

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

Final Minutes of September 4, 2024
 Transportation Agency Conference Room
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-	P	P	A	A	A		-
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner				P	A	A		-
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A		-
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	-	P (VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A		-
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	-	P	P(VC)	P	P	P		-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	P	E	A	A	A	A		A
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Mike Zeller, Director of Progaming and Project Delivery	A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A		-
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate		Andrew Easterling		City of Monterey			
Hans Hoffman Jr (VC)	Public							

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Hoffman Jr. noted that signage is needed on Reservation Road.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Novo/ Johnson
 Abstained: Martin Wegenstein

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 5, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. DEL MONTE/ CASA VERDE REC TRAIL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the construction phase of the Del Monte/Casa Verde Recreational Trail Intersection Improvement Project and provided feedback to City of Monterey staff on construction planning and community impact.

Andrew Easterling, Engineer at the City of Monterey reported that the Del Monte/ Casa Verde Recreational Trail Intersection Improvement Project was initiated following concerns raised by the Del Monte Beach Neighborhood regarding the safety and functionality of this crossing. He noted that the project addresses critical safety concerns for all modes of transportation at a high-traffic intersection that connects residential areas, schools, and commercial zones. In conclusion Mr. Easterling noted that extensive community outreach, including a virtual public meeting and a dedicated project webpage, gathered input on the design.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Del Monte/Casa Verde Recreational Trail Intersection Improvement Project:

- Consider reaching out to Bay View Academy school
- Consider setting back the bike bollards from any turns on trails
- Consider reaching out to the Naval Post Graduate School
- Consider having safety measures for all ages
- Consider yellow or orange paint for crosswalks visibility
- Consider having enough crosswalk time to get across
- Consider scooters and skaters
- Consider having more education

5. **MOVING WITH PURPOSE – VIDEO INTERVIEW SAMPLES**

The Committee received a presentation on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project and provided feedback to Transportation Agency staff.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that the Moving with purpose Project captures and shares personal stories from the Monterey County community that highlight the experiences and challenges of those who walk or bike in their daily lives. She noted that the testimonials from Greg Hamer and Nathalie Gomez showcase varied experiences and provide key insights for promoting active transportation.

The Committee had the following comments and feedback on the Moving with purpose Project:

- Consider close captioning
- Consider interviewing bicyclist at trails in the moment
- Consider having interviewers on their bikes
- Consider audio quality keep in mind outdoors the wind can make it hard to hear interviewer
- Consider asking one question so bicyclists can provide more context to a question
- Consider having the interviewers voice included in the video
- Consider interviewing Kevin Phillips he might have an interesting story
- Consider exploring the TikTok media platform
- Consider other languages like Spanish
- Liked the script video caption
- Consider interviewing all modes of transportation walking, biking, skating and on scooters
- Recommended looking at other video interview examples that are trending online

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on state legislative issues.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported an update on state legislative activities. Ms. Watson went over the Bills of particular interest to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee that are still moving and have been updated as of August 2024, include the following:

- SB 960 (Wiener) Transportation: planning: complete streets facilities: transit priority facilities - As amended July 3, this bill would require Caltrans to adopt a transit priority policy to guide the implementation of transit priority facilities on the state highway system. She noted that TAMC has a support position on this bill.

- SB 1216 (Blakespear) Transportation projects: Class III bikeways: prohibition - As amended on July 3, this bill prohibits an agency from installing a sharrow on a highway where bicycle travel is permitted that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 mph and prohibits CTC from adding a project that creates a Class III bikeway or a sharrow to the program of projects. This bill is similar to AB 2290; TAMC has a watch position on this bill.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt noted that sharrows are mostly everywhere over 35 mph. Christina Watson replied that committee members can send letters (as individuals, not representing the TAMC BPC) to the Governor with concern about SB 1216 (Blakespear), the bill that would prohibit sharrows on a road with a speed greater than 30 mph.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Eric Petersen announced that the Sand City Race was well done.

Committee Member Katie Stern announced that the West End Celebration bike valet was great, and no spots were available.

Committee Member Ralph Wege expressed concerns on the class 3 e-bikes and noted that speeds on rec trail are bad.

Committee member Marzette Henderson announced the Coastal Commission Hearing for SURF! Project will be held on September 12.

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo announced the Safe Routes to School in Greenfield.

Mari Lynch, Public announced the following:

- Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day Oct 4
- Salinas Ciclovía, October 6
- King City Ciclovía, October 13

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.