

Appendix H

BPAB RESOLUTION & STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 26536

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO A COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARD

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Resolution No. 875, any city or town receiving Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III funds is required to have a Bicycle Advisory Committee composed of at least three members who live or work in the city appointed by the city or town council for the purpose of developing project lists and priorities for recommendation to their respective city or town council; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Resolution No. 875 is that Bicycle Advisory Committees be composed of bicyclist or pedestrians and specifies the City Manager will designate staff to provide administrative and technical support to the Bicycle Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with this requirement the Council established the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), which currently provides for ten (10) members, three to be appointed by the Council and seven to be designated from other organizations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the BPAC is currently composed of only six members, and staff recommends that the BPAC be restructured to a nine member City board to bring more organization, better representation and to better inform Council members about bicycle and pedestrian issues before the City; and

WHEREAS, the current BPAC supports this restructure to elevate it to the same level as other boards in the City and consistent with Section 11 of the City Charter, and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that at least two of the nine members in the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board represent the senior and disabled communities to be consistent with regional transportation policies, and the City Charter that Boards reflect Santa Rosa's diversity, and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that seven of the Board members be appointed by individual Council members and that the senior and disabled positions be appointed as two Public-At-Large positions by the Council as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves and adopts the restructuring of the BPAC to a nine member Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that at least two of the nine Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board members represent the senior and disabled communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes all prior resolutions regarding the composition and/or establishment of the former Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of April, 2006.

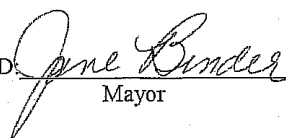
AYES: (7) Mayor Bender, Vice Mayor Blanchard, Councilmembers Condron, Martini, Pierce, Rabinowitsh, and Sawyer

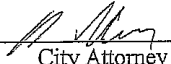
NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED: 
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Agenda Item # _____
For Council Meeting of: April 4, 2006

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: RESTRUCTURING THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO A CITY COUNCIL BOARD
STAFF PRESENTER: FABIAN FAVILA, TRANSIT PLANNER
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSIT & PARKING
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall the City of Santa Rosa restructure the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) into a seven member City Board?

BACKGROUND

The City of Santa Rosa's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was originally appointed by City Council in 1993 in response to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) requirements (Resolution No. 875) to establish a committee to recommend bicycle projects involving the use of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III funds. Resolution No. 875 requires that at a minimum a city BPAC be composed of at least three members who live or work in the city, be appointed by the City Council, and that the City Manager designate staff to provide administrative and technical support to the Committee. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority, as the congestion management agency for the county, establishes the process for establishing project priorities within the county.

The BPAC was established with eight members consisting of representatives from each of the following: Santa Rosa Cycling Club, Redwood Empire Cycling Club, League of Women Voters, Santa Rosa Junior College (student), Santa Rosa School District (high school student), Chamber of Commerce, CityVision, and a Public-At-Large position. All representatives were chosen by their respective organization except the Public-At-Large position which was selected by Council. In December 2001, the BPAC expanded to ten members by Council Resolution No. 20573 adding two more Public-At-Large positions. The BPAC provides guidance in the preparation of the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan (Plan) and implementation of projects in the Plan.

Since the BPAC was established, it has been very difficult to obtain and sustain a member representing the Chamber of Commerce and Santa Rosa City School District. About a year ago, the Santa Rosa City School District and the Chamber of Commerce were contacted about their continued representation on the BPAC. Both organizations

declined to continue their involvement with the Committee. A smaller group would eliminate vacancies created from the lack of participation by some of the designated organizations. It would also be better suited to concentrate on the most significant pedestrian and bicycle matters. BPAC concurs and is supportive of this change. Staff also desires to bring more organization and structure to the committee to allow the BPAC and staff to operate more efficiently. Staff believes this proposed restructure would keep council members better informed about bicycle and pedestrian issues before the City. Staff would also recommend that at least two positions on the new Board reflect the interest of seniors and the disabled as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian issues. Consideration of seniors and the disabled is consistent with MTC's 2001 regional transportation plan that ". . . pedestrians and wheelchair users must be full partners in the planning process. . ."

ANALYSIS

1. Restructuring BPAC to a seven member Board would be consistent with MTC Resolution 875, which requires a minimum of three members.
2. As a seven member board, each member on the board would be appointed by an individual council member. The terms of the members on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board would coincide with the term of the appointing council member pursuant to Section 11 of the City Charter.
3. The Chairperson of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board would be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the majority of the Council pursuant to Section 15 of the City Charter.
4. Appointments on the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board by individual council members would give council members a more direct link to pedestrian and bicycle issues and make each Board member accountable to the individual council member.
5. Designating at least two positions to represent the senior and disabled would be consistent with regional transportation policies.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transit & Parking recommends with the concurrence of the City Attorney's Office that Council, by resolution, authorize the restructure of the BPAC into a seven member advisory board to the City Council as prescribed in Section 11 of the 2002 City Charter with members appointed by individual council members.

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Attachment: MTC Resolution 875
BPAC Membership