

Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 **6:00 PM**

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

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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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of

the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

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 February 3, 2021.

- Montiel

3.2 RECEIVE summary of the results of the projects in Monterey County which applied to the state's Active Transportation Program.

- Jacobsen

On February 8th, the California Transportation Commission released their staff recommendations for funding of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program projects. Of the thirteen projects that applied for funds in Monterey County, only one was recommended for funding: the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor project in Seaside.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the North Fremont Gap Project in the City of Monterey.

- Max Rieser (City of Monterey)

City of Monterey staff is working on engineering for the North Fremont Gap Project to connect the North Fremont Cycle Track between Casanova Avenue and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. This project will fill a gap in the bicycle and pedestrian network.

5. RECEIVE update on Monterey County's Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project.

- Enrique Saavedra (County of Monterey)

Davis Road is a critical link in the countywide transportation system that has been

subject to severe flooding and heavy traffic conditions. County staff will provide an status and schedule update on the project to construct a new bridge over the lowwater crossing.

6. RECEIVE presentation on Caltrans District 5's Draft Active Transportation Plan and associated mapping tools.

- Jacobsen

Caltrans District 5 released the draft Active Transportation Plan for a 30-day public review period from February 8 through March 9th, 2021. Staff will showcase how to use the electronic mapping tools and submit comments on the draft plan.

- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS
- 8. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6pm

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www.tamcmonterey.org
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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: March 3, 2021

Subject: Draft February Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 3, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft February Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Draft Minutes of February 3, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District 2	Р	0	Р	Р	Р	-	-	-
(David Tavarez)								
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	Р	M	Е	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р
(Frank Henderson)								
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)
(Jeff Lindenthal)								
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	Р	E	Р	-	Р	-	Р	-
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	-	Т	-	-	-	-	Р	Р
Gonzales - Vacant	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	Р	N	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Michael LeBarre, King City	-	G	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	Р		Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	Р
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	Е		Е	Р	Р	Р	-	-
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove	-		-	-	-	-	-	Р
(Jung Hwa Kim)								
Chris Flescher, Salinas	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Mark Lasnik)								
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	Р		-	Р	Р	-	Р	Р
Ralph Wege, Seaside	Р		Р	Р	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р
Soledad - Vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey	-		-	-	Р	Р	-	Р
(Alex Capelli)								
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park	-		-	-	-	Р	Р	Р
District								
Vacant, Salinas Public Works	-		Р	Р	-	-		-
Vacant – County Public Works	Р		Р	Р	-	-		-
Caltrans - District 5	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG	Р		Р	P (A)	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Will Condon)								
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB F - Excused VC - Video Conference	-		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch	Public	Jessica Perez	Public
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas staff	Eda Herrera	City of Salinas staff
Jill Miller	City of Salinas staff	Josie Lantaca	City of Salinas staff
Ricardo Diaz	Public	Alex Rivera	Public
Jack Holmgen	Public		

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

Mari Lynch, member of Public, expressed the need for "your speed" signs on Salinas Road and Pajaro. She also noted that community signs on bike repair and bike education are posted on bikemonterey.org. She thanked Madilyn Jacobsen for update on the TAMC website.

Jessica Perez, Monterey County Health Department announced that they will be partnering with the Greenfield Community Science Workshop to host an event on bicycle safety skills and bike repair on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Leonard/ Sofer/ unanimous

Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal and Vera Noghera

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CITY OF SALINAS – PROJECT UPDATES

The Committee received a presentation from City of Salinas staff on Central Area and West Area Specific Plans and Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner introduced Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer, Jill Miller, Senior Planner and Josie Lantaca, Assistant Engineer for the City of Salinas. Josie Lantaca presented on the Boronda Road Congestion Relief project includes the widening of Boronda Road into a four-lane roadway (two lanes at each direction) and the construction of roundabouts at the following intersections: McKinnon Street, El Dorado Drive, Natividad Road, and Williams Road in future phases. She noted that the City of Salinas approved the roundabout concept at the intersections identified above along with Hemingway Drive. She noted that the City intends to continue the roundabout corridor along Boronda Road with roundabout at Constitution Boulevard, Sanborn Road and Williams Road in future phases.

Ms. Miller reported that the Salinas City Council has approved the West Area Specific Plan Project and the Central Area Specific Plan Project. Both Projects are located in the North Boronda Future Growth Area, as identified by the 2002 Salinas General Plan and implement New Urbanism design principles. The greenways are key features of the North of Boronda Future Growth Area, providing a multimodal connection across all specific plan areas, generally parallel to Boronda Road. The separate bike and pedestrian paths would be improved with enhanced landscaping, decorative lighting and street furnishings.

Josie Lantaca, Assistant Engineer for the City of Salinas, described the Boronda Road Congestion Relief project roundabout locations. She mentioned the construction of bus pullouts, street lighting, sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian access ramps at all crosswalks, storm drain lines, sanitary sewer mainline and extensions, pavement delineations and updated signs.

Committee member Mike LeBarre liked the idea of large lighting that would be installed and that would attract more people. He also suggested a mixed-use parking lot for others to use for outdoors event in the specific plan areas.

Committee member Natalie Popovich asked if there are any cul-de-sacs in the specific plan areas that could be blocking access for pedestrians. Jill Miller replied that cul-de-sacs are prohibited as alternate paths. Ms. Popovich also noted that the pedestrian paths around the roundabouts are long and suggested the city consider how to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians.

Committee member Hans Hoffman expressed concern about cyclists having to ride on the sidewalk versus traveling in lane with traffic. He noted that bicycles and pedestrian are often travelling at different speeds and that it can be hazardous to mix. Andrew Easterling replied that the City understands the different speeds and noted bicyclist have two options: they can navigate on the wide sidewalk/multi-use path or stay on the roundabout with the traffic.

Committee member Grant Leonard noted the need to coordinate with Bolsa Knolls school on the specific plan areas. Jill Miller replied that the project was initiated in 2013 and the City of Salinas has been in contact with surroundings schools, residents and future development.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo expressed concern that pedestrians may take short cuts around the roundabout if the path remains long.

Committee member Eric Petersen shared a comment when he was a bicyclist told to get off the sidewalk and the mixed rules about sidewalk and bicyclists. He also noted that a crosswalk would be better on straightaway not on turn. He expressed that sidewalks should be locally control on the major project.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt suggested the City consider sharrow street markings and share the road signage, so bicyclists know their options in the roundabout.

Mari Lynch, member of Public noted that lighting will impact a lot of people will make them feel protected. She also mentioned that sidewalk resources are available at www.bikemonterey.org. She asked if delineators can be installed instead of paint. A physical barrier will make bicyclist feel safer. Andrew Easterling replied that the City of Salinas doesn't have the street sweepers to clean the class II bike lanes with delineators but will consider purchasing one in the future.

5. REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNTS PROGRAM

The Committee received a presentation on the Transportation Agency's regional traffic counts program.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency's primary goal for collecting new regional traffic counts is to provide fresh data for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's regional travel demand model. She noted that count locations are on the county's regional road and highway network. Traffic data is collected twice a year, once in March or April (off-peak) and again in August or September (peak). She noted that traffic counts are conducted over a two-day 24-hour vehicle period, either on a Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is the measure used by the Agency. She noted that historical traffic counts data is available to view and download as Microsoft Excel file on the Transportation Agency's website. The traffic counts data is also posted in map format showing peak and off-peak Average Daily Traffic for each location. She went over the data formats with the Committee. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that off-peak 2020 counts were canceled due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. Peak 2020 counts were conducted during the state and local shelter-in place orders.

Committee member Hans Hoffman noted that we have been in shelter in place for almost one-year. Stefania Castillo replied that Transportation Agency staff has made a note for the file on the shelter-in-place.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked if the data has been cleaned to address any errors in the data collection. He expressed concern that there may have been broken tubes that affected

the data in Salinas. Ms. Castillo responded that the data has been cleaned and prepared. Interested individuals can request full 24-hour data by requesting it from TAMC staff.

Mari Lynch, member of Public noted that resources on the parameter are available at www.bikemonterey.org.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Libby Soffer noted that she filled out the request for bicycle maps. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that Transportation Agency has no bicycle maps and staff is working on updating and re-printing the bicycle maps in the near future.

Committee member Mike LeBarre suggested the Committee have a discussion about the Bicycle Secure Program and partnerships to help spread information about the program.

Madilyn Jacobsen announced that the City of Monterey will present next month. She also noted that there will be full closures occurring due mud slides on Highway 1 in Big Sur and there is no safe bicycle or pedestrian access near Rat Creek. Ms. Jacobsen announced that Transportation Agency is seeking public input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, the survey is available until February 19, 2021.

Stefania Castillo announced that next Friday will be her last day with TAMC. She mentioned that she is moving to Mexico. She enjoyed her time at TAMC. Committee members thanked her and wished her the best of luck.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: Cycle 5 - Active Transportation Program Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE summary of the results of the projects in Monterey County which applied to the state's Active Transportation Program.

SUMMARY:

On February 8th, the California Transportation Commission released their staff recommendations for funding of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program projects. Of the thirteen projects that applied for funds in Monterey County, only one was recommended for funding: the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Corridor project in Seaside.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The state's Active Transportation Program is a competitive funding source that supports active transportation projects. During the current grant cycle (Cycle 5), the California Transportation Commission received 454 applications to the program requesting a total of \$2.3 billion in funding. The Commission had a competitive pot of \$445 million to award during this grant cycle, of which \$44 million was available for the small urban and rural applicant pool. The City of Seaside's Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project was recommended for \$12.041 million in funding from the small urban and rural funding pool.

DISCUSSION:

The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking. The program was originally funded with about \$123 million per year from both state and federal sources. In 2017, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act, which directed an additional \$100 million annually to the funding program.

Project recommendations are broken out into a statewide component (40% of funds), large Metropolitan Planning Organization component (40% of funds) and small urban and rural component (10% of funds). Monterey County falls within the small urban and rural component due to the county's population size (under 200,000 people), and projects can also compete within the statewide funding category. Due to the highly competitive nature of this cycle of funding, only projects receiving a score of 90 points or higher received a staff recommendation in favor of funding.

Below is a summary of submitted grant applications submitted from agencies within Monterey County and their scores:

Jurisdiction	Project Title	Grant Score (out of 100)
Greenfield	12th Street Pedestrian and Bike Route Improvements	42
King City	San Antonio Drive Bikeway & School Gap Closure	82
Monterey County	Community and School Connections through Active Transportation	70
Monterey County	San Ardo Community & School Connections through Active Transportation	69
Monterey County	San Lucas Community & School Connections through Active Transportation	31
Monterey County	Chualar Pedestrian Improvement Project	60
Monterey County	Carmel Valley Road Class II Bike Lanes Project	58
Monterey County	Esquiline Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project	24
Monterey	Del Monte / Washington Intersection, Bike and Pedestrian Improvements	78
Salinas	Alisal Safe Routes to School Project	89
Seaside	Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor	91
TAMC	Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway: CSUMB North Segment	75
TAMC	Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway: California Avenue Segment	71

The programming of funds for the recommended projects is expected to take place during the California Transportation Commission's March 24-25 meeting. A summary of the projects recommended for funding for small urban and rural projects is included as an **attachment** to this report. Applicants are encouraged to request a debrief from the California Transportation Commission staff on their project scores.

