

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

Final Minutes of March 2, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22
Eric Petersen, District 1	N	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Pete Scudder – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	O	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair		P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	M	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	T	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	N	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	G	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina		P	P	P	P		-	-
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Soledad - Vacant		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sloan Campi, Monterey Salinas Transit		P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>		-	P	P	-	P	E	P(A)
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant - Salinas Public Works		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB		P	P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P		E	E	E	P	P	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-		-	E	P	P	P	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	-		P	E	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		-	E	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	-		-	P	E	P	E	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner							P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner				P	P	P	P	P
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner						P	P	-
OTHERS PRESENT:								
	Jessica Perez	Health Department		Hans Hoffman		Public		
	Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas						

1. Vice-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**

Emily Belding is working on Sustainable Transportation at the Monterey Institute for International Studies and hopes to work with Transportation Agency staff in the future.

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt mentioned that Committee member Vera Noghera with Velo Club of Monterey had an accident on her bicycle and is injured. The Committee wished her all the best and fast recovery.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wriedt/ Pinet /unanimous

Abstain: Miranda Taylor and DL Johnson

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 2, 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update and provided input as to positions on proposed state legislation.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reviewed proposed state legislation. The Committee had the following comments and input on proposed state legislation:

AB 1713 – Vehicles: required stops: bicycles

- Consider oppose unless amended position
- Language should apply to all cyclists, not just those 18 and older
- Consider reducing age limit to 16 years old same as the driver education law
- Young people need to be aware that traffic laws apply to them riding bikes

AB 1909 – Vehicles: bicycle omnibus

- Consider oppose position
- Would remove local authority to prohibit different classes of e-bikes
- Text seems very confusing
- Difficult to enforce prohibition of e-bike classes
- Speed limits on bike path might make it easier to enforce
- Bicycles need to follow the same rules as vehicles if riding on the road

5. **2022 MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE MAP**

The Committee received an update on the 2022 Monterey County Bike Map Update and provided input on the working draft maps and major route changes.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that the primary updates include adding new and upgraded bikeway facilities that were constructed since the 2016 Bike Map and improving the accessibility for map users at the local level. She noted that other changes to the map include new route colors, added Regional Bicycle Wayfinding Rotes as “Regional Bike Routes” and added bike parking and bike shops. In conclusion Ms. Strause noted that we are considering adding “Popular Bike Routes” that do not currently have a bike facility.

Vice-Chair Martin Wegenstein requested that the maps be emailed to the committee members.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the 2022 Monterey County Bike Map Update:

- Consider adding a segment on 68 where there no bikes are allowed
- Consider adding Seaside Fort Ord National Monument trails to Salinas
- Consider adding trails and hours of the Fort Ord trails
- Consider adding the back way to Pinnacles that was on the 2016 maps
- Consider working with MORCA (Mountain Biking) for more trails
- Consider adding the bike trail on San Lorenzo Park on the King City map
- Consider communicating with the local jurisdiction for input and data

6. RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The Committee discussed the return to in-person Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meetings.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that it is recommended that the Committee discuss how and where to conduct future in-person meetings, pending Governor Newsom lifting the COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration that allows the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committees to meet remotely. Ms. Strause noted that we have few locations that allow hybrid meetings.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the return to in-person meetings:

- Committee has more participation in virtual format
- Could be easier on staff to go back to in-person format
- Support a hybrid approach from TAMC conference room
- Consider hubs around the county where smaller groups can meet for hybrid meeting
- Need locations that are ADA and publicly accessible in order to comply with Brown Act
- Find locations that are open after 6 p.m.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member DL Johnson asked when Caltrans will be presenting. Ms. Strause replied that Caltrans is scheduled to present at the April Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

Committee Member Libby Sofer announced the Centurion Race in Sand City coming soon and will keep everyone posted, and the city will be looking for bicycle-oriented volunteers.

Committee Member Sloan Campi announced that Monterey Salinas Transit adopted the Final Network Plan. He noted that planning and innovation team will be implementing it later this year.

Committee Member Grant Leonard announced that he met with Caltrans team, and he mentioned that they are getting ready for the public outreach on Castroville Highway 183 project. He noted that if interested Transportation Agency staff can work on a future meeting date.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.