BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPC)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
6:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

AGENDA

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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. 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

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3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 7, 2018.
4. RECEIVE presentation on the California State University Monterey Bay's electric scooter program from a representative of Lime scooters.

   - Castillo

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5. RECEIVE the call for applications for the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program.

   - Green

   *The Bicycle Secure Program provides the infrastructure needed to support increased use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Applications for the 2019 program cycle are due February 7, 2019.*

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence - No items this month.

Media Clipping - No items this month.

Reports - No items this month.
Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: January 9, 2019
Subject: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee minutes of November 7, 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 7, 2018.

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- BPC Draft November minutes
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1. Chair Lisa Rheinheimer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Committee member Jeff Lindethal noted that Mari Lynch provided him with her comments to provide to the committee. He read and distributed a one-page document with her comments. Committee members accepted the comments. Mr. Lindethal also noted that on Thanksgiving week will be the 9th anniversary of the HER Helmet Thursdays Project.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA
M/S/C LeBarre / Petersen /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 1, 2018.

3.2 Received call for nominations for the 18th 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. **CITY OF SALINAS – DRAFT EAST ALISAL CORRIDOR CONCEPTS**

The Committee received a report from City Staff on the draft East Alisal Corridor Concepts; and provided comments on proposed concepts.

James Serrano, City of Salinas staff reported that the City of Salinas received a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from Caltrans to develop a Complete Streets Corridor Plan. The Plan development included a public outreach effort that include a charette, pop-up events and community updates beginning in Fall 2017. The draft Plan is anticipated to be completed by December 2018. He noted that Alisal Corridor is approximately 5-mile major east-west major arterial street that crosses the City from Blanco Road to Alisal Road. The segment provides connection to County Roads and within the downtown area has links to State Route 183 and State Route 68. He noted that the roadway is currently a 4-lane undivided arterial up to Main Street in downtown Salina. From Main Street to Skyway Boulevard, the corridor has some form of left turn channelization with two-way left turn lanes or turn pockets. There are median islands in some segments. He noted that the City is completing design on the West Alisal Corridor. The segment from Blanco Road to Front Street has received funding from federal Highway Safety Improvements Program (HISP) and TAMC to make complete streets improvement. He noted that the conceptual plans for the East Alisal Corridor are divided into three segments:

- **Segment one: West Segment (Front Street to Kern Street)** The existing four-lane street configuration is proposed to be converted to a two-lane facility with a two-way left turn lane and 6-foot wide buffered bike lanes on both sides of the street.
- **Segment two: Central Segment (Kern Street to Skyway Boulevard)** This segment continues the road diet east from Kern Street. The proposed facility reduces vehicle travel lanes from a four-to two-lane street. He noted that parking is retained throughout the segment.
- **Segment three: East Segment (Skyway Boulevard to Bardin/Alisal Road)** The preferred concept for this segment is to keep the street’s two-way configuration and add a new two-way cycle track south of the existing street. He noted that the City owns existing right-of-way south of East Alisal that would accommodate a Class IV facility.

In conclusion Mr. Serrano noted that the City Community Development Department had taken the lead in the development of the corridor plan. They have conducted much work with the community, listening to and encouraging residents to participate in the planning of facilities they would like to see. He noted that the City staff anticipates completing the plan in the next month, with City Council approval by February 2019. The Plan will help with grant applications to fund implementations.

The Committee had the following comments and recommendations to City Staff on the draft East Alisal Corridor Concepts:

- Consider a more effective small sweeper to be able to use on the bike lanes
- Consider signage on the roundabout
- Consider lighting during the evening/night
- Consider friendlier curb extension (Bulb-out) at the Sanborn and Alisal corners

Please send comments to Stefania Castillo before November 16, 2018 and she will forward to James Serrano.
5. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a verbal update on TAMC’s recent community outreach activities at the annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day, Ciclovia Gonzales and Ciclovia Salinas.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency staff hosted a booth at the annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking event and distributed 400 bike lights and some bike maps and other safety gear. TAMC staff also hosted a booth and distributed 600 bike lights and other safety gear to children and families, and setup a temporary roundabout demo at the first ever Ciclovia Gonzales and distributed 800 bike lights and other safety gear to children and families at the sixth annual Ciclovia Salinas.

Committee member Jack Smith expressed interest for his community of Pajaro in North County to receive a family’s event presentation with bike information during the May bike month.

6. 2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on draft 2019 Legislative Program.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency’s position on issues of key importance to the Agency. She noted that the draft 2019 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2019 legislative session. She noted that the following items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State
  • 1S: Preserve state transportation funding.
  • 3S: Support consistent definition of disadvantaged communities.
  • 5S: Support transit-oriented development, complete streets alternative commutes, multimodal transportation, and active transportation projects.

Federal
  • 1F: Stabilize federal transportation funding

Committee member Eric Petersen asked on the status of the state license plate for bicyclist. Committee member Mike Novo suggested supporting efforts to obtain dedicated rail lines in freight congested areas.
7. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019

The committee appointed a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2019 and adopted the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term. She noted that the proposed schedule of meetings for 2019 follows the existing pattern of meetings occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when TAMC committee meetings are cancelled.

