

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of November 8, 2007
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	E	E		P	E	P	E
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	P		E	P	E	P
Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner					P	-	-	-
Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner	-	-	-		-	-	P	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	-	P	P		P	P	P	P

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Pierce	MBUAPCD alternate	Carole Dawson	City of Seaside
Chris Flescher	City of Salinas alternate	Evan Verdoia	Agency intern
William Menchine	Santa Cruz County Bike Committee member	Cory Caletti	Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission staff
Daniel Kostelec	Santa Cruz County Bike Committee member	David Casterson	Santa Cruz County Bike Committee member
Dr. Bob Shanteau	Consulting Traffic Engineer		

Vice Chair Stephen Carew called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carole Dawson announced that the Tour of California will be held from February 17-24, 2008. Stage 4 of the race will happen in the City of Seaside on Thursday, February 21st, 2008. For more information on the event or volunteering please contact Kaki Chen at (831) 775-4413 or via email at kaki@tamcmonterey.org.

Dr. Bob Shanteau announced that the next meeting for the Monterey County Bicycle Advocacy Group would be held on November 21, 2007, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First National Bank in Salinas. He also asked that the Transportation Agency to consider having a member from the Bicycle Advocacy group serve on the Transportation Agency Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

Marius Crisan reported that he was advised by a friend that placing a magnet at the bottom of a bicycle would allow bicyclists to trigger the loop detectors and actuate the traffic lights to turn green. He will conduct an experiment and report his findings to the Committee at a future date.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Crisan/Hedegard/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of October 3, 2007 with the following amendments:

Alan Hedegard proposed a change under item 2 of the October minutes: The Treasurer for the Monterey County Bicycle Advocacy Group is Frank Henderson, and not Frank Pinto. Mr. Hedegard also mentioned that one could become a founding member of the Group by contributing \$30.

Dr. Bob Shanteau also proposed the following changes:

Item 2 of the October minutes: The Group is called Monterey County Bicycle Advocacy Group and not Monterey County Bicycle Coalition. The officers in the group were elected, rather than appointed.

Item 5 of the October minutes: The Committee provided input on the Investment Plan in addition to the Regional Impact Fee. No bicycle projects are specified in the Regional Impact Fee program. The Investment Plan sets aside funding for regional bicycle projects.

3.2 Adopted the schedule of meetings for calendar year 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPOINT COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

M/S/C Crisan/Sundt/unanimous

The Committee appointed Alan Hedegard, as Chair and Stephen Carew as Vice Chair, to serve a one-year term upon election. The new Chair and Vice Chair will start serving in January of 2008. The Chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings.

M/S/C Crisan/Johnson/unanimous

Mr. Crisan motioned to send a thank you letter on behalf of the Committee to Chairman Tony Crivello thanking him for his service.

5. 2008 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE MAP

The Committee received report from Evan Verdoia, Transportation Agency intern, on the effort to update the 2003 Monterey County Bicycle Map. He reported that he is updating the 2003 Monterey County Map and seeking input on the 2008 bike map. The updated map will reflect changes in current routes and bicycle facilities and amenities, and adjust any aesthetic issues relating to the 2003 map.

The Committee provided the following input and recommendations on the revision:

- Use primary color
- Apply universal symbols
- Seek sponsorship from bike shops, bike clubs and Pebble Beach Company
- Include regular bicycling events on the map such as: Cycle California, Amgen Tour, and Sea Otter Classic
- Include information on what to do if a bicyclist gets into an accident
- Provide contact information for local bike groups
- Provide bicycling laws for motorists
- Provide tips for fixing a bike (Bike shops could potentially sponsor this column)
- Consider using alternative names for bike facilities such as: class I use bike path, class II bike lane and class III bike route
- Distribute maps to schools
- Consider a different set-up format
- Include a more detailed map for cities such as Seaside, Salinas and Monterey
- Provide camping information
- Identify the restroom facilities, fire stations and water locations with a numbering system and be sure to indicate street names
- Provide water resistant maps
- Provide Bike hazard information
- Consider a white background so the trails are easily identifiable

Kaki Chen announced that comments are due to the Agency office by November 30, 2007. The Committee will have another chance to review the draft at the January 2008 Committee meeting. Staff's goal is to finish the new map by February, in time for the 2008 Monterey County Bike Week. Please e-mail comments and suggestions to Evan Verdoia at intern@tamcmonterey.org, or Kaki Chen at kaki@tamcmonterey.org. Please send maps with changes noted to 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901.

6. UPDATE ON FORT ORD MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN REMOVAL PROGRAM.

Mathew Sundt provided an update on the Fort Ord Munitions and Explosives of Concern Removal program. He noted that Fort Ord Reuse Authority is proposing to have different access points for members of the public during the clean up.

M/S/C Sundt/Pinto/unanimous

Mr. Sundt motioned to send a thank you letter on behalf of the Committee to Fort Ord Reuse Authority praising their work in keeping access to users during the munitions and explosives removal program. The letter would include the following key points:

1. The Committee supports that access points remain open during the clean up process.
2. The Committee suggests that laminated maps to be displayed at trail heads and local bike shops so users know where they are allowed and where access is restricted.
3. Have kiosk stations at key entrance points to circulate maps.

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

Alan Hedegard announced that an additional four to five League of American Bicyclists Street Skills and Road 1 classes will be offered next year in 2008. He encouraged Committee members to participate.

Stephen Carew mentioned that the gap in bicycle facilities on Imjin Road in Marina makes it unsafe for bicyclists. Ms. Chen noted that Agency staff will look into the issue.

Kaki Chen announced the Transportation Agency shows its appreciation to the local community residents, businesses and employees for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encouraged committee members to submit nominations, which are due to the Agency by December 7, 2007.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence is available online at www.tamcmonterey.org.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stephen Carew adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.