



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPC)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019
6:00 PM**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
(TAMC)
Sand City Council Chambers: 1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City**

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 (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that time (13); 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

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.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed 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 the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 2, 2019.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2020.
2. **ADOPT** the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

- Jacobsen

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5. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on draft 2020 Legislative Program.

- Jacobsen

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway environmental impact report.

- Castillo

The draft environmental impact report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project will be released for public review in mid-November. A public review period of at least 45 days will follow. A public hearing to accept comments on the draft environmental impact report will take place at the December 4, 2019 TAMC Board of Directors meeting.

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- Jacobsen

Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process, and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

TAMC Conference Room

55b Plaza Circle, Salinas, California, 93901

Light refreshments will be provided

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

M 1. October 2019, Why are roads getting more dangerous for pedestrians?

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: **BPC Draft October Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 2, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ BPC Draft October 2019 Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of October 2, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

Voting Members	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Jack Smith – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P(A)	P	E	P	E	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	E	P	P	E	E	E	-	-
Hans Hoffmann Jr, Marina	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	-	-	P	P	-	P	E	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P(A)	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	-	-	-	P	P	E	P	P
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Vacant, FORA	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	E	E	P	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	-	P	P	-	P	E	-	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner						P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer	-	-	P	-	-	E	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Lindenthal	District 4 Alternate	Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate
Kendra Nowell	Blue Zones	Robin Lee	Public
Stanley Stuck	Public		

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, introduced the Transportation Agency’s recently hired Rideshare/Go 831 Program Coordinator, Justine Ramirez, to the Committee.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted that TAMC staff should invite law enforcement chief, sheriff and CHP to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting to discuss what they are doing to enforce bicycle safety.

Robin Lee made public comment to inform and encourage Committee members to support the Salinas recreational trail project near Lowe’s in Salinas.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C *Wegenstein/ Novo /unanimous*
Abstain: Jeff Wriedt and Vera Noghera

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 4, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. BLUE ZONES WELL-BEING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on Blue Zones project in Salinas Valley.

Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner reported that the Blue Zones project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthier choices easier for everyone. The City of Salinas has partnered with Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Taylor Farms to implement a Blue Zones program in Monterey County. The goals of the Blue Zones Project are supportive of TAMC's Safe Routes to school, Go831 and active transportation programs. She noted that the Blue Zones project believes that when the entire community participates in making small healthier lifestyle changes – from workplaces to schools, and restaurants to grocery stores – that it can make a big difference in quality of life. These longevity initiatives include: healthier eating, safer streets, more active lifestyles, reduce smoking, enhanced social interactions and an increased sense of purpose.

Kendra Nowell, Director of Government Affairs at Memorial Hospital and Senior Policy Lead for the Blue Zones Project, noted that the Blue Zones team conducted a comprehensive analysis of the current state of well-being and met with local leaders and stakeholders including TAMC staff to learn about the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving well-being in the City of Salinas, which is the geography proposed for Phase 1 of the multi-phased Blue Zones Project throughout Monterey County. Nowell noted that the Monterey County Blueprint Plan, released in May 2019, identified several strategies to enhance the built environment to promote active lifestyles. Nowell noted that TAMC is active on the Blue Zones Steering Committee, the Built Environment Committee and the Schools Committee to support improved traffic safety and active transportation initiatives.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that he is familiar with the Montage Medical Group and noted that they are a wonderful staff with many useful resources.

Robin Lee, Public, asked about the portion size meals (Blue Zones Plate) and noted that is a great idea to post on social media and etc.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann expressed that we need better transportation in certain areas due to multiple hubs in Salinas.

