

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of November 4, 2020
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20
Eric Petersen, District 1	C	P	P	N	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	A	P	P	O	P	P	P	-
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	N	P	P		P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	C	P	P	M	E	P	P(A)	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	L	P	P	E	P	-	P	-
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	L	-	-	T	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	E	-	-	I	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	D	-	P	N	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City		P	-	G	P	P	P	P
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina		P	P		P	E	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
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		P	P		-	P	P	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>		P	P		P	P	P(A)	P(A)
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
Andrew Easterling, Salinas Public Works		-	-		P	P	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works		-	P		P	P	-	-
Caltrans - District 5		P	-		-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>		P	P		P	P (A)	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB		P	-		P	P	P	P

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

4. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2021 and adopted the 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2021 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. She noted that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Committee meetings will continue to be held remotely pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20. In the event meetings transition back in-person during 2021, TAMC will send a revised meeting calendar to all Committee members and any interested members of the public.

M/S/C Petersen/LeBarre /unanimous

Committee member Eric Petersen nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2021 Chair and Martin Wegenstein for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Mike LeBarre.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein suggested we meet at the various meeting locations as adopted at close of 2019 calendar year. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that Transportation Agency staff will check with the locations to see if available to meet on the future meeting dates if Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and staff will contact committee member of any chances to 2021 calendar.

5. 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on draft 2021 Legislative Program.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. She noted that the program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. She noted that the draft 2021 program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2021 Legislative session. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that once all the Transportation Agency Committees review the draft 2021 Legislative Program, the final program will come back to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors in January 2021 for adoption. She also went over the attached draft legislative program and noted a few items of particular interest to this Committee.

Committee member Mike Novo asked on State Legislative item 6S: He asked if the item proposes placing server farms in rural areas, or just serving rural areas? Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that the goal is to bring jobs to rural communities and increase internet accessibility.

Committee member Grant Leonard asked on the state budget status. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that at the moment no dramatic decline, but we might see in future forecast for next cycle. Staff will bring a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan in January that will include funding assumptions.

Committee member Hans Hoffman asked about State Legislative 7S: He asked what is the plan for the rail corridors that have bike infrastructure?

Committee member Martin Wegenstein asked about Federal Legislative 4F: He would like to add the word “seamless” to help promote commuter rail programs that are integrated and seamlessly connected with one another.

Committee member Ralph Wege would like to include supporting more bicycle carrying capacity on all trains.

Committee member Mathew McCluney is disappointed by language on 1F: He note that funding has never been enough. He would like to adjust the language to support not just restoring funds but increase beyond pre-Covid-19 service levels.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt expressed feeling that Federal Legislative item 3F about broadband/internet access is not relevant for the Committee. Lupe Covarrubias, member of Public for Monterey County Health Department, noted that she thinks this item is relevant. Due to Covid-19 the Monterey County Health Department has been trying to host pedestrian and bike safety classes and presentation via Zoom. She expressed that not enough internet access in South County cities.

Mari Lynch, member of public, suggested that when we talk about TAMC support for Monterey-Salinas Transit, include that MST is able to encourage people who bike to use MST as a bike-and-ride option / bring their bicycles aboard. She also suggested that bicycle racks and repair stations be considered for some MST bus stop or MST transit center locations.

6. **CHP REPORT ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY – ITEM MOVED TO JANUARY**

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 because her office was called to other duties during the meeting time.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen asked to have the N. Boronda Road City of Salinas project be brought to a future meeting date.

Committee member Vera Noghera asked about speed limits for the electric-bikes speed limit due to Covid-19. She noted that signage of the maximum speed for electric bikes along the City of Monterey is necessary.

Committee member Grant Leonard introduced himself. He mentioned that he worked for Transportation Agency for Monterey County as Transportation Planner. He now works for the City of Monterey but will be representing the North County Recreation and Parks District on the Committee. Mr. Leonard noted that he is a North Monterey County resident and recently noticed a lot of pedestrian using the Castroville bridge.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein asked to have the Monterey County Regional Park District present on a future meeting date on the Regional Parks blocked off to bicycles.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner announced the call for nominations for the Transportation 18th Annual Excellence Awards. The deadline to submit nominations is on December 4, 2020 to Theresa Wright at theresa@tamcmonterey.org. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen mentioned the next meeting is scheduled in January 2021. She wished everyone a Safe and Happy New Year.

Mari Lynch, member of public, mentioned that on Thanksgiving week HER Helmet Thursdays will celebrate its 11th anniversary. She also welcomed anyone interested to contact her if they'd like to help update the HER Helmet Thursdays guide, since the pandemic has impacted many participating businesses and organizations (including that numerous participants have closed).

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.