

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of January 14, 2026
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	A	P	P	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	C	A	C	P	P	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	P	P	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	P	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P	E
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	L	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	E	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	E	P	P	P	P		A		P	P	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	A	E	P	P	E		A		E	A	A
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	E	E	A	A	-		P		P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	A	P	P	P	E		A		P	A	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	A	P	P	P	E		P		P	P	P
Ryan Hunzie, Soledad	-	-	-	-	-		-		P	A	P
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	E	P	P*	P	P		P		P	P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P	P(A)	P	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		P	A	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts & Grants	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	P(VC)	A
Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer	P	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	N	A	N	A	A	P(VC)
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	A	A	A	A	E	A	E	A	P	P
Janneke Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	A	A	L	A	L	P	P(VC)	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P(VC)	P	P	P	A	E	A	E	P	P	P(VC)
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	P	P(VC)

OTHERS PRESENT:			
Jim Allen	Public	Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate
Hans Hofman Jr	Salinas Resident	Robin Lee	Public
Brian McMinn	Salinas Alternate	Maribel Ramos Peredia	Monterey County
Adriana Robles	City of Salinas		

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Tafoya/Wriedt /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 5, 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. HARDEN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Committee received an update on the Harden Parkway and Safe Routes to School Project and provided feedback to staff.

Adriana Robles, City of Salinas, reported that the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School project encompasses environmental, design, and construction phases to transform Harden Parkway into a safer, more connected corridor for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Harden Parkway and Safe Routes to School Project:

- Consider combining pedestrians and bicycles
- Consider an “angle curb” instead of a sharp curb
- Consider purchasing a small bike lane sweeper
- Consider taking out the palm trees on McKinnon
- Consider having enforcement near North Salinas High School and Harden Middle School
- Consider placing signage with no parking anytime or towing or fines will be given
- Consider street lighting for pedestrians and bicyclists in the roundabout
- Consider discussing with City of Monterey staff Andrea Renny regarding public outreach and storm drainage on the center bike lane on Freemont
- Consider replacing plants and trees to avoid blind spots
- Continue to work with Monterey-Salinas Transit

5. CHUALAR SIDEWALK PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the County of Monterey's Chualar Sidewalk Project and provided feedback to County staff.

Maribel Ramos-Peredia, Project Manager, reported that the Chualar Sidewalk Project will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, upgrading crossings, and enhancing bike lane connectivity.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Chualar Sidewalk Project:

- Consider combining the pedestrians and bicycles
- Consider increasing width of concrete sidewalks
- Consider bicycle parking

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, announced that her last day with the Transportation Agency will be Friday, January 16 and thanked everyone.

Committee Member Chaffey asked for an update on the FORTAG 28-mile project.

Committee Member Flores announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit will upgrade and replace the mounted bikes rack on all the buses. She noted that they will fit wider bicycles and electric bikes.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.