

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of October 2, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

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

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	E	E	P	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	-	P	P	-	P	E	-	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner						P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer	-	-	P	-	-	E	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Lindenthal	District 4 Alternate	Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate
Kendra Nowell	Blue Zones	Robin Lee	Public
Stanley Stuck	Public		

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, introduced the Transportation Agency’s recently hired Rideshare/Go 831 Program Coordinator, Justine Ramirez, to the Committee.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted that TAMC staff should invite law enforcement chief, sheriff and CHP to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting to discuss what they are doing to enforce bicycle safety.

Robin Lee made public comment to inform and encourage Committee members to support the Salinas recreational trail project near Lowe’s in Salinas.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C *Wegenstein/ Novo /unanimous*
Abstain: Jeff Wriedt and Vera Noghera

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 4, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. BLUE ZONES WELL-BEING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on Blue Zones project in Salinas Valley.

Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner reported that the Blue Zones project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthier choices easier for everyone. The City of Salinas has partnered with Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Taylor Farms to implement a Blue Zones program in Monterey County. The goals of the Blue Zones Project are supportive of TAMC's Safe Routes to school, Go831 and active transportation programs. She noted that the Blue Zones project believes that when the entire community participates in making small healthier lifestyle changes – from workplaces to schools, and restaurants to grocery stores – that it can make a big difference in quality of life. These longevity initiatives include: healthier eating, safer streets, more active lifestyles, reduce smoking, enhanced social interactions and an increased sense of purpose.

Kendra Nowell, Director of Government Affairs at Memorial Hospital and Senior Policy Lead for the Blue Zones Project, noted that the Blue Zones team conducted a comprehensive analysis of the current state of well-being and met with local leaders and stakeholders including TAMC staff to learn about the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving well-being in the City of Salinas, which is the geography proposed for Phase 1 of the multi-phased Blue Zones Project throughout Monterey County. Nowell noted that the Monterey County Blueprint Plan, released in May 2019, identified several strategies to enhance the built environment to promote active lifestyles. Nowell noted that TAMC is active on the Blue Zones Steering Committee, the Built Environment Committee and the Schools Committee to support improved traffic safety and active transportation initiatives.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that he is familiar with the Montage Medical Group and noted that they are a wonderful staff with many useful resources.

Robin Lee, Public, asked about the portion size meals (Blue Zones Plate) and noted that is a great idea to post on social media and etc.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann expressed that we need better transportation in certain areas due to multiple hubs in Salinas.

5. **BICYCLE SAFETY – CURRENT RESEARCH**

The Committee received a presentation on current bicycle safety research.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, presented on the existing research on bicycle facility design. She noted that researchers suggest that there is a need for more rigorous research to understand the impacts of various bicycle treatments. One of the main issues facing researchers who study bicycle infrastructure is the availability of accurate bicycle volume counts and the current dependence on crash data. She noted that the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) includes quantitative, crash-based outcome measures that are not reflective of the near-miss accidents or user levels of comfort. Safety measures suggested through the HSM are therefore examined in terms of an increase or decrease in crash rates. She noted that TAMC staff has reviewed and collected a variety of resources to help educate ourselves and others on existing research related to bicycle safety through design, diving beyond the standards presented in the HSM. In addition to the Guidance by NACTO, Staff reviewed a 2014 Master's Thesis by Jonathan E. DiGeorgia Institute of Technology entitled "Safety Impacts of Bicycle Infrastructure: A Critical Review." This research has since been published by the Journal of Safety Research. DiGioia's study examined literature related to 22 different types of bicycle treatments, synthesized the findings, and data sources used in the findings. She noted while this research reiterates the need for more studies to be conducted, it does offer some key findings.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that it is hard to paint the green bicycle stripes or box in the City of Carmel but suggested the sharrow markings.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann stated that while this research is great, how can we make our cities agree and actually change the way our streets look. He expressed that the green bicycle stripes are great but noted once they are faded who is responsible to re-paint the green bicycle stripes.

Madilyn Jacobsen, noted that TAMC is soon to launch a Safe Streets Pilot Program that overlaps identified cities for pavement maintenance with opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This program has been presented to the Transportation Agency's Technical Advisory Committee.

6. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMENT LETTER

The Committee reviewed and commented on the draft comment letter for consideration in the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan. They authorized submitting the comment letter to Caltrans District 5 on behalf of the Committee.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has an opportunity to submit a comment letter regarding bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the state highway system in Monterey County for consideration in the development of Caltrans District 5's Active Transportation Plan. She noted that attached is a draft letter TAMC staff prepared based on comments submitted by members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

M/S/C Wegenstein/Novo /unanimous

The Committee authorized for staff to submit the letter to Caltrans on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with the following edits.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that 500 California residents need to sign up for bicycle plates in order for them to be printed. He also noted that he won't be able to attend the Bicycle Coalition Summit in two weeks and mentioned it's a great summit meeting to attend. In conclusion Mr. Petersen requested a presentation on Vision Zero.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, made an announcement that TAMC is applying for a Caltrans Planning Grant to study the State Route 1 Corridor outside Carmel-by-the-Sea. She also noted that Ciclovía Salinas will be on Sunday October 6 and TAMC staff will have a demo of a protected bike lane.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.