

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of April 3, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P
Jack Smith – District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	P	A	A	P	P	P(A)	P	E
Mike Novo – District 3	-	N	N	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	C	C	E	P	P(A)	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	L	L	P	P	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	L	L	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	D	D	P	E	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P			P	P	E	P	P
Vacant, Marina	-			-	-	-	-	-
Abby Ostovar Monterey	-			-	-	-	-	P
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P(A)			E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P			P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth Sofer, Sand City	-			-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P			P	P	P	P(A)	P
Soledad - Vacant	-			-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-			-	-	-	-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair	E			P	P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P			P	P	P	P	E
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	E			P	E	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-			-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-			P	P	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P			P	P	P	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-			-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-			-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-			-	-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB					-	P(A)	P	P

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E			E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E			E	E	P	E	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P			P	P	-	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P			P	P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P			P	P	P	E	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer				P	P	-	-	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rich Deal TAMC Staff Gino Garcia Ecology Action
 David Canner Public

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

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer noted that Mari Lynch provided TAMC with her comments to provide to the committee. She distributed a one-page document with her comments. Committee members accepted the comments.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wegenstein/Novo/unanimous

- Committee motioned to bring back for approval at the next meeting due to minor corrections to the Draft minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 6, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COMMITTEE PHOTO

The Committee took a group photo.

5. STATE ROUTE 156/ CASTROVILLE BLVD. INTERCHANGE PROJECT

The Committee received an update on State Route 156/ Castroville Blvd. Interchange Project.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer presented on the goal of the State Route 156/ Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is to improve safe travel, local circulation and reduce congestion by replacing the existing signalized intersection with a new roundabout interchange. This new interchange is the first of three segments of the full SR156 West Corridor project to enhance the State Route 156 Corridor between Castroville and Prunedale, one of the most heavily traveled corridors in Monterey County. He noted that the SR 156 Castroville Interchange Project provides a unique opportunity to connect bike riders from Castroville Boulevard across Highway 156 towards Blackie Road. It also links Castroville Boulevard to recently completed bike bridge over the rail line to the heart of Castroville. In conclusion Mr. Deal noted that the goal is to eliminate high speed and high crash with the traffic signal, but to improve safety and link the Castroville Bike Path to North Monterey County and accommodate County's future Blackie Rd Bike Path.

Public:

David Caneer asked if the Future SR 156 (Frontage Road) will be bike accessible? Rich Deal replied that it will be accessible and is still working on the Frontage Road bike lane design either a Class II or Class I.

6. BIKE MONTH 2019

1. The Committee received a report on Monterey County Bike Month 2019 and the countywide bike safety outreach; and
2. Provided direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike month.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Bike Month is a national public awareness event held annually in May to promote bicycling. The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for public education, and requests direction from the Committee for 2019 Bike Month outreach. She noted that the League of American Bicyclists has designated the month of May as National Bike Month. The purpose of Bike Month is to raise public awareness of bicycling as a form of transportation. She noted that TAMC staff recommends a different approach to promoting Bike Month 2019 than in recent years to free up time to promote Bike/Walk Challenge with major employers and to host several Bike/Walk to School events in coordination with safe routes to school pop-up demonstrations in Seaside and Marina. Instead of designing and printing Bike Month posters, staff recommends developing an online Bike Month Calendar that can be promoted through social media. The 2019 Bike/Walk Challenge will run for the full month of May and is being promoted through flyers and direct coordination with 6 employers. The 2019 Bike/Walk Challenge will be promoted to other employers and members of the public through email notifications, social media advertisements and flyers. Participants may compete as an individual or part of a team. There will be prizes for the top three individuals who take the most walking and biking trips during the Challenge. There will also be a random drawing for any participant who registers for the Challenge and takes at least one walking or biking trip.

Committee member Jan Valencia suggested we add the Strawberry Fields Forever Ride, Watsonville on May 19, 2019 to the online Bike Month Calendar.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein suggested we advertise on the Next-Door social network site.

Committee member Ernest Gallardo asked about the Bike vs Car Challenge. Ariana Green replied that the Transportation Agency staff will look into that event for a possible future Bike month.

Committee member Abby Ostovar asked if you can track where everyone's travelling too through the Go831 program application. Ariana Green replied that there is a way to track the locations.

7. **SEASIDE & MARINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan activities are current underway. The plan will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements. She noted that the palling effort is a partnership between the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, cities of Seaside and Marina, TAMC, Monterey County Health Department and Ecology Action and is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awarded in December 2017. The Plan builds on the goals of the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program to ensure children across Monterey County have access to safe, healthy and affordable transportation options. Ms. Green noted that Seaside and Marina both have been identified as high priority cities due to the high rates of youth biking and walking collisions and obesity. She noted that the two-year planning process will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and recommend infrastructure improvements. In Fall 2018 the project team conducted walking audits around each of the schools with members of the school community and public. Through the walking audits the project team developed a list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements to reduce barriers to walking and biking to school and reduce traffic congestion in front of schools during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. In conclusion Ms. Green noted that in May the project team will install temporary safe routes to school demonstration on the street to allow the communities of Seaside and Marina to physically walk and bike through some of the proposed improvements and provide input on whether or not the projects should be made permanent. She went over the proposed Seaside temporary improvements (May 1st – May 13th) and the proposed Marina temporary improvements (May 14th – May 28th) she noted that on the opening day the project team will be there all-day taking feedback. Interested member of the community are invited and encouraged to walk or bike through the temporary improvements and provide comments to the project team as to whether or not they feel the improvements should be made permanent.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen expressed that one week and half ago he seen the Monterey County sweeping and wanted to thank Monterey County RMA7 Director Carl Holm. He also noted that he saw County workers measuring near Blanco Road. He attended a workshop with expert in traffic that was a great event that was poorly attended.

Committee member Jan Valencia announced that The Bikes Of Wrath film in Santa Cruz on April 15, 2019.

Committee member Matthew McCluney noted that CSUMB applied for a Bike Friendly University awards.

Committee member D.L Johnson asked for the status on the Wayfinding project. Stefania Castillo replied that the TAMC is still working on implementation.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.