

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of January 6, 2016

Held in the TAMC Conference Room

55 B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

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

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	P	E	E	E	P	E
Ariana Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christina Watson	TAMC staff	Grant Leonard	TAMC staff
Virginia Murillo	TAMC staff	Mark Lasnik	Salinas resident
Glen Tovar	Monterey resident		
Reive Skinner	Seaside resident		
MacGregor Eddy	Columnist, Salinas Californian		

- Chair Eric Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer introduced herself to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

Mark Laznik noted he will be the alternate representative for City of Salinas. His approval to serve on the Committee will go to the February Board. He introduced himself to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C

Wriedt / Valencia

Abstain: Lisa Rheinheimer and Jeff Lindenthal

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2015.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee received a comment on the draft 2016 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. She noted that the program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency. The draft 2016 was reviewed by the Transportation Board of Directors. She noted that the legislative program continues this focus on transportation funding. Ms. Watson noted that priority 7S of the State legislative program will support a redefinition of disadvantaged communities for the State's cap and trade grant program to better reflect economic and rural area considerations.

5. **BICYCLE SECURE PROGRAM**

The Committee received a call for 2016 Bicycle Secure Program applications.

Grant Leonard, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that in 2015 the Bicycle Secure Program provided new parking facilities that can accommodate approximately 150 bicycles and approximately 90 skateboards using the \$30,000 budget. He noted that the applications came from schools, businesses, and non-profits from across Monterey County, including King City, Greenfield, Salinas, CSUMB, and Monterey. Additionally, the Agency was able to support Salinas High School's effort to promote student bicycling by installing a new bicycle repair station at the high school, the first such station provided by the Agency. He noted that the eligibility requirements for the 2016 grant cycle are the same as the 2015 cycle. Applications can request bicycle racks, bicycle shelters, bicycle repair stations, skateboard racks, or funding for artistic bicycle racks. In conclusion, Mr. Grant noted that the Transportation Agency purchases the equipment and pays for delivery. He noted that the proposed schedule calls for an initial application period from December 4, 2015 to February 4, 2016.

Committee Member Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit, noted that they have a lot of demand for more bicycle racks for the buses.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions to the Bicycle Secure Program:

- Consider looking into installing bike racks at transit stations
- Consider making bus bike racks for Monterey-Salinas Transit eligible
- Consider placing a limit on the number of applications from the same organization
- Look at addressing the issue of "repeat customers"

MacGregor Eddy, columnist, commented that bike theft is one of the main reasons why people stop bicycling and noted that bicycle registration systems are a good way to deal with theft.

6. **2016 MONTEREY COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received a report and provided comments on the 2016 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan update, and provided input on the proposed outreach approach.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency will be preparing an update to the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan in 2016. She noted that staff is proposing up update the plan in-house; with consultant assistance to develop conceptual designs for high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects. Transportation Agency staff is proposing to conduct community outreach to identify high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects. Ms. Murillo noted that having an updated countywide active transportation plan make bicycle and pedestrian projects more competitive for grant funding through the State's Active Transportation Program. In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the 2016 Plan will focus on analyzing key gaps from the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian networks, identifying opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and will identify areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity. She noted that staff has revised the project timeline to allow more time for Plan outreach and development. Outreach and community input for the Plan are scheduled for the springtime.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions to the 2016 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan:

- Consider hosting additional meetings and community workshop presentations
- Outreach to target audiences such as schools, agencies, cities, Planning Commissions and bicycling organizations, bike shops
- Consider getting South County involved
- Consider a definition for high priority projects

7. **REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING PLAN**

The Committee received an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan, and provided input on the draft implementation strategy.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan. The Wayfinding Plan will include wayfinding sign design guidelines, identification and branding of regional bicycle and pedestrian routes, and provide an implementation strategy. Ms. Murillo presented the final draft wayfinding sign designs and implementation strategy to the Committee. She noted that signage will first be placed in high priority areas where connectivity is confusing, such as connectivity to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail in Sand City. Once these high priority areas are signed, regional routes that are mostly complete, such as the Salinas periphery route, will be signed.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the Wayfinding Plan:

- Consider adding Canyon Del Rey Blvd to the list of high priority areas Consider having walking distance signage near the walking locations
- Consider coordinating with the cities on maintenance of signage
- Consider keeping the two options for Gateway Kiosk

8. **CASTROVILLE CROSSING PROJECT**

The Committee received a verbal report on Castroville crossing project.

Ariana Green, Transportation Planner, reported that the state has put on hold the \$6.6 million from the Castroville pedestrian pathway funding. The path would parallel Highway 156 connecting downtown Castroville to North Monterey County High School. Dozens of students get to school that way, on a route requiring them to go beyond the paved road, up and over an active railroad track, then along a muddy farm field for half a mile. In conclusion she noted that this will need to be included in our expenditure plan if further funding allocation is pulled away from the state.

Committee member D. L. Johnson noted that he started teaching 6 or 7 years ago at N. County High School. He expressed concern on that railroad tracks path that so many students are forced to cross over daily. He noted that having connectivity on that stretch would also bring both sides of Castroville together.

9. **LESSONS FROM CHINA**

The Committee received a verbal report on the “Lessons from China”

Committee Member D. L. Johnson, City of Carmel-By The Sea presented on the lessons from China. He noted they have installed heavy steel fences all along the roads in a few cities in china. He noted that they have nice signage and expressed that the traffic lanes are much narrow than ours and that makes them drive slower. In conclusion Mr. Johnson noted that they have a bike sharing program that allows daily used to those who want to rent a bike to run a few errands and easy to use.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt announced that a new law came to effect on not being able to use headphones while biking.

Ariana Green announced that on the February 3rd at 5 p.m. just before the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee meeting she will be having a new member orientation list and encouraged all new members to attend to go over the bylaws, learn about the Committee’s role and current projects.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm