

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Final Minutes of June 6, 2007**

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

| <b>Non Voting Members</b>                   |          |   |          |          |          |          |   |   |
|---|----------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
| James Serrano, Salinas Public Works         | E        | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | - |
| Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works       | -        | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | - |
| Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5        | -        | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | P |
| Nick Papadakis, AMBAG                       | -        | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | - |
| Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company            | P        | P | P        | E        | E        | P        | P | P |
| CSUMB – Vacant,<br>( <i>Allyn McGuire</i> ) | <i>P</i> | - | <i>P</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>P</i> | <i>P</i> | - | - |
| Jonathan Garcia, FORA<br>(Stan Cook)        | -        | - | -        | E        | P        | P        | P | P |

| <b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Debbie Hale, Executive Director                 | E | P | E | E | P | P | E | E |
| Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director          |   |   | P | P | E | E | P | P |
| Kaki Chen, Associate Transportation Planner     | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P |
| Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner | - | - | - | P | - | - | - | - |
| Jeff Morgan, Asst. Transp. Planning Engineer    | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - |
| Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant         | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P |

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

Margaret Osborne Member of public Chris Flescher City of Salinas alternate  
 Elizabeth Caraker City of Marina Robin Harness Velo Club alternate

Chair Anthony Crivello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Crisan/ Jensen/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of May 3, 2007.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. FORD ORD DUNES STATE PARKS TRAIL CROSSINGS**

The Committee received a report from the California State Parks concerning the development of two bicycle and pedestrian trail crossings at the Fort Ord Dunes State Park.

Ms. Chen welcomed Mr. Ken Gray, a representative of California State Parks, to the Committee. Mr. Gray introduced the plans to establish two temporary bicycle and pedestrian connections on the Monterey Branch Line railroad right-of-way.

Marius Crisan suggested that easy access to the beach should be established for rescuing and emergency response purposes.

Ken Gray explained to the Committee that the Fort Ord Dunes State Park is closed to the public. California State Parks has plans to open the park as early as fall of 2007. The railroad track will remain in place despite the temporary crossings. California State Parks will remove the crossings if the Transportation Agency resumes any railroad service on the track.

5. **2007 SOLEDAD BIKEWAYS PLAN**

The Committee received, reviewed and provided input on the 2007 Soledad Bikeways Plan.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner introduced Mr. Peter Le, Associate Engineer of the City of Soledad.

Mathew Sundt expressed concerns about the absence of bicycle facilities serving the Soledad High School, which should be a priority for the City. Kaki Chen also suggested that bicycle connections should be established to the Soledad Mission Shopping Center.

M/S/C Sundt/Craft/ unanimous

Matthew Sundt made a motion to send the city a letter requesting consideration to change West Street into a two-lane street with bicycle lanes on both sides of the road. The motion was carried with approval from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

6. **SR 68-COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF MONTEREY PENINSULA (CHOMP) PHASE 2 WIDENING**

The Committee received a presentation on the updated plans for the SR 68 – Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) Project – Phase 2 widening.

Rich Deal, City of Monterey, presented the design improvements to the committee and reported that the SR 68 widening project was presented to the committee in January 2007.

The Committee expressed concerns about the bike lane located between two right hand turn lanes on Highway 68. The Committee suggested that the City of Monterey paint the bike lane in a different color, so drivers are more aware of the presence of bicyclists and to pave a large bicyclist symbol on the ground to increase awareness.

Mr. Deal will report back on the concerns and options expressed by the Committee at a future date.

7. **RECEIVE PRELIMINARY REPORT AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE BIKE WEEK 2007 RESULTS**

Kaki Chen reported to the Committee that from the preliminary numbers she received, bike week participation increased by 24%. She plans to focus on Bike to School and Bike to Work day in the 2008 activities. Chen will continue to experiment with bicycle clinics given that the clinics provide a good source of information to the general public on bicycle safety and maintenance, with fairly minimal effort. She also plans on continuing the Ride of Silence event in next year's promotion.

Robin Harness mentioned the bike week subcommittee should work with 2 to 3 schools from the beginning of the year on bicycle safety and education. Ms. Harness also suggested that bike week subcommittee should partner with the Sea Otter Classic to promote bike week as well.

Don Bachman commented that Transportation Agency staff needs more assistance from volunteers for Bike week. He stated that without the help from volunteers, it is difficult to plan for Bike Week, especially with Transportation Agency staff managing multiple projects at once.

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

Kaki Chen mentioned that a Community Leaders Group is being formed to provide comments and input on the Monterey County Transportation Sales Tax Investment Plan. Committee members Eric Petersen and Matthew Sundt volunteered to serve on the group with the interests of bicyclists and pedestrians.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Anthony Crivello adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.