M/S/C Petersen/Johnson/unanimous
Committee member Eric Petersen motioned to re-elect Lisa Rheinheimer as Chair and Chris Flescher as Vice-Chair for the 2019.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that there are a number of safety issues on Highway 1, and that the recent construction on Rio Road has highlighted the need for bike and pedestrian safety improvements. He noted he saw two accidents in the past 2 weeks. He also noted that the new no parking signs on the East side of Highway 1 leading into Point Lobos have caused pedestrians to walk and park farther, which is dangerous when traffic is coming very fast. He also noted the need for better crossing lighting and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the Carmel High School crossing with Highway 1.

Public Comment:
David Caneer expressed concerns on improving Highway 1 by installing rumble strips to keep cars from swerving into the lanes and asked the Committee to follow-up with Caltrans. He also noted a letter he drafted on the issue was included with correspondence.

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer requested for a presentation on the Lime Scooter CSUMB program at a future meeting date, an update on the Highway 156 project, as well as requested a Caltrans representative to attend a future meeting to discuss Highway 1 concerns.

Stefania Castillo announced that the Transportation Excellence awards are due November 7th. She also noted that Mary Lynch had a few comments to the agenda and provided the Committee with a handout and a copy of her September 5th Gonzales Tribune article.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 9, 2019
Subject: California State University Monterey Bay Electric Scooter Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RECEIVE presentation on the California State University Monterey Bay's electric scooter program from a representative of Lime scooters.

SUMMARY:
Dockless bike and/or scooter share is a type of shared mobility that makes bicycles, electric bicycles, and/or electric scooters available for rent on a short-term basis within a defined service area. The California State University Monterey Bay campus begun an electric scooter share program with Lime, a dockless bike and scooter company.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no financial impact to the TAMC budget associated with this item.

DISCUSSION:
Dockless, shared, electric kick-scooters started popping up on U.S. city streets without warning in 2017. These battery-powered devices are motorized versions of kick-scooters. They have long, narrow platform where riders stand, two small in-line wheels at the front and back, and a vertical pole at the front with handlebars, a throttle, and brake controls. The "shared" versions of these devices are owned by for-profit companies offering the scooters for short-term rental, and "dockless" refers to company policy that riders may leave the device at any destination, rather than requiring that the scooters be physically returned to a fixed set of docking stations.

Reactions from communities where dockless scooter share is available came just as swiftly as the scooters. On the one hand, the scooters have proven popular with riders, attracting investment capital
allowing companies to expand service to additional cities. Some commentators have pointed out the shared scooters' potential to provide convenient, affordable travel for short trips, especially "first and last-mile" connection trips for transit users. Others have been less enthusiastic, with a central complaint being how shared scooters are parked. Critics argue that scooters create "visual clutter" and block the pedestrian path of travel and access. Public agencies are also learning from experiences with other new mobility services and want to make sure that dockless systems operate equitably and transparently and protect users' privacy.

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has partnered with the San Francisco based smart mobility company, Lime, to bring dockless electric scooters to campus. Lime representatives held a pop-up demonstration at CSUMB on September 2018 to introduce the electric scooters and give test rides. All of Lime's scooters are GPS and 3G-enabled, making it simple for riders to find, unlock and pick up a nearby vehicle using their smartphone. When the ride is finished, riders simply end the ride with the Lime mobile app and responsibly park by the street curb, or at a bike rack. All safety and proper riding information can also be found in the app.

Lime representatives will provide an overview of their program at CSUMB and will address questions from Committee members.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:
Lime - CSUMB Presentation
Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 9, 2019
Subject: Bicycle Secure Program Call for Applications

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RECEIVE the call for applications for the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program.

SUMMARY:
The Bicycle Secure Program provides the infrastructure needed to support increased use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Applications for the 2019 program cycle are due February 7, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The Transportation Agency’s FY 2018/19 budget has $30,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds designated for the Bicycle Secure Program.

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.

In the last three cycles of the Bicycle Secure Program, the Agency provided new parking facilities that can accommodate approximately 450 bicycles and approximately 180 skateboards. Applications have come from schools, businesses, and nonprofits from across Monterey County, including King City, Greenfield, Salinas, California State University Monterey Bay, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, and Monterey. Additionally, the Agency has been able to further support bicycling by providing five bicycle repair stations across the county.

For the 2019 grant cycle, the proposed schedule calls for an initial application period from December 8, 2018 to February 7, 2019. Staff will review all application materials and submit a recommendation to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee at its March 6, 2019, and then submit a recommendation to the Agency Board for approval at its meeting on March 27, 2019 meeting. Following Board approval, the equipment will be distributed and installed between April and June, 2019. A copy of the guidelines and application are included as a Web Attachment to this report. Committee members are encouraged to distribute applications for bicycle racks and lockers to interested property owners.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Bicycle Secure Program - Guidelines
Bicycle Secure Program - Application