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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 **6:00 PM**

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

There will be NO physical location of the meeting. Please see all the special meeting instructions at the end of this agenda

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OR

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Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call the Agency Secretary to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that 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 the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other 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 three 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 Committee 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.

3. BEGINNING OF 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 minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 4, 2021.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECOMMEND** the TAMC Board of Directors support Assembly Bill 122.

- Watson

The TAMC Executive Committee requested this Committee consider Assembly Bill (AB) 122 (Boerner Horvath): Vehicles: required stops: bicycles, and make a recommendation to the TAMC Board to support.

5. **RECEIVE** update on COVID-19 Transition and **PROVIDE INPUT** on preferences for inperson meeting locations and protective measures.

- Jacobsen

Staff is requesting the Committee's input on the safety precautions members would like to have for when meetings return to in-person under the Brown Act.

- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS
- 7. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6pm

Important Meeting Information

<u>Remote Meetings</u>: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. As permitted by recently-updated orders from Governor Newsom's office, effective July 28, 2021, the TAMC Board of Directors will begin to reconvene in-person meetings; committee meetings will continue to convene remotely, until further notice. For remote meetings, the public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at:

<u>https://zoom.us/download</u>. A link to simplified instruction for the use of the Zoom app is: <u>https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/</u>.

<u>Remote Meeting Public Comment</u>: Due to current circumstances, there may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during remote meetings. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to <u>maria@tamcmonterey.org</u> by 5:00pm the Monday before the meeting. Such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting. Members of the public participating by Zoom are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Chair.

<u>Agenda Packet and Documents</u>: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County www.tamcmonterey.org Office is closed an all employees are working remotely until further notice TEL: 831-775-0903 EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org <u>Agenda Items</u>: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Committee may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

M 1. **RECEIVE** media clippings attached online.

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date:	September 1, 2021
Subject:	Draft August Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 4, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft August Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC) **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee** Draft Minutes of August 4, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Eric Petersen, District 1	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	-	N	Р
Pete Scudder – District 2	-	-	-	-	-	Р	0	Р
(David Tavarez)								
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	E	Μ	E
(Frank Henderson)								
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair (<i>Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	Р	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	E	Р
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	Р	-	Р	E	Р	Р	E	Р
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	Р	Р	-	Р	Р	Р	Т	Р
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	N	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	G	Р
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Gino Garcia, Monterey (Abby Ostovar)	-	-	-	P (A)	-	Р		Р
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove		Р	Р	E	Р	Р		Р
(Jung Hwa Kim)	-		Г	L .	Г	Г		Г
Chris Flescher, Salinas	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
(Mark Lasnik)					•	•		
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Ralph Wege, Seaside	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Sloan Campi, Monterey Salinas Transit	-	-	-	-	Р	Р		Р
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey	-	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		-
(Alex Capelli) Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р		Р
District	F							
Vacant - Salinas Public Works		-	-	-	-	-		-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works		-	-	-	-	-		-
Caltrans - District 5	-		-	-	-	-		-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG	Р	Р	Р	-	Р	Р		Р
(Will Condon)								
		Р		Р				

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	-	-		E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	Р	E	E	E	-	Р		E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	Р	-		-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	-	_	-	-	-	-		Р
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	Р	Р	Р	-	-	Р		-
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch Public Alan Romero MBARD

1. Chair Mike Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

Mari Lynch member of public expressed appreciation to Jessica Perez with Monterey County Health Department for helping spread the word about TAMC's Bicycle Secure Program.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

- **M/S/C** Eric / Grant/ unanimous
- **3.1** Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 2, 2021.
- 3.2 Received a copy of letter of support submitted to the City of Monterey from the Committee for the North Fremont Improvement project.
 END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. <u>E-BIKE INCENTIVE PROGRAM</u>

The Committee received a presentation on the E-Bike Incentive Program from guest presenter Alan Romero representing the Monterey Bay Air Resources District.

During the presentation, Mr. Romero clarified that the low-income threshold used for the E-Bike Incentive is defined by the Central Coast Energy Services.

The Committee members expressed gratitude for the presentation and offered the following input on the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's E-Bike Incentive Program:

- Consider how to make the program most convenient for low-income residents that may not have the money to make an initial purchase before a reimbursement
- Consider authorizing a rebate during e-bike purchase
- Consider local e-bikes retailers and direct to consumer options
- Consider examining incentives for everyone, such as through a tiered incentive program
- Discuss with Monterey-Salinas Transit impacts to current weight limit restrictions for bikes on buses.
- Committee members expressed interest in an upcoming agenda item discussion about E-Bike regulations and the connectivity of E-Bike accessible routes in the County.

