

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of March 7, 2018
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	JUN 17	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	C	P	P	C	P	C	P	P
Vacant – District 2	A	E	E	A	-	A	-	-
Vacant – District 3	N	-	-	N	-	N	-	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (<i>Frank Henderson</i>)	C	P	P	C	E	C	P(A)	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 (<i>Geof Tibbitts</i>)	E	P	P	E	E	E	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	L	P	P	L	P	L	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	L	-	-	L	-	L	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	E	-	-	E	-	E	-	-
Ernesto Gallardo, Greenfield	D	-	-	D	-	D	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City		P	P		P		P	E
Vacant, Marina,		-	-		-			-
Monterey - Vacant,		-	-		-			-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove (<i>Jung Hwa Kim</i>)		-	P		P		P	P(A)
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair (<i>Mark Lasnik</i>)		P	P		P		P	P
Sand City - Vacant		-	-		-		-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside (<i>Ralph Wege</i>)		P	P		P(A)		P	P(A)
Soledad - Vacant		-	-		-		-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD		-	-		-		-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair		P	P		P		P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey (<i>Alex Capelli</i>)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		P	P
Mary Israel, FORA (<i>Jonathan Brinkmann</i>)		P	P		P		E	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant		-	-		-		-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works		-	-		-		-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works		P	P		-		P	P
Caltrans - District 5		-	-		-		-	-
Vacant, AMBAG		-	-		-		-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company		-	-		-		-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB (<i>Matthew McCluney</i>)		P	P		E		P	

E – Excused **VC – Video Conference**
P(A) – Alternate **TC – Teleconference**

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 17	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18
Debbie Hale, Executive Director					E		E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director		E	E		E		E	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner		E	E		P		E	E
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner		E	E		P		P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P		P		P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Easterling City of Salinas Chandra Rapley Ecology Action

1. Chair Lisa Rheinheimer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Noghera/Wege /unanimous

Abstain: Jeff Wriedt and Mary Israel

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS VALLEY EXPRESS TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

The Committee received a presentation from Monterey-Salinas Transit staff on the Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, presented the Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study. The Study will identify ways to advance Line 23 (Salinas to King City) to be a rapid transit option with travel times comparable to the automobile. She noted that the study will identify primary boarding locations and key sites to implement transit information technology to aid in the successful implementation of a rapid transit corridor with limited stops and ½ hour headways during the peak travel commute. She also reported that MST is planning a South County maintenance facility that will be in King City, which will be closer to where the service starts. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer noted that a more direct route with limited stops is needed to provide rural South County residents with a more efficient way to access employment, education, and medical appointments in the more urbanized areas of the county.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions for the Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study:

- Consider having suggestions cards for bus drivers to distribute for passengers to fill out
- Consider coordinating trips with AMTRAK schedule
- Consider less stops for faster to destinations

5. MONTEREY COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Committee received an update on the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan; and provided input on the draft ranked project lists.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Active Transportation Plan is an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. She noted that the focus of the 2018 Plan update is to meet the State Active Transportation Program Guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. The goal of the Plan is to position high priority projects to be more competitive for grant finding such as the State's Active Transportation Program. Ms. Murillo noted that Transportation Agency staff is collected stakeholders and public input from Spring 2016 to Winter 2016. An online public mapping tool was also available. She noted that Transportation Agency staff worked with the Monterey County Health Department to gather input from their Greenfield Leadership and Civic Engagement group. Staff is requesting input on these draft ranked lists, and the proposed high-priority projects. She noted that the purpose of the ranking exercise is to identify high-priority projects. Once these are identified, TAMC's consultant, Alta Planning + Design, will develop conceptual design for up to 15 high-priority projects throughout the County.

The Committee had the following questions, comments and suggestions to the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan:

- What will be implemented first? TAMC will coordinate with the cities and county to identify the projects that will be implemented.
- Consider connectivity from City to City
- Consider safe routes when scoring projects
- Consider a roundabout on Forest in the City of Pacific Grove

6. BIKE MONTH AND BIKE SAFETY OUTREACH

The committee:

1. Received report on Monterey county Bike Month 2018 and the countywide bike safety outreach; and
2. Provided direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month and the countywide Bike Safety outreach.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that bike month is a national public awareness event held annually in May to promote bicycling. She noted that the Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for public education, and requests direction from the Committee for 2018 Bike Month and countywide bike safety outreach. Ms. Murillo also reported that TAMC is kicking off a Traveler Information/Rideshare Program that seeks to reduce traffic, improve air quality and promote health by encouraging alternatives to driving alone. In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that for bike month 2018, TAMC staff is proposing to:

- Continue promoting community events using print and social media (Facebook/ Instagram)
- Partner with other agencies, such as County Health Department on bike safety events (Public libraries)
- Promote the Rideshare Bike Month Challenge via the <http://tamc.rideamigos.com/> app
- Conduct an educational outreach effort that highlights the benefits of bicycling for people of all ages and abilities

Committee member Jung Hwa Kim suggested collaborating with the Bone Health, Montage, Pediatrics and schools to reach out to more of the Monterey County community.

Chair Rheinheimer suggested looking at the Portland TriMet near-collisions public safety campaign.

Committee member Eric Petersen expressed the need for share the road bumper stickers to distribute.

7. CANYON DEL REY BOULEVARD (SR 218) CORRIDOR STUDY

The Committee received a report on the Canyon Del Rey (State Route 218) Corridor Study.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Canyon Del Rey (SR 218) Corridor Study will identify bike and pedestrian improvements for the corridor, analyze the impacts of relinquishment, and will include the technical traffic modeling analysis necessary to identify short and long-term improvements for the corridor. She noted that TAMC received a Caltrans Strategic Partnership Planning grant to develop the Canyon Del Rey Boulevard (SR 218) Corridor Study. The Corridor Study is a partnership with TAMC, the cities of Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Caltrans. A walking and driving tour of Canyon Del Rey Boulevard is coming up in the next few weeks.

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer expressed concern on the protected intersection designs and noted that it looks tight for large vehicles and buses. Virginia Murillo noted that Kimley-Horn will conduct an analysis.

Chair Rheinheimer noted that Caltrans has a State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) that includes bike and pedestrian improvements on the State highway. The Committee requested a copy of Caltrans' SHOPP program projects.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that the Salinas Criterium is scheduled on April 29, 2018.

Committee member D.L. Johnson expressed that the cities have been doing a great job ok keeping their bike paths clean, but noted that Monterey County is falling behind. He noted that he was walking on the Carmel trails and the Police Department was present due to homeless, safety and sanitary issues in the trail area.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt said the Sand City Eco Resort does not include a bike path connection.

Committee member Chris Flescher announced that on March 11th, San Francisco Sunday Streets starts its car-free community event on Valencia Street.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.