

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of November 4, 2009
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

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

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Wriedt District 4 Alternate Scott Ottmar City of Seaside
Chris Flescher City of Salinas Alternate Frank Henderson Member of the Public
Philip Yenovkian Member of the Public

Chairman Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Carew announced his resignation as a Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee member representing District 4. He will be moving to Guanajuato, Mexico.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C

Cruickshank/Cappelli/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 2, 2009.

3.2 Received report on the grant awards of AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program for the Bicycle Protection Program and the Transportation Agency’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

3.3 Received the call for nominations for the eighth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

3.4 Adopted the schedule of meetings for calendar year 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

3.5 Received information on the Bicycle Transportation Account Program.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMING FOR 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed and commented on proposed programming of Transportation Enhancement funds in the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the proposed programming of Transportation Enhancement funds in the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Agency must submit the fiscal year 2010/11 to fiscal year 2014/15 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the California Transportation Commission by February 12, 2010. Up to \$10,701,000 of federal Transportation Enhancement funds may be available to program the new projects. The State Transportation Improvement Program is a 5-year listing of projects that is updated every 2 years. Regional Transportation Improvement Programs adopted by each region in California are proposed for incorporation into the State Transportation Improvement Program. Enhancement funds are to be used for transportation-related capital improvement projects that enhance quality-of-life, in or around transportation facilities. Transportation Agency staff is proposing \$4,344,000 be programmed to the Castroville Pedestrian Undercrossing project and the remainder to bicycling improvements such as funding for the regionally important Salinas to Marina corridor.

Agency staff is working with the jurisdictions in the corridor to scope projects within the funds available that make substantial improvements to safety for bicycles. Reprogramming the funds currently programmed for the bicycle-pedestrian bridge over the Salinas River will require California Transportation Commission approval.

5. **BLANCO ROAD**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr. Philip Yenovkian on a proposal to install a class II bicycle lane on Blanco Road and provided direction to the Agency staff.

Phillip Yenovkian, member of the public, reported that he attended the August 2009 Committee meeting and commented on the need for a bicycle facility on Blanco Road serving commuters between the cities of Marina and Salinas. Staff from Monterey County Public Works informed Mr. Yenovkian that the County is focused on pursuing funding for projects currently listed on the Top 10 Bicycle Priority List in the Monterey County 2008 General Bikeways Plan. If the Committee considers the project to have regional significance and would like County staff to pursue funding to plan and construct the project, a letter from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee expressing its support is necessary.

Committee members had the following comments on the class II bicycle lane on Blanco Road:

- Consider placing lines on both sides of rumble strips to inform bicyclists the rumble strip locations.
- Encourage California Highway Patrol to step up in its enforcement for roadside debris.

M/S/C Petersen/Johnson/unanimous

Committee member Eric Petersen motioned and D.L Johnson second to recommend a letter of support to the County requesting the pursuit for funding to plan and construct a class II bicycle lane on Blanco Road.

6. **UPDATE ON PHASE V OF GENERAL JIM MOORE BOULEVARD PROJECT**

The Committee received an update on Phase V of the General Jim Moore project.

Jonathan Garcia, representing the Ford Ord Reuse Authority, presented on the status for Phase V of the General Jim Moore Boulevard project. The Fort Ord Reuse Authority recently received a \$6.4 million grant from the Economic Development Administration for Phase V of the General Jim Moore project. The Phase V of the General Jim Moore Boulevard project consists of a continuous 10' Class 1 bicycle path along the entire route on the east side from Olympic to Coe Avenue. There is an 8' shoulder on both sides of the Boulevard next to 14' and 12' travel lanes. The width of the raised median ranges from 4' to 18' in order to accommodate left-turn lanes at some locations. The posted speed limit will range from 35 to 45 miles per hour. Jonathan Garcia noted that the Authority issued bid notices for construction. Construction for the project will likely be completed by the end of 2010.

7. **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed and commented on the draft 2010 Legislative Program.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

8. **APPOINT COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Committee appointed a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who would serve a one-year term beginning of January 2010 upon election.

The Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year.

The Committee appointed

M/S/C Craft/Carew/unanimous
Committee member David Craft motioned to nominate Robert Cruickshank for Chair and the motion was second by Stephen Carew.

M/S/C Carew/Petersen/unanimous
Committee member Stephen Carew motioned to nominate Alan Hedegard for Vice Chair and the motion was second by Eric Petersen.

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

Kaki Chen announced that there is no December Committee meeting. She also mentioned that Bike Week is approaching and asked Committee members to help with seeking Bike Week sponsors. Chen noted that nomination for the Transportation Agency's Excellence Awards are due December 7th.

Eric Petersen reported that a previous Committee member Mary Pommerich would be performing at the Western Stage on November 14th, 2009. Additionally, the Butterfly Criterium will take place in June of 2010.

D.L. Johnson mentioned he is bringing a Western Classical Orchestra to North Monterey County High School. He also noted that the City of Clovis they are making a lot of electric bikes available, and it is an idea worthwhile investigating for implementation in the future.

Marius Crisan reported that a bike accident occurred on Monday, November 2 in Sand City. The bicyclist was found riding the wrong way on Playa Avenue. Unfortunately, there was another bicycle accident in Monterey on November 4th.

Robert Cruickshank reported that the City of Monterey's Bike Plan is going for Board approval at the November 17th City Council meeting.

Stephen Crew shared with the Committee on one of his favorite trails, De Anza trail, which allows bicyclists to ride from North Salinas to San Juan Bautista.

Dominick Askew announced he purchased a bike two months ago and he rode over 1,000 miles within two months.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.