Mari Lynch, member of the public, suggested members and the public check out information posted at <u>www.bikemonterey.org</u> for e-bike regulations and restrictions.

5. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY – SR 218 CANYON DEL REY SEGMENT UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project:

- Consider the connectivity to the tunnel from existing bike routes (e.g., cyclists traveling along SR 218)
- Support for clear responsibility for maintenance and accountability of the tunnel
- Curiosity about the subsequent phases of FORTAG
- Continue to coordinate with individuals and having workshops and virtual meetings

Mari Lynch, member of the public, suggested that a "Adopt-A-Tunnel" maintenance project is considered (like "Adopt-A-Highway" projects).

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6. BROWN ACT PUBLIC MEETINGS TRAINING

The Committee received a training on the Brown Act, which sets the rules for the noticing and conduct of public meetings and received information about the transition to in-person meetings as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

The Committee had the following comments after the Brown Act Public Meetings Training:

- Consider looking at social distancing meeting venues between Salinas and Monterey, such as the Marina Library
- Consider posting Committee meetings on TAMC social media pages to inform public
- Consider streaming Committee meetings on YouTube channel or Facebook live to allow on-going hybrid-meeting participation for the public

7. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS</u>

Committee member Martin Wegenstein expressed concerns about the increased speed limit on Carmel Valley Road. He explained that he met with Supervisor Mary Adams, TAMC and Monterey County public works to identify a solution to address the safety concerns and has identified action steps that County is pursuing in consultation with the Carmel Valley Road Commission.

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that he is in Colorado Springs, and he seen a bicycle with a green circle around. He will follow up with Caltrans.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Associate Transportation Planner, introduced new TAMC staff member Aaron Hernandez and a self-introduction was made. Ms. Jacobsen also announced that there will be an item regarding Senate Bill 122 on the September Committee agenda.

Committee member Grant Leonard thanked TAMC staff Ariana Green and Aaron Hernandez for attending the Castroville Community Day and having a safety bicycle education obstacle track.

Committee member Sloan Campi announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit will have an upcoming service change. He also noted that MST is hiring bus drivers and expressed the shortage in bus drivers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date:	September 1, 2021
Subject:	Assembly Bill 122 - Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMEND the TAMC Board of Directors support Assembly Bill 122.

SUMMARY:

The TAMC Executive Committee requested this Committee consider Assembly Bill (AB) 122 (Boerner Horvath): Vehicles: required stops: bicycles, and make a recommendation to the TAMC Board to support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This report does not have a financial impact on TAMC.

DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill (AB) 122 (Boerner Horvath), "Vehicles: required stops: bicycles," would legalize the bicycle safety stop (also known as the stop-as-yield). AB 122 (**web attachment**) will help all road users share the road more safely. The safety stop is proven to increase safety for people on bikes. Delaware had a 23% reduction in crashes involving people on bikes after legalizing the safety stop. The safety stop is legal in several other states: Idaho, Delaware, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Arkansas, North Dakota, and Colorado.

On August 4, the Executive Committee recommended a "support" position and asked that the BPC weigh in. On August 25, the Board will be asked to approve a "support" position, contingent on BPC support at its September 1 meeting. Staff will present the bill at this meeting and will send a support letter if the BPC recommends support of this bill.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

• <u>AB 122</u>



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date:	September 1, 2021
Subject:	COVID-19 Transition

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on COVID-19 Transition and **PROVIDE INPUT** on preferences for in-person meeting locations and protective measures.

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting the Committee's input on the safety precautions members would like to have for when meetings return to in-person under the Brown Act.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Some meeting locations may incur a cost for rental and/or for videoconference technology.

DISCUSSION:

During the Committee meeting, staff will provide a verbal update on the status of the Brown Act exemptions and requirements for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee's remaining meetings for 2021: October 6 and November 3.

Additionally, staff will request the Committee's input regarding meeting location preferences and desired safety precautions for the transition to in-person meeting environments.



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date:	September 1, 2021
Subject:	Media Clippings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- <u>Caltrans works to "Clean California" on the Central Coast</u> (King City Rustler)
- Monterey County commute traffic a challenge to cutting greenhouse gases (Monterey Herald)
- <u>Cars occupy a unique place in American culture. But at some point we have to face the reality: Cars are bad for</u> <u>us</u> (Monterey Weekly)

Other News of Interest

• <u>Caltrans approves nearly \$82 million for 134 projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve</u> <u>transportation</u> (Streetsblog)