

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

Final Minutes of August 6, 2025

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	C	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 (David Tavares)	P(VC)	A	P	P	E	P	A	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair (Nathalie Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (Frank Henderson)	P(EM)	P	P	P	P	P	C	A
District 5 – vacant (vacant)	E	P	P	-	-	-	E	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	E	P	L	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	E	P	P	P	D	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	E	E	P	P	P	P	-	A
Gino Garcia, Monterey (Abby Ostovar)	E	A	E	P	P	E	-	A
Pacific Grove - vacant (Lester Brown)	P	E	E	A	A	-	-	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas (Brian McMinn)	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	E	A	P	P	P	E	-	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside (Jan Valencia)	P	A	P	P	P	E	-	P
Soledad – Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit (Michelle Overmeyer)	P	E	P	P*	P	P	-	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey (Alex Capelli)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P
N. County Recreation & Park District – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salinas Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey County Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5 – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMBAG (Will Condon)	-	A	A	A	A	A	-	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate
A – Absent
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference
* – first meeting

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	P	P	A	A	A	C	P
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner	A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A	A	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	A	A	A	A	A	A	N	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	A	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	E	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	A	L	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	A	A	E	A
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	A	D	A
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate			Tyler LeSage		Caltrans		
Mari Lynch	Public			Hans Hoffman Jr		Salinas Resident		
Brian Mcminn	Salinas Alternate			Jerardo Rodriguez		City of Salinas		
Adriana Robles	City of Salinas			Maribel Ramos		Monterey County		
Erich Rauber	Monterey County							

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Hoffman Jr. announced that Laguna Secca Race for the first time the signs are off to the edge allowed shoulder for cyclist.

Mari Lynch announced that the City of Pacific Grove has a four-way stop sign and people have a problem with speed.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Johnson/ Gallardo/ unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. WILLIAMS ROAD SAFE STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the proposed improvements for the Williams Road Safety Corridor Project and provided feedback to City of Salinas staff on the project design, safety features, and community impacts.

Gerardo Rodriguez, Assistant Engineer for the City of Salinas, reported that the City of Salinas is advancing the Williams Road Safety Street Corridor Project, which spans from the intersection of John Street and East Alisal Street to Freedom Parkway. He noted that this project is aimed at reducing pedestrian and cyclist conflicts, improving traffic safety, enhancing accessibility and aesthetics, reducing emissions, and incorporating public feedback into this design.

In conclusion Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Williams Road Safety Street Corridor Project was developed in response to a review of safety and collision data along the corridor, as well as community input gathered through the planning process. He noted that the design focuses on multimodal safety, emissions reduction, and access improvements for all users.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Williams Road Safety Corridor Project:

- Continue to work on public outreach for feedback
- Consider good lighting for pedestrians and cyclist
- Consider crossing distance to be shorter
- Accommodate the growth of the city
- Consider working with the nearby schools and prepare students how to use roundabout
- Encourage creating a 90 second video on how to cross the crosswalks in roundabout
- Consider resources to be bilingual
- Consider working with law enforcement to slow drivers down
- Consider general education on vehicle traffic and around bicyclist
- Construction zones create safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists
- Consider general education to the community on how to navigate on the roundabout
- Consider flashing beacons for pedestrian crossings

5. **CHUALAR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

The Committee received a presentation on the Chualar Community and School Connections Project and discussed planned infrastructure improvements to support safe walking and biking in the community of Chualar.

Maribel Ramos, Monterey County Public Works, reported that the Chualar Community and School Connections Project were developed following extensive community engagement and collaboration with Chualar Elementary School and residents. She noted that the goal is to improve safety and accessibility for students and families walking or biking to school while also creating a more connected and walkable community overall. The project focuses on improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure near Chualar Elementary School and throughout the community to support safer access to schools, reduce traffic-related hazards, and promote active transportation.

Planned improvements include:

- Sidewalk construction and gap closures
- New crosswalks and intersection enhancements
- Traffic calming measures such as curb extensions and speed humps
- School zone safety improvements including signage and pavement markings
- Improved street lighting for visibility and security

Ms. Ramos noted that these improvements were identified through public workshops, walking audits, and feedback from Chualar residents and school staff.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Chualar Community and School Connections Project:

- Consider looking into taking the proper line for no future problems with residents
- Consider more outreach and community feedback
- Consider having an outreach booth at the Salinas Ciclovía
- Consider working on connecting gaps

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Eric Petersen announced that last week was the Criterium and there was a spectacular race. He also announced the San Ardo Race is oldest competitive Race.

Committee member DL Johnson announced that the City of Carmel-by-the Sea is adding seven stop signs.

Mari Lynch announced that bicycling in Pebble Beach is restricted, and they have security.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.