

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

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Final Minutes of June 4, 2008**

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>May 08</b>	<b>Jun</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	-	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	<i>O</i>	-	P	P	P	P	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair	P		P	P	E	P	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	<i>P</i>	<i>M</i>	E	P	-	P(A)	P	P
Frank Pinto, Del Rey Oaks	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	E	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	<i>E</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	<i>T</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	<i>I</i>	-	-	-		-	-
Mary Pommerich, Marina (Debra Daniels)	E	<i>N</i>	P	E	P	-	P(A)	P
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	-	<i>G</i>	-	-	-	E	P	P
Pacific Grove - Vacant	-		-	-	-		-	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P		P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	E		E	P(A)	E	P	P(A)	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P		E	P	P	P	P	P
Scott Harvey, N. County Recreation & Park District						P	-	-

<b>Non Voting Members</b>								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works	-		-	-	-	-	E	P
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Papadakis, AMBAG	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P		P	E	P	P	E	E
CSUMB – Vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-



The Committee made the following comments and suggestions on the Salinas Road at Highway 1 interchange project:

- Providing eight-foot shoulders on the bridge
- Monitoring the left turning lane off Highway 1 onto Jensen Road
- Installing Pacific Coast Route signs directing bicyclists who are unfamiliar with the area.

**M/S/C** Johnson/Craft/unanimous

A motion was made and approved to remove the Pacific Coast Route at Salinas Road and Trafton Road given the high volume of truck traffic and the number of potential conflict points in the area. The Committee recommended directing bicyclists off of Highway 1 onto Jensen Road instead.

## **5. INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 68 AND SAN BENANCIO ROAD**

The Committee received information from Monterey County Department of Public Works on the proposed improvements at the intersection of State Route 68 and San Benancio Road, and provided comments.

Enrique Saavedra, Monterey County Public Works, presented the intersection improvement project at State Route 68 and San Benancio Road.

The proposed project includes the following improvements to the intersection:

- Installation of additional westbound State Route 68 to southbound San Benancio Road left turn lane
- Extension of existing eastbound State Route 68 to southbound San Benancio Road right turn lane to the west
- Widening of the San Benancio Road bridge over El Toro Creek from two lanes to four lanes to accommodate the additional left turn lane from westbound State Route 68 and a dedicated right-turn lane onto eastbound State Route 68.
- Installing eight-foot shoulders will be available to accommodate bicyclists

Enrique Saavedra concluded that when the CEQA document will be available to the public for comments, he would bring the item back to the Committee at a future meeting date.

## **6. REPORT ON 2008 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK EVENTS**

The Committee received preliminary report regarding the results of 2008 Monterey County Bike Week.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency sponsors the annual Bike Week events to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation that enhances environmental quality and improves one's health. There were eight separate events, seven Bike-to-Work breakfast sites, and fourteen Bike-to-School sites throughout the County. Participation of bike week events went up to 48% and the increase in sponsorship was four percent.

The Committee members provided comments and suggestions for the 2009 Monterey County Bike Week such as:

- Issue a bike to school challenge
- Offer awards to the school
- Consider moving the date earlier
- Increase coordination with Monterey-Salinas-Transit
- Coordinate with Community Colleges and High schools

Stephen Carew suggested that we should publish a thank you announcement in the local newspaper showing appreciation for sponsors and those who assisted and participated during bike week.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, shared with Committee members that the Transportation Agency staff went on a bike ride in celebration of Bike Week and the ride took place on the Carmel Hill Trail. Ms. Hale suggested that the Committee can take a group bike ride, perhaps studying one of the bicycle related project that Agency is working on. Stephen Carew added that the Committee will come back with suggestions at the next Committee meeting.

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

D.L. Johnson provided an update on the Castroville undercrossing project. The project is consisted of moving the tunnel to a new location so the project can be ahead of the train station schedule.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, announced that an open house of the Carmel Hill and River Trail will be held on June 18 at the Mission Inn at 6 p.m. She also briefly discussed the status of the countywide bike map. She hopes that the map will be sent to the printer next week and staff will have the maps available at our August Committee meeting.

Chair Alan Hedegard announced the free "Street Skills and Road 1 Classes" hosted by the League of American Bicyclists will be held on June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 13 of 2008.

Jonathan Garcia announced that the General Jim Moore plans shown at the last Committee meeting displaying two South Boundary Road locations and after consulting with engineers, the one on the North side of plan is the correct one. He also suggested that the Committee monitors the Environmental Impact Report of the development project in Del Rey Oaks, so the Committee can ensure that there is adequate connection between projects.

David Craft mentioned he visited Portland and recommended that Agency staff consider implementing similar rumble strips.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, informed the Committee that every city and supervisors has been supportive on the sales tax Investment Plan.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.