Capitola City Council Agenda Report

Meeting:October 10, 2024From:Public Works Department

Subject: Netherlands Transportation Study Visit



<u>Recommended Action</u>: Receive a presentation on the June 2024 Santa Cruz County Delegation Transportation Study Visit to the Netherlands with the Dutch Cycling Embassy.

<u>Background</u>: Representatives from various Santa Cruz County agencies participated in a study visit to the Netherlands from June 3-6, 2024, organized by Ecology Action of Santa Cruz. This visit aimed to explore strategies for enhancing local transportation infrastructure and policies, building on insights gained during the 2022 Think Bike Workshop held in Santa Cruz. The delegation visited The Hague, Rotterdam, and Delft to study the renowned Dutch cycling system and how it contributes to creating safe, livable places, and boosts economic development and overall community wellbeing. Delegates included 30 staff members and elected officials from every jurisdiction in the County and all the regional organizations in Santa Cruz County.

<u>Discussion</u>: During the meeting, staff and representatives from Ecology Action will present their findings and insights from the study visit.

Fiscal Impact: The trip was funded by Ecology Action.

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