



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
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Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

****6:00 PM****

MEETING LOCATION

1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, California 93955
Sand City Council Chambers

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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

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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 February 5, 2025.

- Maria Montiel

The draft minutes of the February 5, 2025, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

- 3.2. **RECEIVE** update on adopted state laws as of January 1, 2025.

- Christina Watson

This report summarizes new state transportation laws for 2025.

4. **RECEIVE** a presentation on the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor Project from Kimley-Horn; and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on next steps for project implementation.

- Molly Tremblay, Kimley-Horn

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5. **RECEIVE** an update on the Salinas Sidewalk Art Project.

- Ariadne Sambrano, Aaron Hernandez

The Salinas Sidewalk Art Project is a community-driven public art project marking safe routes to four schools and community spaces in East Salinas.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS

7. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting will be held at
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: March 5, 2025
Subject: **Draft BPC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for February 5, 2025.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the February 5, 2025, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. BPC Draft February 5, 2025 MINUTES2

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

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

Draft Minutes of February 5, 2025
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavares)</i>	P	P	A	P	P	P(VC)	A	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	E	P	C	P	P	P(EM)	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(vacant)</i>	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	E	P	L	P	A	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	L	P	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	D	P	P	P	P	E
King City – vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	E	E		P	P	E	E	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	E	E		P	A	E	A	E
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	P	P		P	A	P	E	E
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(vacant)</i>	P	P		E	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	A	P		E	E	E	A	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P		P	A	P	A	P
Soledad – Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	E	P		P	P	P	E	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	E		P	P	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Salinas Public Works - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Monterey County Public Works – Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5 - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	A	A		A	A		A	A
CSUMB -vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-

E – Excused VC – Video Conference
P(A) – Alternate TC – Teleconference
A – Absent
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	A		A	P	A	P	P
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner	A	A		A	A	A	A	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	P(VC)	A		A	A	A	A	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	P(VC)	A		A	P	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	P	P		A	P(VC)	A	A	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P		P	A	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	A	A		A	P	P	P(VC)	P(VC)
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P		P	P	P	P(VC)	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	P(VC)	A		A	A	A	A	E
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate			Hans Hoffman		Public		
Brian McMinn	Public			Mari Lynch		Public		
Jack Holmgren	Public							

1. 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

Jack Holmgren with the Santa Cruz Randonneurs (SCR) expressed concerns on the southbound and northbound section of the River Road and noted that dramatic increase in traffic in this section. He noted that it was a farm road with infrequent traffic; but now it is a major link between Highway 101 and Highway 68. He asked for support on dedicated bicycle lanes on this stretch of the road and immediate installation of speed limit signs that provide feedback as to vehicle speed and flashing signs that alert drivers to the presence of cyclists.

Mari Lynch, member of public announced that the California Bicycle Advocates Call on Elected Leaders to Protect E-Bike Riders and for more information please go to bikemonterey.org.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Novo/ Johnson / unanimous

Abstain: Liesbeth Visscher, Marzette Henderson and Ralph Wedge

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 8, 2025, with a minor name correction “Randi Ishii” and a word change “Consider more enforcement on **all** classes of motorized “on item 5.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SPECIAL ELECTION FOR BPC CHAIR

The Committee call for nominations and elected a Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, for a one-year term beginning February 5, 2025, until January 2026.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Agency reported that the current Chair Martin Wegenstein has announced his intention to step down from his roll effective February 5, 2025. The Committee will need to hold an election to select a new Chair to ensure continued leadership and guidance through the end of its term until January 2026.

Chair Martin Wegenstein announced his resignation and thanked the committee for all the support on future projects to Monterey County.

M/S/C Wegenstein / Petersen /unanimous

Committee member Martin Wegenstein nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2025 Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Eric Petersen.

M/S/C Petersen / Sofer /unanimous

Committee member Eric Petersen Gallardo nominated Committee member D. L. Johnson for the 2025 Vice-Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Elizabeth Sofer.

5. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – ANNUAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on projects funded by the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner reported that Transportation Agency distributes these funds to local agencies as part of its responsibilities as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency. She noted that the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds are distributed on a three-year cycle and in 2023, eight projects received funding, five in the Competitive Grant program and three in the Quick-Build Grant program. Ms. Strause noted that per guidelines the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees reviewed the recipients and was adopted by the Agency Board. She noted that the RSTP grant must submit an annual progress report describing the use of funds.

