

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of January 6, 2010
 Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	JAN 10
Eric Petersen, District 1	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	A	P	-	P	-	A	P	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	N	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	N	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Genf Tibbitts)	C	P(A)	P	E	P	C	-	P
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)	D	P	P	E	-	D	P	P
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey, Chair		P	E	P	P		P	P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)		-	-	-	E		P(A)	P(A)
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Vice Chair (Chris Flescher)		P	P(A)	P	P		P	P(A)
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)		P	E	-	-		P	P
William Randall, Seaside		E	-	P	-		P	P
Soledad - Vacant		-	-	-	-		-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)		P	P	P	P(A)		P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)		P	P	P	P		P	P(A)
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)		E	E	P	-		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	F		P	
CSUMB – Vacant		-	-					

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director		E	E	E	E		E	E
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director		E	P	P	E		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	P
Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner							-	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P	P	P		P	-
Kristen Hoschouer, Assoc. Trans. Planner		E	E	E	E		E	E

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Nathan Pierce	MBUAPCD	Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside
Theresa Szymanis	City of Marina	Megan Jones	Rincon Consultants

Chair Robert Cruickshank called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Askew/Crisan /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2009.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CITY OF MARINA'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Committee received a presentation and provided input on the draft 2009 City of Marina Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Theresa Szymanis, Planning Services Manager, presented on the draft 2009 City of Marina Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The City of Marina was awarded an \$114,000 Community-Based Transportation Planning grant from the California Department of Transportation for its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Master plan was prepared by the City's Community Development Department, with assistance from Rincon Consultants, Inc. The Plan has several components, including description of existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities, a set of facility design guidelines that are applicable to typical situations, and an implementation plan with a list of prioritized projects and potential funding sources.

Ms. Szymanis noted that the Plan would be presented to the City of Marina Planning Commission on Thursday, January 14, 2010 and the City Council on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. She requested that all comments be sent to her as soon as possible so that she can address them prior to those meetings. She said that once this plan is approved by the City Council, it will be incorporated into the City's General Plan update. She also noted that staff was working to incorporate the specific development maps into the City map so that all routes could be seen on one large map.

The Committee discussed specific bicycle and pedestrian connections that appeared to be missing from the plan's maps or needed to be corrected. One connection in particular that engendered much discussion was the route from Imjin Parkway connecting to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail west of Highway 1. Ms. Szymanis noted that City engineers are working on plans to improve that highway interchange and therefore no connections are shown until those project plans are further developed.

Committee Member Craft requested that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority present the plans for an inter-modal corridor on Imjin, Inter Garrison, Reservation and Davis roads to the Committee.

5. **2010 TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

The Committee received a report and provided comments on the proposed project schedule and scope of work for the 2010 Transportation Agency Bicycle and Pedestrian and Master Plan. Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency was awarded an AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction grant to prepare a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for adoption. The Transportation Agency last adopted a Bikeways Plan in 2005. A bicycle transportation plan needs to be updated every five years. With the Air District grant funding, the Agency will begin the process of updating the Plan and include a pedestrian component in the new Plan. The 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian will include goals and objectives that provide a blueprint for making bicycling and walking an integral part of daily life. It will also contain design standards and guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and establish a priority list for regionally significant projects to prioritize funding, fill in gaps and ensure good connectivity. The pedestrian component of the plan will aim to qualitatively assess existing on-street pedestrian conditions, illustrate the quality of pedestrian access to public transit facilities throughout the County, and establish clear steps toward creating a more walk able Monterey County.

Committee Member Wriedt inquired whether the plan would be brought to the Committee for input. Ms. Chen said the Committee would have several opportunities to weigh in, and that staff would be relying on Committee members for input.

Committee Member Askew asked how much the grant was for and whether it was sufficient for the task. Ms. Chen noted the award was for \$63,725 and that staff would be relying on the City and County Public Works staff and Committee members for input. Committee Member Askew suggested setting up a crowd sourcing framework to facilitate this input

6. UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM

The Committee received a report on the United States Bicycle Route System and reviewed proposed local Monterey County routes to be included in the system

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the goal of the United States Bicycle Route System is to connect America with a network of numbered interstate bicycle routes. The system offers an opportunity for citizens to explore areas across the country, improve their health conditions, and to connect with others. For the Monterey County segment, staff is recommending routes in the Pacific Coast Route system to be submitted for the national network, with an exception on Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue in Carmel. Instead of taking Highway 1, staff would like to encourage bicyclists who are traveling northbound to ride on the Carmel Hill and River Trail, and use the undercrossing at Carmel Valley Road.

Committee Member Craft noted that the map shows the route going through San Jose, which would require bicyclists to either ride on or parallel to Highway 101 or over the mountains on Highway 17, neither of which are optimal routes. Instead, he suggested the Committee recommend the Pacific Coast Route up to San Francisco.

M/S/C Wriedt/Craft/unanimous

NOES: Askew

Recommended the Pacific Coast Route through Monterey County, which is on or parallel to Highway 1 through most of the County, with detours to local Class I bike paths or Class II or III bike routes on local roads where appropriate.

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

Committee Member Craft expressed his appreciation for the article on elliptical bike.

Committee Member Flescher reported that a group walking from Seattle to Los Angeles and on to Florida stopped in Salinas a few weeks before.

8. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C Craft/Crisan/unanimous

Chairman Robert Cruickshank adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.