

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**FINAL Minutes of January 7, 2009**  
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>May 08</b>	<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>Jan 09</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	<i>N</i>	E	E	-	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	<i>O</i>	P	E	P	P	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair (Jeff Wriedt)	P	P		P	P	P(A)	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	P	<i>M</i>	P	-	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	P	P	<i>E</i>	E	P	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	<i>E</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	<i>T</i>	-	-	-	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-	<i>I</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Marina City - Vacant (Debra Daniels)	P(A)	P	<i>N</i>	P	-	-	P(A)	-
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	P	P	<i>G</i>	P	P	P	P	P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	-	-		-	-	P(A)	-	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P	P		P	P	P	P(A)	P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	P	P		E	P	P	-	P
William Randall, Seaside					P	P	-	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)	P		P	P	P	P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P	P		P	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)	E	P		-	P (A)	-	-	-
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Sasha Tepelenova, AMBAG	-	-		P	P	-	P	P
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	E	E		P	-	P	P	P
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-

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

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate
John Brazil via teleconference	City of San Jose	Susan Kent	Monterey County Traffic Safety Collaborative
Dominick Askew	Member of the public		

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephen Carew expressed concerns about the Castroville Boulevard bike path and how it has a 10-foot wide of mud puddle at the path entrance. Kaki Chen, Agency staff, advises Steve to fill out a Bicycle Facilities Service Request form on the Agency website.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Daniels/Carew/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of November 5, 2008.

3.2 Received report on the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding electric bicycles and their use on pathways.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. ANNUAL GROUP PHOTO**

The Committee took a group photo.

5. **CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS**

The Committee received a report on centerline rumble strips and the impacts on bicyclists.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that at the November Committee meeting, Ms. Robin Harness indicated to the Committee that the bicycling community has become increasingly concerned with roadway centerline rumble strips. Some motorists move toward the right shoulders to avoid the centerline strips, which in many instances results in insufficient space for cyclist, posing a potential danger to bicyclist. The purpose of centerline rumble strips is to warn drivers whose vehicles are crossing the centerline of two-lane, two-way roadways, to avoid potential collisions with the opposing traffic. A recent study conducted by the Institute of Highway Safety showed that overall vehicles crashes at sites treated with centerline rumble strips were reduced by 14%. In conclusion Kaki Chen noted centerline rumble strips are affective in reducing head-on collisions, they create concerns for bicyclist.

M/S/C Sundt/Cole/unanimous

Abstain: Carew

Committee member Mathew Sundt motioned to suspend the discussion of this item until it warrants a future discussion because of the lack in data and statistics supporting the observation of motor vehicles endangering bicyclists on the right when centerline rumble strips are installed.

*The Committee Chair moved item 6 after roll call to accommodate THE guest speaker.*

6. **SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN BIKE LANE PROPOSAL**

The Committee received a report on the San Jose downtown physically separated bike lane proposal.

John Brazil, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that City of San Jose is currently seeking a location where this type of lane configuration is beneficial. The San Jose City staff identified a few factors that are crucial to the success of the physical separated bike lanes after the council member's proposal. These factors include a long block with few driveways and limited bus stops; a street width that is wide enough to accommodate parking, street sweeping trucks and public safety vehicles such as fire trucks; and intersections that prohibit cars from making right or left turns. Mr. Brazil mentioned that this design generally works better on a one-way street to reduce the amount of unnecessary conflicts. He concluded that the City is looking for a location in North San Jose to experience with this lane configuration.

7. **SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY REPRESENTATION ISSUE**

The Committee received a report on Committee membership issue regarding the lack of representation from South Monterey County cities.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Committee has had difficulties in getting members to represent the South Monterey County cities. Although the Committee vacancies do not count for the purpose of establishing a quorum, the South Monterey County cities have not reaped the benefit of participating in the Committee and voicing their opinions on bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Kaki Chen recommended to have one member represent the four South Monterey County cities. She also requested that the Committee members actively recruit any possible interested individuals to serve on the Committee and refer them to staff for more information.

**M/S/C** Hedegard/Craft/unanimous

Committee member D.L. Johnson motioned to recommend that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopt a Committee bylaw revision to allow one member to represent the South Monterey County cities and the unincorporated areas, David Craft seconded the motion.

Later, Chairman Alan Hedegard proposed a revision to the motion, which is to add to the bylaw that one South County representative may represent the whole South Monterey County. However, if there is more than one representative from the South County cities, the representatives will represent each of the cities. David Craft accepted the change in motion and seconded. The Committee agreed to this revised motion unanimously.

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

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, announced that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Monterey County Bike Week would be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2009. She asked the Committee for suggestions on events for bike week. Ms. Chen stressed to the Committee that assistance from Committee members in various areas to plan for a successful 2009 Bike Week is essential.

Eric Petersen shared his experience in riding the Salinas Downtown Trolley and recommended that other Committee members give it a try.

D.L. Johnson thanked Monterey County Public Works for putting up a fence on the Castroville Boulevard bike lane as of January 6, 2009.

Debra Daniels announced that the new mayor for the City of Marina is Bruce Delgado and noted he is a bike and pedestrian advocate. Mayor Delgado is working with the City of Marina staff in bringing back the Marina Bike Committee.

Sasha Tepelenova announced that effective January 1, 2009; the IRS approved a monthly \$20 benefit for bicyclist.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.