For more information and details about the state's Active Transportation Program, please follow this link to the California Transportation Commission's website: https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program

ATTACHMENTS:

Small Urban and Rural Component - Staff Recommendations

California Transportation Commission 2021 Active Transportation Program - Small Urban and Rural Component Staff Recommendations (\$1000s)

Application ID	County	Project Title	Total ject Cost	mmended unding	21	1-22	22	-23	2	3-24	24-2	25	PA&E	ĒD	PS&E		ROW	CON	ON NI	Project Type	DAC	SRTS	Final Score
2-Redding, City of-1*	Shasta	Victor Ave & Cypress Ave Active Transportation (VCAT) Project	\$ 10,409	\$ 7,822	\$	1,352	\$	740	\$	5,730	\$	_	\$ 1,	352	\$ 33	B \$	402	\$ 5,643	\$ 87	Infrastructure + NI - Large	х	х	92
1-Clearlake, City of-1*	Lake	Dam Road Extension & South Center Drive Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 997	\$ 997	\$	997	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 8	2 \$		\$ 915	\$ _	Infrastructure - Small	х	х	91
5-Seaside, City of-1 [§]	Monterey	Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor	\$ 14,001	\$ 12,041	\$	1,576	\$	-	\$	10,465	\$	_	\$		\$ 1,57	6 \$	-	\$ 9,450	\$ 1,015	Infrastructure + NI - Large	х	х	91
2-Karuk Tribe-1	Siskiyou	Happy Camp Complete Streets Project	\$ 12,221	\$ 9,971	\$	600	\$	1,901	\$	_	\$ 7,	,470	\$	600	\$ 80) \$	1,101	\$ 7,470	\$ _	Infrastructure - Large	х	х	91
2-Siskiyou County Transportation Commission-1*	Siskiyou	Siskiyou- Regional Active Transportation Plan	\$ 212	\$ 202	\$	202	\$		\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$ -	\$		\$ _	\$ 202	Plan	х		91
10-Tuolumne County-1	Tuolumne	Jamestown Community Connectivity Project	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,071	\$	198	\$	147	\$	140	\$ 1,	,586	\$	198	\$ 14	7 \$	140	\$ 1,586	\$	Infrastructure - Medium	х	х	91
6-Corcoran, City of-1*	Kings	Corcoran Safe Routes to School	\$ 1,998	\$ 1,998	\$	235	\$	_	\$	1,763	\$	_	\$	15	\$ 22	5 \$	_	\$ 1,763	\$ -	Infrastructure - Small	х	х	90
5-Santa Barbara, City of-3	Santa Barbara	Upper De La Vina Street Gap Closure and Safe Crossings	\$ 1,998	\$ 1,998	\$	290	\$	_	\$	37	\$ 1,	,671	\$:	290	\$ 2	9 \$	8	\$ 1,671	\$	Infrastructure - Small	х		90
2-Shasta County-3 ^{§†}	Shasta	Cottonwood Active Transportation Trunk Line Express (CATTLE) Network	\$ 17,844	\$ 7,056	\$	1,197	\$:	2,556	\$	76	\$ 3,	,227	\$ 1,	197	\$ 1,79	3 \$	760	\$ 3,227	\$ 76	Infrastructure + NI - Large	х	х	90
			\$ 61,980	\$ 44,156																			

^{*}Prior to programming, Caltrans will contact applicant for project clarifications.

§Project requires a baseline agreement. Please see the SB 1 Accountability and Transparency Guidelines for more information.

†This project requested \$14,273,000. However, only \$7,056,000 in programming capacity remains. Commission staff will work with the applicant to determine if the project can be delivered with available ATP funding.

Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Initialisms
CON: Construction Phase
DAC: Disadvantaged Community
NI: Non-Infrastructure
PA&ED: Environmental Phase
PS&E: Plans, Specifications & Estimates Phase
ROW: Right-of-Way Phase
SRTS: Safe Routes to School



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: City of Monterey - North Fremont Gap Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the North Fremont Gap Project in the City of Monterey.

SUMMARY:

City of Monterey staff is working on engineering for the North Fremont Gap Project to connect the North Fremont Cycle Track between Casanova Avenue and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. This project will fill a gap in the bicycle and pedestrian network.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$1 to \$1.5 million. At their February 24, 2021 meeting, the TAMC Board considered allocating \$35,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program reserves to fund additional bicycle and pedestrian safety features for this project.

