

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes of January 8, 2020

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

Voting Members	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jack Smith – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	A
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	E	E	E	-	-	-	P
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	P	P	-	P	E	-	E	P
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
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	P	P
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	P	-	P	P	-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P	p	P
Vacant, FORA	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	-
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	P	E	E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	P	-	P	E	-	P	E	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner				P	P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer	P	-	-	E	-	-	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank Henderson	District 4 Alternate	Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate
Will Condon	AMBAG	Jen Acorn	Public
Robin Lee	Public	Peter Nodzinski	Pacific Grove

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Lee made public comment to request Committee members to encourage the City of Salinas to reinstate a Bike and Ped Committee for the future growth area. Lee indicated that plans are beginning this week for the next development including recreational trails.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C *Wriedt/Wegenstein/unanimous*

- Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 6, 2019.
- Received and adopted 2020 calendar for meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee incorporation four alternative meeting locations across Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY

The Committee received an update on the proposed Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project; and provided input on the proposed project.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes a 28-mile long multi-use trail in the Monterey Peninsula that would connect with the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail at several locations. She noted that the Trail would primary consist of three loops – a northern, central, and southern loop – that roughly encircle the City of Marina, the California State University Monterey Bay campus, and the cities of Seaside and Del Rey Oaks, respectively. The trail would also traverse areas of unincorporated Monterey County and extend east to the City of Monterey linking to bike facilities in the Ryan Ranch Business Park.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, documented comments shared by several Committee members and the public as Stefania Castillo presented on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway segments.

Feedback received on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway included questions about the benefits and costs of using the preferred versus the alternative alignment. Committee members expressed concerns about the possibility littering and a lack of lighting in the proposed undercrossing and reinstated the need to be clear when coordinating with jurisdictions about their responsibilities in maintaining the Fort Ord Regional Trial and Greenway.

Committee Chair, Jack Smith, suggested the idea of forming a Friends of FORTAG group to help support the trials development and coordinate future clean-ups and maintenance.

5. SEASIDE & MARINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan; and provided input on the draft Plan recommendations.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Seaside and Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan is a multi-agency effort to identify barriers and opportunities to support safe walking, bicycling, skating, scooting and carpooling in the cities of Seaside and Marina. She noted that Seaside and Marina have both been identified as high priority cities due to the high rates of youth biking and walking collisions and childhood obesity. To address these concerns, TAMC and Ecology Action, in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, the cities of Seaside and Marina, and the Monterey County Health Department applied for state funding.

Serval committee members and the public provided input on factors that may make it more challenging to get students to ride their bike to school, including needing the presence of bicycle parking and the need for signage along key bicycle boulevards. Another concern that was raised in discussion is the need to separate the bike paths and school drop-off zones to avoid conflict between the bikers and vehicles.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Peterson announced he has a pamphlet on information on why it's important to wear a helmet for interested individuals.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, invited Committee members to share thoughts on items they would like to see on the 2020 calendar for the Bike and Ped Committee. She indicated Caltrans staff anticipates attending the meeting in Gonzales, and TAMC staff is working on a guest presentation by California Highway Patrol.

Ideas were shared of: having a presentation on bicycle plans in Salinas, and enabling the Committee to comment on specific area plans.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.