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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/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today’s agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.
3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for item 3.1 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 Committee meeting of May 4, 2016. – Montiel

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. 1. RECEIVE report on bike education and outreach programs; and  
2. PROVIDE direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County bike education and outreach activities. - Green

*The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for Bike Month and bike education, and outreach and requests direction from the committee on planning for future activities.*

5. RECEIVE report, and PROVIDE input on Active Transportation Plan pedestrian programs. – Murillo

*No Enclosure*

*The 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The focus of the 2016 Plan update is to match State Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. Staff will discuss pedestrian programs to be included in the Active Transportation Plan.*
6. RECEIVE report on Caltrans Bike & Pedestrian Plan - Green

   No Enclosure

   Caltrans is in the process of developing a statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan that will guide future Caltrans policies, programs and performance measures. Caltrans is seeking public input on the plan through an online survey: http://www.cabikepedplan.org/

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS from Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members on bicycle and pedestrian related items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURN

   ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Next Committee meeting:
   Wednesday August 23, 2016
   Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room
   55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
   Light refreshments will be provided

   If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
   Ariana Green, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
   By Thursday, July 21, 2016
   ariana@tamcmonterey.org
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CORRESPONDENCE

None this month.

REPORTS

None this month.

MEDIA CLIPPINGS

M.1 May 6, 2016 column in the Salinas Californian: We Could Car Less, “Funds sought for north county projects”

M.2 May 10, 2016 story on KSBW, “Monterey wants you to ride your bike to work this week”

M.3 May 12, 2016 Monterey County Weekly: The Buzz, “Good Week/Bad Week”

M.4 May 18, 2016 story in the Sacramento Bee, “Despite safety benefits, there’s no consensus on bike helmets”
## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

**Draft Minutes of May 4, 2016**

*Held in the Sand City Council Chambers*

55 Plaza Cir., Suite-B, Salinas, CA

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5. **2016 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received a report on the project criteria, and discussed projects to be included in the 2016 Active Transportation Plan.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The 2016 Plan will focus on analyzing key gaps in the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Ms. Murillo noted that at the April committee meeting, staff presented a revised draft vision statement for the Plan, along with goals, objectives and programs to support the Plan vision and criteria for high priority projects. She noted that members from both committees also suggested assigning points on a combination of a sliding scale and all or nothing basis. She noted that the criteria will be used to determine high priority projects.

The Transportation Agency plans to hire a consultant to develop conceptual plans and cost estimates for the highest priority projects in order to make them competitive for State and Federal funding. Ms. Murillo passed out maps of the existing active transportation network and the committee members had the opportunity to note on the maps any existing routes not included in the map. She will also post online in our website.

6. **MONTEREY BAY SANCRUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

The Committee received a presentation on the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail is a collaborative effort among public agencies, non-profit organizations and the public to construct a trail that would span the entire Monterey Bay from the City of Pacific Grove to the City of Santa Cruz County. The primary purpose of the Trail is to enhance appreciation and protection of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as well as provide a safe, accessible scenic trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users free of automobile traffic. There are 17 planned trail segments with a total length of 33 miles. With parts of the trail already constructed, the plan is to fill in the gaps, improve existing sections, and add interpretive sign elements.

She noted that to date, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail from Pacific Grove to Castroville is nearly complete. The construction of the Castroville overcrossing bridge will close a key gap in Castroville’s MBSST portion of the trail. In addition, Monterey County is applying for Active Transportation Program grant funds to construct the Moss Landing segment.

Committee members asked about the alignment of the remaining segments, especially along Salinas River, Lapis Road and connectivity in Sand City. Ms. Murillo noted that the remaining trail segments will need to undergo their own environmental review, right-of-way and design. The underlying jurisdiction and partner agencies will also need to work on seeking funding to complete the remaining segments.
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND INVESTMENT PLAN
The Committee received an update on the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that on March 23rd the Transportation Agency Board of Directors amended the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and authorized its release to the cities and county for adoption. The Board also adopted the Policies and Project Description for the plan and released the document to the public for review. She also noted that due to the 50% cut in the gas tax’s purchasing power over the last twenty years, the Transportation Agency has been looking to raise local money to help fund the region’s growing Transportation Agency has been looking to raise local money to help fund the region’s growing transportation needs, and become a self-help county.

