

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

Final Minutes of November 3, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	-	P		E	E	E	P
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	P	-		-	E	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-		P	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	-	-	P		-	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-		-	P	E	P
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator	-	-	-		-	E	E	E
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner						P	P	P
Alissa Guthier, Assistant Transportation Planner								P
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Andy Offenbacher	Public			Jung Hwa Kim		Pacific Grove Alternate		
Robin Lee	Public							

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee member Martin Wegenstein mentioned that he attended a Carmel Valley meeting and a presentation on “Park It Program” was presented. He requested that TAMC staff ask the “Park It” program for a presentation at a future meeting date.

Committee member Natalie Popovich provided comments from Mari Lynch that the book “Cycling for Sustainable Cities” is in local public library now.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, shared a letter from Paola Berthoin with the committee regarding desire for wider bike facility on highway 1 through Carmel. Ms. Green noted that she would forward the letter to committee members as it was not included in the agenda packet.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Hans /Wegenstein /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 6, 2021.

3.2 Received call for nominations for the 20th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee member received and commented on the draft 2022 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the legislative program helps guide staff and consultants in responding to legislative proposals. She reviewed the changes from the 2022 draft program, highlighting the items of particular interest to the committee.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the draft 2022 Legislative Program:

- Consider adding the word accessibility to 4S on the State priorities list
- Consider a future presentation from Monterey-Salinas Transit on the integrated fare system
- Consider looking into legislation related to the theft of e-bikes
- Consider clarifying in 1F(10) the word “resilient” and suggests using broader language on the Federal priorities list
- Consider including in 1F(10) disaster preparedness and evacuation considerations

5. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2022 and adopted the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Ariana Green, Principal 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 AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect. In the event meetings transition back in-person during 2022, TAMC will send a revised meeting calendar to all Committee members and any interested members of the public.

M/S/C Petersen/ Wegenstein /unanimous

Committee member Eric Petersen nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2022 Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Martin Wegenstein.

M/S/C Novo/ Hans /unanimous

Committee member Mike Novo nominated Martin Wegenstein for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Hans Hoffman.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted TAMC staff look at the list of the various meeting locations suggested at a recent agenda item. Ariana Green replied that Transportation Agency staff will check on those 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 2022 calendar.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Mike LeBarre suggested the committee should re-named the grant program to “Active Transportation Advisory Committee” or something along those lines. He asked for an item to be agendized for discussion at a future meeting.

Committee member DL Johnson noted that there have been a lot of e-bikes in Carmel. He mentioned that he spoke with some Carmel staff to find out if there are any e-bike regulations and there aren’t any yet although there have been some issues with theft. Committee member Wegenstein suggested the city of Carmel try bike valet parking.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted that new bike lanes on Carmel Valley Rd and invited all to come see them. He noted that the Monterey County Public Works narrowed the travel lanes to make room for the bike lane.

Committee member Jung Hwa Kim noted that the City of Pacific Grove has some ordinances around e-bikes, the main concern is with speed on the coastal trail. She also noted that some local bike rentals have been taking large groups of riders out in tour and into the neighborhoods.

Executive Director Todd Muck introduced the newest TAMC member Alissa Guther who will be working on bicycle and pedestrian planning issues.

Committee member Sloan Campi noted that he has some concerns with restrictions on e-bikes as they can be barriers to increased ridership.

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that Sea Otter Classic happened with some lessons learned and it will be back the first weekend in April. He suggested putting e-bike issues as a future meeting agenda item. He also noted that the California vehicle code set e-bike speed limits at 20mph. He suggested that everyone follow the State standards.

Committee member Ernie noted that e-bikes theft is an issue and has been around for a long time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.