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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that 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 the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

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3. BEGINNING OF 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 minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 2021.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update on TAMC Title VI and Language Assistance Plan for 2021-2024, and **COMPLETE** the Title VI committee representation survey.

- Jacobsen

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities. As a recipient of federal funds, TAMC is required to prepare a Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan to establish a policy of nondiscrimination.

5. Bicycle Secure Program

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6. **RECEIVE** update on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program.

- Green

The Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The Program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of projects and activities that can be funded. This report reviews the activities accomplished in fiscal year 2020/2021 and upcoming plans for fiscal year 2021/22.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6pm

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

M 1. RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: **Draft April Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft April Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of April 7, 2021
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch	Public	Marissa Garcia	City of Monterey
Kevin Aguigui	Kimley-Horn	Lisa Rheinheimer	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Peter Meyerhofer	Kimley-Horn	Frederik Venter	Kimley-Horn

1. 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 Pinet/ Hoffmann/ unanimous
 Abstain: Martin Wegenstein

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2021.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SURF! BUSWAY AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

The Committee received an update and provided input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project's bicycle and pedestrian connections.

Peter Meyerhofer, Kimley Horn, reviewed the maps that were included in the report. He noted that the project will add an estimated 1-mile of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improving connections to the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported that MST is the Lead Agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). She noted that Monterey Salinas Transit released a 30-day environmental public review period that is open from March 13, 2021 through April 12, 2021.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project's bicycle and pedestrian connections project:

- Coordination with State Parks
- Consider another public survey after the Covid-19 pandemic
- Consider how to offer cost savings for all transit users, including youth
- Consider the aesthetic of lighting
- Consider installing charging units
- Coordinate with Sand City Public Works on the best sweeper to clean sand off the busway
- Consider reducing the angle of the 90-degree turn for cyclists

5. CITY OF MONTEREY – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR DEL MONTE AND CASA VERDE

The Committee received an update and provided input on the Del Monte and Casa Verde Recreation Trail Crossing Intersection Improvement Project in the City of Monterey.

Marissa Garcia, Traffic Engineer for the City of Monterey introduced Kevin Aguigui, Project Manager. Before presenting the preliminary concepts, Mr. Aguigui reviewed alternatives that were considered but determined not to be feasible and not community preferred. These included two overpass alternatives and two underground options. He noted that the initial intersection design concepts will include relocating of the Casa Verde Trail Crossing to create an at-grade crossing at the intersection. Other elements of the concept include a protected left turn phase, ADA improvements, traffic signal improvements and crosswalk improvements. Mr. Aguigui noted that as the concept gets refined the City of Monterey will return to the Committee for further input.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Del Monte and Casa Verde Recreation Trail Crossing Intersection Improvement Project:

- Concerns with bicyclist crossing the street
- Concerns with the narrow traffic lanes for vehicles, trucks and bicyclist
- Concerns with the 90-degree turn
- Consider analysis of other traffic calming and traffic relief methods
- Consider analyzing a more detailed pedestrian crossing route

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Mike LeBarre announced a request related to the Bike Secure Program: “Consider recommending to the TAMC Board that the Bicycle Secure Program designate unused annual program funding up to 5% of the total annual program budget as a Local Equity Allocation (LEA) and providing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee authority to award available LEA funds to equity related bicycle & pedestrian activities.” Madilyn Jacobsen replied that staff will bring an update on the Bike Secure Program to the Committee in May.

Committee member Vera Noghera asked how to request green paint be installed on SR 68 near Ryan Ranch towards Monterey.

Committee member Eric Petersen expressed concern about the Castroville pedestrian/bike bridge project.

Mari Lynch, member of public, noted that she encourages everyone to bike no matter of age and size.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: Title VI & Language Assistance Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on TAMC Title VI and Language Assistance Plan for 2021-2024, and **COMPLETE** the Title VI committee representation survey.

