

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of January 3, 2007
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06	Aug 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Jan 07
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2					-	-	P	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair	P	-	P	P	-	E	E	P
Geof Tibbitts, District 5 <i>Michael McCormick</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>
Frank Pinto, Del Rey Oaks	-	P	E	P	P	E	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant								
Greenfield - Vacant	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-
King City - Vacant								
Mary Pommerich, Marina (Debra Daniels)	P	P	E	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
John Tracey, Monterey (A. J. Farrar)	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	-
Bob Kelly, Pacific Grove					P	P	P	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas (Chris Flescher)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P
Seaside - Vacant								
Soledad - Vacant								
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P	P	-	P	P(A)	E	P	P(A)
Tony Crivello, Velo Club of Monterey, Chair (Robin Harness)	-	P	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P
Tim Jensen, Monterey Pen. Reg. Park Dist.	E	P	-	P	P	P	P	P

Non Voting Members								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	P	E	-	-
Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	P	P	-	-	P(VC)	-	-	-
Nick Papadakis, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
Allyn McGuire, CSUMB	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P	P	-	P	P	-	-	-

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	-	-	P	E	E	P	E
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director								P
Kaki Chen, Asst. Transportation Planner			P	P	P	P	P	P
Christina Watson, Senior Transp. Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Morgan, Asst. Transp. Planning Engineer	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P
Lisa Rheinheimer, Sr. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P
Laurie Moreno, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
Elouise Rodriguez, Admin. Assistant	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	E
Rita Goel, Admin. Services Manager				P	-	-	-	-

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Rich Deal	City of Monterey	Carole Dawson	City of Seaside
Neal Thompson	County of Monterey	Chris Flescher	City of Salinas alternate

Vice Chair, Steve Carew called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum was met and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Petersen announced an upcoming bicycle race in the City of Salinas on May 13, 2007.

Marius Crisan announced that the California Coastal Commission approved the City of Sand City to keep the lights along the bike trail, but requested further studies to prevent the bright lights from disturbing habitats in the Monterey Bay.

Tim Jensen requested the City of Del Rey Oaks Housing Element Project be agendized for discussion at a future date.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Crisan/Tibbitts/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of meeting of November 1, 2006.

3.2 Matrix of bicycle and pedestrian projects in Monterey County.

Carole Dawson pulled this item for discussion.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

3.2 MATRIX OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS IN MONTEREY COUNTY

Carole Dawson pulled this item for discussion.

The matrix of bicycle and pedestrian projects in Monterey County includes project status and expected date of completion on current bicycle and pedestrian projects in Monterey County.

Public comment:

Carole Dawson commented on the Railroad Right-of- Way bicycle and pedestrian project (between Canyon Del Rey and Del Monte Blvd.). Ms. Dawson commented that a feasibility study completed by the City's consultant concluded that an overhead structure across Caltrans owned property at Canyon Del Rey Blvd. would be the best option for providing a connection to the existing Class I trail at the south end of the project.

4. ANNUAL GROUP PHOTO

Staff took a group photo of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

M/S/C Hedegard/Tibbitts/unanimous

The Committee appointed Tony Crivello as the Chair, who would serve a one-year term upon election. The past Chair for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, Michael McCormick, resigned from the Committee and his position as Chair at the November 2006 Committee meeting.

The Committee bylaws indicate, “The Committee shall have a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson who shall be elected by the general membership of the Committee.” The Chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The current Vice Chair is Steve Carew.

6. SR 68 – COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF MONTEREY PENINSULA (CHOMP) INTERSECTION PROJECT

The Committee received a report on the SR 68 – Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) Intersection Project. The intersection upgrade project, which recently finalized the design, is the first phase of a larger project that will widen SR 68 to four lanes from the Hospital to SR 1. Construction of phase 1 is anticipated to begin in spring 2007.

SR 68 “Holman Highway” near the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula is a vital link in the regional road network in Monterey County. The current project is phase 1 of a larger \$20 million project to widen the highway from SR 1 to the hospital entrance to improve access and safety for emergency vehicles and other users of the highway. Phase 1 will address the congestion issues at the intersection of SR 68 and the hospital entrance by adding a left turn out of the hospital and through lanes at the intersection on SR 68. The project will also widen the road to accommodate 8-foot shoulders at the intersection.

Committee comments:

- Conduct a public outreach campaign during phase 2 of the project to advocate alternative route
- Ensure that there is a connection to the recreational trail from SR 68
- Signals onto SR 68 from SR 1
- Signals coming out from Pebble Beach
- Buttons at signals for cyclists to push
- South bound on ramp bike access
- 5 foot bike lane between two lanes exiting Pebble Beach

7. **MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

The Committee reviewed the draft Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan. The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail project is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian recreational and interpretive pathway that will link existing trail segments with new segments bordering the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary between Santa Cruz and Pacific Grove.

Committee comments:

- Segment 5: Consider a 1st Street entrance into California State Parks.
- Segment 6: Distance between Freeway and Bike Trail – consider a guardrail.
- Segment 7: Surplus land will become private property – contact party.
- Segments 9 – 12: Provide direct link to Salinas River area and not be re-routed from Marina to Highway 1 and then to Salinas River.
- Maintenance challenge – drifting sand
- Segment 13 –14: Provide undercrossing/overcrossing at Castroville.

8. **DRAFT 2007 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee received the draft 2007 Legislative Program. The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed state and federal legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state and federal representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

Committee comments:

The Committee suggested adding (*addition in italics*) the following to the Legislative Program: State Issues 5S: Improve roadway safety, via double-fine zones, safety zones, increased funding for the Freeway Service Patrol, and measures to make bike routes safer.

The Committee also suggested adding (*addition in italics*) the following to the Legislative Program: Federal Issues 2Fd: State Route 156 widening, Phase I: access improvements to Oak Hills area (*the Committee requested that bicycle access be incorporated into the appropriate areas of the project*).

9. **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RELATED ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Neal Thompson of County of Monterey discussed the over crossing on Davis Road. The Committee was concerned with the cleanup of debris and vegetation. Committee member also requested a field visit with Mr. Thompson to inspect the area when work is completed.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was included in the packet. Robin Harness announced the Seaside to San Francisco day trip to AMGEN Tour of California Bike Race Prologue on February 18, 2007, and the Seaside to San Luis Obispo view of the finish of Stage 4 of the AMGEN Tour of California Bike Race on February 22, 2007. Call 831-899-6728 for details, reservations, and costs.

A Community Ride in the City of Seaside is scheduled for February 11, 2007.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Carew adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.