

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes of April 7, 2010
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	C	P	P	C	E	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	-	A	P	-	A	P	E
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	P(A)	P(A)	N	P	P	N	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	E	P	C	-	P	C	P	P(A)
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	-	-	E	-	-	E	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	L	-	-	L	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	L	-	-	L	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-	E	-	-	E	-	-
Dominick Askew, Marina City (Debra Daniels)	E	-	D	P	P	D	P	P
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey, Chair	P	P		P	P		P	P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	-	E		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Vice Chair (Chris Flescher)	P	P		P	P(A)		P	P(A)
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	-	-		P	P		P	P
William Randall, Seaside	P	-		P	P		P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-		-	-		-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P	P(A)		P	P		P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P	P		P	P(A)		P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P	-		P	P		-	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-		-	-		-	-

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

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Ottmar City of Seaside Anais M. Schenk AMBAG

Chair Robert Cruickshank called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen shared graphics of the Streets Smarts program that the City of Salinas intends to launch in the future.

Sasha Tepedelenova announced the availability of a free workshop on “How to Develop an Effective Employee Commute Management Program” being held on Thursday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Askew/Crisan/unanimous
 Abstain: Petersen

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2010 with clarifications and corrections on the Transportation Enhancement eligible projects motions in item 5.

M/S/C Approved consent agenda excluding item 3.1
 Craft/Askew/unanimous

3.2 Received status report on the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. BEACH RANGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Committee received a report on the Beach Range Road improvement project.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner reported that one of the projects identified in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan is to improve the existing paved Beach Range Road into a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path. Beach Range Road is a former military access road within the Ford Ord Dunes State Park. It parallels, but located west of the existing California Department of Transportation Recreation Trail. Beach Range Road will offer users a greater separation from traffic on the highway and at interchanges. She noted that improvements will include slurry seal, stripping, signage, and safety items. Areas of interests along the path will also be highlighted with interpretive panels, and picnic tables and bicycle racks will be installed.

Kaki Chen reported that the Transportation Board of Directors is expected to approve a consultant the project on April 28th and construction contract in August.

Committee member Alex Cappelli had a concern on the gates on 8th street. Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director noted that the gates on 8th street are to keep the automotive traffic from accessing the park. Staff will investigate the possibility of improving accessibility of that site.

M/S/C

Wriedt/Askew

Noes: Petersen

Abstain: Cruickshank

Committee member Dominick Askew mentioned to minimize the cost of striping and divert other resources to other changes.

5. 2010 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK EVENT COORDINATION

The Committee received a report on the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week events and discussed the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week event coordination.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner reported that the 2010 Bike Week will be on May 10th – 16th this year. Some of the goals for the 2010 Bike Week are to increase event attendance by 20%, increase Bike to School Day participation in South Monterey County area, and increase the number of bike to city council events. She also noted that the 2009 campaign attracted nearly 4,700 participants in the weeklong series of events, which is a 20% increase in participation compared to 2008 and a 75% increase over the 2007. Kaki Chen reported that in addition to the traditional Bike Week events such as Bike vs. Car challenge and Community Ride, Agency staff is proposing two new events this year. One of the events is to offer a discount bike safety maintenance check at local bike shops. Another new event is to have a Golden Helmet Award competition, where a local bicyclist will be recognized for his/her dedication and for using bicycle for daily trips. In conclusion Kaki Chen noted that the Golden Helmet Award winner would be presented with an award certificate at the April 28th Transportation Agency Board meeting. She also mentioned that local bike shops that are participating in the Discounted Bicycle Safety Check include tire inflation, chain lubrication, and bike safety assessment for \$10.00 and she also noted that Bike shops received the bike week flyers.

Staff needs assistance from Committee members on distributing bike week flyers to coffee shops, local supermarkets, in addition to support on planning the series of activities such as:

- Pacific Grove bike to City Council meeting ride (Jan Roehl, Geof Tibbitts and Nathan Pierce)
- Bike vs. Car Challenge (Jeff Wriedt and Eric Petersen)
- Salinas Bike to City Council meeting ride (Eric Petersen and David Craft)
- Twilight Ride (Dominick Askew, Robert Cruickshank and Alex Cappelli)
- Recreational Equipment, Inc (Sasha Tepedelenova)
- Joselyn's Bicycles (Geof Tibbitts)
- Light & Motion (Alex Cappelli)
- Embassy Suites (Jonathan Garcia)
- Robert Down Elementary (Robert Cruickshank)
- Kammann School (Paul A. and Eric Petersen)
- Sunday morning ride with the Velo Club of Monterey (Alex Cappelli)

In conclusion, Ms. Kaki Chen mentioned that staff needs assistance from Committee members in various areas to plan for a successful bike week. Committee members are welcome to submit additional comments to Ms.Chen. More information on the weeklong events can be found on the website at www.tamcmonterey.org/bikeweek.

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

The Committee received information on the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program, and recommended potential projects to the Transportation Agency.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program, administered by Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, provides funding for projects that can ultimately result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions. There are four types of eligible project categories, including projects that directly reduce motor vehicle emissions, demonstration projects education or policy type of projects, and fueling infrastructure. Ms. Chen also mentioned that the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District will award up to \$1.6 million to eligible projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions at the September 15, 2010.

The Transportation Agency staff and Committee members came up with the following project comments and recommendations:

- Bike sharing feasibility and implementation plan
- Bicycle and pedestrian demand forecast model
- Roundabout information

7. **RECEIVE STATUS REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOLDEN HELMET AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Chairman Robert Cruickshank reported that the subcommittee met on April 6th to discuss on the Golden helmet award nominations. He mentioned there are 10 individuals being nominated for the Golden Helmet Award. Mr. Cruickshank noted that the subcommitte came up with a the following proposed award criteria:

1. Dedication to the Commute: Frequency, length, history of commuting, persists in inclement wather, or other materially adverse conditions overcome for commute route.
2. Dedication to bicycling as alternatives form of transportation: adopts best practices, advocates bicycling, inspires others to cycle.

In conclusion Chairman Cruickshank reported that each member of the subcommittee will rank each nominee on a 1-5 scale (1 being weakest and 5 being strongest) in each of the two categories by Sunday, April 11th. The subco mmitte will determine a Golden Helmet award winner by Monday, April 19.

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

Chairman Cruickshank thanked Committee member Crisan for serving eight years on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. Committee member Marius Crisan announced that he is retiring and will be relocating. Kaki Chen added that a certificate of appreciation will be sent to him for his dedication and service.

Committee member Geoff Tibbits recommended staff investigate the issue of providing alternatives to bicyclists and pedestrians at the 12th Street interchange in City of Marina. Staff reported that a Caltrans representative will be present at the May meeting to answer any questions.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C Crisan/Tibbits/unanimous

Chairman Robert Cruickshank adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.