DISCUSSION:

The North Fremont Gap Closure project will result in improved neighborhood and visitor bicycle and pedestrian access to the North Fremont Business District, Laguna Grande Park and the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG). The project proposes modifying the block of North Fremont Street between Casanova Avenue and Canyon Del Rey Blvd (State Route 218) with curb, gutter, sidewalk, and a pedestrian/bicycle bridge intended to improve safety for people crossing the busy business corridor and protecting an environmentally sensitive area. The project's location is significant for regional active transportation access with the Laguna Grande Regional Park segment of the planned 28-mile FORTAG project immediately adjacent.

The proposed bridge would serve as a bicycle and pedestrian path (12' wide) with a concrete deck, pre-fabricated steel, and steel cable railing to match the aesthetics of the North Fremont project's railing. The bridge will have a painted finish and include installation of lighting. A graphic rendering of the bridge is included as an **attachment** to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

North Fremont Gap Closure - Visualization



"The Gap" Solution: Bridge the Gap





Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: Monterey County - Davis Road Bridge Project Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on Monterey County's Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project.

SUMMARY:

Davis Road is a critical link in the countywide transportation system that has been subject to severe flooding and heavy traffic conditions. County staff will provide an status and schedule update on the project to construct a new bridge over the low-water crossing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The County is proposing to fund the bridge component with federal Highway Bridge Funds and county funds for the local match. The construction of the road widening portion is partially unfunded due to the sunsetting of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and the loss of the FORA fees. The County is actively looking to fill a funding gap of approximately \$10 million. The overall project is estimated at about \$70 million, with the bridge component being approximately 2/3 of the overall Project cost.

At the January 2021 TAMC Board Meeting, the Board authorized a request by the County of Monterey to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project in the amount of \$560,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Project will replace the existing low-water crossing over the Salinas River and widen Davis Road to four travel lanes. The project also includes traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Davis Road and Blanco Road, a new traffic signal at Davis Road and Hitchcock Road, a new roundabout at Davis Road and Reservation Road, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure enhancements.

The existing Davis Road Bridge is located approximately 2 miles south of the City of Salinas. The existing bridge is typically closed from January to April due to high water levels in the Salinas River. The Preferred Project Alternative would demolish the existing bridge and replace it with a new four-lane, high-level bridge capable of withstanding a 100-year flood. The replacement bridge would be open for year-round use. Also as part of the Project, Davis Road will be widen from two lanes to four lanes for a distance of approximately 2.1 mi between Blanco Road on the north and Reservation Road on the south. The road widening is designed to accommodate the anticipated growth in traffic in the Salinas-Marina Corridor.

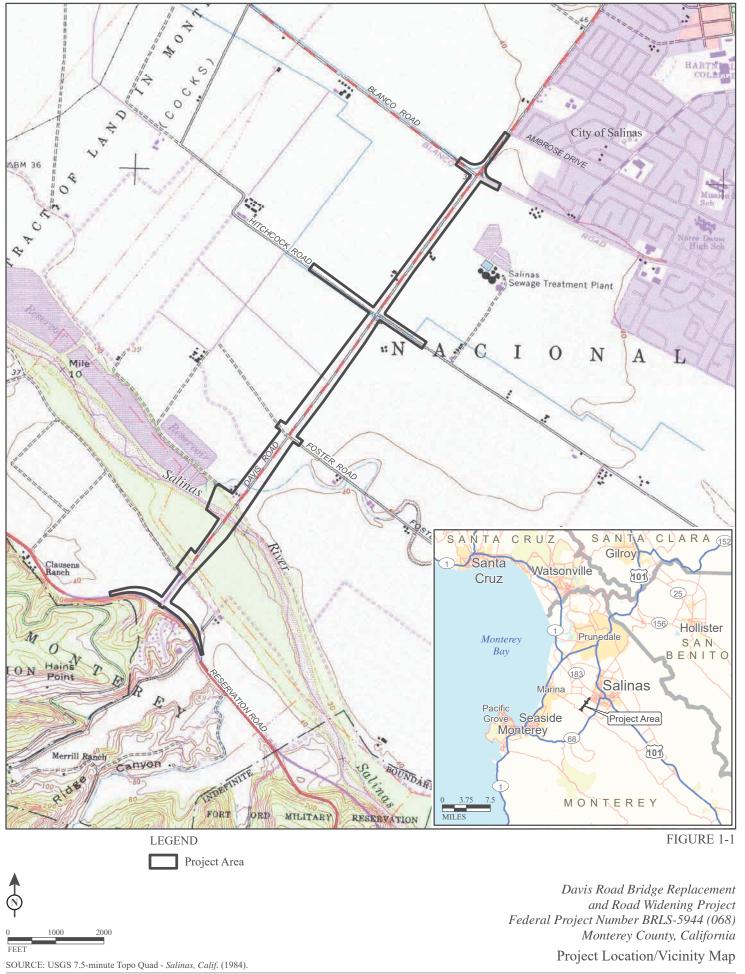
Bicycle and pedestrian features of the project include implementation of a bike lane (Class II) for the entire length of