In conclusion Ms. Strause noted that the Agency has programmed three years' worth of Fair Share funding for a total of \$3.6 million. The distribution formula for Fair Share funds is based on 50% population and 50% centerline miles that were approved by the Board of Directors.

Committee member Novo asked about the granted extensions. Ms. Strause replied that the funding carries over if the projects have started.

Committee member Wriedt asked what is a cycle track? Ms. Strause replied that a cycle track is a physical bike separation on the road or path.

6. **TORO PARK UPDATE: MULTIMODAL PATH**

The committee received an update and provided input on the multimodal components of the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Pilot Project, focusing on the development of the proposed multi-use path.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that the Agency initiated the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Pilot Project to address safety and congestion issues caused by excessive morning traffic on State Route 68 and its impact on residential roads. He noted that a significant component of this pilot is the development of multimodal infrastructure, including a proposed multi-use path to enhance active transportation options. Ms. Bilse noted that this path will connect Toro Park Elementary School to a nearby parking lot and Fort Ord National Monument, addressing safety and mobility for non-motorized users while reducing traffic near the school.

In conclusion Mr. Bilse noted that community engagement will continue with public workshops to gather input on the design and implementation of the multi-use path.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Toro Park Cut-Through Traffic Pilot Project:

- Consider Imjin Road construction impact
- Consider alignment connectivity a one-time use trail
- Consider connecting to Ford Ord area and Laguna Secca
- Consider connecting the school and the dirt path
- Consider working with Monterey-Salinas Transit on the universal sensor gates

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member DL Johnson thanked Martin Wegenstein for his service. He also noted that we should remember to think about pedestrians, seniors and students and think about walking and trails.

Mari Lynch, a member of the public, announced that Pam Marino had written a letter to the Weekly titled "Foot Work." She encouraged walking groups to consider incorporating "walk audits" to help identify areas where cities need infrastructure improvements. She also noted that a bike audit toolkit is available at bikemonterey.org.

Chair Martin Wegenstein thanked everyone and shared his appreciation for living in Monterey County. He also announced that he will be moving to Mount Diablo.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: March 5, 2025
Subject: Law Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on adopted state laws as of January 1, 2025.

SUMMARY:

This report summarizes new state transportation laws for 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Attachment 1 is a summary of transportation laws enacted as of January 1, 2025. This report is in response to a request from a Committee member.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 bills enacted

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

New California Transportation Laws for 2025

Roadway Safety

AB 413 (Lee) - Vehicular Safety, also known as the "Daylighting Law": AB 413 prohibits the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any unmarked or marked crosswalk or 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present, with the goal of improving visibility for pedestrians and potentially reducing the number of accidents. This law is an important safety measure for pedestrians. Local parking authorities are responsible for the implementation of this law.

AB 1904 (Ward) - Transit Buses and Yield Right-of-Way Sign: AB 1904 allows transit agencies statewide to equip buses with a yield right-of-way sign illuminated by a red flashing light on the left rear of the bus designed to warn a person operating a motor vehicle approaching the rear of the bus that the bus is entering traffic. This law is intended to increase safety for bus drivers and passengers.

AB 1978 (Sanchez), AB 2186 (Wallis), AB 2807 (Villapudua) and AB 3085 (Gipson) - Sideshows and Street Takeovers:

- AB 1978 assists law enforcement to crack down on dangerous sideshows and street takeovers. It authorizes law enforcement to impound a vehicle without taking the driver into custody for obstructing or placing a barricade upon a highway or an off-street parking facility to facilitate or aid a speed contest or exhibition of speed.
- AB 2186 authorizes law enforcement to remove a motor vehicle used in an exhibition of speed in an off-street parking facility for no more than 30 days.
- AB 2807 clarifies that vehicle sideshows are also known as “street takeovers.”
- AB 3085 expands the list of offenses where law enforcement may impound a vehicle pursuant to a warrant or court order, including engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest or an exhibition of speed upon a highway or off-street parking facility.

SB 960 (Wiener) - Safer Inclusive Street Design (Complete Streets): SB 960 enhances California’s state highway system by requiring Caltrans to incorporate complete streets elements, such as bike lanes, sidewalks, and transit facilities, into its planning and projects. These projects aim to improve the state’s transit infrastructure and support state climate and mobility goals.

