer separation of bikes and autos. I wish that it and other road rebuilds would have a wider sidewalk. As a driver I know that whatever the posted speed limit is, cars often drive much faster on Fulton Road. As a bicyclist I don't feel safe being on

a bike lane that is physically accessible to cars. It is much safer to be elevated and separated from the roadway.

Board Member McKenzie commented about bollards on bike paths that are broken or obstructed by weeds and that maintenance should be done regularly to keep the paths safe.

6. REPORT ITEMS

6.1 REPORT - Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 Review

BACKGROUND: Staff will provide a brief update on the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 and seek feedback from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board may adopt a unified comment on the Draft Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 to provide direction to PED staff and their consultant on edits as the Final Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 is prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Guenther stated he was glad this discussion is happening and is thankful to the Board making time to meet on a regular basis and to staff for the hard work. He referenced a letter that was sent to the Board and stated there is a lot to like in the plan and that addressing some of the inconsistencies would be important to achieving success.

Alexa Forrester thanked the Board and staff. She stated that she wants to live in a City that has less pollution and meets the climate goals; has well-maintained streets, and gives priority and supports efforts to designing and building safer infrastructure, connections and routes for all bicyclists and pedestrians.

Emily Shartin thanked staff for the work on the draft. She agreed with many of the goals and actions, and the importance of building a complete and connected network that is safe for everyone. She also noted the priority of investing in active transportation and spoke about goals for mode shift and vehicle miles traveled.

This item was received and filed.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vice Chair Ridlington gave a report on the July meeting of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. There is a committee of citizen members that comment on projects in unincorporated areas, and there is a committee of staff and some citizen members that discuss and coordinate things countywide. Some of the items discussed were vision goals and objectives of the countywide active transportation plan that will apply to unincorporated areas of the County, the need for improvements for SMART pathway wayfinding signs and coming up with a unified look, and updates on projects from all of the different entities in the County.
- Chair Badenfort reported the resignation of Board Member Gerald and thanked him for his service. Along with the vacancy for the Disabled Community Representative, this leaves a vacancy that is appointed by Councilmember Alvarez. Applications are encouraged and can be made on the City website.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The process of finding a consultant for the active transportation plan is moving forward. Five proposals were received and then narrowed down to three for interviews. The chosen consultant will be notified on September 1.
- The next Board meeting will be held on September 21 at the Utilities Field Operations building located at 35 Stony Point Road in Room M. This is a larger facility.
- Scoping discussions on the intersection at Fulton Road and Highway 12 are starting, and part of the process is looking at bike and pedestrian improvements and future plans for crossing and links with the trail to other trails.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Chair Badenfort adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Approved on:

A. Scheblik
Recording Secretary