

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate	Susan Kent	Member of Public
Nathan Pierce	MBUAPCD Alternate	Randy Smith	Member of Public
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Belle Smith	Member of Public

Chairman Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee member Stephen Carew requested that the Committee have a moment of silence in honor of Jim Elliot, a local bicyclist who had suffered from a severe bicycle fall.

Mr. Randy Smith, representing Malamaelectric, asked the Committee’s input on restrictions for the use of electric bicycles in Monterey County. He reported that he has watched development of scooters and bicycles during his visit to China and he is interested in bringing the technology to the local area. Committee member Craft suggested that Mr. Smith investigate this issue further and makes a recommendation at a future Committee meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Carew/Johnson/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of June 4, 2008.

3.2 Received report regarding the results of the 2008 Monterey County Bike Week events.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. STATUS OF THE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION SALES TAXES IN MONTEREY COUNTY

The Committee received a report on the status of the Investment Plan for Transportation Sales Taxes in Monterey County.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the Transportation Agency’s Sales Tax Investment Plan measure will be Measure “Z” on the upcoming November ballot. Ms. Watson reported that the Transportation Agency has been working with its member agencies and community stakeholders over the past two years to prepare a plan that will provide adequate funding for critical transportation projects throughout the county. The County and all 12 cities within the county have approved the sales tax program. She noted that the Transportation Agency cannot advocate for the measure, but is able to present information to the public as requested.

Committee member Carew suggested that he is interested in having Agency staff present the Plan at a Rotary meeting.

5. EAST GARRISON PROJECT

The Committee prepared a list of questions to be included in a correspondence to the developer of the East Garrison project.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that Agency staff invited East Garrison Partners to attend the Committee meeting to discuss plans for the development and areas that have been closed due to construction activity. Developer representatives were not available to join the Committee and recommended that the Committee prepare a list of questions that the East Garrison Partners can respond to in a correspondence.

The Committee had the following comments/questions:

- Obtain access at Inter Garrison Road and Reservation Road for people commuting from CSUMB campus to City of Salinas
- Post signs that state “Enter at your own risk” to relieve developers’ concern of liability issues
- Fence the buildings to avoid theft and property damage with access route open
- Signage for access
- Open commute route and recreational route
- Possible “Prescriptive right” for members of the public
- Expected timeline for access
- Route through East Garrison to provide a safer alternative on Reservation Road for bicyclists
- Form a subcommittee to meet and further discuss issues

6. PORTLAND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INNOVATIONS

The Committee received information on some of the innovations created in the City of Portland for bicyclists and pedestrians.

David Craft reported that the City of Portland used blue lanes to reduce conflicts at three types of area: exit ramps, right-turn lanes, and entrance ramps. The study found that there was overall increase in bicyclist following the indicated bicycle facilities and an increase in the percentage of motorists yielding to bicyclists.

The bicycle-only traffic signals utilized in Portland were aimed to make it easier for bicyclists to cross diagonally through an intersection and to eliminate the conflict between right-turning motorists and bicyclist. The percentage of bicyclists turning their heads to look for vehicles or slowing down on stopping at crossing dropped.

Mr. Craft noted that the City of Portland recognized that the colored bike boxes may create a false sense of security for bicyclists, but the overall behavioral change was positive.

The Committee suggested the possibility of having City of Portland staff present more information, especially on the cost, at a future meeting. The Committee also suggested bringing these innovative ideas to the Technical Advisory Committee for possible implementation.

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

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, announced that Monterey County bike maps are now available.

Chairman Alan Hedegard reported on the sub-committee meeting with Christi Di Iorio, Community Development Director of the City of Marina to discuss concerns of bicyclists and pedestrians. City staff recommended the Committee to propose directional signage to direct bicyclists off of Imjin Parkway to California Avenue, and off of the 12th Street entrance to the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to 5th Street bike path. Kaki Chen noted that this item is agendaized for the September Committee meeting.

Chairman Alan Hedegard announced the free “Street Skills and Road 1 Classes” hosted by the League of American Bicyclists will be held on August 16, and September 13 of 2008.

Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey announced that the bike lane westbound on Canyon Del Rey on Highway 218 has been re-stripped and cyclists noticed a reduction in the widths of bike lanes. Kaki Chen noted that this item is agendaized for the September Committee meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.