

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPC)

Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
(TAMC)
CONFERENCE ROOM
55-B PLAZA CIRCLE, SALINAS, CA 93901**

AGENDA

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (6) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that time (11); the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum. *If you are unable to attend, please contact the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1 below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 3.1 **APPROVE** minutes of Committee meeting August 3, 2011.
– Cheung

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** report on the Monterey Downs horse park project in the City of Marina.
–McCoy **Page 9**

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5. **RECEIVE** report from Monterey County Public Works Department staff on the Castroville railroad crossing project.
–Lopez **Pages 10 - 11**

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6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS** from Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members on bicycle and pedestrian related items that are not on the agenda. **No Enclosure**
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901

Light refreshments will be provided

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Kaki Chen, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

By Thursday, September 22, 2011

kaki@tamcmonterey.org

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Correspondence

None this month.

Reports, Meetings, Announcements and Publications

None this month.

Media Clippings

None this month.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of August 3, 2011
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	NOV 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	AUG 11
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	E	C	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	-	P	-	A	-	P
District 4 Jeff Wriedt (<i>Frank Henderson</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	N	P(A)	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (<i>Geof Tibbitts</i>)	-	-	P	E	E	C	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-
Dominick Askew, Marina (<i>Debra Daniels</i>)	P	P	-	-	P	D	-	P
Tim Meehan, Monterey	P	P	E	E	-		P	P
Jan Roehl, Pacific Grove	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P		P	P
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Vice-Chair (<i>Chris Flescher</i>)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P
Sand City - Vacant (<i>Mike Morris</i>)	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Seaside - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	-	P	P	P(A)		P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (<i>Robin Harness</i>)	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA, Chair (<i>Stan Cook</i>)	P	E	P	P	P		P	E
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	-	-	-	-	P		-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	-	P	P	P	-		P	-
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-	-

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director								
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	-	E	E		E	P
Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner	E	E	P	P	P		P	P
Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner	P	E	P	E	P		P	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P		P	-

1. OTHERS PRESENT:

Megan Tolbert	CSUMB	Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate
Keith McCoy	Urban Community Partners	Frank Henderson	District 4 Alternate
Richard Swent	Public	Tony Prook	Public
Steph Nelson	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments	Ian Gillis	Urban Community Partners

Vice Chair Alan Hedegard 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 Roehl /Johnson /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 1, 2011.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATE

Presentation on this item was cancelled. Caltrans' project update will be provided at a future meeting.

5. **MONTEREY BAY AREA BICYCLE TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING**

The Committee received information from Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments staff on the three-county Monterey Bay Area bicycle travel demand-modeling project.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Monterey Bay Area Unified Pollution Control District has awarded over \$6 million to 126 bicycle related projects using the AB2766 emission reduction grant. She noted that currently there is a moratorium on awarding grants to bike projects until a bicycle travel demand model is available. Ms. Cheung mentioned that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is tasked to develop a tool that can be used to conduct benefit-cost analyses for proposed and existing bicycle facilities. She noted that a Request for Proposal document has been recently released. The selected consultant is expected to manage the collection and analysis of four sets of data, including: bicycle commute trip data; bicycle facility network data; bicycle count data and California household travel survey data for bicycle commuters.

The Committee was particularly interested in having bicycle count data collected a number of ways, whether using electronic methods such as mobile application or physical counts. Committee member Alex Cappelli recommended that physical bicycle counts should be collected during both weekdays and weekends to capture different types of bicyclists. Additionally, Mr. Tim Meehan suggested that usage of bike racks on MST buses could be another way to obtain bicycle count data, in addition to the other proposed collection methods. Ms. Megan Tolbert asked that the consultant to consider incorporating other bicycle treatment tools currently not utilized in Monterey County into the model, so bicycle facility usage, after implementation of a treatment, can be predicted. Ms. Jan Roehl commented that it would be extremely helpful if the model can estimate the before and after counts of a facility if constructed.

6. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

Deputy Director Don Bachman reported results from the May 25th Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session. The Transportation Agency Board of Directors participated in an exercise to prioritize regional projects. This effort will assist the Agency to focus limited resources onto the Board's highest priorities. Staff received direction to estimate the potential revenue from several local funding options that aren't currently in place to inform the community discussion on how to fill funding gaps for the region's transportation priorities. The projects that were ranked highest by the Board were the following:

- U.S. 101 – San Juan Road Interchange
- S.R. 156 Widening
- U.S. 101 – South County Frontage Roads
- Local Street and Road Maintenance
- Monterey Peninsula Fixed Guideway
- Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County

7. **BEACH RANGE ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL**

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner reported on the Beach Range Road multi-use trail project. She reported that paving of the 4-mile facility has been completed, and that new bicycle and pedestrian symbol had been stenciled. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled on Wednesday, August 31st, at 9:30 a.m. Committee members and the public are invited to attend.

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

Mr. Alan Hedegard reported that Davis Road in Salinas has been re-surfaced. Areas where the shoulder width was limited but a widen median existed have been corrected when a letter was submitted to the Director of Monterey County Public Works Department seeking changes to improve safety for bicyclists.

Ms. Megan Tolbert reported that CSUMB has recently installed sharrows (share the road lane markings) on campus. The bicycle boulevard signage will be installed during the week of August 8th. A winner has been selected for the design of bike garage on campus, and the winning images are available at the CSUMB trip wise page.

Mr. Matthew Sundt reported that he met with Ms. Kaki Cheung, Mr. Hank Myers, the Transportation Engineer at the Agency, and the Highway 68/San Benancio construction manager to discuss the reduced shoulder width on the highway during construction. As a result, additional signage was posted to increase drivers' awareness of bicyclists being present.

Committee member D.L Johnson mentioned that he attended a public meeting with regards to the Castroville railroad crossing project. Staff reported that the County Public Works Department staff will attend the September meeting to provide a more detailed overview.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 7, 2011
Subject: **Monterey Downs Project**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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SUMMARY

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this time.

DISCUSSION

Located in the former Fort Ord area, the Monterey Downs Horse Park will provide venues for local, national and international equestrian competition, schooling and training, community wide events, concerts and other public gatherings. The 390 acres of project site is also envisioned to include a mixed-use commercial village and housing development.

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Approved by: _____
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: _____

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Counsel Review: N.A



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 7, 2011
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SUMMARY:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no action with a financial impact at this time.

The project is estimated to cost a total of \$6 million dollars. The design and environmental phase is \$1 million, an amount of \$650,000 has been allocated for the purchase of right of way, and \$4.3 million will go towards the construction phase. The project is fully funded with Transportation Development Act 2% funds, Transportation Enhancement funds, federal grade crossing dollars and Safe Routes to School money.

DISCUSSION:

The Castroville railroad crossing, when constructed, consists of a class 1 bicycle and pedestrian path from Axtell Street to Castroville Boulevard. Either a bicycle and pedestrian bridge or a tunnel will facilitate travel across the existing railroad tracks. This path will likely be used by many school children that are commuting to North Monterey County High School, Castroville residents for commute and utilitarian trips and recreational bicyclists. The project will close a critical gap in the Castroville community and the regional bicycle and pedestrian network.

The project is currently in the environmental review and project design phase. Right of way acquisition is expected to take place in 2012, and project construction will begin as early as 2013. The County Public Works staff held a public hearing on this project in early spring to get community input on the project design.

A Monterey County Public Works Department representative will attend the Committee meeting to provide a detailed project update. Committee members will have an opportunity to ask questions and give input.

Approved by: _____ Date signed: _____
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Regular Agenda

Counsel Review: N.A