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Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
****6:00 PM****

MEETING LOCATION
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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1. Quorum Check - Call to Order

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at the time (13); the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on

an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

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COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO:
Cualquier miembro del público podrá dirigirse a la Comite sobre cualquier punto no incluido en la agenda, pero que sea de su competencia. En este punto, cada miembro del público tendrá dos minutos para plantear sus inquietudes. Se podrán formular comentarios sobre los puntos de este agenda cuando se discuta dicho punto. Se anima a quienes deseen dirigirse a la Comite para recibir comentarios del público o sobre un punto de la agenda que envíen sus comentarios por escrito a Maria en maria@tamcmonterey.org antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes anterior a la reunión. Dichos comentarios se distribuirán a la Comite antes de la reunión.

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. **APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for August 6, 2025.

- Maria Montiel

The draft minutes of the August 6, 2025, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review

4. **RECEIVE** a presentation on the North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan and the results of the participatory budgeting election that identified priority bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements around schools.

- Ariadne Sambrano

The North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan was developed through a two-year process to identify barriers and opportunities for walking and biking to ten public schools. A participatory budgeting election, led by a community steering committee, directed $1,000,000 in TAMC funds toward the most urgent bike and pedestrian safety projects across five communities: Pajaro, Las Lomas, Prunedale, Echo Valley/Elkhorn, and Castroville.

5. **RECEIVE** presentation about E-bike regulations and resources.

- Janneke Strause

The E-bike market is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. This presentation will clarify types of e-bikes, legislation to regulate e-bikes, local e-bike ordinances and educational programs, and State advocacy efforts.

6. **RSTP Guidelines Update Subcommittee:**

    1. **RECEIVE** update on the Regional Surface Transportation Program; and
    2. **RECOMMEND** up to three committee members to join a Guidelines Update Subcommittee

- Janneke Strause

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds are distributed to eligible agencies on a three-year cycle through the Transportation Agency's Competitive Grant Program. The next cycle of the Competitive Grant Program is in 2026 and the 2026 RSTP Guidelines will be brought to the TAMC Board for approval in March. Transportation Agency staff request two to three members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee join an RSTP Guidelines Update Subcommittee to provide feedback on updates to the guidelines.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting will be held at

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, California 93955

Sand City Council Chambers

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

Voting members: please note that the circumstances in which you may remotely teleconference have been severely curtailed and require prior notice and only certain justifications. Click here for more details.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Aaron Hernandez, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Coordinator
Aaron@tamcmonterey.org

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Subject: **Draft BPC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for August 6, 2025.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the August 6, 2025, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BPC Draft August 6, 2025 MINUTES

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

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

Draft 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 Tavarez)*	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 **VC – Video Conference**
P(A) – Alternate **TC – Teleconference**
A – Absent *** – first meeting**
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH

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 they have no four-way stop sign and people 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 Ciclovia
- 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.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Subject: **North Monterey County Steering Committee - Project Results Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE a presentation on the North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan and the results of the participatory budgeting election that identified priority bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements around schools.

SUMMARY:

The North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan was developed through a two-year process to identify barriers and opportunities for walking and biking to ten public schools. A participatory budgeting election, led by a community steering committee, directed $1,000,000 in TAMC funds toward the most urgent bike and pedestrian safety projects across five communities: Pajaro, Las Lomas, Prunedale, Echo Valley/Elkhorn, and Castroville.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TAMC is providing up to $1,000,000 for implementation of the projects selected through participatory budgeting. Of the winning projects, $218,500 will be implemented by the North Monterey County Unified School District on school property, and $781,500 will be implemented on County roadways or through County-led studies.

DISCUSSION:

The Safe Routes to School Plan was developed through a partnership between TAMC, Monterey County Public Works and Health Departments, Ecology Action, and the Center for Community Advocacy. The process began with a series of walking and biking audits at all ten schools to better understand current conditions. Parents, students, and community members contributed their perspectives through surveys and mapping activities, identifying barriers that prevent safe walking and biking. Throughout the process, the community steering committee played a leadership role in guiding priorities, while Alta Planning + Design provided consultant analysis to develop both infrastructure recommendations, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and crossings, as well as non-infrastructure strategies to support active transportation.

