

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Final Minutes of August 5, 2009**  
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>NOV 08</b>	<b>JAN 09</b>	<b>FEB 09</b>	<b>MAR 09</b>	<b>APR 09</b>	<b>MAY 09</b>	<b>JUN 09</b>	<b>AUG 09</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	-	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	P	-	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair (Jeff Wriedt)	P	P	E	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	P	P	P(A)
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	P	P(A)	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P(A)	P	E
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	-	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	-	-	-
Dominick Askew, Marina City (Debra Daniels)	P(A)	-	P(A)	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	P	P	E
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	P	P	P			P	E	P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	-	-	-			-	-	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P(A)	P	P			P	P(A)	P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	-	P	P			P	E	-
William Randall, Seaside	-	P	E			E	-	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-			-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P	P	P			P	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P	P	P			P	P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	-	P	E			E	E	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-			-	-	-

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

<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	-			E	E	E
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	-			E	P	P
Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer			P			P	-	-
Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner	P	E	-			-	-	-
Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P			P	P	P
Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner	E	P	-			-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P			P	P	P
Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner							P	-

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

Adam Fukushima	Caltrans District 5	Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside
Doug Heumann	Caltrans District 5	Philip Yenovkian	Member of the public
Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate		

Chairman Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Philip Yenovkian made a proposal to build a commuter bike path connecting the Cities of Salinas and Marina. He was seeking Committee’s input and support on this project.

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that the Salinas Police League is a bicycle friendly group.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Johnson/Petersen /unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of Committee meeting of June 3, 2009.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. HIGHWAY 68/SALINAS RIVER BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT**

The Committee received presentation on the Highway 68 bridge-widening project and recommended that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors approve the proposal to shift funding from the Salinas River bicycle and pedestrian bridge project to the Castroville undercrossing project.

Ms. Kaki Chen reported that the Salinas River bicycle and pedestrian bridge project was initiated to provide bicyclists and pedestrians a transportation alternative to the existing Highway 68 bridge, which has high vehicle speed, large traffic volumes, and narrow shoulders widths. Due to the project’s large funding shortfall of the project, the project would not get constructed under the current funding program. Transportation Agency staff approached California Department of Transportation about the seismic retrofit project of the Highway 68 bridge.

Mr. Doug Heumann is the project manager of the Highway 68 bridge-widening project. The project location is between Spreckles Boulevard and Reservation Road. The bridge would be constructed over the Salinas River, parallel and west of Highway 68. The project will consist of widening the existing bridge to provide standard 10 feet shoulders and upgrade the bridge railing in both directions. The bridge-widening project is currently on the 2010 initial draft State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and it is funded through to the Ready to list phase. Construction is likely to take place in fiscal year 2013/2014 and last through fiscal year 2015/2016. California Department of Transportation staff received email comments on bridge railing being too short to meet the needs of bicyclists. Staff will get a copy of the Bridge rail study recently conducted, and investigate a 54" cable railing. Guardrail seen on the planning study separating traffic and the shoulder will only be there during construction period.

Committee members also provided the following comments:

- Maintain one lane of vehicular traffic each direction and providing sufficient shoulder width for bicyclist during construction
- Investigate the installation of rumble strips on the shoulder, and ensure that the rumble strips are to the left of the lane striping. corporate rumble strip on white line or between two white lines to identify the rumble strip
- Further Review the Blanco bridge design on its feature of allowing for dirt to fall down from bridge rather than being collected on the side of the road.
- Install directional signage and "Share the Road" signs

Ms. Kaki Chen reported on staff's recommendation to transfer Transportation Enhancement Activities funds that were originally programmed for the Salinas River bicycle and pedestrian bridge project to the Castroville undercrossing project, where high school students and others frequently cross the tracks and grade. The project consist of a Class I bike path between Castroville Boulevard and Salinas Street with a railroad undercrossing, to help facilitate the safe crossing of Castroville residents and students to and from North County High School. She noted that the shift in funding will help to fully funding this project.

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

Committee member D.L. Johnson motioned to recommend that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors approve the proposal to shift funding from the Salinas River bicycle and pedestrian bridge project to the Castroville undercrossing project.

**5. EXPENDITURE PLAN OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT 2% ACCOUNT**

The Committee received a presentation on the Transportation Development Act 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian grant program's draft expenditure plan and provided input to Agency staff.

Ms. Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the grant program provides funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects of regional significance. The last three-year grant cycle was adopted in August 2006, and ten projects were awarded a total of \$1.0 million. A new draft expenditure plan has been prepared to fill project funding shortfalls using future expected revenue for fiscal years 2009/10 –2011/12 and expired grant money from previous cycles. The draft expenditure plan shows that the available Transportation Development Account 2% revenues can fund two major projects, including the Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail and Castroville undercrossing project.

The Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail is between Moss Landing Road and Jetty Road. Monterey County is currently working on the project's environmental documents and design. Construction is expected to take place in 2011. The total project cost is \$4.9 million. If \$361,000 of Transportation Development Act 2% funding is to be allocated to this project as local match, it becomes a fully funded project.

The Castroville undercrossing project consists of a Class I bike path between Castroville Boulevard and Salinas Street with a railroad undercrossing, to help facilitate the safe crossing of Castroville residents and students to and from North County High School

**M/S/C** Craft/Wriedt/unanimous

Committee member David Craft motioned to support the expenditure plan and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. In addition he asked that Agency staff be diligently seeking funding for the Highway 218 project.

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

Ms. Kaki Chen reported to the group on the Agency's annual bike ride. Mr. Eric Petersen suggested that Agency staff send out an invitation to the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee when the bike ride is expected to take place.

Mr. D.L. Johnson announced that he attended the National Night Out event in Salinas at the Natividad soccer field. Many organizations had informational booths and entertainment, and he suggested that the Transportation Agency attend future community events. He also noted that the City of Salinas has been having to deal with gang violence and the National Night Out events. Mr. D.L. Johnson also announced he retired from North County High School, but he will continue to teach band class at the high school.

Chair Allan Hedegard announced that Frank Henderson, local League of American Bicyclist Instructor, is teaching three cycling lessons. The Smart Cycling Basic (Part I), Smart Cycling in Traffic (Part II) and on the Road Bike (Part III) classes will be in the months of September 2009 and February 2010. Please visit the CSUMB website at <http://sports.csumb.edu/site/x18529.xml> for more information.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.