

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of March 2, 2011
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	NOV 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	A	A	P	P	P	-	P
District 4 Jeff Wriet (<i>Geoffrey Shester</i>)	P	N	N	P	P	P	P	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (<i>Geof Tibbitts</i>)	P	C	C	TC	-	-	P	E
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	L	L	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	L	L	-	-	-	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-
Dominick Askew, Marina City (<i>Debra Daniels</i>)	P	D	D	P	P	P	-	-
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey, Chair	P			E	P	P	E	E
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (<i>Jan Roehl</i>)	-			P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Vice Chair (<i>Chris Flescher</i>)	P			P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Sand City - Vacant (<i>Mike Morris</i>)	-			-	-	-	-	-
William Randall, Seaside	-			P	-	-	-	-
Soledad - Vacant	-			-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (<i>Nathan Pierce</i>)	P			P(A)	P	-	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (<i>Robin Harness</i>)	P			P	P	P	P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (<i>Stan Cook</i>)	P			P	P	E	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	-	-	-
Adam Fukushima, Caltrans - District 5	-			-	-	-	-	-
Sasha Tepedelenova, AMBAG	E			-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	-			E	-	P	P	P
CSUMB – Vacant		-			-	-	-	-

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Flescher City of Salinas Alternate

Chair Judge Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that the Salinas Junior Development Criterium will take place at the Salinas Airport on March 20th.

Committee member David Craft shared that he received an email on European Parking Study and it demonstrates different parking methods. Mr. Craft will ask Ms. Kaki Cheung forward the email to Committee members.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Wriet/ Johnson /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 2, 2011.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MONTEREY BAY AREA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received *Draft 2011 Monterey Bay Area Public Participating Plan* and direct comments to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director reported that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is required by federal regulations to prepare and maintain a public participation plan for the three counties. The Plan will describe how public participation will be structured for federally funded transportation plans, programs and projects in the region. He noted that the existing Public Participation Plan essentially identifies the Agency’s current public process and outreach program to describe how public outreach will be solicited for transportation issues in Monterey County. Mr. Bachman mentioned that, to address additional state requirements, the Transportation Agency has coordinated with AMBAG to prepare an update to the Public Participation Plan, which will immediately serve as a guide for undertaking public outreach related to the Agency’s preparation of the next Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County. *The Draft 2011 Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan* is included as a Web attachment to this report and available on the AMBAG website at www.ambag.org

In conclusion Mr. Bachman noted that the Transportation Agency has coordinated with AMBAG to prepare an update to the plan, which was released by AMBAG on February 9, 2011 for a 45-day public review period that closes on March 30th. If you have any questions please submitted to the AMBAG offices in writing (P.O. Box 809, Marina, CA 93933), by fax (831-383-3755) or by email to lmeckel@ambag.org.

5. REVISED DRAFT BICYCLE PROJECT RANKING LIST

The Committee provided comments on the revised draft bicycle project ranking for the 2010 Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and recommended Transportation Agency Board approval of the proposed top ten regionally significant projects.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director presented on the revised Draft Bicycle project-ranking list. He noted that at the February Committee meeting, a subcommittee was appointed to propose the top ten regionally significant bicycle projects. Based on feedback from the January Committee meeting and the subcommittee, the consultant has updated the maps and revised the project ranking. Agency staff is seeking comments and recommendation of approval from the Committee members on the proposed top ten projects.

The Committee discussed the potential projects and arrived at the following top seventeen bicycle projects proposed for the Plan:

1. Class 2 bike lane on Imjin Parkway
2. Class 2 bike lane on Canyon Del Rey Blvd. (HWY 218)
3. Castroville Railroad Crossing
4. Class 2 bike lane on Blanco Road from Reservation Road to Davis Road
5. Class 2 bike lane on Davis Road from Blanco Road to Rossi Street
6. Class 2 bike lane on Blanco Road from Davis Road to Abbott Street
7. Class 2 bike lane on Broadway Avenue
8. Class 2 bike lane on Highway 68 from San Benancio Road to Josselyn Canyon Road
9. Class 1 bike path for the Moss Landing segment of Sanctuary Scenic Trail
10. Class 2/3 bike lane/route on San Juan Grade Road from Boronda Road to County line
11. Restoration of Gabilan Creek Trail
12. Class 2 bike lane on Central Ave. between Davis to Hartnell
13. Improvements on Highway 68 to Salinas
14. Improve Alignment on Carmel Valley Road to Highway 68 thru Hatton Canyon
15. Improve connection on Highway 1
16. Highway 68 widening on Salinas River
17. Class 2 bike lane from Lovers Point to 17 Mile Dr.

M/S/C

Petersen/ Craft

Oppose: Capelli

Committee Member Eric Petersen motioned to adopt the seventeen bicycle projects proposed above.

6. MODERN ROUNDABOUTS

The Committee received a presentation on how modern roundabout intersections improve safety, reduce congestion and lower lifetime maintenance costs. Current planned modern roundabout locations in Monterey County will also be discussed.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director presented on the modern roundabouts. He reported that a roundabout is a method of intersection traffic control. It is a circular, constant movement, low speed intersection the features include: raised center island, splitter islands with ped refuge, yield on entry and counterclockwise travel. He noted that the roundabout advantages are; safer than other forms of traffic control, reduced delay/ increase in traffic capacity, less expensive to operate than signals, improved walkability and environmentally friendly. Mr. Bachman mentioned the following advantages of why roundabouts are safer:

- Fewer conflict points for vehicle, cyclist and peds
- Vehicle speeds are low (approximately 20 mph)
- Lower speeds and geometry reduce severity of crashes
- Ped crossings are shorter and require looking in one direction only
- Less Expensive to operate
- Reduce delay and decrease fuel consumption

In conclusion Mr. Don Bachman noted that the roundabouts are traffic control devices that reduce emissions, accidents, noise, surface runoff, cost of maintenance, vehicle delays and vehicle stops. Roundabouts increase landscaping, livability, pedestrian safety, and vehicle capacity. He noted that every intersection should be evaluated prior to installing.

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

None this month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Judge Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.