State law requires the regional transportation planning agency, in this case TAMC, to develop an expenditure plan for a transportation sales tax measure, which is the proposed Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. Ms. Wright noted that Transportation Safety & Investment Plan will split the estimated $600 million raised through the transportation sales tax with a 60% / 40% split of revenues between local and regional projects, respectively; and the distribution of the local share amongst the cities and county will be a formula based upon 50% population and 50% lane miles.

In conclusion Ms. Wright noted that a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population must adopt the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan. She noted that after the cities and county approve the Plan, staff will return to the TAMC Board of Director’s for adoption of the final Plan and ordinance. She noted that following that the plan must be approved and placed on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors by early August for the November 2016 ballot. The plan will require at least 2/3rds voter approval to be successful.

Committee members asked when outreach for the Plan started. Ms. Wright said outreach and public education began in May 2015. The Committee asked what will happen once the measure is approved. Committee Member Rheinheimer said that for MST’s Measure Q, funds started being collected on April 1 and MST received the first funds on July 31. Ms. Wright noted that Plan funds would first go to cities for local maintenance, and then to regional projects.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan:

- Consider a diverse citizens oversight committee
- Glad to see safe rounds to school included in the Plan
- Overall a great, comprehensive and well balanced Plan
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member D. L. Johnson expressed that once the Castroville Boulevard bridge is done their will need to be a signal light or warning light in front of the school. He noted that the intersection is dangerous and backed up. Committee member Ryan Chapman, County Public Works noted that the County is working on installing a crossing flasher in that intersection.

Committee member Jeff Lindenthal announced that the Monterey County Toro Park users are proposing to ban mountain bikers on Toro park.

Committee member Michael LeBarre noted that they a bike training class will be held at the King City Library. He also requested that a bike lock budget be agendized to a future meeting date. He had a few suggestions on possibly rewarding them with a bike lock for attending safety training.

Virginia Murillo Assistant Transportation Planner announced that the Transportation Agency bike maps are available. She also announced that the bike month posters are available to distribute and will be posted on the TAMC website.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm
Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 1, 2016
Subject: Monterey County Bike Education & Outreach

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. RECEIVE report on current bike education and outreach programs; and
2. PROVIDE direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County bike education and outreach activities.

SUMMARY

The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for Bike Month and bike education and outreach, and requests direction from the committee on planning for future activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FY2016/17 budget to support Bike Month and/or other bicycling events and activities is $27,500. This budget is supported entirely by Transportation Development Act 2% funds for bicycle and pedestrian activities.

DISCUSSION

The League of American Bicyclists has designated the month of May as National Bike Month. The purpose of Bike Month is to increase public awareness of bicycling as a form of transportation, as well as to generate enthusiasm for bicycling in general. One of the findings of the 2014 Alliance Benchmarking Report prepared by the Alliance for Biking and Walking, which examines nationwide bicycling and walking data, is that more people bike and walk to work in communities with strong bicycle and pedestrian advocacy.

BikeSAFE

In 2015 the Transportation Agency started BikeSAFE, a new bicycle education program focused on teaching Monterey County residents how to ride safely and predictably on the roadway. The program includes bicycle safety trainings for both adults and children. The adult trainings (must be 14+ years) include an online tutorial that is completed before an on-
bike session taught by a League of American Bicyclists-certified instructor. Fifteen people were trained through the program in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016 in various locations in Monterey County. The majority of those trained were interested in becoming certified bicycle safety instructors themselves. Staff is seeking input on how to increase the participation in this training for adults.

This year, the Transportation Agency contracted with Ecology Action to conduct bicycle safety trainings for youth, and TMC has done so since 2012. Since then, they have served 1,266 students with extensive bike safety education. 790 of those students received training in the 2015 calendar year. Ecology Action’s BikeSmart safety trainings include a presentation, classroom instruction and a safety training rodeo. Their staff is certified by the League of American Bicyclists, and offer bilingual instruction.