When it came time to determine project selections, the focus was on equity and ensuring that resources were distributed fairly among the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, Prunedale, Echo Valley/Elkhorn, and Castroville. Funding allocations were based on factors such as student enrollment, eligibility for Free and Reduced Meals, counts of English learner and homeless students, and the presence or absence of existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Other important considerations included the quality of street lighting, the availability of signage, access to bus routes, and the history of traffic collisions in each area. These criteria ensured that the projects chosen

addressed the greatest needs and would deliver meaningful safety improvements.

The project selection process itself was carried out through a community election designed to be accessible and inclusive. Bilingual outreach efforts, including posters, flyers, social media, and school-based events like Día del Niño, helped spread the word and encourage participation. Voting was open to all residents aged 12 and older who live, work, or attend school in North Monterey County, ensuring that the process reflected a broad range of voices. In total, 999 ballots were cast, with 541 submitted in Spanish and 458 in English. The outcome of this election resulted in projects focused on bicycle and pedestrian improvements around schools, filling critical infrastructure gaps with new sidewalks, bike lanes, crossings, and traffic-calming features. These community-chosen projects will improve safety for students, reduce traffic congestion around school sites, and encourage more families to choose walking and biking as part of their daily routines.

Election results and scoring criteria can be found in the **attachments**.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. North Monterey County Election Results
2. Project Graphics

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Election Results
Community Scoring Sheet

North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Election Results – Project Funding Summary

Community members voted to fund safety improvements around schools through the Safe Routes to School participatory budgeting process. Below are the winning projects and their funding allocations.

Ohlone & Pajaro – $216,000 – Budget $210,938

Ohlone Elementary:

- Salinas Rd (Bay Farms Rd/Hillcrest Rd): Traffic signal/acceleration lane feasibility study – **$30,000**
- Bay Farms & Hillcrest Rd: Updated school zone signage – **$4,000**
- Bay Farms & Hillcrest Rd: Pavement markings – **$4,000**

Pajaro Middle School:

- Salinas Rd (Railroad Ave–Porter Rd): School zone signage **– $4,000**
- Salinas Rd (Railroad Ave–Porter Rd): Speed feedback signs **– $40,000**
- Salinas Rd (Railroad Ave–Porter Rd): Pavement markings **– $4,000**
- Salinas Rd near Catholic Church: Curb extensions at crosswalk **– $130,000**

Las Lomas - $213,000 – Budget $210,938

Hall Elementary:

- Hall Rd & Sill Rd: RRFB crosswalk **– $52,000**
- Hall Rd & Sill Rd: Feasibility study for roundabout/traffic signal **– $30,000**
- Hall Rd (west of Sill–Pini Rd): Updated signage **– $4,000**
- Hall Rd (west of Sill–Pini Rd): Pavement markings & crosswalk restriping **– $9,000**
- Berry Rd & Willow Rd: Bus shelter **– $39,000**
- Hall Rd near Hall Elementary: Two speed feedback signs **– $40,000**
- Hall Rd near Willow Rd: Bus shelter **– $39,000**

Echo Valley & Elkhorn – $218,000 -Budget $218,750

Echo Valley Elementary

- Echo Valley Rd (Lynn Ln–Maher Rd): Circulation/road widening study **– $30,000**
- 106 Echo Valley Rd: Bus shelter **– $39,000**
- School campus: Sidewalk between upper & lower parking lots **– $25,000**
- Echo Valley Rd (San Miguel Canyon–Maher Rd): Updated signage **– $4,000**
- Echo Valley Rd (San Miguel Canyon–Maher Rd): Pavement markings (intersection at Echo Valley/Maher) **– $4,000**
- School driveway: Install Mural **– $10,000**

Elkhorn Elementary

- School campus: Technical study of lower field for parking/circulation **– $30,000**
- Castroville Blvd & Elkhorn Rd: Roundabout study **– $30,000**
- Elkhorn Rd: Updated school zone signage **– $4,000**

