

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of January 6, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P	P	O	P	P	P	-	-
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	M	E	P	P(A)	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	E	P	-	P	-	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	-	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	-	G	P	P	P	P	P
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	P	P		P	E	P	P	P
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	P	E		E	P	P	P	-
vacant Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P		-	P	P	-	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside	P	P		P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	-	-		-	-	P	P	-
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District	-	-		-	-	-	P	P
Andrew Easterling, Salinas Public Works	-	-		P	P	-	-	
Vacant – County Public Works	-	P		P	P	-	-	
Caltrans - District 5	P	-		-	-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	P	P		P	P (A)	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P	-		P	P	P	P	P
E – Excused P(A) – Alternate	VC – Video Conference TC – Teleconference							

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	Jan 21
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	-		E	E	E	-	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P		E	E	E	-	P
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	P	P		-		E	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner				P		-	-	-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P		P		P	P	P
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner		P		-		-	-	-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator				P		P	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch	Public	Jessica Perez	Public
Natale Popovich	Public	Audrey Ogden	Caltrans District 5

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wegenstein /Johnson/unanimous

- 3.1 Committee member Martin Wegenstein requested to correct his name on various places on the draft minutes. Mari Lynch emailed staff her minor corrections.
Approved minutes with edit from member Wegenstein of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL REPORT ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CRASHES – ITEM
MOVED TO LATER MEETING**

The Committee did not receive a report on bicycle and pedestrian collisions from Officer Jessica Madueño, Public Information Officer for the California Highway Patrol. Office Madueño needed to postpone the presentation.

5. **CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan, an upcoming Caltrans rumble strip project throughout Monterey County and the State Route 1 maintenance pavement preservation project. Committee members provided comments after each section of the presentation.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, introduced Audrey Ogden, Caltrans District 5, who presented on the development of the District's Active Transportation Plan. She noted that Caltrans District 5 includes the Counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara. Caltrans is the owner and operator of the State Highway System and maintains shoulders that often provide regional bicycle access within and across county lines. The Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan will identify existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and needs on, across and parallel to the State Highway System. She noted that work on the Active Transportation Plan started in late 2018, and the Plan is expected to be complete in the Spring of 2021. She noted that there will be a 30-day public review period anticipated to begin in February 2021. Currently, Caltrans staff are meeting with local agencies and organizations to provide an update on the Active Transportation Plan Development and discuss opportunities to build and expand partnership with local agencies, community organizations and other stakeholders.

Ms. Ogden reported that Caltrans will install ground-in, centerline rumble strips on State Route 1 in Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. She noted that no shoulder or edge-line rumble strips are being proposed at this location in Monterey County. This project is estimated to begin in Summer of 2021 and be completed by Spring 2022.

Committee member Hans Hoffman suggested that rumble strips prevent vehicles from driving off the road but are not needed in the middle lane. Mr. Hoffman expressed that Caltrans should improve the shoulder lanes instead of installing rumble strips in the middle.

Committee member Libby Sofer shared that after centerline rumble strips were installed in North County on Highway 1, less fatal and serious crashes were reported.

Committee member Grant Leonard suggested the presentation be brought to the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Committee. Audrey Ogden replied that Caltrans staff will look into that.

Mari Lynch, member of Public noted that resources on the pros and cons of rumble strips are available at www.bikemonterey.org.

Ms. Ogden reported that there was a repaving project in Carmel/Highway 1 that was recently completed and has received some public concern related to bicycle accessibility. This Caltrans maintenance preservation project was on an approximately 35-mile section of State Route 1 from Torre Canyon bridge in Big Sur to San Luis Avenue north of Carmel. The project added a new layer of pavement to extend the life and wear of the pavement. She noted that the project did not narrow or widen the existing shoulder with.

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck noted that discussions are occurring between TAMC and the Caltrans management team to improve the process for integrating maintenance projects with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Mr. Muck noted it is difficult for bicyclist to use the shoulder when vehicles park on the shoulder and gravel gets kicked onto the bicycle shoulder. He noted that it has been a challenge for Caltrans to coordinate with TAMC and local agencies to identify opportunities when minor improvements to maintenance projects can make a big improvement for cyclists.

Committee member Mike Novo noted that it is not just Caltrans; Monterey County also needs to improve the process for integrating maintenance with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Audrey Ogden replied that Caltrans has had a change of leadership, and the new Director is a bicycle advocate and is integrating complete streets throughout Caltrans.

Committee member D.L. Johnson suggested a "Share the Road" sign be installed.

Mari Lunch, member of public, suggested that people refer to the Caltrans District 5 bicycle resources at www.bikemonterey.org.

Madilyn Jacobsen noted that TAMC can explore incorporating bicycle access on and off the State Highway System on the TAMC bike map when it is next updated.

6. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

M/S/C LeBarre/Leonard/ unanimous

The Committee received an update on development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan; and recommended approval of the Draft Project List to be submitted as part of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan. The Agency prepares the plan in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to be consistent with a tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by AMBAG for the Monterey Bay Area. She noted that pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multimodal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long range funding forecast, funding constrained project list, and program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the plan. Public participation is sought after in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for each of the project steps.

Ms. Jacobsen noted that Agency staff is coordinating with AMBAG on all planning activities, including the project list development, financial revenue assumptions and the environmental process. The final list of projects identified in the plan must be consistent with the needs, goals and priorities identified in the policy element and the total cost of those projects must fall within the funding capacity of the long-range revenue forecast. The draft regionally significant project list is included as an attachment to the report.

Committee member Hans Hoffman asked who is managing the Imjin Project Study? Madilyn Jacobsen replied that the City of Marina is overseeing the Imjin Project.

Committee member Grant Leonard asked if some projects that are anticipated to be completed this year can be removed from the project list? Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck replied that we leave the projects on the project list as we need to account for funding. He noted that we will remove them from the project list once they are complete.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that we have a lot of pedestrian needs and it is important to work with our Regional Agencies on the project list.

Committee member Grant Leonard shared the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting on Facebook and received three comments related to the Regional Transportation Plan and he shared them with the Committee members. Mr. Leonard shared that David Olaeta, stated that Prunedale needs a pedestrian bridge over 101 from Punedale North or South Road to Vierra Canyon or Berta Canyon. He has seen the long term multi-million plan for the 101/156 upgrade and there is nothing allowing for pedestrians or bikers to safely cross from one side of Prunedale to the other side. He also shared a comment from Brian Simpson, he noted that Prunedale is very dangerous for pedestrian traffic. Vierra narrowing due to erosion, and the ice plant patch that sticks out farther and farther every year and the County needs to work out some maintenance in the area. Mr. Leonard shared the last comment from Monica Glatzel Williams, she noted that her boys are not allowed to ride their bikes due to the cars high speed.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen asked for the N. Boronda Road City of Salinas project be brought to a future meeting date. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that the City of Salinas is scheduled to present at the February meeting.

Committee member Hans Hoffman expressed that the bicycle signals in Monterey have a yellow frame that is confusing for the vehicle traffic signal light.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner announced the Salinas Rail Extension Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place via Facebook live on January 15, 2021. She also mentioned that the Bicycle Secure Programs continues to have available funding for bicycle racks. Lastly, Ms. Jacobsen noted that the next meeting will be held on February 3, 2021.

Committee member Grant Leonard expressed the need for bicycle racks on beaches near the Salinas River and Moss Landing. He noted that in the past TAMC staff was coordinating with State Parks and if a local sponsor is needed, the North County Recreational District can help support.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.