Every year, Ecology Action serves new/additional schools, and they have had an overwhelmingly large percentage of schools request on-going, annual trainings for their students. TAMC funding has been crucial for continuing to serve schools that request Ecology Action’s services as well as to leverage support for other Monterey County bike safety grants. In 2015, Ecology Action leveraged TAMC funds to secure additional funding from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Community Foundation of Monterey County and is reapplying for funds in 2016 to expand their program to educate 40% of fifth grade classes in Monterey County.

**Future Planning**

Staff proposes to allocate eligible funds to continue support for a public outreach campaign during Bike Month and provide additional bicycle safety training over the next year.

Staff is requesting that the committee provide direction on a proposal for Bike Month and bike education from July 2016 through June 2017. The staff-recommended approach focuses on continuing the BikeSAFE program including bicycle safety trainings for children and adults, hosting an instructor certification seminar in Monterey County so that others in the community may become certified bicycle safety training instructors, promoting bicycling events during Bike Month and supporting community bicycling and walking events such as Salinas Ciclovia.
A combined $13.8 million is being sought for two projects to improve pedal and pedestrian power in north Monterey County.

Grant applications for state funds through the Active Transportation Program were presented for review to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian committee at its April 6 meeting.

A report shows that most of the money -- $13.8 million -- would be used for improvements in north county, specifically Moss Landing and Las Lomas, according to Raul Martinez, engineer with the county Public Works Department.

One proposal would use the ATP grant to build a bridge for bicyclists along Highway 1 in Moss Landing. The project would cost $12 million.

A second project would provide sidewalks in Las Lomas at an estimated cost of $1.8 million.

A third proposal would install sidewalks in the south county communities of San Ardo and San Lucas. That project did not specify a total dollar amount.

The ATP grant guidelines state that residents of disadvantaged communities must share in the benefits of the projects and that they should include a variety of active transportation users.

The proposed bicycle/pedestrian bridge in Moss Landing would close a gap in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, and make it safer to bicycle from Monterey to Santa Cruz. Some bicyclists would greatly enjoy it, but would the improvements make it safer and easier for residents to bicycle to work and school? I think tourists would be the main beneficiaries of the Moss Landing bridge.

In contrast, the grant application for pedestrian and bicycle improvements in Las Lomas would benefit residents traveling to school and work.

Like Moss Landing, Las Lomas is in north county, supervisorial District 2, represented by John Phillips. District 2 recently received $6 million in state funds for the Castroville pedestrian/bicycle overpass, a restoration of funds that previously had been taken away. District 2 is getting a lot of county staff time as well as state money devoted to it. Equal attention for active transportation needs should be given to District 1 (Salinas) and District 3 (south county) as well.

Car-free L.A. (really): While attending a conference about Transit Oriented Development in Los Angeles this week, I zipped around on the new subway lines. No traffic jams, no parking problems, the city was accessible without a car. Angelenos I met are excited about the new subway/metro that integrates with bus lines. Bike share bicycles is available at some transit stations and I saw people using the bicycles to get to the trains. Some of the new metro lines have people using the train in large numbers, while others are increasing ridership slowly.

If you plan to take a trip to LA, you can leave your car behind.

The P word: At the LA conference about transit oriented development, I learned that a single parking space can cost more than the car that sits in it. Parking (the P word) is a bad word in modern city planning.

MST board: The MST Board of Directors will meet at 10 Monday and will be available on the MSTX at 24580 Silver Cloud Ct., Monterey. See the agenda online at mst.org or call 888-687-2871.

Cancelled classes: Because of a lack of interest, the free BikeSAFE classes that were planned for Saturday at CSU Monterey Bay and Sunday City are both cancelled. For other Bike Month events go online to: www.tamcmonterey.org or call 831-775-0903.
Follow MacGregor "Goya" Eddy on Twitter at @Goya1949. Contact her by email at wecouldcarless@gmail.com or mail to: We Could Car Less, in care of The Salinas Californian, 123 W. Alisal St., Salinas 93901.

