

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of January 4, 2017

Held at the Transportation Agency office

55 Plaza, Cir. Suite B, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 17
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	E	E	E	-	-	E	-	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	-
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina, <i>(Debra Daniels)</i>						-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Tony Prock)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Vera Noghera)</i>	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	P(A)	P	E	P	-	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB <i>(Matthew McCluney)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P(A)

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
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	E	E	P	-	p	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	E	-	E	E
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ralph Wege Seaside Resident

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that he spoke with Transportation Agency staff Christina Watson and noted that the state license plate will be re-introduced. He also noted that the vehicle code is unclear about side by side riding and mentioned Bob Shanteau has been attending the Statewide Cycling Committee.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wriedt/ Boosman /unanimous
Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 2, 2016.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **DOWNTOWN SALINAS COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT**

The Committee provided input on the City of Salinas' Alisal Complete Streets Project.

James Serrano, City of Salinas, reported that the City received grant funds to make complete streets safety improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers on Alisal Street, between Blanco Road and Front Street. He noted the City of Salinas' Downtown Vibrancy Plan identified needs to update Downtown's infrastructure to assure pedestrian safety, calm vehicular traffic to encourage increased bicycle use, provide a sustainable parking strategy, and create a sense of place through art and culture that attracts visitors to a new, safe destination. Improvements along Alisal Street include:

- Buffered bike lanes between Blanco Rd. & Front St.
- Parking buffered bike lanes between Salinas St. & Capitol St.
- Center turns lanes between Front St. & Soledad St.
- Curb extensions and high-visibility crosswalks on Pajaro St, Monterey St & Church St, Lincoln Ave, Homestead Ave. & W. Acacia St.
- Pedestrian all-way crosswalks (pedestrian scrambles) on Main St & Salinas St.

In conclusion Mr. Serrano noted that the Alisal Street road diet improvements are meant to accommodate the existing and planned volumes of auto traffic while making it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to use the street. He noted that the planning level cost estimate for design and construction of these improvements is \$2.6 million. Construction is expected to begin this summer, and be complete by Spring 2018.

The Committee had the following suggestions on the Alisal Complete Streets Project:

- Consider working with Monterey-Salinas Transit on development of bus rapid transit improvements along the corridor
- Consider updating all traffic signal lights along the corridor
- Consider possibly installing a roundabout on Lincoln/Capitol in a future phase
- Consider leading pedestrian intervals at signalized intersections
- Consider using the NACTO transit design guidelines
- Consider educating Monterey County residents on bicycle safety

5. **MEASURE X UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Measure X and the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that Monterey County voters approved Measure X in November 2016 to fund the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, just above the required 2/3rds voter approval threshold, at 67.71%. She noted that the revenues are split with 60% dedicated to local road maintenance, pothole repairs and safety projects, and 40% dedicated to regional safety and mobility projects. As part of the 40% dedicated to regional projects, Measure X includes \$20 million for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, and \$20 million for a Safe Routes to School category. She noted that several implementation steps will occur before the tax begins. At the beginning of January 2017, Transportation Agency will approve agreements with the Board of Equalization, the County Auditor and cities and the County to develop agreements for revenue. Transportation Agency will initiate a pavement management system and hire a bond analysis advisor. The Agency will also be setting up the Citizens Oversight Committee that includes representatives from a diverse set of community organizations and interest groups.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the tax will begin collection on April 2017, and the first payment to the cities and County are expected in August 2017. She noted that the cities and county will develop a list of early delivery projects and a 5 – year expenditure plan for local streets and road maintenance projects. She noted that public outreach will be a key component of Measure X and the Transportation Agency will issue press releases and present to community groups as project implementation begins.

Committee member Michael LeBarre noted that posting the highlights of Measure X, especially the safe routes to school component, and using ad targeting on Facebook can be a great result for all cities and everyone can add to Facebook page.

6. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 3**

The Committee received an update on the Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 grant program.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Monterey County Health Department was awarded grant funds for safe routes to school education and to support open streets Ciclovía events in the cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Greenfield and King City. \$240 million was available statewide on a competitive basis. She noted that the program received 456 applications requesting \$976.7 million.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the Transportation Agency staff will be requesting a debrief from the California Transportation Commission for each of the applications. Staff will take these comments to improve future grant applications, and will coordinate with the County and the City of Salinas to identify potential alternative sources of funds to complete these projects.

Committee member LeBarre noted that King City is working on downtown streetscape improvements that might be a competitive grant proposal project in the future.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Michael LeBarre wished a Happy New Year to all. He also noted that all the South County cities appreciate the safe routes to school program, noting that most people in South County walk.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.