

SCTA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, also known as the CBPAC, provides technical information related to bicycle and pedestrian planning, policy, and funding to the SCTA and meets the requirements of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), including any compliance with Article 3 of TDA.

MEMBERSHIP

The SCTA has designated up to twenty (20) members to serve on the CBPAC based on the 10 jurisdictions within Sonoma County. Each jurisdiction provides a staff person and, when available, a designated citizen representative. Regional agencies are considered ex-officio, non-voting members.

For jurisdictions with a local BAC, the citizen representative is chosen from the local BAC. For jurisdictions without a local BAC, a bicycle/pedestrian citizen representative is chosen from the general public. The process for appointing representatives to the CBPAC is at the discretion of the jurisdiction making the appointment.

VOTING

Each member, excluding non-voting members, shall have one vote on any matter to come before the committee for a vote; however, the SCTA urges consensus on all issues coming before the CBPAC. If consensus is not reached, a minority opinion report can and should be made at the SCTA Board of Directors meeting if the issue is before the SCTA.

ORGANIZATION

The CBPAC shall elect a chair and vice chair, each January and those elected to fill these seats will have the responsibility of running the CBPAC meetings as well as representing the CBPAC before the SCTA Board of Directors and in other venues as necessary.

FORMATION OF THE CBPAC

In December 1991, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted Resolution No. 875, establishing new procedures to ensure the participation of bicyclists in the development of projects funded with TDA Article 3 funds. The Resolution required the formation of Bicycle Advisory Committees (BAC) in all jurisdictions with 10,000 or more people. Prior to passage of MTC Resolution No. 875, Sonoma County had successfully utilized a "scorecard" system for programming TDA Article 3 funds. The "scorecard" ensured each jurisdiction its population-based share of the funds, making the process as equitable as possible. This system has been retained in Sonoma County in order to ensure that even small jurisdictions without local BACs had bicyclists participating in the process.

FUNCTIONS OF THE CBPAC

The primary activity of the CBPAC is to review applications for TDA Article 3 projects. TDA Article 3 applications for bicycle and pedestrian projects are required to be reviewed by each jurisdiction's local BAC. After the project has been so reviewed, it must then be reviewed by the CBPAC. In jurisdictions without a local BAC, the CBPAC acts as the local BAC.

The CBPAC is also actively involved in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and development of project lists for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

MEETINGS: TIME AND PLACE

The CBPAC meets on the fourth Tuesday of every other month at 1:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the SCTA Conference Room, 411 King Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.