

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Final Minutes of May 4, 2016**

Held in the Sand City Council Chambers

55 Plaza Cir., Suite-B, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>SEP 15</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>JAN 16</b>	<b>FEB 16</b>	<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>APR 16</b>	<b>MAY 16</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2		E	E	-	E	E	E	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 ( <i>Frank Henderson</i> )	P	P(A)	P	P	P	E	P	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 ( <i>Geof Tibbitts</i> )	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	-	-	-	-	P-	P	P	P
Bernard Green, Marina, Vice Chair ( <i>Debra Daniels</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove ( <i>Tony Prock</i> )	P	P	P	TC	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas ( <i>Mark Lasnik</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit				P	P	P	P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey ( <i>Vera Noghera</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ted Lopez, FORA ( <i>Jonathan Brinkmann</i> )	P(A)	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works ( <i>Ryan Chapman</i> )	P	P	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P(A)
Adam Fukushima, Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cody Meyer –AMBAG ( <i>Sasha Tepedelenova</i> )	-	-	-	-	P(A)	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	E	P	P	E	E	P	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference



5. **2016 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received a report on the project criteria, and discussed projects to be included in the 2016 Active Transportation Plan.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The 2016 Plan will focus on analyzing key gaps in the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Ms. Murillo noted that at the April committee meeting, staff presented a revised draft vision statement for the Plan, along with goals, objectives and programs to support the Plan vision and criteria for high priority projects. She noted that members from both committees also suggested assigning points on a combination of a sliding scale and all or nothing basis. She noted that the criteria will be used to determine high priority projects.

The Transportation Agency plans to hire a consultant to develop conceptual plans and cost estimates for the highest priority projects in order to make them competitive for State and Federal funding. Ms. Murillo passed out maps of the existing active transportation network and the committee members had the opportunity to note on the maps any existing routes not included in the map. She will also post online in our website.

6. **MONTEREY BAY SANCRUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

The Committee received a presentation on the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail is a collaborative effort among public agencies, non-profit organizations and the public to construct a trail that would span the entire Monterey Bay from the City of Pacific Grove to the City of Santa Cruz County. The primary purpose of the Trail is to enhance appreciation and protection of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as well as provide a safe, accessible scenic trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users free of automobile traffic. There are 17 planned trail segments with a total length of 33 miles. With parts of the trail already constructed, the plan is to fill in the gaps, improve existing sections, and add interpretive sign elements.

She noted that to date, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail from Pacific Grove to Castroville is nearly complete. The construction of the Castroville overcrossing bridge will close a key gap in Castroville's MBSST portion of the trail. In addition, Monterey County is applying for Active Transportation Program grant funds to construct the Moss Landing segment.

Committee members asked about the alignment of the remaining segments, especially along Salinas River, Lapis Road and connectivity in Sand City. Ms. Murillo noted that the remaining trail segments will need to undergo their own environmental review, right-of-way and design. The underlying jurisdiction and partner agencies will also need to work on seeking funding to complete the remaining segments.

7. **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

The Committee received an update on the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that on March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Transportation Agency Board of Directors amended the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and authorized its release to the cities and county for adoption. The Board also adopted the Policies and Project Description for the plan and released the document to the public for review. She also noted that due to the 50% cut in the gas tax's purchasing power over the last twenty years, the Transportation Agency has been looking to raise local money to help fund the region's growing Transportation Agency has been looking to raise local money to help fund the region's growing transportation needs, and become a self-help county.

State law requires the regional transportation planning agency, in this case TAMC, to develop an expenditure plan for a transportation sales tax measure, which is the proposed Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. Ms. Wright noted that Transportation Safety & Investment Plan will split the estimated \$600 million raised through the transportation sales tax with a 60% / 40% split of revenues between local and regional projects, respectively; and the distribution of the local share amongst the cities and county will be a formula based upon 50% population and 50% lane miles.

In conclusion Ms. Wright noted that a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population must adopt the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan. She noted that after the cities and county approve the Plan, staff will return to the TAMC Board of Director's for adoption of the final Plan and ordinance. She noted that following that the plan must be approved and placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors by early August for the November 2016 ballot. The plan will require at least 2/3rds voter approval to be successful.

Committee members asked when outreach for the Plan started. Ms. Wright said outreach and public education began in May 2015. The Committee asked what will happen once the measure is approved. Committee Member Rheinheimer said that for MST's Measure Q, funds started being collected on April 1 and MST received the first funds on July 31. Ms. Wright noted that Plan funds would first go to cities for local maintenance, and then to regional projects.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan:

- Consider a diverse citizens oversight committee
- Glad to see safe rounds to school included in the Plan
- Overall a great, comprehensive and well balanced Plan

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member D. L. Johnson expressed that once the Castroville Boulevard bridge is done their will need to be a signal light or warning light in front of the school. He noted that the intersection is dangerous and backed up. Committee member Ryan Chapman, County Public Works noted that the County is working on installing a crossing flasher in that intersection.

Committee member Jeff Lindenthal announced that the Monterey County Toro Park users are proposing to ban mountain bikers on Toro park.

Committee member Michael LeBarre noted that they a bike training class will be held at the King City Library. He also requested that a bike lock budget be agendized to a future meeting date. He had a few suggestions on possibly rewarding them with a bike lock for attending safety training.

Virginia Murillo Assistant Transportation Planner announced that the Transportation Agency bike maps are available. She also announced that the bike month posters are available to distribute and will be posted on the TAMC website.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm