

**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2001**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The San Luis Obispo Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2000, in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Assistant City Clerk Mary Kopecky swore in newly appointed members Jean Anderson, Mark Grayson, and Keith Miller.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Jean Anderson, Mark Grayson, Keith Miller, Bruce Collier, Wes Conner, and Chairman Tim Valentine

**Absent:** Mary Lou Johnson

**Staff:** Principle Transportation Planner Terry Sanville, Assistant City Clerk Mary Kopecky, and Stenographer Leah Magee

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no comments made.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2000, were accepted as presented.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF ROUTE PLANS FOR SEGMENTS OF THE BOB JONES CITY-TO-SEA BICYCLE TRAIL AND THE RAILROAD SAFETY TRAIL:**

Mr. Sanville presented the staff report and introduced project consultant Mike Sherrod with RRM Design Group. Mr. Sherrod displayed wall-sized project plans, presented a thorough overview of the two projects and alternatives, and answered technical questions.

Mr. Collier questioned the name change of the Railroad Safety Trail; it was previously called the Railroad Recreational trail. Staff explained the name was changed to aid in addressing Union Pacific Railroad's safety concerns about bicycle paths along railroad tracks.

Chairman Valentine voiced concern about the evaluation matrix, noting construction costs, the potential need for environmental permits, and land acquisition costs.

Mr. Miller asked about Cal Poly's input/participation in the process since so many potential users will be students.

Mr. Sherrod explained that Cal Poly shares the city's safety concerns. Cal Poly has been encouraged to become involved in the negotiation process after more headway has been made with Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Conner expressed his support of the Railroad Safety Trail in its conceptual form as presented by staff.

There were no further comments/questions and the public comment session was opened.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Brian Bunch (Inaudible), address unstated, commented on the strong need for bicycle/railroad safety.

Oxo Slayer, address unstated, had technical questions answered by the project consultant and expressed support for the proposed bicycle trails.

Ken Swartz, City Councilman, commented on area flooding that may affect the precise location of the City-to-Sea Trail.

Seeing no further speakers come forward, the public comment session was closed.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mr. Conner expressed support for both proposals and suggested a continued workshop/study session on the Bob Jones City-to-Sea Trail.

Mr. Collier moved that the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to the Architectural Review Commission and to the City Council the recommended preferred alternative route for the Railroad Safety Trail. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Conner had the consultant and staff review the restrictions/constraints associated with creek-side development of City-to-Sea Trail.

Chairman Valentine expressed support of the proposed alignment of the trail.

Mr. Miller requested key maps with total segment mileage be submitted for review. He suggested mile markers be included along the trail.

Chairman Valentine moved to recommend that the Architectural Review Committee and the City Council support the Bob Jones City-to-Sea Bicycle Trail preliminary alignment as presented by RRM Design Group. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND UPDATES:**

### **2. PROGRESS REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL GOAL-SETTING SESSION:**

Mr. Sanville reported that the City Council had included some of the Committee's recommended bicycle goals as top citywide goals. Goals included were Phase III of the Railroad Safety Trail and the Morro Street Bicycle Boulevard. Update of the Bicycle Plan did not make the Council's list, but the update will be pursued at staff level over the next two years. An updated bicycle plan would allow the City to compete for state and federal grant funding.

Mr. Collier expressed strong concern over the need to update the City's bicycle plan as soon as possible. This is a critical element in enabling the city to apply for state and federal grants.

After further discussion, the Committee concurred that a primary reason for prioritizing an update of the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan is that a state-compliant plan is a prerequisite for applying for state and federal grant funds.

Mr. Collier moved to recommend that the City Council reconsider the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 2001-2003 Financial Plan Goal #2 as a top City priority and pursue an update of the Bicycle Transportation Plan by staff or by a consultant so that the plan will be consistent with current state standards and allow for the pursuit of grant funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner and unanimously approved.

### **3. FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF BICYCLE LANES ON SLACK STREET:**

Mr. Sanville reviewed staff's written response to the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association's continued request for bicycle lanes on Slack Street. He noted this request was first before the Committee in '99 and reported staff will continue with further analysis of the request and report back to the Committee in June or September.

### **4. OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Chairman Valentine reported that the city would be hosting an Advisory Body training session in June. Staff would notify the Committee of the time and place.

After brief discussion, Mr. Collier moved to hold a special meeting on May 17 to cover the Committee's heavy workload. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sanville reported the APCD has grant funds available for smaller projects through the MOVR project. This might be a good opportunity for some of the Committee's educational efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m. to a special meeting scheduled for May 17, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Leaha K. Magee  
Stenographer