5. **BICYCLE SAFETY – CURRENT RESEARCH**

The Committee received a presentation on current bicycle safety research.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, presented on the existing research on bicycle facility design. She noted that researchers suggest that there is a need for more rigorous research to understand the impacts of various bicycle treatments. One of the main issues facing researchers who study bicycle infrastructure is the availability of accurate bicycle volume counts and the current dependence on crash data. She noted that the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) includes quantitative, crash-based outcome measures that are not reflective of the near-miss accidents or user levels of comfort. Safety measures suggested through the HSM are therefore examined in terms of an increase or decrease in crash rates. She noted that TAMC staff has reviewed and collected a variety of resources to help educate ourselves and others on existing research related to bicycle safety through design, diving beyond the standards presented in the HSM. In addition to the Guidance by NACTO, Staff reviewed a 2014 Master's Thesis by Jonathan E. DiGeorgia Institute of Technology entitled "Safety Impacts of Bicycle Infrastructure: A Critical Review." This research has since been published by the Journal of Safety Research. DiGioia's study examined literature related to 22 different types of bicycle treatments, synthesized the findings, and data sources used in the findings. She noted while this research reiterates the need for more studies to be conducted, it does offer some key findings.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that it is hard to paint the green bicycle stripes or box in the City of Carmel but suggested the sharrow markings.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann stated that while this research is great, how can we make our cities agree and actually change the way our streets look. He expressed that the green bicycle stripes are great but noted once they are faded who is responsible to re-paint the green bicycle stripes.

Madilyn Jacobsen, noted that TAMC is soon to launch a Safe Streets Pilot Program that overlaps identified cities for pavement maintenance with opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This program has been presented to the Transportation Agency's Technical Advisory Committee.

6. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMENT LETTER

The Committee reviewed and commented on the draft comment letter for consideration in the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan. They authorized submitting the comment letter to Caltrans District 5 on behalf of the Committee.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has an opportunity to submit a comment letter regarding bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the state highway system in Monterey County for consideration in the development of Caltrans District 5's Active Transportation Plan. She noted that attached is a draft letter TAMC staff prepared based on comments submitted by members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

M/S/C Wegenstein/Novo /unanimous

The Committee authorized for staff to submit the letter to Caltrans on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with the following edits.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that 500 California residents need to sign up for bicycle plates in order for them to be printed. He also noted that he won't be able to attend the Bicycle Coalition Summit in two weeks and mentioned it's a great summit meeting to attend. In conclusion Mr. Petersen requested a presentation on Vision Zero.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, made an announcement that TAMC is applying for a Caltrans Planning Grant to study the State Route 1 Corridor outside Carmel-by-the-Sea. She also noted that Ciclovía Salinas will be on Sunday October 6 and TAMC staff will have a demo of a protected bike lane.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2020**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2020.
2. **ADOPT** the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

SUMMARY:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the Transportation Agency budget associated with this action.

DISCUSSION:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee must elect officers and approve its 2020 meeting calendar.

Committee Appointments

The Committee Bylaws indicate that “The Committee shall have a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson who shall be elected by the general membership of the Committee.” The Committee will make nominations at the November Committee meeting and the new chair and vice chair will start serving in January of 2020. The chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The current Chair is Chris Flescher and the Vice Chair is Jack Smith. Lisa Rheinheimer served as Chair through August 2019 before resigning from the position.

Meeting Calendar

The 2020 Committee meeting calendar proposed by Staff is included as an **Attachment**. Committee members are advised to contact the Transportation Agency if they are not able to attend meetings. Courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

Meeting Locations

Committee members have indicated a desire to adjust meeting locations for 2020. Consistent with the Committee

Bylaws, Committee members may determine an alternate meeting location that is convenient for the majority of the members.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft 2020 Committee Calendar

**2020 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE**
Meetings held at the Transportation Agency

Conference Room,
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

Or

Alternate Monterey Peninsula Location (subject to change)

Sand City Council Chamber
1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Month	Date	Day	Location
January	8	Wednesday	TAMC
February	5	Wednesday	TAMC
March	4	Wednesday	Alt Location
April	1	Wednesday	TAMC
May	6	Wednesday	Alt Location
June	3	Wednesday	TAMC
<i>No July Committee meeting</i>			
August	5	Wednesday	TAMC
September	2	Wednesday	Alt Location
October	7	Wednesday	TAMC
November	4	Wednesday	Alt Location
<i>No December Committee meeting</i>			



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: **2020 Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE and **COMMENT** on draft 2020 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The draft 2020 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2020 legislative session. **Attached** is the draft legislative program.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

- 6S: Support legislation to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities by modifying speed trap laws that prioritize higher automobile speeds over safety considerations.
- 7S: Support legislation to devote a permanent share of Cap and Trade funding to the Active Transportation Program.
- 10S: Support transit-oriented development, complete streets, alternative commutes, multimodal transportation, and active transportation projects.

