

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of February 4, 2026
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	P	P	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	C	A	C	P	P	P	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	P	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P	E	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	-	L	-	L	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	E	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	P	P	P	P		A		P	P	P	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	E	P	P	E		A		E	A	A	A
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	E	A	A	-		P		P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P	P	E		A		P	A	A	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	P	E		P		P	P	P	P(A)
Ryan Hunzie, Soledad	-	-	-	-		-		P	A	P	E
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P	P*	P	P		P		P	P	P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P(A)	P	P		P		P	P	P	E
N. County Recreation & Park District – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Salinas Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Monterey County Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5 – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	A	A	A	A		A		P	A	A	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate
A – Absent

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference
* – first meeting

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts & Grants	-	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	P(VC)	A	A
Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	P(VC)	A	P	N	A	N	A	A	P(VC)	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	A	A	A	E	A	E	A	P	P	A
Janneke Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P(VC)	A	A	A	L	A	L	P	P(VC)	A	A
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	A	E	A	E	P	P	P(VC)	A
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	P	A	A
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery										A	P(VC)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nathalie Gomez District 3 Alternate

- 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

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Gallardo/Wriedt /unanimous
 Abstained: D.L Johnson

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 14, 2026.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. NEW LAWS ENACTED IN 2026

The Committee received an update on adopted state laws as of January 1, 2026.

Aaron Hernandez, transportation planner, summarized new state transportation laws for 2026:

- AB 382 (Berman – Pedestrian safety: school zones: speed limits
- AB 1014 (Rogers) -Traffic safety: speed limits
- SB 671 (Cervantes) – Pedestrian crossing signals
- AB 544 (Davis) – Electric bicycles: required equipment
- AB 875 (Murasutchi) – Vehicle removal
- SB 71 (Wiener) – California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects

5. BROWN ACT UPDATE

M/S/C Johnson / Visscher/ unanimous

The Committee received an update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707 and advised staff that the Committee wishes to ask the Board to adopt a resolution allowing it to use the new videoconferencing provisions.

Aaron Hernandez, transportation planner, reported that if the Committee wishes to change the way it holds its meetings and use the provisions of the amended Brown Act for videoconferencing, the Board must adopt a resolution to that effect every six months.

The requirements are generally:

- The Committee must designate one physical location where the public can attend; and
- Teleconferencing Members should appear using audio and visual technology during the meeting. If the Committee Members turn off their camera, they must announce the reason (e.g., internet connectivity issues).

The Committee expressed general interest in pursuing the amended Brown Act provisions for videoconferencing. Mr. Hernandez reported that the TAMC Board of Directors may adopt the resolution as early as their February Board meeting and in turn, the Committee may vote to accept the resolution as early as the Committee's March meeting. If approved, the Committee can participate using the new videoconferencing provisions as early as their April meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Petersen noted that the Mayors of City of Soledad and City of Salinas are working towards bicycle safety education for the community and youth.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.