

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of March 3, 2010
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

Nathan Pierce MBUAPCD Alternate Scott Ottmar City of Seaside
Chris Flescher City of Salinas Alternate

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Flescher suggested that 2010 Bike Week could potentially be tied in with the National Train Day event.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Johnson/Hedegard /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 6, 2010.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE BICYCLE TRAILS

The Committee received a report on the bicycle trail system included in the plans for the Monterey Branch Line light rail line.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner presented on the Monterey Branch Line Bicycle Trails. She noted that included in the drawings for the Monterey Branch Line light rail project are plans to relocate small sections of the bicycle/pedestrian path parallel to the Monterey Branch Line corridor. The overview of the light rail project would be high capacity vehicles of 100 passengers wheelchair and bicycles accessible and the operators would be Monterey-Salinas Transit. The Transfer to Salinas will be every 15 – 30 minutes. The Capital cost is \$128.5M and the operating cost is \$2.9M. Ms. Hoschouer reported that a few locations in Marina and Monterey where the current bicycle and pedestrian trail will need to be relocated in order to accommodate the Monterey Branch Line light rail alignment. The realigned paths will remain the same width as the current paths in order to accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians. In Marina, a bicycle trail will be constructed to the west of the light rail line from Marina Green Drive to Beach Road, connecting the two residential areas. In Monterey, the bicycle and pedestrian path will be realigned slightly north of its current location from Roberts Avenue to east of the proposed light rail station at Casa Verde Way. The trail will also be moved slightly north of its current location from Casa Verde Way to slightly past the planned station at the Naval Postgraduate School at Cunningham.

Committee Member Craft suggested that the maintenance yard be located as far away from any development or activity centers as possible to avoid emissions from trains idling.

Committee Members Crisan requested that the temporary crossings we have now at Ford Ord Dunes State Park be included as part of the Branch Line project, and get reconstructed when the rail line is in operations.

Committee Member Sundt was concerned about the realignment at English Avenue and Del Monte Avenue. The proposal is to move the multiuse trail to the west. He noted that once the trail gets moved, due to the area's hill topography, a cyclist would have to ride over the hill rather than an existing flat ground surface.

Committee Member Crisan asked about the speed of the light rail traveling. Ms. Kristen Hoschouer replied that the speed of the light rail would be approximately 25 mph through city and top speed would be around 55 mph.

Committee Members also suggested that in the process of updating the Bike and Pedestrian Plan, that the Agency would plan for good bicycle and pedestrian infrastructures around the proposed stations and seek funding to implement these projects in advance of the train service begins.

5. **SECOND ROUND FEDERAL STIMULUS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDING**

The Committee reviewed and ranked the Transportation Enhancement eligible projects proposed for second round federal stimulus funding.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner reported on the federal stimulus funding. The potential second round of federal stimulus funding being considered by Congress will likely include Transportation Enhancement funding. He noted that the House version of the bill requires projects to be under contract within 90 days. Jurisdictions were asked in February to propose Transportation Enhancement eligible projects that could meet the short deadline for delivery. He mentioned that there are 12 eligibility categories in the Transportation Enhancement program. The bicycle and pedestrian projects are the most common use of Transportation Enhancement funds. Mr. Muck also reported that the amount of funds that the Monterey County region would receive if a second round of federal stimulus funding is approved isn't known yet. He noted that for programming purposes, the Transportation Agency's Transportation Enhancement target is \$744,000. A total of five projects were submitted by the cities.

The Committee reviewed and ranked the following five Transportation Enhancement eligible projects submitted by the cities for the second round of federal stimulus funding:

M/S/C

Wriedt/Hedegard

Noes: Askew, Roehl and Randall

Abstain: Chairman Cruickshank

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt motioned to rank the following project as the number one priority: the city of King: Installing bike lanes/shoulders along First street.

M/S/C Randall/Wriedt
Noes: Hedegard
Abstain: Chairman Cruickshank
Committee Member William Randall motioned to rank the following project as the number two project: the City of Seaside: Broadway Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements.

M/S/C Craft/Cappelli
Abstain: Chairman Cruickshank
Committee Member David Craft motioned to rank the following project as the number three in priority: the City of Monterey: Mark Thomas Drive sidewalk and bike lanes.

M/S/C Craft/Sundt
Abstain: Chairman Cruickshank
Committee Member David Craft motioned to rank the following project as number four in priority: the City of King: Sidewalk gap closure and ramp installation.

M/S/C Cruickshank/Craft
Abstain: Chairman Cruickshank
Chairman Cruickshank motioned to amend the following as the number five project on the list: City of Seaside: Lightfighter Drive pedestrian Improvement project.

6. BICYCLE PROTECTION PROGRAM-PHASE IV

The Committee received a report on Phase IV of the Bicycle Protection Program and provided input on the recommended bike rack and locker types.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant program, administered by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, awarded funding to the Transportation Agency. She noted that bicycle racks and lockers have been 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 infrastructures. She also reported that the AB2766 grant funding awarded in 2002, 2006 and 2007 made available a total of 185 bicycle racks and lockers and provided secured bicycle parking facilities for 506 bicycles. Kaki Chen reported that the grant applications for the 2010 cycle will be released in late March and the Committee is expected to be selecting the grant recipients in June.

M/S/C Sundt/ Hedegard/unanimous
Committee Member Sundt motioned to approve all of the proposed bike racks recommended by the Transportation Agency staff.

M/S/C Sundt/Crisan/unanimous
Committee Member Sundt motioned to approve all of the proposed bike lockers recommended by the Transportation Agency and added a new type of locking system called bike lid to the list.

7. **2010 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK**

The Committee received an update on the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week events and appointed members to serve on a subcommittee selecting a Golden Helmet Award winner.

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. 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. The Golden Helmet Award winner will be presented with an award certificate at the April 28th Transportation Agency Board meeting.

Chairman Cruickshank appointed the following Committee Members to serve on the subcommittee to review and rank nominations, and make recommendation for an award recipient: D.L. Johnson, Dominick Askew, Robert Cruickshank, Alan Hedegard and Alexander Cappelli.

Committee Member Sundt volunteered to promote bike week at the Light and Motion event on April 17th from 3 – 9 p.m. held at San Carlos Beach.

Kaki Chen encouraged the Committee members to signup for volunteer opportunities for Bike Week events. More information on the weeklong events can be found on the website at www.tamcmonterey.org/bikeweek.

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

Committee Member Craft informed the Committee that an Air District Board member recommended adjusting the cost effectiveness of bike infrastructure projects and reduce funding for these projects in the AB2766 grant due to the lack of users seen on the funded facilities.

Committee Member Johnson noted that the fence on Castroville Boulevard near the Castroville High school was knocked down numerous times. He was concerned with the roadway safety on that route. He also commented on the safety concerns for bicyclist and pedestrians under South Main Street overpass. He suggested that area gets redesigned during the downtown redevelopment process.

Committee Member Wriedt mentioned that on 12th street and the Monterey Coastal trail, the guardrail project is finished and bicyclist can access the facility.

Kaki Chen made an announcement on behalf of Eric Petersen that the Salinas Junior Development Criterium will take place at the Salinas Airport on March 21st

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C Hedegard/Cruickshank/unanimous

Chairman Robert Cruickshank adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.