

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of October 3, 2007

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	-	P	E	A	P	P	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair	E	P	P	-	N	P	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (<i>Geof Tibbitts</i>)	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	C	P(A)	P	E
Frank Pinto, Del Rey Oaks	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	E
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	
King City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	
Mary Pommerich, Marina (Debra Daniels)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	D	-	P	P
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	P	E	P		P	E	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	P(A)

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	E	P	P	P		-	P	-
CSUMB – Vacant, (<i>Allyn McGuire</i>)	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	-	-		-	-	-
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P	P	P	P		P	P	P

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	P	E	E		P	E	P
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	P	P		E	P	E
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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Pierce MBUAPCD alternate Bob Shanteau Consulting Traffic Engineer
 Chris Flescher City of Salinas alternate Jeff Wriedt Member of public

Chair Marius Crisan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Petersen announced that Kaki Chen was selected to be Employee of the Quarter for April – June 2007.

Marius Crisan shared images on the hardship that some people encounter in their daily commutes in other countries.

Dr. Bob Shanteau, Consulting Traffic Engineer, announced that the Monterey County Bicycle Coalition would be meeting on October 17, 2007 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First National Bank in Salinas. Dr. Shanteau also noted that Eric Petersen was appointed Vice President, Alan Hedegard Secretary, and Frank Pinto Treasurer for the Bicycle Coalition.

Mary Pommerich announced that Matthew Sundt and herself were present at the FORA public meeting on Monday, September 17th 2007. A sub-committee of user group representatives was formed to meet with FORA on a regular basis to stay informed on the Munitions Removal process. For more information, please contact Stan Cook at esca@fora.org.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Johnson/Hedegard/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of September 5, 2007.

3.2 The Committee received information on the sixth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, business, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

3.3 The Committee received information on the Bicycle Transportation Account program.

3.4 The Committee received information on the California State-legislated Safe Routes to School program.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. BIKE WEEK 2008 AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The Committee did not establish a Bike Week 2008 ad hoc subcommittee to plan and coordinate for Bike Week activities.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, mentioned that Bike Week 2008 would mark the 14th year that Monterey County has celebrated Bike Week. Bike Week 2007 generated over 2800 participation in the weeklong series of events, which is a 31% increase in participation. Bike to School and Bike to Work generated the most participation. Staff requests that the Committee appoint representatives to serve on the Bike Week 2008 ad-hoc committee, who will help in planning and coordinating all the aspects of bike week. The first meeting will be held in November. The ad-hoc committee will help to select the Bike Week 2008 artwork and plan activities.

D.L. Johnson suggested that members who were involved with bike week to serve on the subcommittee. He also recommended that the bicycle businesses participate.

Kaki Chen noted that because there were no volunteers to serve on the Committee, Agency staff would agendaize this item on the future agendas.

5. REGIONAL IMPACT FEE

The Committee provided input on Regional Impact Fee.

Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner, gave an update on the regional impact fee nexus study. He reported that the policy on local revenues includes a proposed regional transportation development impact fee. The original Nexus Study for the impact fee was completed in 2006. That study is being updated to reflect the current status of transportation project needs, and to address concerns raised by South Monterey County jurisdictions. The update will include analysis of zones to calculate fees by geographic sub-region, utilize the most recently adopted city general plans and land use assumptions, and reevaluate commercial trip generation rates.

Debbie Hale provided an update on the investment plan. She reported that the Board agreed with the 20-year project horizon given that, the Agency would be able to complete more projects. Nathan Pierce asked how the voters can be ensured that a portion of the funding will go towards bike and pedestrians projects. Mike Zeller replied that citizens and Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee would have opportunities to comment on the projects and get involved.

D.L. Johnson suggested the County Board of Education be informed of the investment plan and be given the opportunity to provide input.

6. **BICYCLE DETECTOR SYMBOLS**

The committee discussed the marking of bicycle detector symbols.

Kaki Chen discussed the purpose of bicycle detector symbols on the pavement. The symbols are utilized to indicate the optimal position for a bicycle to actuate the traffic signal to turn green. One challenge with the bicycle markings is the maintenance required to keep the markings painted due to the oil residues on the pavement from vehicles idling at the intersections.

Mark McCumsey noted that Caltrans would not be able to mark all the intersections in the County. However, if there is a request or demonstrated need for the bicycle detector symbols, Caltrans will consider marking temporary symbols to inform the bicyclists.

Dr. Shanteau requested that bicycle detector symbols be placed at Highway 68/Ragsdale and Highway 68/218. The Transportation Agency staff and Caltrans staff will investigate and cooperate on this effort.

Robin Harness commented that cyclists generally know where to center themselves in the lane so they will be detected. She also noted that cars that travel often on the Highway 68/218 intersections could actuate the signals whether the symbol is present or not. Steve Carew expressed concern that the bicycle detector symbols would create confusion for bicyclists given that they look so similar to the bicycle lane symbols.

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

Kaki Chen announced that the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District has decided to withdraw its membership from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. Ms. Chen also advised the Committee to participate in Rideshare Week by using an alternative form of transportation during the week of October 5th. Participants are eligible to win \$1,000 and a trip around the world.

Alan Hedegard announced the Street Skills and Road 1 classes were held on September 14th, 15th and 29th and were successful. Additional classes will be held on Saturday, October 27th and on Saturday, November 10th, 2007 at Sherwood Hall, Salinas, admission is free.

For registration or more information please contact Mr. Hedegard at 758-7195 or bikesalinas@hotmail.com.

Alan Hedegard expressed concern that bicycle lanes were removed on California Avenue next to the Marina High School development. Debbie Hale suggested that a City of Marina representative be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence is available online at www.tamcmonterey.org.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Marius Crisan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.