SUMMARY:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities. As a recipient of federal funds, TAMC is required to prepare a Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan to establish a policy of nondiscrimination.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Receipt of federal funding is contingent on adoption of a Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan. Staff time required to implement the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan was budgeted under Transportation Development Act administration.

DISCUSSION:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal statute that prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities, and it obligates federal funding agencies to enforce statutory compliance. Pursuant to Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), LEP persons are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Federal assistance recipients shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to benefits, services, information, and other important portions of their programs and activities.

The Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) new guidelines for Caltrans, as a recipient of FTA funding assistance, require sub-recipients of Caltrans Planning Grants to submit a Title VI Plan to FTA every three years. As a Caltrans grant sub-recipient and as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Monterey County, the Transportation Agency is required to comply with FTA requirements associated with the use of these funds.

The Transportation Agency’s Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan provides guidance on administration and management of Title VI related activities. The Transportation Agency’s Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan includes the following:

- The definition and significance of Title VI and Limited English Proficiency
- The Transportation Agency’s commitment to meeting the statutory and reporting requirements of Title VI
- A public participation plan, demographic profile and a summary of outreach efforts for Monterey County

- The Language Assistance Plan, including an analysis of the potential number of Limited English Proficiency persons served by the Transportation Agency's programs and projects, the frequency with which staff contact Limited English Proficiency persons, the significance of programs to Limited English Proficiency persons, and the services available to Limited English Proficiency persons
- Language Assistance Plan Implementation strategies
- Title VI complaint process and forms

Staff is currently updating the Agency's Title VI Plan to reflect updated demographic data and new information on the strategies for reaching Monterey County's LEP community. The updated plan details resources the Agency has access to and the outreach strategies employed to reach the LEP community.

Updated demographic data on language identifies the following safe harbor languages: Spanish, Tagalog and Korean. Safe Harbor languages are those that meet the threshold of 5% or 1,000 persons, whichever is less, of the total population eligible to be served or likely to be affected or encountered by the Agency that speak English "less than very well" according to the U.S. Census.

The Agency is required to have vital documents available in each of these languages. Vital documents are generally those that affect access to, retention in, or termination or exclusion from a program, service or benefit. Examples of vital documents include the Title VI complaint forms and written notices of rights. In addition to providing translation of vital documents in the safe harbor languages, the agency is required to provide materials in alternative languages if requested. The agency has access to an on-call interpretation service and document translation services.

As a reporting requirement, the Agency is required to include a table reflecting non-elected committee member race/ethnicity demographics. Committee members are strongly encouraged to complete a survey on race/ethnicity, which will be electronically provided during the Committee meeting and is alternatively linked to this report as a **web attachment**.

The updated Title VI Plan is scheduled for TAMC Board approval at their June 23, 2021 meeting.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TitleVI2021>

[2018 Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan](#)



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: **Bike Secure Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Bicycle Secure Program

1. **RECEIVE** update on 2020-21 Bicycle Secure Program; and
2. **APPROVE** application submitted by the County of Monterey for the SHARE Center for secure bicycle parking for up to ten bikes; and
3. **APPROVE** proposal for expending remaining funds in alignment with TAMC's Go831 Program, Safe Routes to Schools program and the pending applications from the City of Greenfield and Furey's Old Town Barber.

SUMMARY:

The Bicycle Secure Program has received three applications for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year and has expended less than a third of the program budget. Staff is requesting the Committee's approval of a strategy to expend the remaining program budget in coordination with the agency's Safe Routes to School and Go831 programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Bicycle Secure Program has a budget of \$30,000 per fiscal year, funded by Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. For the current fiscal year, two applications have been approved with a total actual cost of \$7,919.14. There is one pending approval (SHARE Center) and two anticipated applications to the program (City of Greenfield and downtown Salinas business). After the pending purchases, staff estimates there will remain an estimated balance of \$8,000-10,000 in the program budget to be expended by June 30, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Studies have shown that one of the primary reasons that individuals do not travel via bicycle is the lack of a secure place to store their vehicle. The Bicycle Secure Program addresses this need by funding bicycle racks and bicycle shelters. Over time, the program has been expanded to include other facilities to support active transportation such as bicycle repair stations and skateboard racks. The program serves the Agency's public mandate to achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system by promoting active transportation. By providing secure bicycle parking, businesses can attract more bicycle-riding patrons, employers can support the growing number of people who choose to bicycle to work, and schools can support students who bike to school - all of which supports local economic, health, and environmental goals.

Specific program goals include:

- Increasing the amount of secure bicycle parking in Monterey County giving high priority to locations without existing bicycle parking.
- Ensuring equitable distribution of bicycle parking facilities across Monterey County.

- Providing bicycle parking in convenient locations to encourage bicycling.
- Supporting artistic design of facilities that increase visibility of bicycle parking and maintain the character of a special area or district.

Program Update

The grant program has historically held a surplus in funds as the agency receives relatively few applications each year. The 2020-21 grant program was the first cycle that operated as a rolling grant program, allowing for applications to be submitted and approved on an on-going basis until the budget expended. To date, the agency has received three applications. Two applications have been approved by the Committee, one is pending approval during this meeting, and staff anticipates receiving an application from the City of Greenfield and a downtown Salinas business.

The Bicycle Secure Program budget will dissolve and re-set at the start of the fiscal year if funds are not expended. While there are a couple pending purchases, in order to ensure expenditure of the entire budget, staff is proposing a solution to use the remaining program funding in coordination with the regional Safe Routes to Schools program and Go831 employers.

Pending Applications / Purchases

As included in the recommended actions, the pending purchases for the current grant cycle include:

1. Purchase of a second bicycle repair station for the Greenfield Community Science Workshop (approved by the Committee during September 2020)
2. Purchase of secure bicycle parking for the Salinas Housing Advancement, Resources & Education (SHARE) navigation center
3. Purchase of bicycle repair station and bicycle racks for City of Greenfield's Patriot Park
4. Purchase of bicycle racks for Furey's Old Town Barber in Salinas, CA

County staff submitted an application that they would like to have bicycle lockers for added security of bicycles with storage for up to 10 bikes. The intended users of the facility are the residents of the housing transition center. If cost is appropriate, staff's recommendation is to purchase an enclosed bike corral, which could security fit up to 10 bikes with controlled access to entry. This solution would not require all users of the secure bike parking to have their own lock and the SHARE center could easily manage the use of the facility.

Additionally, staff anticipates receiving an application for bicycle parking and a fix-it station from the City of Greenfield for Patriot Park and an application from Furey's Old Town Barber for a bicycle rack. Staff recommends authorizing approval for these purchases.

With the remaining balance of fiscal year 20/21 funds, Transportation Agency staff recommends offering bike racks and/or fix-it stations to Go831 program employers and schools included in the recently adopted Seaside and Marina Safe Routes to School Plan.

Future Grant Cycles

For the next grant cycle, staff is exploring a few changes to the program's guidelines in order to enhance it's ability to meet community needs while supporting the core mission of the program. Listed below are a few considerations that staff is exploring:

- Revising the program guidelines to include activities such as mobile bike repair stations or repair kits that could be distributed to community-based organizations or schools.
- Determining a means to accommodate requests for equipment, bicycle resources and educational materials for community events or workshops.
- Considering the possibility of renaming the grant program to be encompassing of active transportation more broadly.
- Developing a streamlined application form for requesting bicycle resources and/or equipment from TAMC.

TAMC has previously funded sponsorship events such as Ciclovía and provided bike locks, bike bells, bike maps and other educational materials. This aspect of supporting bicycle and pedestrian needs has been funded through a different funding resource than the Bike Secure Program. Staff is considering merging the resources under one umbrella to create a more streamlined system for funding bicycle and pedestrian equipment and resources that could accommodate requests for materials at workshops and events throughout the County.

