

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

Final Minutes of February 1, 2023

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23
Eric Petersen, District 1	N	P	P	P	P	N	C	P
Pete Scudder – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	O	P	P	P	P	O	A	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair		E	P	P	P		N	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	M	P	P	P	P	M	C	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	E	E	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	P	P	P	-	E	L	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	T	E	P	P	P	T	L	-
Gonzales - Vacant	I	-	-	-	-	I	E	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	N	P	E	P	P	N	D	
Michael LeBarre, King City	G	P	P	P	P	G		P
Marina - Vacant		-	-	-	-			P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>		P	P	P	P			P
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>		-	P	P	P			E
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>		P	P	P	P			P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		P	E	P	E			-
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>		P	P	P	P			P
Soledad - Vacant		-	-	-	-			-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit		-		P	P			E
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>		P	P(A)	E	P			P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant		-	-	-	-			-
Salinas Public Works - Vacant		-	-	-	-			-
Monterey County Public Works – Vacant		-	-	-	-			-
Caltrans - District 5 - Vacant		-	-	-	-			-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>		P	P	P	P			P
Sloan Campi - CSUMB		P	P	P	E			P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23
Todd Muck, Executive Director		E	E	P	P			P
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		E	E	P	E			-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P	P	P			P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery		E	E	E	P			-
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer		E	E	-	P			-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning		P	P	P	P			-
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner		P	P	P	P			P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner		E	P	-	-			-
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner		P	-	P	-			P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer		E	P	-	-			P
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Greg Hammer	Public			Hans Hoffman		Public		
Kakani Katija	Public			Paola		Public		
Sam Winter	Public			Patrick Tegenza		Public		

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee member Michal LeBarre announced his resignation and mentioned that this will be his last committee meeting. Committee members thanked him for his service and wished him good luck.

Greg Hammer, member of the Public commented on the future pending project to widen Davis Road from Blanco to Reservation. He mentioned that the proposal stated widening to four lanes, 2 lanes in each direction. He asked why there is no class I separated bike path from Salinas to Toro Park, Ford Ord area. He said Davis Rd. Is comfortable to drive, but he won't take his family to bike there.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt announced that Davis Road has been opened in both directions.

Robin Lee, member of the Public commented on the Davis Road widening project and suggested there be a class 4 separate bike path.

Committee member DL Johnson mentioned that there was a lot of mud and water on the pavement and the river was going through it under the path by Highway 1. He mentioned if anyone knows of any storm damage, please report it to the County or cities.

Paola, member of public requested a sign be put up on Highway 1 between Ocean Avenue and Carpenter with the new law changes requiring drivers to switch lanes when passing bicyclists.

Committee member Sloan Campi concurred with Greg Hammer's comments about Davis Road.

Hans Hoffman, member of public, mentioned that there are a lot of new bike laws and they are great but interested in how will the bike laws be enforced.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Campi/Wriedt/unanimous

Abstain: Martin Wegenstein and DL Johnson

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 2, 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2023 PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES & COMPETITIVE GRANTS

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the draft 2023 Regional Surface Transportation guidelines.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner presented on the draft 2023 Regional Surface Transportation Program guidelines. She noted that the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. In conclusion Ms. Janneke noted that the Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding and distributes the funding in both fair-share and competitive programs. She noted that Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on a formula of 50% centerline miles.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the draft 2023 Regional Surface Transportation guidelines:

- Consider presenting an analysis of the data collected by project sponsors in the before and after studies
- Consider coordinating with entities on the studies and possibly use fair-share funding to help with study cost
- Accepting applications for quick build short-term projects as a competitive program
- Consider allowing CSUMB to apply for the competitive grant program
- Review committee will come back to the bicycle and pedestrian and Technical Advisory committee's and review the scores and the Board of Directors are at a public meeting
- Consider how the disadvantaged community question will be scored
- Consider changing the fair share formula to not be based on centerline miles
- Consider a training on the review committee so they have a good understanding on the scoring criteria
- Consider that scoring on-time project delivery might negatively affect applicants even if project delays are out of their control
- Support the before and after project study

5. 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee reviewed recently adopted laws enacted in 2023 that impact mobility.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that several Assembly Bills and Senate Bills were enacted this year that change existing laws, revise the vehicle code or enable new local ordinances that potentially affect mobility. Mr. Bilse noted that some of the most important changes resulted from AB 1909, or the OmniBike Bill, that changes several sections of the vehicle code to clarify that the rules for automobiles should not always apply to bikes. In conclusion Mr. Bilse noted that some of the new laws change the way e-bikes are regulated in California. He noted that in 2021, more people bought electric bikes than electric cars in the U.S. and sales do not appear to be slowing down.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the adopted laws enacted in 2023 that impact mobility:

- Consider not banning e-bikes on certain jurisdiction area, but banning the use of the electric motor
- Look into the law on bicyclist going through the red light
- Hard to enforce and prohibit if operating the e-bike on certain trails
- Consider whether the manufacturer is required keep throttle no higher than 20 miles per hour
- Look into the speed limits on the rec-trail and consider a speed for all motor used
- Consider coordinating with Caltrans on installing a sign “may use full lane, change lane to pass” between Ocean Avenue and Carpenter
- Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrans on key locations for signage
- Local jurisdiction can take action to prohibit e-bikes
- Consider more signage and enforce it
- Consider respect for each other and give the vehicle and bicyclist indication they are passing by

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen asked for a certification of appreciation for committee member Michal LeBarre.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo announced that Arroyo Secco Road is open.

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the next meeting March 1, 2023 will be held in person. He noted that the Executive Committee had a discussion this morning on how to move forward and requested to go with the traditional Brown Act. In conclusion Mr. Muck noted that the hybrid option will be available to the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.