SB 1271 (Min) - Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices, and Storage Batteries: SB 1271 enhances e-bike safety by clarifying classifications, establishing battery safety standards, and introducing new labeling and advertising requirements.

Funding

AB 2086 (Schiavo) - Making Transportation Spending Clear and Accountable: AB 2086 ensures Californians can see the impact of their transportation dollars by requiring Caltrans to publicly report how projects align with efforts to improve safety, plan for a changing climate, and serve all communities.

Pilot Programs

AB 1778 (Connolly) and AB 2234 (Boerner) - E-Bike Safety Pilot Programs:

- AB 1778 authorizes Marin County and its cities to prohibit people under the age of 16 from riding a Class 2 electric bicycle (e-bike) and to require all individuals to wear a helmet when riding one until January 1, 2029.
- AB 2234 authorizes San Diego County and its cities to prohibit people under the age of 12 from riding a class 1 or 2 e-bike until January 1, 2029.
- The goal of both pilot programs is to reduce youth injuries. While these are County-specific pilot programs, the findings may lead to statewide laws related to e-bike usage.

SB 1297 (Allen) - City of Malibu's Speed Safety Pilot Program: Authorizes the City of Malibu to establish a five-year speed safety pilot program using an automated speed enforcement system. The law limits Malibu to five such systems. The pilot program is similar to existing pilot programs authorized in Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Glendale, Long Beach and San Francisco. The goal is to reduce speeding and save lives. While these are County-specific pilot programs, the findings may lead to statewide laws related to traffic safety.

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Molly Tremblay, Kimley-Horn
Meeting Date: March 5, 2025
Subject: **Seaside Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor Project**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE a presentation on the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor Project from Kimley-Horn; and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on next steps for project implementation.

SUMMARY:

The Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor Project aims to transform Broadway Avenue into a safer, multimodal corridor that supports active transportation, traffic-calming, and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. This project, led by the City of Seaside in partnership with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the Monterey County Health Department, will provide the only continuous east-west bicycle facility in the City of Seaside. The project is currently in its final design phase, and federal funding has been requested to accelerate construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City of Seaside is requesting \$6.11 million from the FY2025 RAISE grant program to partially fund construction. Since 2015, the City has received a total of \$1.1 million from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). Seaside secured \$12.04 million in funding through the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

DISCUSSION:

The Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor Project addresses safety and accessibility concerns for pedestrians and cyclists. The project includes a 1.3-mile road diet from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard, reducing the roadway from four lanes to two while integrating buffered bike lanes, roundabouts, curb extensions, and high-visibility crosswalks. Yosemite Street improvements will feature bicycle markings, signage, and curb extensions for pedestrian safety.

Project Readiness:

The City of Seaside has completed key steps, including:

- **Community Engagement:** Ongoing outreach since 2018 through public workshops and walk audits.
- **Environmental Clearance:** CEQA approval with a Notice of Determination issued May 24, 2023.
- **Project Design:** 100% plans submitted to Caltrans for final review.
- **Right-of-Way:** No acquisitions required, ensuring streamlined delivery.

Safety, Mobility, and Project Benefits:

The project integrates critical enhancements to improve safety and mobility while delivering key benefits:

- **Traffic Safety:** Installation of seven roundabouts to reduce collision points and improve traffic flow.
- **Active Transportation:** Buffered and protected bike lanes, high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFBs) to promote walking and cycling.
- **Traffic Calming:** Lane reductions and curb extensions to slow vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian safety.
- **Connectivity:** Establishes a continuous east-west bike corridor linking key destinations.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Encourages active transportation, reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Equity:** Improves access for disadvantaged communities in Seaside by creating safer transportation options.

Next Steps for this project:

- Finalize design coordination with Caltrans and Monterey-Salinas Transit.
- Await federal funding decisions and seek additional grant opportunities.
- Develop a phased construction plan to minimize community disruptions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Description -Broadway Ave Project

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

City of Seaside BUILD Grant Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor

Project Description

The **Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor** project will create the only continuous citywide east-west bicycle facility in the city of Seaside. The project will entail a complete redesign of the Broadway Avenue corridor, and will address serious safety concerns of speeding, sideswipes and broadside collisions that plague the corridor frequently used by children and seniors. This includes the PA&ED, PS&E and Construction phases of this corridor redesign. The project will also include non-infrastructure programming designed to increase the shift to active transportation modes and long-lasting behavior change through a suite of programming for elementary school children, low-income families, seniors and businesses along the corridor. The project proposes safety and operational improvements along the corridor with the intent of providing equitable transportation solutions and improving the quality of life for the neighboring communities. The Program is led by the City of Seaside (City) in partnership with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and the Monterey County Health Department (MCHD).

Project Location

Seaside is the second-largest city in Monterey County, with a population of 34,165 in 2017. See below for the project location in reference to Monterey County, **Figure 2** for a vicinity map of the project, and **Figure 3** for community destinations within the project vicinity. It is also a demographically young city, with 25% of its population under the age of 18. Seaside is the most ethnically diverse city in Monterey County: 42% of residents are Hispanic/Latino, 31% are white, 10% are Asian, and 7% are African American. According to census data, the majority of Seaside residents drive alone to work. Five percent of residents walk or bike to work, and 4% take public transportation.



Figure 1: Regional Map

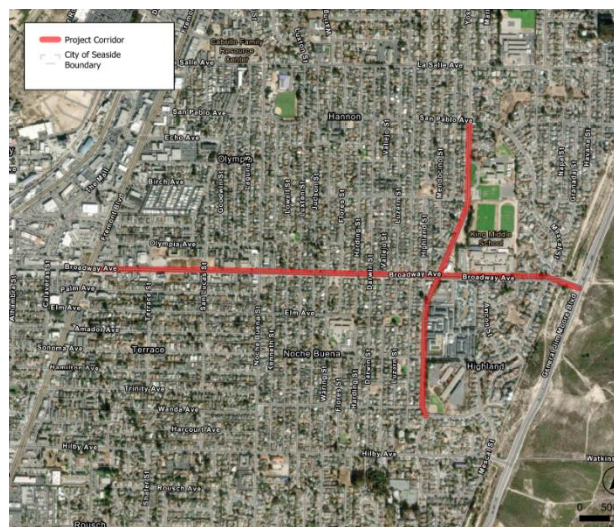


Figure 2: Project Vicinity Map



Figure 3: Community Destinations Map

Seaside residents grapple with high living costs and houses disadvantaged populations as defined by the Health Disadvantaged Index and the CalEnviroScreen 3.0. One in seven Seaside residents lives in a disadvantaged neighborhood: one where nearly 60% of households live in poverty, 11.8% of households lack access to a car, and 91% of people over the age of 25 have no high school education. With poorer households less likely to have access to a household vehicle than wealthier households, investment in car-centric infrastructure has historically only benefited wealthier communities. The communities within the project areas are identified as Areas of Persistent Poverty and as Historically Disadvantaged Communities. See **Figure 4** for census tracts considered as Areas of Persistent Poverty.

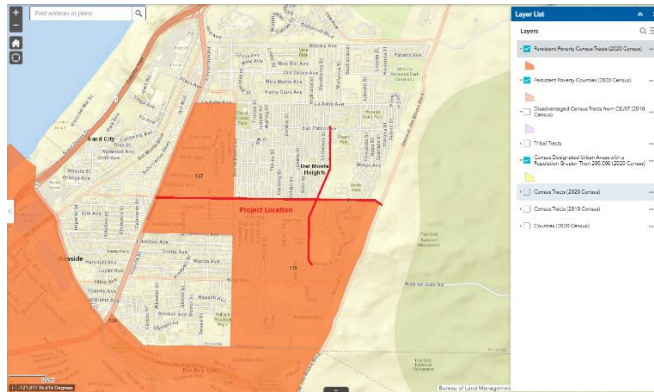


Figure 4: Areas of Persistent Poverty Map

This project will provide these residents direct access to the services and programs needed to cope with their current situations and improve their lives and the lives of future generations. This project will provide direct access from the most disadvantaged neighborhoods to schools, places of worship, job center, community and county services, and after school programs.

Within the city of Seaside, the project is located in the geographic center of the city along a 1.3 mile stretch of Broadway Avenue, from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard, and Yosemite Ave, from San Pablo Avenue to Wanda Avenue. Broadway Avenue is one of the main east-west arterials in the city, with a connection to a major corridor for north-south destinations on General Jim Moore Boulevard.

General Jim Moore connections to the south include Ryan Ranch business park via South Boundary Road, commercial businesses in Del Rey Oaks via Highway 68, and to the north, Cal State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) in Marina, military housing and services, the Department of Defense, and trail access to the Fort Ord Monument.

Project Challenges

In recent years the City of Seaside has made progress toward building up their bicycle infrastructure, however large gaps and lack of facilities have proved to be major barriers to bicycling. To-date there is only one continuous north-south class II bicycle facility in Seaside on General Jim Moore Blvd. Broadway Avenue runs east-west through the heart of Seaside and connects to General Jim Moore Blvd on the east end. The City of Seaside recently constructed a road diet with bike lanes on West Broadway and painted class III “sharrows” to the east of Fremont Blvd up to General Jim Moore. Unfortunately, Class III sharrows alone were found not to increase bicycling on the busy 4-lane corridor and feedback from the community was that more protection/separation was needed for people to feel comfortable bicycling on Broadway between Fremont Blvd and General Jim Moore Blvd.

Proposed Improvements

For the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor project, a proposed 1.3-mile road diet on Broadway Avenue from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard will transform a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway with curb extensions, buffered and protected bike facilities,

roundabouts, and Safe Routes to School improvements including off-set crosswalk, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and accessible design. Improvements on Yosemite St will include bicycle pavement markings, signage, curb extensions and high visibility crosswalks. Design and construction of a road diet with buffered and protected bicycle facilities will create a safer and more comfortable environment for walking and bicycling from the west to the east end of Seaside. The roundabouts, curb extensions, accessible sidewalks, off-set crosswalk and rectangular rapid flashing beacons will slow traffic on this busy corridor and increase visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages as they cross the street.

The narrowing of Broadway Avenue from four travel lanes to two travel lanes would provide for a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environment. The additional width gained from the lane reduction would be allocated to bike lanes, left turn lanes and medians, and curb extensions. Roundabouts would be installed at seven intersections (Terrace, San Lucas, Noche Buena, Flores, Yosemite, Costa, and Mescal) with high-visibility, raised crosswalks to facilitate pedestrian crossings on all approaches. Curb extensions are extensions of the sidewalk into the parking lane to facilitate accessibility and improve driver awareness of pedestrians and reduce the street crossing distance and pedestrian exposure to motor vehicles.

Marked crosswalks at roundabouts will be delineated with high-visibility white painted crossing marks and stop bars in addition at school crossings high-visibility yellow painted crossing marks and white yield lines will be installed. An off-set high visibility mid-block crosswalk with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) will be placed across Broadway Avenue at the entrance to Martin Luther King School of the Arts to facilitate pedestrian crossing. The addition of a roundabout at Costa Street demonstrated a need due to the removal of an eastbound left turn pocket at the entrance into the parking lot of Martin Luther King School of the Arts.

The Project creates continuous bike routes from the intersection of Del Monte Boulevard and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard to Broadway Avenue to General Jim Moore Boulevard. Designated Class II and IV bike lanes will be on both sides of the street along the length of Broadway Avenue. Bicycle access will be provided by clearly marked street bike lanes and bike boxes at roundabouts and signalized intersections. The Broadway Avenue bike lanes will be delineated with green pavement marking and contrasting markings to enhance visibility and rider safety.

Green-colored bicycle lanes and bike box are also part of the project. These treatments will enhance the visibility of cyclists and may increase the comfort of cyclists riding on the street. The bike box planned on Broadway Avenue at the intersections is intended to improve awareness and visibility of cyclists. Cyclists will have the option to share the road with motorists through the roundabouts (sharrows) or use an alternate adjacent route next to the pedestrian walkway.

The Project will complete the bicycle corridor between Fremont and General Jim Moore Blvd. This would help complete both the north-south and east-west bicycle corridors in Seaside. The Project would remove sharrows and replace with separated cycle track (Mescal to Yosemite and at all roundabouts) or a buffered Class II bike lane (Yosemite to Fremont) along both sides of Broadway Avenue and restripe the travel lanes as necessary to retain at least one vehicle travel lane in each direction. This should greatly enhance the appeal for using bicycles as primary

alternative mode of transportation to motor vehicles for both recreational and regional transportation needs. Roundabouts at the intersections will reduce stop and start delays through the corridor making transit through the corridor more efficient and will compensate for the loss of vehicular lane.

Project/Program History

The Broadway Ave Complete Streets Corridor project will build on the recently completed West Broadway Urban Village development funded through the Active Transportation Program, and the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan adopted by the City of Seaside and School District in February 2020. When the City completed an ATP-funded road diet with bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks and high visibility crossings, West Broadway flourished. The \$7 Million infrastructure project completed in 2018 has already resulted in \$6 Million in private investment, 30 new jobs and additional tax revenue for the City. The City is confident that extending the road diet to the east by constructing the Broadway Ave Complete Streets Corridor project will only build on those results.

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan adopted by the City of Seaside and School District in February 2020 identifies Broadway Avenue and Yosemite Street as important safe routes to school corridors serving four of the seven elementary schools in Seaside. Consistent with the Plan, the Broadway Ave Complete Streets Corridor will address the top community-identified safety concerns and barriers to children walking and biking to schools in the project area: safety of intersections and crossings; speed of traffic and amount of traffic. These community concerns are validated by the history of bicycle and pedestrian involved collisions on Broadway Avenue.

Bicyclists and pedestrians are disproportionately involved in collisions in Seaside and at higher rates within the project area than in the rest of the City. Over the past decade, 13.5% of all bicycle and pedestrian collisions in Seaside occurred within the project area. Between 2008 and 2019, walking and bicycling accounted for ~5% of trips to work in Seaside. During the same time period, bicyclists and pedestrians were involved in ~20% of the collisions in Seaside and ~37% of the collisions within the project area demonstrating that current conditions along Broadway Ave represent a significant safety threat. Youths are also disproportionately involved in bicycle and pedestrian collisions. The City is fully committed to delivering the project and needs additional funding to complete all phases of these improvements through construction.

Project Status

The project is currently in the final design phase and has submitted 100% plans to Caltrans for final review. The City will submit for the request for funding allocation for Construction Phase by February 2026 from Caltrans.

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 5, 2025

Subject: **Salinas Sidewalk Art Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE an update on the Salinas Sidewalk Art Project.

SUMMARY:

The Salinas Sidewalk Art Project is a community-driven public art project marking safe routes to four schools and community spaces in East Salinas.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The five and a half year contract is funded with \$153,180 in Clean California grant funds and \$61,820 in Measure X Safe Routes to Schools funding included in the Agency's draft 2024-25 budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) provides Safe Routes to School programming to teach and encourage Monterey County kids to safely carpool, walk, bike, skateboard, and scoot to school. One way to increase the visibility of safe routes to schools programming and create more enjoyable walking routes is through public artwork.

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas and were successful in securing Clean California grant funding from the State to develop sidewalk art marking safe routes between schools and public amenities in East Salinas. TAMC partnered with Building Healthy Communities to form a steering committee made up of community members to lead the project and help ensure local artists have a fair chance to participate.

The steering committee developed a call for art in Fall 2023 and the community voted on artwork for five routes connecting four Elementary Schools, parks, and community spaces such as the Bread Box Recreation Center and Cesar Chavez Library in Winter 2023/2024. In May 2024, TAMC contracted with Artists Ink to work with local artists to install the designs selected by the community. The first sidewalk art piece, "One Man Banda" by Augustine D. Escobedo, was installed on the sidewalk in front of Closter Park near the basketball courts in November 2024.

A community celebration was held February 8, 2025 on the front lawn of the Saint Mary's Nativity Church across from Closter Park to honor the artists, project partners, and community who contributed to the project's success. The remaining artwork will be installed by June 2025 to meet the Clean California grant deadline. The artwork will be inspected and maintained once a year for five years through TAMC's contract with Artists Ink. Local funds will be used to maintain the artwork.

In addition to the artwork, two TAMC Fellows from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) have developed handouts for each sidewalk art piece to further engage students and families to visit and explore the artwork, learn about their community, and reflect. All handouts have been created to meet school curriculum requirements so they can be used by teachers for class field trips. The TAMC/MIIS Fellowship was approved by the TAMC Board in August 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sidewalk Art Image 2
2. Sidewalk Art Image 1

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