- Elkhorn Rd: Pavement markings **– $4,000**
- Castroville Blvd & Elkhorn Rd: Matching funds for roundabout **– $38,000**

<u>Prunedale – $187,500 - Budget $187,500</u>
Prunedale Elementary

- Front crosswalk: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) **– $52,000**
- Driveway: Reconfigure for safer bus exi**t – $50,000**
- Driveway: Sidewalk/pathway on north side **– $73,500**

Central Bay High School (shared with Prunedale Elementary)

- Pesante Rd (Hwy 101–Pollock Ln): Updated school signage **– $6,000**
- Pesante Rd (Hwy 101–Pollock Ln): Pavement markings & crosswalk restriping **– $6,000**

<u>Castroville - $187,000 – Budget $171,875</u>
At all Castroville Schools:

- McDougall St & Preston St (All Castroville Schools): High-visibility crosswalk + curb extensions **– $135,000**
- Castroville Elementary (McDougall & Union St): RRFB **– $52,000**

Grand Totals

- **Total Funding Allocated:** $1,000,001
- **NMCUSD Projects:** $218,500
- **Other County Projects:** $781,500

The grand total shows that $218,500 in funding will come from NMCUSD for school-related projects, while the remaining $781,500 is allocated to county projects outside NMCUSD. Although the combined project estimates add up to $1,021,500, the official budget is set at $1,000,001, reflecting a difference of –$21,499 due to adjustments.

North Monterey County Election Results: Graphics

Castroville: Install Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the crosswalk across union street at McDougall Street near Castroville Elementary



Echo Valley & Elkhorn: Use remaining funds as matching funds for roundabout at Castroville Blvd and Elkhorn Road



Prunedale: Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the crosswalk Pesante Rd. near Prunedale Elementary School



Las Lomas: Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the Crosswalk across Hall Road at Sill Road, near Hall Elementary



Pajaro: Update school signage and pavement markings around Pajaro Middle School and Ohlone Elementary School



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Subject: **E-Bike Regulations and Resources**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation about E-bike regulations and resources.

SUMMARY:

The E-bike market is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. This presentation will clarify types of e-bikes, legislation to regulate e-bikes, local e-bike ordinances and educational programs, and State advocacy efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Electric bicycles make riding a bike accessible to more people. They allow cyclists to ride further and faster with less effort, making commuting by bicycle easier, especially in a hilly environment. They allow people with varying physical abilities to ride a bike rather than drive. E-bikes allow people to more easily commit to eco-friendly transportation by making hauling multiple children easier or picking up groceries on the way home from work. E-biking is a low-emission form of transportation and with more people riding e-bikes, fewer people are driving cars.

There are three types of electric bicycles:

	Class 1	**Class 2**	**Class 3**
Type	Pedal-Assist Only	Throttle-Assist	Pedal-Assist with Higher Speed
Top Speed	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph
Description	The motor provides assistance only while pedaling and stops when the bike reaches 20 mph.	The motor is activated by a throttle and does not require pedaling.	Riders must be at least 16 years old. Helmets are mandatory for all riders. Passengers are not allowed. Must include front and rear lights or reflective materials.

Where can e-bicyclists ride? AB-1909 Vehicles: bicycle omnibus bill prevents cities from restricting access to e-bike riders in places like bicycle paths or unpaved trails, bikeways, and bicycle lanes.

People may ride e-bikes on roadways but are subject to the California Vehicle Code (CVC)—which covers basic rules of the road, like going with the flow of traffic and obeying lights and signs. Local authorities could still block access to e-bikes on certain equestrian trails or hiking and recreational trails. For example, the Department of Parks and Recreation may prohibit the operation of an electric bicycle or any class of electric bicycle on any bicycle path or trail within the department's jurisdiction.

All Classes of Electric Bicycles, as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 312.5, are permitted on all Class I Multiuse Paths such as the Monterey Coastal Trail. This change, which now allows Class III Bikes on the Monterey Coastal Trail, went into effect January 1, 2024 with the approval of Assembly Bill 1909. The following jurisdictions prohibit e-bikes in certain areas:

- **Pacific Grove:** Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are prohibited from certain areas defined in code 14.08.020. Class 3 e-bikes are prohibited in all parks code 14.08.015.
- **County of Monterey:** Monterey County Code 14.12.060.I, currently states, "Electric bicycles are prohibited from all County park dirt trails, unless authorized by the Director." An updated ordinance is currently being considered by the County Board of Supervisors to allow Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes on County Parks dirt trails.
- **California State Parks:** Any e-bike is allowed on public roadways. Class 2 or 3 e-bikes are not allowed on trails or controlled-access roads. Class 1 e-bikes may be designated for use only on trails and controlled-access roads that already allow traditional (non-electric) bicycles.

Monterey, Carmel, Sand City, Marina, Salinas, Greenfield, Gonzales, Soledad, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and King City do not have ordinances prohibiting e-bikes from any facility in which a traditional bicycle is allowed.

As the number of e-bike riders increases, the number of collisions involving e-bikes has also increased. According to California's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), injury collisions involving e-bikes increased from 184 in 2018 to 3,429 in 2023, an ~18.6-fold increase over five years. Legislation has been proposed to improve e-bike safety, including prohibiting persons under the age of 16 from riding and prohibiting speed modifiers. In addition to targeting illegal electric motorcycles, California bicycle advocates ask to prioritize safety education. Resources are available as **web attachments**.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- What Is an E-Bike? A Guide to California E-Bike Classifications. - CalBike
- Electric Bikes | PeopleForBikes
- For Land Managers - Electric Bikes | PeopleForBikes
- New E-Bike Training Resources Come Online – CalBike
- How to Prevent an Electric Bike Fire - Consumer Reports
- Passing Etiquette - MORCA - Monterey Off Road Cycling Association

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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Subject: **Regional Surface Transportation Program Guidelines Update Subcommittee**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RSTP Guidelines Update Subcommittee:

1. **RECEIVE** update on the Regional Surface Transportation Program; and
2. **RECOMMEND** up to three committee members to join a Guidelines Update Subcommittee

SUMMARY:

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds are distributed to eligible agencies on a three-year cycle through the Transportation Agency's Competitive Grant Program. The next cycle of the Competitive Grant Program is in 2026 and the 2026 RSTP Guidelines will be brought to the TAMC Board for approval in March. Transportation Agency staff request two to three members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee join an RSTP Guidelines Update Subcommittee to provide feedback on updates to the guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Agency programmed $10.5 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to local agency projects in the 2023 Competitive Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (formerly "Regional Surface Transportation Program") is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding, passed through the State.

The Transportation Agency distributes RSTP funding through a fair share formula to Monterey County and cities, a 10% reserve for future unidentified needs, and a competitive program on a three-year cycle. On a case-by-case basis, the Board may also create a "set aside" of funds for specific projects. The last three-year cycle of funding occurred in 2023, and the next cycle will begin in 2026. For reference, the 2023 Competitive Program Guidelines can be reviewed online.

The tentative schedule for the **2026 Competitive Grant Program** is as follows:

Tasks	Schedule
TAMC Board Action	

Grant application approval	March 25, 2026
Call for projects	March 25, 2026
Establish Review Committee	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee nominates committee members	May 6, 2026
Technical Advisory Committee nominates members	May 7, 2026
Grant Applications Due	
Applications due to TAMC	June 5, 2026
Review Committee Scores Applications	
Review committee members complete scoring of applications	June 26, 2026
Review of Committee Recommendations by Standing Committees	
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will review the committee recommendations and provide input to the Technical Advisory Committee	August 5, 2026
Technical Advisory Committee will recommend approval of projects for funding to the Board	August 6, 2026
TAMC Board Approval	
Board approves projects for Competitive Grants via resolution	August 26, 2026

Transportation Agency staff is creating an RSTP Guidelines Update Subcommittee comprised of Agency staff, two to three Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members, and two to three Technical Advisory Committee members to support the development of the 2026 RSTP Guidelines and Application. The RSTP Guidelines Subcommittee will meet up to two times in October and November to review the guidelines and provide input on proposed changes. After this process, an updated version of the guidelines will be brought to the Technical Advisory and Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Advisory Committees for review before final approval by the TAMC Board in March 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS: