

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**FINAL Minutes of September 3, 2008**  
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>May 08</b>	<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>Sep 08</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P	<i>N</i>	E	E
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	P	E
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair	P	E	P	P	P		P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	-	P(A)	P	P	<i>M</i>	P	-
Frank Pinto, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	E	P	P	<i>E</i>	E	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	<i>E</i>	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	<i>T</i>	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-		-	-	<i>I</i>	-	-
Mary Pommerich, Marina (Debra Daniels)	E	P	-	P(A)	P	<i>N</i>	P	-
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	-	-	E	P	P	<i>G</i>	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		E	P
William Randall, Seaside								P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-		E	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P(A)	E	P	P(A)	P		P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P	P	P	P	P		P	E
Scott Harvey, N. County Recreation & Park District			P	-	-		-	-

<b>Non Voting Members</b>								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works (Patricia Lopez)	-	-	-	E	P		-	P (A)
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Sasha Tepelenova, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-		P	P
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	E	P	P	E	E		P	-
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-	-

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

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate	Randy Smith	Member of Public
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Belle Smith	Member of Public
Oga Carranza	County Public Works	Patricia Lopez	County Public Works

Chairman Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Smith, representing Malamaelectric, requested a discussion of the use of electric bicycles in Monterey County to be agendized for a future meeting date.

The Committee members welcomed William Randall, a school Psychologist at the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. He mentioned that he grew up in the City of Salinas and recently relocated back to the area.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Carew/Crisan/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of August 6, 2008.

3.2 California Department of Transportation Project Update.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. MONTEREY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a report from Oga Carranza and Patricia Lopez of the Monterey County Public Works Department, on the following bicycle and pedestrian related projects:

1. Spreckels Blvd./Reservation Road Bridge and Bicycle Path,
2. Las Lomas Drive Bicycle Lane.
3. Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path Project, and
4. Castroville Undercrossing project

Spreckels Blvd./Reservation Road Bridge:

The design for this project is 95% complete. With the assistance of the Transportation Agency, the County received \$5 million from the Transportation Enhancement fund. The project is expected to cost \$11,647,545, with \$9,486,200 currently funded and \$2,161,345 unfunded. The biological Assessment processes is expected to be complete next summer; and the project is expected to start construction in July 2010.

Las Lomas Drive Bicycle Lane:

The project will provide 2,000 feet of curb, gutter, sidewalks, class II bicycle lanes, and roadway improvements along Las Lomas Drive from Thomas Road to Hall Road. The design is currently 20% complete. The project is expected to cost \$1,676,516, with \$170,300 currently funded and \$1,506,216 unfunded. The project is expected to start construction in May 2010.

Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path Project:

The project consists of a Class I Bicycle Trail that parallels to the Carmel River beginning at the east end boundary of Quail Lodge Property and extends to the west boundary of Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. The project length is 5,825 feet, approximately 1.1 miles and will provide an eight foot paved path and a four foot shoulder. The project cost \$2,049,396, with \$1,799,989 currently funded and \$249,407 unfunded. The environmental was taken to the Planning Commission for a hearing and to adopt the CEQA document on August 27th where it was adopted. The project is expected to start construction in April 2010

Castroville Undercrossing project:

The project consists of a Class I bike path from Salinas Street to Castroville Boulevard with an under crossing at the railroad tracks. Waiting for a local match of \$30,000 from the Redevelopment Agency to start the environmental and design. The project total cost is \$5,685,900 with only \$1,333,597 currently funded and \$4,352,303 unfunded. The schedule to start construction is in March 2010.

Moss Landing Road Class II bike lane:

This bike lane on Moss Landing Road will connect to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. The project was pending due to PG &E's underground utility project. The County was informed a couple months ago that PG&E started its design work. Once that is completed, road improvement will start soon after.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (Moss Landing portion):

The project study report along with environmental and design work will go to the County Board of Supervisors at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Stephen Carew requested that a share the road sign should be installed on Highway 68 at the Spreckels Bridge. Ms Debbie Hale, Executive Director responded that the Agency staff would work with Caltrans on placing additional signage.

In conclusion, Patricia Lopez noted that the Monterey County Bike Plan would be going to the Board of Supervisors for adoption on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5. DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR CITY OF MARINA**

The Committee endorsed staff recommendations to the City of Marina on directional signage and placement to direct bicycle traffic to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street bike path and California Avenue for access to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.

Chairman Hedegard reported that the Transportation Agency staff and subcommittee members shared concerns with the City of Marina on the bicycle and pedestrian facilities. At the meeting, City of Marina staff asked for a proposal on directional signage to direct bicyclist to California Avenue from Reservation Road, and from the 12<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to 5<sup>th</sup> Street bike path. The City asked for assistance on directional signage to direct bicyclists to alternative routes, California Avenue and the 5<sup>th</sup> Street bike path, respectively.

Agency staff recommends placing supplemental information plaques at the following locations at a minimum:

- Reservation Road before Imjin Road
- Reservation Road and Imjin Road
- Reservation Road before California Avenue
- Reservation Road and California Avenue
- California Avenue before Imjin Parkway
- California Avenue and Imjin Parkway v
- Imjin Parkway before 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Imjin Parkway and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue before 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street

The Committee had the following recommendations for the directional signage for City of Marina:

- Blanco Road approaching Reservation
- Reservation Road at MBEST
- Provide a “Keep going straight” on MBEST

Chairman Hedegard suggested that the subcommittee reconvene to come up with a recommendation that will be brought back at a future Committee meeting for approval.

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

Chairman Alan Hedegard announced that the Complete Streets Program Bill has passed. Staff will bring additional information to the Committee at a future meeting.

Chairman Alan Hedegard announced the free “Street Skills and Road 1 Classes” hosted by the League of American Bicyclists will be held on September 13, 2008. Mr. William Randall commented that the Street Skills and Road 1 Classes be advertised at REI store in Marina.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, announced that the Carmel Hill and River Trail Environmental Impact Report would be presented at the Agency Board meeting Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at the Agricultural Center Conference Room. Members from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee are welcome to attend.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.