

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes of May 6, 2009
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09
Eric Petersen, District 1	E	-	P	P	P	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	E	P	P	P	-	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair (Jeff Wriedt)	P	P(A)	P	P	E	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	-	P	P	P	P(A)	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P(A)
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	P	-	-	-	-	<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
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	P	P	P	P	P			P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	-	P(A)	-	-	-			-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P	P	P(A)	P	P			P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	P	P	-	P	P			P
William Randall, Seaside	P	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)	E	-	-	P	E			E
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			-

Non Voting Members								
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	P	E			P
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	-	P	P	P				E
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			-

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Ottmar City of Seaside Nathan Pierce MBUAPCD Alternate
 Chris Flescher City of Salinas Alternate Margaret Osborne Member of the Public
 Jeff Wriedt District 4 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

Chris Flescher announced that National Train Day would be held on Saturday, May 9th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

D.L. Johnson reported that the Castroville Undercrossing project is moving forward. Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, noted that the Transportation Agency staff is working closely with County staff and Coastal commission on this project.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Carew/Tibbitts /unanimous

Committee member David Craft pulled item 3.2 for discussion.

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of February 4, 2009.

3.2 Committee member David Craft pulled this item.

Received report on the legislative proposal regarding electric bicycles and their use on pathways.

The Committee had the following comments on the electric bicycles:

- Limit the travel speed of electric bicycle to possibly 30 mph or less.
- Define its usage on the various class of bicycle facilities
- Continue to work with California Association of Bicycling Organizations
- Further review Department of Motor Vehicle requirements
- Contact other bicycle and pedestrian Committees/Agencies and get information on the requirements of electric bicycles.

Chairman Hedegard appointed the following Committee members to serve on the sub-committee to further study this issue: David Craft, Robert Cruickshank, Eric Petersen, D.L. Johnson, and Sgt. Marius Crisan.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **NEW MARINA REPRESENTATIVE**

The Committee welcomed the new Marina representative Dominick Askew.

5. **2009 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK AND CLEAN AIR MONTH**

The Committee received a report on 2009 Bike Week and Clean Air Month activities, and discussed the 2009 Monterey County Bike Week event coordination.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the 2009 Monterey County Bike Week will be the 15th Annual Bike Week in Monterey County, and it is scheduled for May 9 – 16, and is focused on six days of activities. Bike Week will include the 15 Bike-to-School and 6 Bike-to-Work events, along with the bike week challenge, smart bicycling workshop, community ride and Velo Club morning ride events. She asked for volunteers for to assist at the various events.

Sasha Tepelenova, AMBAG, announced that “Clean Air Month” would be held throughout the month of May. Clean Air Month 2009 encourages community members to bike, take the bus, carpool, vanpool, walk, and telecommute. One of the campaign’s goals is to improve air quality. Visit www.cleanairmonth.net to learn about what one could do to keep the air cleaner this May and register to win prizes. The grand prize is a laptop.

The following Committee members volunteered for Bike Week events:

- Geof Tibbitts – Family Mountain Biking
- Jeff Wriedt – Bike vs. Car Challenge
- Dominick Askew – Recreational Equipment, Inc.
- Robert Cruickshank – Light and Motion
- Margaret Osborne – Embassy Suites
- D.L. Johnson – North Monterey County High School
- Chair Alan Hedegard – Smart Bicycling Workshops
- Alexander Cappelli – Velo Club Ride
- Sasha Tepelenova – La Mesa Elementary School

In conclusion Kaki Chen encouraged the Committee members to participate in the events and to sign up for the bike week drawing on the website at www.tamcmonterey.org/bikeweek.

6. **AB2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

The Committee received information on the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program, and recommended that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors approve grant applications for the Bicycle Protection Program and the Transportation Agency’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Assembly Bill 2766 was enacted into law in 1990, authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect a vehicle registration fee surcharge of \$4.00 per vehicle for the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District for the purposes of reducing pollution from motor vehicles and other related purposes. Bicycle racks and lockers have been long recognized as necessary in encouraging cyclists to ride their bike to a destination. Bike racks offer complementary services to business and prevents potential hazards that can occur when bikes are improperly locked to handrails and other infrastructure. The program was awarded with AB2766 grant funding during the 2006 and 2007 grant facilities for 280 bicycles. Due to the program popular demand, staff recommends applying for additional AB2766 grant funding to provide additional bicycle storage facilities.

Kaki Chen also reported that the Agency's General Bikeways Plan is updated every five-years and it was done four years ago. The Bikeways Plan lists all existing and proposed bicycle projects and facilities of jurisdictions within the Monterey County region and satisfies the requirements set by the California Department of Transportation. The current Plan does not have pedestrian components. If awarded with funding, the updated Plan will include both bicycle and pedestrian components and hope to encourage more bicycling and walking activities.

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

Kaki Chen announced the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail public hearing will be held May 27th and June 24th at the Transportation Agency's Board meeting. The Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project - Draft Environmental Impact Report is available online. Ms. Chen encouraged Committee members to appear at the public hearings to show support.

Stephen Carew announced that Salinas United Business Association purchased two bicycles for the Alisal High School officers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.