Any changes to the Bicycle Secure Program guidelines would be brought to the Committee for review and must be formally approved by the TAMC Board of Directors.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[Bicycle Secure Program Guidelines \(2020\)](#)



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: Measure X Safe Routes to School Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program.

SUMMARY:

The Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The Program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of projects and activities that can be funded. This report reviews the activities accomplished in fiscal year 2020/2021 and upcoming plans for fiscal year 2021/22.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Measure X Safe routes to School program provides a consistent source of funding over the next 30 years: approximately \$667,000 annually, or \$20 Million over the 30-year life of Measure X. To broaden the reach of the program, Measure X money will leverage state SB 1 gas tax monies and federal dollars to plan and build safe routes to school projects and fund education and encouragement programs.

DISCUSSION:

The Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. The program will result in projects that provide the following benefits: improved safety for children walking and biking to school; better connections between schools, residential areas and vocational training programs; enhanced air quality; reduced traffic congestion around schools, and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents.

FY 2020/2021 Measure X Safe Routes to School Program Activities

2020 was a challenging year for Safe Routes to School program. Most schools in Monterey County closed their campuses in March 2020 and are just now beginning to re-open more than a year later in April 2021. Despite the shift to remote learning, staff and program partners found new ways to provide traffic safety education, encourage active transportation, plan for safer streets and secure grant funding.

Safe Routes to School Website

The Safe Routes to School website is now live at <https://saferoutesmonterey.org> and includes program information, informational safety videos, resources for parents and schools and more!

Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan

The Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan kicked-off in Spring 2020 despite having to cancel the planned community workshops due to shelter-in-place restrictions. The planning team comprised of TAMC, Monterey County Health

Department, City of Salinas and Ecology Action staff conducted virtual parent and school outreach as well as half of the school site walking audits in 2020. In Fall 2020 the planning team drafted and received community input on a list of infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations for 20 out of the 44 schools included in the Plan. The planning team is currently conducting the second half of school site audits for schools in the Alisal and Salinas High School Districts through May 2021. The team is still looking for community input to identify barriers to walking and bicycling around schools. Community members can complete an online survey in English or Spanish to provide input at: <https://ecoact.org/planningsalinas>. This information will be used to develop the draft recommendations for the Plan. The next step of the planning process is to test some of the draft recommended improvements on the street through a series of "safe street" demonstrations. The first round of street demonstrations will kick-off in Fall 2021 followed by a second round of demonstrations in Spring 2022.

Safe Routes to School Education Program

The Measure X Safe Routes to School Program has set a goal of providing pedestrian safety classes to all 2nd graders and bicycle safety classes to all 5th graders in Monterey County. These bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs will take place at elementary schools across the county. TAMC has renewed the contract with Ecology Action to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety in all elementary schools in the Salinas Valley, Marina and Seaside over the next 1-3 years. In Spring 2020 Ecology Action modified their programming so that it could be done remotely. From 2019 - June 2020, Ecology Action served 21 5th grade classes with a total of 539 students and 24 2nd grade classes with a total of 504 students at 19 schools with comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian safety education. Eight Bike Smart and seven Walk Smart classes were conducted remotely with positive feedback from students and teachers.

Every Child Grant Implementation

Much of the Every Child grant work is dependent upon school sites re-opening and in-person engagement. Despite the challenges brought by the global pandemic, TAMC, Health Department and Ecology Action partners were able to continue implementing the grant in 2020. The team provided bike and pedestrian safety education, drafted designs for traffic gardens, developed a walking school bus manual and materials and held a series of bicycle repair workshops in Greenfield.