Davis Road, including bike markings and intersection improvements to ease the movement of vehicles and bikes. The project also proposes to control the access points onto Davis Road to minimize the mud-tracking on the shoulder that results from agricultural vehicles/equipment movements.

The project is in the final design, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation phase. The County is actively negotiating with a number of the property owners for acquisition of the easements necessary to construct the Project. It is an anticipated that the acquisition will be completed this year, followed by the utility relocation. Construction of the Project is scheduled for 2022, dependent on obtaining full funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Project Location Map



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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: Draft District 5 Active Transportation Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation on Caltrans District 5's Draft Active Transportation Plan and associated mapping tools.

SUMMARY:

Caltrans District 5 released the draft Active Transportation Plan for a 30-day public review period from February 8 through March 9th, 2021. Staff will showcase how to use the electronic mapping tools and submit comments on the draft plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Caltrans District 5 includes the Counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara. Caltrans is the owner and operator of the State Highway System and maintains shoulders that often provide regional bicycle access within and across county lines.

The Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan identifies existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and needs on, across and parallel to the State Transportation System. Work on the Active Transportation Plan started in late 2018 and the Plan is expected to be finalized in May 2021. On February 8, 2021, Caltrans announced the beginning of a 30-day public review period which will close March 9, 2021. A public survey to submit comments can be reached following this link.

Resources available for review can be accessed at <u>catplan.org</u> or as linked below:

- <u>Draft District 5 Active Transportation Plan</u>
- Story Map Tool
- Explorer Map Tool

The plan identifies bicycle and pedestrian needs on, across and parallel to, the State Transportation System. Toole Design Group, the consulting team, developed an overarching statewide data framework and methodology for using the active transportation data. The Caltrans Plan was last discussed at the January 6, 2021 Bike & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

Caltrans wants to align the state's bicycle and pedestrian network with the needs of local communities, with an emphasis on improving social equity, reconnecting neighborhoods and improving access for all modes of transportation, including people who walk or bicycle. Caltrans is actively engaging with partners and community members in areas where previous transportation decisions may have created barriers to adequate transportation.

Regarding the release of the draft Plan, the Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins noted, "We look forward to hearing from the public on what they believe are the most important priorities in their communities and how we can best integrate them into our transportation projects moving forward."



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021
Subject: Media Clippings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- Pacific Grove looks at 'calming' traffic on popular roadway (Monterey Herald)
- Monterey's new signal system decreases traffic jams, toxic emissions (Monterey Herald)
- South Monterey County roadways close due to mudslides, flooding (King City Rustler)
- Caltrans explains repair options for washout of Highway 1 in Big Sur (Monterey Herald)
- Part of Highway 1 in California Falls into Ocean (New York Times)

Other News of Interest

- New E-BIKE Act Would Offer Tax Credit for Electric Bicycle Purchases (peopleforbikes.org)
- New Bill Would Help Americans Buy E-Bikes (Streetsblog)
- What We Learned from Tracking Cycling Deaths for a Year (outsideonline.com)
- Online Now! The Bicycle Film Festival (Streetsblog)