

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

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

Non Voting Members								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works		-	-	-			-	-
Patricia Lopez, County Public Works (<i>Oga Carranza</i>)		-	-	-			-	P
Dave Murray, Caltrans - District 5 (<i>Adam Fukushima</i>)		-	-	-			-	-
Sasha Tepedelenova, AMBAG		E	P	E			-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company		-	-	-			E	-
CSUMB – Vacant		-	-	-			-	-

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Oga Carranza County Public Works Nathan Pierce MBUAPCD (Alternate)
 Scott Ottmar City of Seaside

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 this month.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Craft/Garcia/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 1, 2010.

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

3.3 Adopted the schedule of meetings for calendar year 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee reviewed and commented on draft 2011 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Senior 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. She noted that the 2010 TAMC legislative program focused on maintaining and augmenting transportation funding. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency’s position on issues of key importance to the agency. The federal program included TAMC’s requests for federal appropriations earmarks for high priority projects. Ms. Watson noted that the draft 2011 legislative program continues their focus on transportation funding. Ms. Watson highlighted the following modifications to Legislative Program Goals attachment:

- The State legislative goal 45S include to “monitor efforts”
- The State legislative goal 6S include “encourage additional funding”
- The Federal legislative goal 5F include “monitor”

In conclusion, Ms. Watson reported that the Board approved the draft 2011 Legislative Program for circulation to committees on October 27 for comments. Staff expects the Board to adopt the final legislative program in January 2011.

5. MONTEREY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received a report from Oga Carranza and Patricia Lopez, Project Managers with the Monterey County Public Works Department, on the following bicycle and pedestrian related projects:

1. Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path Project,
2. Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail project,
3. Castroville railroad crossing project
4. State Route 68 and Corral de Tierra Intersection Improvement project,
5. Davis Road bicycle lane and
6. Blanco Road bicycle lane project.

Carmel Valley Class I Bicycle Path:

The project consists of approximately 4 miles long. Phase I begins at Rancho San Carlos and proceeds westbound. Phase II is an installation of a class III bicycle route signs from Carmel Valley Road along Valley Greens to the end of Phase I. Phase III begins at the end of phase I proceeds 1.1 miles westbound to the western boundary of Palo Corona. Phase IV begins at the end of phase III proceeds westbound approximately 0.80 mile to State highway 1. The project will include an 8-foot separated bicycle/pedestrian path along Taylor's property, 8-foot paved pedestrian path (only) along Palo Corona property and 3-foot shoulders on each side. The total project cost \$1,791,561, which is currently fully funded. The California Equality Quality Act documents were approved in 2009, with Right of Way completed in 2010. Construction for the project is expected to start in 2011.

Moss Landing Segment Bicycle Trail:

The project consists of a Class I bicycle/pedestrian path and bridge from north of Highway 1 to Moss Landing Road. The project consists of .80 miles, 10' paved trail and 2' shoulders. She also noted that interpretive and directional signage will be installed along the path. The total project cost is \$4,870,282, with a funding shortfall of \$104,000. The preparation of Environmental Documents is underway. It is possible that the process can take a longer period of time due to the sensitive nature of the area. The project construction is scheduled to start in 2011 if the environmental design is completed successfully.

Castroville Railroad Crossing Bicycle/Pedestrian Path:

The project consists of a Class I bicycle path along Castroville Boulevard and a class III bicycle route along Del Monte and Elkhorn Roads. The project will include a installation of a class III bicycle route signs from Merritt Street along Pajaro and Axtell Street, construct a class I bicycle/pedestrian path from Axtell Street to Castroville Boulevard, either through a bridge structure or railroad under-crossing on Castroville Boulevard. The total project cost is \$6,000,000, which is currently fully funded. Construction for the project is scheduled to start in 2013.

State Route 68 – Corral de Tierra Road:

The project consist of a installation dual left turn lanes on Westbound Highway 68, adding a merge lane on Corral de Tierra travelling southbound, adding a turning lane on Corral de Tierra travelling northbound, 8- Foot shoulder improvements on Corral de Tierra and install bicycle loops at intersections. The total project cost is \$2,740,000, which is currently fully funded. The

Environmental Impact Report is currently pending. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2012.

Davis Road Class II:

The project consists of Class II bicycle lanes along Davis Road from Rossi Street to Blanco Road. The project length is approximately 1.7 miles. The overpass on the bridge is wide enough for bike lanes; on Rossi Road there will be 8' or 6' foot shoulders. The total project cost is \$3,411,000, which is currently fully funded. The Environmental Impact Report is complete and the County is waiting for authorization from Caltrans to proceed with the next step. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2013.

Blanco Road Class II Bicycle Lane:

The project consists of Class II bicycle lanes along Blanco Road from Salinas City limits west of Luther Way to Research Drive. It is approximately 5.2 miles. The installation of directional signage and stripping will be installed along the entire route. The project cost is \$200,000, which is currently fully funded. The Environmental is complete and the County is waiting for authorization to proceed with project design. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2011.

6. POLICY GOALS, NETWORK GAPS AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

The Committee reviewed the 2010 Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Policy Goals, reviewed Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Gaps, and Provided Feedback on project ranking criteria.

Kaki Cheung, Associate transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency is in the process of updating the last adopted 2005 general bikeways plan and including a new pedestrian component. She noted that the process began with gathering data using an information survey distributed to local jurisdictions. Using the survey responses received, the consultant began compiling a database of pedestrian and bicycle improvement. Ms. Jennifer Donlon with Alta Planning and Design noted that the proposed projects will be ranked according to the final selection criteria, and a list of top priority improvements will result from the analysis. Ms. Donlon discussed the vision, goals and objectives of the Plan. The plan envisions a future Monterey County with a transportation system that supports sustainability; active living and community where bicycling and walking are an integral part of daily life.

The committee members had the following comments and recommendations on the bicycle and pedestrian master plan:

- Consider a more ambitious goals for increasing bicyclist and pedestrian activity
- Consider coordinating the Plan with the 2020/2035 Regional Transportation Plan dates
- Stay consistent with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments planning models
- Consider a ranking criteria that considers both County and City projects
- Consider rider experience as a ranking criteria
- Encourage Monterey County to conduct a count survey
- Consider having a few priority projects from each Cities and the County rather than a priority list for the entire county
- Consider scoring total to 100 points rather than 40 points
- Consider project length of project be factored into criteria
- Consider including cost effectiveness into project ranking criteria

In conclusion, Ms. Donlon announced that recommendations and comments on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan are due in two weeks. Ms. Kaki Cheung will summarize all the comments to be forwarded to Ms. Dolan.

7. REPROGRAMMING TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

M/S/C Craft/Peterson
Abstained: Askew

The Committee reviewed the projects submitted for State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement funds that need to be reprogrammed and recommended the Mark Thomas Dr. Sidewalk and Bike lanes project in the city of Monterey.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the County of Monterey would not be able to use the \$334,000 of Transportation Enhancement funds currently programmed to the Carmel Valley Greens Bike Path project. Four Agencies submitted projects to use the \$334,000 of Transportation Enhancement funds that need to be reprogrammed.

Ms. Cheung noted that project ranking should be based on eligibility and likelihood of meeting the June 2011 deadline to receive a funding allocation from the California Transportation Commission.

Transportation Agency staff recommends programming these Transportation Enhancement funds to the Mark Thomas Dr. Sidewalk and Bike Lanes project in the city of Monterey. The project provides an important link between the Naval Postgraduate School and Navy housing at La Mesa. She noted that the city of Monterey completed final design for the project and is ready to go to bid. In conclusion, Ms. Cheung noted that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors would make the final programming decision at their December 1, 2010 meeting.

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 2011 upon election.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. She noted that the chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings.

M/S/C Craft/Petersen/unanimous
Committee member David Craft nominated Robert Cruickshank for Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Eric Petersen.

M/S/C Askew/Cappelli/unanimous
Committee member Dominick Askew nominated Alan Hedegard for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Alexander Cappelli.

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

None this month.

10. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C Petersen/Cappelli/unanimous
Chairman Robert Cruickshank adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

