

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of March 7, 2007

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

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

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Nourdin Khayata	City of Marina	Steven Gile	Gile Appraisals
Nathan Pierce	MBUAPCD	Chris Flescher	City of Salinas alternate
Jeff Wriedt	Member of Public		

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Committee bid farewell to Laurie Moreno, a 6 ½ -year employee who has worked for the Agency since it became independent in 2000. Ms. Moreno was recognized for her exemplary service to the region and her efforts to keep the Agency running smoothly. Ms. Moreno will continue her career in the City of Pacific Grove.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Craft/Hedegard/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of meeting of February 7, 2007, with the following corrections noted: Eric Petersen announced the Steinbeck Country Criteria Race on Mother’s Day, May 13, 2007, and asked that it be agendized at a future date. Mr. Petersen made a motion on item 5, the Fort Ord transit corridor plan line, *to oppose the shared use of bicyclists and pedestrians on the same road*, there was no second to the motion, therefore the motion failed.

3.2 The Committee received the list of dates and locations scheduled for community meetings in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

The Committee received staff report on Committee bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order; and discussed how to conduct meetings in accordance with these rules.

Debbie Hale reported that the Transportation Agency Board establishes the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Bylaws, which state the purpose and duties of the Committee. The bylaws stipulate that the Committee operates according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Ms. Hale stated the Transportation Agency values the input from the Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. The Board takes the Committee’s recommendations very seriously when making decisions, and the goal of Robert’s Rule of Order is to make best use of the committee member’s time.

Chair Crivello commented on the importance of discussing issues thoroughly and values the Committee's input on different issues.

Tim Jensen requested that an overview Ralph M. Brown Act (the law that requires public access to meeting and requires the elected officials to let the public speak) be agendaized at a future date.

5. PATTON PARKWAY PROJECT

M/S/C/ Hedegard/Daniels

Noes: Craft, Crisan and Petersen

The Committee adopted the following Transportation Agency recommendations regarding the Patton Parkway project in the City of Marina:

- Remove multi-use bike trail
- Add 6 - 8 foot shoulders and stripe as a Class II bike lane
- Install sidewalks on both sides
- Realignment of the curb cuts at the intersection
- Adequate distance separations

M/ David Craft made an amendment to the motion *to include* realignment of curb cuts at intersection, and greater distance between bicycle traffic and vehicular traffic, but *not to include* a Class II bike lane. The amendment to the motion of *not to include* a Class II bike lane failed.

Nourdin Khayata, acting City Engineer, presented the Patton Parkway project in the City of Marina. Mr. Khayata reported that the Patton Parkway project involves the construction of the Patton Parkway roadway, a local collector street, and the extension of Crescent Street, with the entire project spanning from California Avenue to the entrance of the Marina High School.

Committee member comments:

- Intersections create conflict between vehicular traffic and bicycle traffic
- Pedestrians may walk on bike path, which create potential hazards due to the difference in travel speed
- Crosswalks may be dangerous due to the lack of traffic calming device that stops vehicles for pedestrian traffic
- Signal at California and Patton Parkway
- Curb cuts at each corner should be paralleled to the street for smoother transition
- Design may not be compliant with Caltrans standards
- Separation between bike path and traffic is crucial

David Craft commented that he prefers the Class I bike lane in the Patton Parkway project design, given the demographic of the area.

Tim Jensen suggested that the Agency's recommendations should be more specific due to the timeline of the project.

Marius Crisan suggested that the Transportation Agency develop a basic model (list of recommendations) to send to developers at an early stage of design.

Nourdin Khayata stated that he could not make any promises, but would review the comments made by the Committee and report to Ms. Chen on the findings.

6. VIDEO REPORT ON HOW TO MAKE YOUR CITY A BETTER PLACE TO WALK AND BIKE

The Committee received a video report on how to make your city a better place to walk and bike.

Eric Petersen commented that the City of Salinas's General Plan includes safety designs in the East Salinas area.

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

Eric Petersen requested feedback on the sign installed in the middle of Acacia Street, where the crossing guard was killed. He also announced the Steinbeck Country Criteria Race on May 13, 2007.

Kaki Chen invited the Committee to attend the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Public Workshop on March 29, 2007, from 5: 30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Castroville Ausonio Library.

Ms. Chen announced the Transportation Agency Bike Week website and asked the Committee to provide bike related articles to be included on the website.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was included in the packet.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Anthony Crivello adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.