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By Caitlin Conrad
Published 4:54 PM PDT May 10, 2016

MONTEREY, Calif. — The city of Monterey is expecting a traffic backup on Lighthouse Avenue this summer and is hoping people will consider alternative modes of transportation.

Construction on the Holman Highway Roundabout project is expected to begin in June. The project, up at the intersection of 17-Mile Drive and state Route 68, will likely push a lot more vehicle traffic onto Lighthouse Avenue, a Monterey artery that is already frequently clogged.

"Come 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., it starts to back up, and from that point until about 7 p.m., it's pretty slow here," said Jason Costanza, who owns Monterey Seibuken Academy, on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey is hoping rather than getting frustrated with even more traffic this summer, people will take a new route to work.

"We want to get people to walk, and we want to get people to bike," said Andrea Renny, with the city's traffic and engineering department.

The city was originally thinking of changing the lanes on Lighthouse during the construction. The plan was to make it three one-way lanes towards the tunnel and one lane going towards Pacific Grove. Citizens shot that idea down, and now the city says the best way to prevent traffic jams is alternative transportation.

Renny said people don't even have to get all the way from point A to point B, because even just going halfway helps relieve traffic.

"You might not be able to bike all the way to work, but you can park in a downtown garage and bike part of the way on the rec trail, so that contributes to getting less traffic," she said.

Renny said employers like Monterey Bay Aquarium and hotels on Cannery Row are helping with this push, encouraging their employees to take advantage of the rec trail and bike to work, which, in some cases, is a faster commute.
"If you're driving during the peak morning hours and peak afternoon hours, it is definitely faster to use your bike, and probably walking, too," she said.

According to the aquarium, 30 percent of its staff gets to work using alternative transportation, including, walking, biking, van-pooling, carpooling and riding the bus. The organization provides its staff with Monterey Salinas Transit passes, and there are incentives for bike riding as well as MBA-owned loaner bikes.

Renny said employers also help to track how many people are riding their bikes. She said they will also use rec trail counts to measure success this summer.

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The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is also helping to make biking happen. It's arranged for Monterey Peninsula College to become a park-and-ride destination, allowing people to park for free at MPC and ride their bike to work from there.

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A reader asks: What’s the story with the orange architectural profile staked out at Coe Avenue and Monterey Road in Seaside? Deputy City Manager Diana Ingersoll reports it’s a project the city has been working on with a developer to build an assisted living facility called Seaside Senior Living. The proposed project occupies 5.5 acres on the former Fort Ord, intended for a 144-bed residential care facility and a 13-unit co-housing facility on a former Army Shopette site (that’s a gas station and convenience store).

OVERHEARD

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GOOD WEEK / BAD WEEK

GOOD: “Trifecta of awesome” is how we describe the Monterey County Weekly’s showing last week at the annual California Newspaper Publishers Association awards. In three categories, the Weekly came out on top. Managing Editor Mark C. Anderson took first place in sports feature writing for his haunting look at boxer and former Pacific Grove resident Jamie Mitchell as she battled from a tortured foster-child youth all the way to Olympic contention. Staff Writer David Schmalz took first in educational reporting for his story titled “Meet the Class of 2028,” about a year spent tracking a transitional kindergarten class at Seaside’s Del Rey Woods Elementary. And Art Director Karen Loutzenheiser took first for best single self-promotion ad or series. Enough back-slapping: back to work!

BAD: May is the Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s “Bike Month,” with more than a dozen bike-centric events planned across the county, including bike safety trainings at King City High, Hartnell College and CSU Monterey Bay, “Bike to Work Week” from May 16-20, and at Laguna Seca May 18, the AMGEN Tour of California, followed by a twilight ride on the racetrack from 5:30pm-7:30pm. “Free Helmet Day/Bike Rodeo” is May 15, from 9-11am at the Monterey Youth Center. None of this may seem like a bad thing – unless you’re a combustion engine. That's right, this is a month where two wheels, powered by two legs, get the respect they deserve. And with more than 16,000 signatures filed May 4 to ban fracking in Monterey County, it's shaping up to be a very bad month for fossil fuel.