Play to Learn Kits

In Fall 2020 TAMC partnered with MY Museum to develop 2,500 "Play to Learn Kits" containing engaging and educational activities for children and families to learn about safe routes to school, traffic safety, transportation design and more. The Kits were developed as a way to continue providing traffic safety education to Monterey County youth while remote learning due to COVID-19 restrictions. The kits include an Activity Book (designed by CSUMB students), car craft kit, sidewalk chalk, make your own road tape, Native Species Memory Card Game (designed by CSUMB students) and a child-size face mask. The kits are being distributed across Monterey County and prioritizing students who lack an adequate nighttime shelter. The Activity Book and Native Species cards are available for free download on the Safe Routes to School website: <https://saferoutesmonterey.org> for students who do not receive a physical kit.

Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan & Broadway Complete Street Project

Funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan was adopted in February 2020 and includes safe routes to school recommendations for 15 public K-12 schools in the cities of Seaside and Marina. The plan was developed through a partnership between TAMC, Monterey County Health Department, City of Seaside Public Works, City of Marina Public Works, and Ecology Action. After the plan was adopted, the City of Marina immediately began implementing the recommendations on Carmel Avenue near Crumpton Elementary School. The City of Seaside, with assistance from TAMC staff applied for and was awarded a \$12.04M grant to continue the W. Broadway Avenue design all the way up to General Jim Moore Blvd. The project includes converting most signalized intersections along Broadway Ave to roundabouts, adding bicycle facilities on both sides of the street and a protected path in front of MLK Jr. School of the Arts. Additional safe routes to school

improvements will be made to Yosemite Ave to improve active transportation access to four schools.

Grants

TAMC applied for two state grant programs to help deliver Measure X Safe Routes to School work:

Grant	Project Title	Description	Grant Request	Measure X Match
Active Transportation Program (Cycle 5)	Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor	Bike and pedestrian facilities and roundabouts along Broadway Ave from Fremont Blvd to General Jim Moore Blvd. Safe routes to school programming and traffic gardens at 2 schools, family outreach at Del Monte Manor plus community-wide engagement.	\$12.04M	\$940K (City Share)
Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning	Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan	Safe Routes to School Planning for K-12 public schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City.	\$644K	\$127K (SRTS)

The City of Seaside was awarded a \$12.04 M Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor grant in March 2021. TAMC is a sub-applicant and will partner with the Monterey County Health Department to help deliver the programming portion of the project. Work will begin in August 2021.

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning awards will be released in April 2021 with work beginning in fiscal year 21/22. If awarded, the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan will be a partnership between TAMC, Monterey County Health Department, and Ecology Action and serve all K-12 schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2021/22

- Kick-off contract with CSUMB Sustainable Cities Program;
- Kick-off the Broadway Ave Complete Streets Project;
- Kick-off the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan (if funded);
- Continue "Every Child: Community-Supported Safe Routes to School" grant work;
- MY Town Museum Exhibition in south county;
- Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan "Safe Street Demonstrations" in Fall 2021 & Spring 2022;
- Continue implementing the Education Program serving Salinas Valley, Seaside, Marina and North County;
- Continue to coordinate with stakeholders and form new partnerships especially with community-based organizations serving transportation disadvantaged populations;
- Support Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects in all cities and Monterey County;
- Apply for Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 in Spring 2022 and/or provide support to City/County applications; and
- Update the Safe Routes to School Website regularly with resources and information.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- [Grant to pay for Seaside's Broadway project](#) (Monterey Herald)
- [A San Jose State University research project provides the data to support Assemblymember Rivas' broadband access proposal](#) (Monterey County Weekly)
- [Highway 1 at Rat Creek to Reopen this Friday](#) (KSBW)
- [Work from home forever? After COVID, Californians want to ditch daily commutes, survey says](#) (Monterey Herald)

Other News of Interest

- [Dangerous by Design 2021 Report](#) (SmartGrowth America)
- [PBOT to lower speed limit on 5.5 miles of 122nd Avenue to improve safety on a high crash corridor](#) (Portland Bureau of Transportation)