Federal:

- 1F: Stabilize federal transportation funding.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program on October 2, and on October 23, the Board approved releasing it to Committees for input. The Rail Policy Committee reviews it on November 4 and the Technical Advisory Committee will review the draft on November 7. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. Following the Executive Committee's review of the draft program on January 8, 2020, the final program will come back to the Board on January 22, 2020 for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

▫ Draft 2020 Legislative Program



DRAFT 201920 Legislative Program

State Priorities

- 1S. Preserve funding for transportation projects, ~~support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources,~~ maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, and public transportation for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Promote jobs-housing balance and alternative transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- ~~4S.~~ Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region. Support measures to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.
- ~~4S.5S.~~ Support efforts to reauthorize Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects
- ~~6S.~~ Support legislation to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities by modifying speed trap laws that prioritize higher automobile speeds over safety considerations.
- ~~7S.~~ Support legislation to devote a permanent share of Cap and Trade funding to the Active Transportation Program.
- ~~5S.~~ Support a consistent definition of “disadvantaged communities” among all funding programs to ensure that investments reflect economic and rural area considerations.
- ~~6S.8S.~~ Support streamlining project delivery, including simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.
- ~~7S.9S.~~ Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District to update review existing metrics for the qualification and distribution of Transportation Development Act (TDA) ~~revenues, with the possibility for legislation in 2020 to update TDA law.~~

8S-10S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, alternative commutes, multi-modal transportation, and active transportation projects.

9S. Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



DRAFT 201920 Legislative Program

Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee and public private partnerships.
 3. Expand access to Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.
 4. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
 5. Support the return of directed federal funding for transportation priorities.
 6. Coordinate with military installations in Monterey County to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to those installations.
 7. Support Monterey-Salinas Transit application for federal funding for the SURF Bus Line in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.
 8. Support applications for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program on the California Central Coast.
- 2F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), without restrictions, and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 3F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 4F.** Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 5F.** Support efforts to change the update timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan from the current four years to eight years.
- 6F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Environmental Impact Report Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway environmental impact report.

SUMMARY:

The draft environmental impact report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project will be released for public review in mid-November. A public review period of at least 45 days will follow. A public hearing to accept comments on the draft environmental impact report will take place at the December 4, 2019 TAMC Board of Directors meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The TAMC Board of Directors awarded a \$1 million contract to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. on August 22, 2018 for state environmental review and preliminary design of the 27-mile long Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

DISCUSSION:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes to construct an approximately 27-mile continuous 12-foot wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an open-space buffer on both sides. This trail will connect the Monterey Peninsula cities from the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the California State Monterey Bay University campus through the former Fort Ord open space area.

TAMC staff has been working with the County of Monterey, the cities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey and Seaside, the California State University at Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the public to gather input to define alternatives to be evaluated. The consultant team has performed the field reviews, technical studies, outreach events, and public information meetings required to prepare the draft environmental impact report.

Staff is conducting an internal review of the consultant's work on the draft environmental impact report, which is expected to be ready for circulation on or about November 13, 2019. The environmental review process for the entire Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project is expected to be completed by early 2020.

A draft Master Agreement including maintenance responsibilities is being circulated by TAMC to the underlying jurisdictions for their review and is expected to be executed in early 2020, concurrent with the certification of the environmental impact report by TAMC as the lead agency and by the underlying jurisdictions as responsible agencies. When any given segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway receives sufficient funding, the underlying

jurisdictions for each segment will enter into a Supplemental Agreement specifying in greater detail the terms of implementation.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: **2022 Regional Transportation Plan Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation and **PROVIDE INPUT** regarding the Transportation Agency's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process, timeline and goal development.

