

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Final Minutes of June 3, 2009**  
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Oct 08</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>
Eric Petersen, District 1	-	P	P	P	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	P	-	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	P	-
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair (Jeff Wriedt)	P(A)	P	P	E	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	P	P	P(A)	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P(A)	P
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
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	P	P	P	P			P	E
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	P(A)	-	-	-			-	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P	P(A)	P	P			P	P(A)
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	P	-	P	P			P	E
William Randall, Seaside	P	-	P	E			E	-
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
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)
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	E			-	-
Sasha Tepelenova, AMBAG	-	P	P	E			P	P
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P	P	P				E	-
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-	-			-	-

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

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Cappelli/Craft/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of May 6, 2009.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Committee received a report from Patricia Lopez, Project Manager with 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,
4. Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail project, and
5. Castroville Undercrossing project.

**Carmel Valley Class I Bicycle Path:**

The project consists of a Class III bicycle route between Valley Greens Drive at Carmel Valley Road to 1.4 miles west of Rancho San Carlos, proceeding with a Class I bicycle trail for 1.1 miles going westbound. The total project cost \$ 2,130,222, which is currently fully funded. The California Equality Quality Act documents were approved in August 2008, with the federal environment document National Environmental Policy Act completed in March 2009. Construction for the project is expected to start in 2010.

**Castroville Bicycle/Pedestrian Railroad Undercrossing:**

The project consist of a Class I bike path with a railroad undercrossing from Salinas Street to Castroville Boulevard. The County is working with Union Pacific Railroad and the Transportation Agency to define the project scope. The project cost has a total cost of \$6,000,000, with only \$1,283,214 currently secured. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2011 if full funding is secured successfully.

**Las Lomas Bicycle/Pedestrian Project:**

The project consists of a Class II bicycle lane along Las Lomas Drive from Thomas Road to San Juan Road. The California Equality Quality Act documents were adopted in March 2009 and the design is at 60% of completion. The project is expected to cost \$1.7 million with only 170,300 secured. Construction is dependant upon the County's ability to secure full funding.

**Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail project:**

The project consists of a Class I bike path and a bridge from north of Highway 1 to Moss Landing Road. The project cost is \$4,889,697, with a funding shortfall of \$861,752. The project construction is scheduled to start in 2011.

**Spreckels Blvd./Reservation Road Bridge and Bicycle Path:**

The project consists of a Class II bicycle lane from Highway 68 to Harkins/Hatton Road. The California Equality Quality Act documents are completed, and National Environmental Policy Act documents are expected to finish in October 2009. The project currently has a \$2,140,070 funding shortfall.

**5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Committee reviewed and commented on goals and objectives for incorporation into the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that staff is preparing a minor update to Regional Transportation Plan that brings it in line with the latest project development and funding assumptions and federal planning requirements. A more substantial update will be necessary as soon as 2012 to meet requirements of recent state legislation regarding greenhouse gas emissions and land use planning. He reported that the goals, objectives and policies from the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan, including policy language on bicycle and pedestrian transportation that were prepared based on input from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the 2005 update have been included as an Attachment. Proposed modifications to update or remove out of date references to bring the document up to date for 2010 are indicated in the document. Staff asked that the Committee members provide input on policy language regarding bicycle and pedestrian transportation in the plan.

The Committee had the following comments on the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan:

- Incorporate language in the document to encourage the implementation of round-abouts.
- Encourage cities and member jurisdictions to consider bicycle and pedestrian transportation as they work on roadway projects.
- Incorporate bicycle storage facilities such as bike racks into new projects, under policy 11.

Mr. Cook concluded by informing the Committee members that they will have other opportunities in the future to comment on the Regional Transportation Plan.

6. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT 2% BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the fiscal year 2006-2008 cycle of the Transportation Development Act 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian grant program.

Ms. Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that \$250,000 is available per year to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects through the Transportation Development Act, which stipulates that 2% of the Local Transportation Funds be made available for this purpose. The Agency awarded a total of \$1.0 million to ten bicycle and pedestrian projects across the County in the last Transportation Development Act 2% allocation cycle in 2006. As the allocations approach expiration on June 30, 2009, staff presented an update on the various projects. For any funds that are unused in the last cycle, or for projects that are not fully funded, staff recommended allowing these funds to expire and be reprogrammed to top regional priority projects that can be completed.

The following projects have been completed:

- ◆ Monterey County – Planning and Engineering phase of Carmel Valley Bicycle Facility
- ◆ City of Salinas – Construction of Rossi St. Class II bike lane
- ◆ Monterey-Salinas Transit – bike racks and lockers for Salinas Transit Center expansion
- ◆ City of Marina – California Ave. Class II bike lanes and sidewalk
- ◆ City of Monterey – Lighthouse corridor project
- ◆ City of Pacific Grove – Monterey Bay Coastal Trail Repair
- ◆ City of Seaside – Construction of Fremont Blvd./Trinity Ave. Lighted crosswalk
- ◆ City of Salinas – Construction of North Main St. bike lanes
- ◆ City of Seaside – Design of Coe Ave. Class II bike lane

M/S/C Carew/Sundt/Unanimous  
Noes: Askew

Committee member Mathew Sundt motioned for all unused funds be reprogrammed to the Salinas River bicycle and pedestrian bridge project.

7. **REPORT ON 2009 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK EVENTS**

The Committee received report regarding the results of the 2009 Monterey County Bike Week events and provided comments.

Ms. Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Monterey County Bike Week took place on May 9 – 16. There were nine separate events, six Bike-to-Work breakfast sites, and thirteen Bike-to-School sites throughout the County. She noted 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. Staff has worked closely with representatives from Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Ecology Action and the San Benito Council of Governments on tri-county bike week and Clean Air Month promotion.

The Committee had the following comments on the 2009 Monterey County Bike Week events:

- Coordinate with local High schools to seek volunteers
- Conduct Employer outreach in coordination with Clean Air Month promotion
- Encourage more cities to participate in Bike to City Council events

In conclusion Ms. Chen reported that 4,700 people participated in the 2009 Bike Week, which is a 20% increase over 2008 and 75% over 2007 level.

8. **ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND ITS USE ON BICYCLE FACILITIES**

The Committee received report from the subcommittee on electric bicycles and its use on bicycle facilities.

Committee member David Craft reported that he was in the process of compiling information and working with subcommittee members on the use of electric bicycles. The Committee is considering changing the name of electric bicycles to hybrid bikes and recommending a speed limit of 30 mph on these bicycles.

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

Mr. Eric Petersen reported that the AIDS ride came through town in the city of Salinas, but unfortunately there was a crash.

Mr. Mathew Sundt noted that he contacted Ernie Gerardo, a South County resident who is an avid cyclist and encouraged him to participate in the Committee. Mr. Gerardo declined the offer, but Mr. Peterson indicated that he would speak with Mr. Gerardo again regarding this opportunity.

Ms. Kaki Chen announced that the TAMC Board of Directors will take actions on the Carmel Hill River trail at the June Board meeting. She also announced that no July Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting are scheduled.

Mr. Steve Carew encouraged Committee members to report project status to policymakers so they can be aware of bicycle and pedestrian projects in the County.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.