

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of May 6, 2020

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

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

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

4. **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT ROUTE 68 ROUNDABOUTS**

The Committee received a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian access at roundabouts related to Scenic Route 68.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer introduced Lindsey Van Parys. She presented on bicycle and pedestrian access at roundabouts related to Scenic Route 68. She noted roundabout intersections are becoming more prevalent across the United States. While roundabouts are not new, they are new to Monterey County. Roundabouts can be an effective way to improve traffic flow and reduce injury crashes, but their unique shape can seem imposing to new users. A modern roundabout is circular in nature, designed to control speed, multi-modal, safer for all users and more efficient for traffic flow. She noted that nine roundabouts are being proposed for Scenic Route 68. Ms. Lindsey noted that roundabouts will be installed in phases.

Committee member Hoffman noted that mixing bicycles and pedestrians on sidewalks can be confusing. He noted that bicycles are supposed to ride on the street and mixing is not a good thing.

Mary Lynch, member of public noted that consider new construction changes and new housing development in the area. Also, she noted that not all bicycle riders are used to riding on the street with car traffic.

Committee member Wegenstein noted that clear markings on road that have share the road would be safer.

Committee member LeBarre noted that a mixed-use path for all different level bike riders is a good idea. Experienced riders can ride on the road.

Committee member McCluney noted that considering pedestrian growth and having ground markings and signage. Ms. Lindsey replied that they will install sharrows to tell vehicles to share the road and install optical speed bars and green markings leading to paths.

Committee member Wriedt asked about the wildlife crossings. Debbie Hale Executive Director replied that the animal crossings will be in corporate with storm drain enhancements. She mentioned that it is hard to change the way people have been driving in over 3 decades.

5. US BICYCLE ROUTE 95 THROUGH MONTEREY COUNTY

The Committee received information on the status of US Bicycle Route 95 in Monterey County and in California and provided input on the route alignment.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner introduced Kerry Irons. Mr. Irons reported that the US Bicycle Route 95 is a national bike route that follows the coast of California through the states of Washington and Oregon to the north. He noted among the 70 local agencies along the route in California, 43 have approved the designation. He noted that the State Department of Transportation, such as Caltrans, determine the suitability of a route for a US Bicycle Route and submit an application to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for the official designation as a US Bicycle Route. In conclusion Mr. Irons noted that in order to designate a US Bicycle Route, each local road owner needs to communicate to Caltrans that they support the route. The Cities of Monterey and Sand City have already expressed their support of the route to Caltrans.

Mary Lynch, member of public, noted to reach out to Velo Club and encouraged to visit bikemonterey.org for more information.

Committee member LeBarre support of this local city level. He noted to consider alter the path to stop in King City and use wayfinding signage for off roading.

Committee member Hoffmann noted that a Coastal Ride signage map to continue to look at City of Pacific Grove for coastal or possibly 17-mile drive.

6. BICYCLE SECURE PROGRAM

The Committee received update on Bicycle Secure Program and recommended approval of the revised, rolling program for Agency Board approval.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Bicycle Secure Program improves the infrastructure needed to support increased use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters. While historically operating as a traditional grant cycle, staff is advising the transition of the program to an on-going, rolling program to allow the Agency to accept applications until the budget has been extended. She noted that the Transportation Agency received five grant applications in the 2019 grant cycle. She noted that studies have shown that one the primary reasons that individuals do not travel via bicycle is the lack of a secure place to store their vehicles. She noted that 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. Ms. Jacobsen noted that staff will continue to bring recommendations to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee for approval of applications.

Mary Lynch member of public expressed the need to encourage outreach to schools to apply for bike racks and the maintenance repair stations. She noted more repair stations are needed throughout Monterey County for those who don't own basic tools.

M/S/C LeBarre/ McCluney

Committee member Mike LeBarre motioned to approve the Bicycle Secure Program to an on-going, rolling program to allow the Agency to accept applications until the budget has expanded the motion was seconded by Mathew McCluney.

7. COMPETITIVE GRANTS- REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee nominated up to three members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Applications Review Committee

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair-share and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on a formula of 50% population and 59% centerline miles. She noted that the Agency distributes the remaining portion of the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding on a competitive basis to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria, including safety, traffic volume and project readiness. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that the Competitive grants process starts with a call for projects, which was approved by the Transportation Agency Board at March 2020 meeting. With the grant application deadline set at June 1, 2020, staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee made up of members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, partner agencies, and Transportation Agency staff to review and rank the applications and provide funding recommendations.

M/S/C Committee member Mike LeBarre motioned to nominate Martin Wegenstein, Jack Smith and D.L. Johnson to serve on the ad hoc Committee and motion was seconded by Hans Hoffman J.R.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member D.L. Johnson thanked Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck for the safety pedestrian problems on highway 1.

Mary Lynch member of public noted that more outreach on committee meeting is needed on social media to encourage more participation from the public. She requested to put on the agenda at a future meeting date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.