SUMMARY:

Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process, and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan will be prepared in house by staff. The Plan's environmental document is budgeted not to exceed \$225,000 of which TAMC will pay \$33,000. The Environmental Impact Report will cover the tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as the Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County Regional Transportation Plans. The Plan will include financial estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2045 horizon year of the plan.

DISCUSSION:

The Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, updated every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay Area, AMBAG incorporates the financial assumptions and project lists included in the Regional Transportation Plans for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long-range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Plan. Public participation is sought after in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for each of the project steps, and as adopted by AMBAG through the Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan.

Staff has initiated the development of updated goals and policy objectives for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan. Staff reviewed the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines and began revising the Plan's 2018 goals and policy objectives to be more reflective of current projects and programs happening in Monterey County. Staff recommends aligning the 2022 Plan with the following overarching goals:

- Access & Mobility
- Safety & Health
- Environmental Stewardship
- Equity
- Economic Vitality

Proposed modifications to the 2018 goals and policy objectives include greater emphasis on geographic equity, integration of public health/health equity, habitat preservation and direct reflection of Measure X projects and programs, such as Go831 and Safe Routes to Schools. Staff invites the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to provide comments for consideration in the development of the Plan's goals and policy objectives.

Staff developed a draft timeline to provide stakeholders with an overview on Monterey County's Regional Transportation Plan process.

The projected schedule of activities include:

- **Dec. 2019 - TAMC Board Action:** Adoption of Goals, Policy Objectives and Performance Measures.
- **January - November 2020:** TAMC to develop updated project and program cost estimates in collaboration with the cities and the County.
- **April 2020:** TAMC to present draft project list and cost estimates to Technical Advisory Committee.
- **Jan/Feb 2021 - TAMC Board Action:** Adoption of final project list.
- **Dec. 2021 - TAMC Board Action:** Receive draft Regional Transportation Plan and release notice to public for review/comment.
- **Dec. 2021:** AMBAG to release Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for public review and comment.
- **June 2022 - TAMC Board Action:** Approval of Final Regional Transportation Plan, adoption of CEQA findings and adoption of the joint Environmental Impact Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2022 Plan - TAMC Draft Timeline

2022 RTP Update - TAMC's Draft Timeline

2019	2020	2021	2022
<p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 2019 AMBAG to present to TAMC TAC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jan. 2020 AMBAG issue NOP for joint MTP/SCS EIR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jan-Dec 2021 Preperation of Draft EIR</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">March-May 2022 W/AMBAG - Respond to comments on Draft 2045 MTP/SCS</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">June 2022 AMBAG approves Final EIR and 2045 MTP/SCS</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD ACTION June 2022 Board approval of Final RTP and adoption of CEQA findings/joint EIR</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Oct. 2019 TAMC to present to TAC - RTP Process and Timeline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April - Nov 2020 RTPA's update to project / program costs for AMBAG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD ACTION Jan/Feb 2021 Board adoption of final project list</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2019 TAMC to present to BPC - RTP Process and timeline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March/April 2020 TAMC to present to TAC on updating project list/costs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb 2021 Deadline to submit final project list to AMBAG</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD ACTION Dec. 2019 Board adoption of Goals, Policy Objectives, PMs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 2020 TAMC to complete local jurisdiction coordination on Master Plans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July-Dec 2021 AMBAG to Prepare Draft MTP/SCS</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 2020 RTPA deadline for input on Growth Forecast/planned projects</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD ACTION Dec. 2021 Board to recieve draft RTP and release notice to public for review / comment</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 2020 TAMC to present financial projections to EXEC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec. 2021 AMBAG release Draft EIR for MTP/SCS for public review and comment</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec. 2020 TAMC Draft Financial Revenue Projections</p>		

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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 6, 2019
Subject: **Oct 2019 Why are roads getting more dangerous for pedestrians**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

October 2019, Why are roads getting more dangerous for pedestrians?

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [October 2019, Why are roads getting more dangerous for pedestrians](#)