

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of May 5, 2010
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	SEP 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	May 10
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	C	P	P	C	E	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	-	A	P	-	A	P	E	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	P(A)	N	P	P	N	P	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	C	-	P	C	P	P(A)	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	D	P	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(A)		P	P(A)	P
Vacant (Mike Morris)								-
William Randall, Seaside	-		P	P		P	P	-
Soledad - Vacant	-		-	-		-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P(A)		P	P		P	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P		P	P(A)		P	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(A)		-	-		-	-	-
Sasha Tepedelenova, AMBAG	E		-	-		E	P	E
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	E		P	-		-	-	-
CSUMB – Vacant	-		-	-		-	-	-

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E		E	E		E	E	E
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	E		E	E		E	P	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

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Flescher City of Salinas Alternate Nathan Pierce MBUAPCD 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

Mathew Sundt apologized that he forgot to attend the Light & Motion event in San Carlos, on April 17th.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Hedegard/Craft /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 2010.

3.2 Approved certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Marius Crisan recognizing his eight years of service on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. BICYCLE BOX EXPERIMENT

The Committee received a report on California Department of Transportation District 5's proposal to conduct an experiment involving the installation of a bicycle box.

Adam Fukushima, representative from California Department of Transportation, District 5 reported that the District submitted a request to conduct an experiment involving the installation of a bicycle box at Route 227 and Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo County. The experiment would help determining the effectiveness of the bicycle box application, which allows bicyclists to move in front of vehicles when the light is red at a signalized intersection. Mr. Fukushima noted that route 227 (Madonna Road) is a four – lane, conventional highway in San Luis Obispo County. At the intersection of route 227 and Higuera Street, there are four lanes: left turn lane (lane #1), shared-left and a through lane (lane #2), a class II bicycle lane, and a fully separated, free right –turn lane. Under the current lane configuration, bicyclists are confused to whether vehicles in lane #2 are turning left or proceeding straight through the intersection. The proposal to experiment with a bicycle box at the intersection, if approved by the California Traffic Control Devices Committee, would give bicyclists priority at the intersection when the light is red, and thus eliminating the potential conflict between vehicles proceeding straight and cyclists who are turning left.

Mr. Fukushima noted that the bicycle box would not be colored so the engineers can evaluate the effectiveness of a bicycle box as a tool itself.

Committee member David Craft asked whether signs would be installed throughout the street. Mr. Fukushima replied that signs would be installed advising bicyclist where to stand.

5. 2010 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK EVENT COORDINATION

The Committee discussed and finalized the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week event coordination.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency is coordinating all aspects of 16th annual Monterey County Bike Week, including events such as Discounted Bicycle Safety check, Bike-to-School and Bike-to-Work day, Team bike challenge and Golden Helmet Award. Staff needed assistance from Committee members in various areas to plan for a successful bike week. She noted that staff is seeking volunteers for the various Bike Week activities. At the April Committee meeting, several members signed up to assist.

Ms. Kaki Chen also mentioned that the event times at bike to school sites vary by school. Therefore, staff suggested that volunteers contact the school coordinators and arranged for a meeting time. She also encouraged Committee members to participate in the events and help promote bike week 2010.

6. AB2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

The Committee received information on the Agency's grant proposals to fund Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Study and a tri-county Bike Week campaign. Staff asked Committee members to provide letters of support.

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. If awarded, the grants would fund a Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Plan, outlining the steps to deploy a bicycle sharing program if found feasible, and a two-year tri-county bike week campaign. She 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 Board meeting. The Transportation Agency would hire a consultant to investigate bicycle docking stations, fare structure, and marketing plan. Kaki Chen mentioned that in partnership with the Santa Cruz Ecology Action and Council of San Benito County Governments, the Transportation Agency plans to submit a joint application for a two-year tri-county bike week campaign.

In conclusion, Ms. Chen asked Committee members to provide support letters to include with the AB2766 motor vehicle emission reduction grant proposal.

7. **RECEIVED REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOLDEN HELMET AWARD WINNER**

Committee Chair Mr. Cruickshank announced that the sub-committee selected Mr. Frank Henderson as the Golden Helmet award winner and was presented with the Golden Helmet Award at the April 28th TAMC Board meeting. He praised Mr. Henderson for his riding habits, even in inclement weather such as rain and wind.

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

Committee member D.L. Johnson shared his experience with flashing beacon pedestrian crossings in the City of Clovis.

Committee member David Craft asked on the status for the Prunedale Improvement project. Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman responded that the project is going to the California Transportation Commission for approval of construction funding. The project construction is expected to start in late 2010 or early 2011.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C Hedegard/Wriedt/unanimous

Chairman Robert Cruickshank adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.