

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club
Transportation Committee Agenda
August 3, 2020, 6:30-8:30 pm

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Meeting ID: 973 5189 0317

Present: Bob M, Sally A, Mark MM, Rick L, Steve B, Jack N

1. Welcome and Greetings All
2. Additions or corrections to the agenda All
 - Note Taker—volunteer- Sally

4. Announcements All
 - 1000 more linear feet to westside trail paved today
 - ExCom needs to form a nominating committee
 - Club looking for women to serve on the excel

5. Rick
 - City of Santa Cruz Transportation Commission consideration of revising Traffic Impact Fees
Phil Boutelle has a plan to use development fees to make streets safer for active transportation. Currently SCruz spends 20% of traffic impact fees on active transp. SF spends all their developer fees on active transportation and public transportation. The only time MtView spends their developer fees on auto capacity is for left turn lanes.

SB743 changes CEQA standards from LOS to VMT, yet the city still plans to expand intersections. Phil wants commission to more closely follow SB743. Rick wants SClub to back up this plan by writing a letter to transp commission advocating for spending traffic impact fees on safety, active transportation, and public transportation, not expanding auto capacity. e.g. moratorium on auto expansion until we improve our safety rating with the state, from one of the worst to one of the best. Or consider LOS for pedestrians and cyclists.

Motion Mark/Bob Rick to draft a letter, circulate it, and share it at September TC meeting for discussion.

- Vision Zero and Slow Streets

NATCO -If a jurisdiction doesn't have a state approved method for setting speed limits, it's unenforceable. So let's put it off until state is on board with the NATCO effort. Possibly in January.

Slow Streets - each neighborhood can apply as they want

Vision Zero - public hears on draft plan is coming in fall

- New item: Parking reform at the Planning Commission and City Council: The Planning Department will bring to the Planning Commission in August and City Council in September a series of recommendations reforming the requirements for parking in new development. Reductions in required parking will include unbundled parking. (See attached letter from CFST)

How to address neighborhood concerns about spillover parking without encouraging more car ownership and make housing more expensive? Rick proposes a public educational event to change the public perception of parking requirements. Target might be transit groups and housing groups with goal to activate them to impact city policy later in the fall. Or more likely make an appeal in the spring.

There are a bunch of collateral impacts. Any restrictions on overnight parking are defacto elitist, unless there are safe zones for people sleeping in their vehicles. Permit parking becomes a whole can of worms. Could provide developers with parking maximums instead of minimums. Under-utilised parking can be converted to housing. Need to educate the city and county both because the potential impact is larger.

Motion Bob/Jack - Rick and Bob will lead SClub effort to host an online event to educate the public about the impacts of parking policy. Goal is first week of September

Rick leaves meeting

6. Endorse the Coast Connect Vision <https://coastconnect.org/> Sally

Mark and Sally are supportive. Steve, Jack & Bob like it but want to wait until after the election.

Motion Jack/Mark - bring it to excom at next meeting and then, transcom in October

7. Report--Downtown garage project update/email send Bob

Staff have been told to return to council with new information. Our club will send an email inviting them to attend the council meeting.

PoliCom sent questionnaires to candidates so far declared. They'll send more as more people declare. They're sending questionnaires to SCruz city council

candidates, dist 1 supervisorial, SC city school board, COE school board, and PVUSD.

8. Additions to the agenda

TABLED, notes misplaced for the time being

3. Approval of last minutes

All