

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of March 4, 2026

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E	P	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	P	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	E
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	C	A	C	P	P	P	P	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P	E	P	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P	P	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	P	P	P		A		P	P	P	P	E
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	P	P	E		A		E	A	A	A	A
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	A	A	-		P		P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - vacant	P	P	E		A		P	A	A	A	-
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	E		P		P	P	P	P(A)	P
Ryan Hunzie, Soledad	-	-	-		-		P	A	P	E	P
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P*	P	P		P		P	P	P	P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P(A)	P	P		P		P	P	P	E	E
N. County Recreation & Park District – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-
Salinas Public Works – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-
Monterey County Public Works – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5 – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	A	A	A		A		P	A	A	A	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-

E – Excused

P(A) – Alternate

A – Absent

VC – Video Conference

TC – Teleconference

* – first meeting

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26
Odalys Barajas, Transp. Planner											P
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts & Grants	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	P(VC)	A	A	A
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P(VC)	A	P	N	A	N	A	A	P(VC)	P	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P	P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	A	A	E	A	E	A	P	P	A	A
Janneke Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	A	A	A	L	A	L	P	P(VC)	A	A	P
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	A	E	A	E	P	P	P(VC)	A	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	P	A	A	A
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery									A	P(VC)	A

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian McMinn	Salinas Alternate	Patricia Grogan	Public
Julie Cole	Public	Susie Bryan	Public
Scott Meissi	Carmel-By-The Sea		

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott member of the public announced that the City of Carmel-By-The Sea has new bike route signs.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Petersen / Gallardo /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 4, 2026.

3.2 Received update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707 and voted to enable the Committee to use the provisions for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – ANNUAL PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on projects funded by the regional Surface Transportation Program.

Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner reported that recipients of Competitive Grant program funding are required to submit an annual progress report describing the use of funds and delivery of their projects. She noted that Regional Surface Transportation Program are distributed on a three-year cycle with the last distribution in 2023. Funds are distributed through a Fair Share allocation and Competitive Grant Program. Ms. Strause noted that each cycle, the TAMC Board approves 10% of the total funds to the TAMC Reserves for special projects. She summarized and went over the projects and progress reports submitted as of December 2025.

5. 2026 PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES & COMPETITIVE GRANTS

The Committee provided input on the 2026 Regional Surface Transportation Program Guidelines.

Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency refined its guidelines, added Quick-Build and Pilot Project categories, and updated scoring to emphasize safety, disadvantaged communities, and project readiness. She noted that applications are due June 5, 2026, with final Board approval of the funding proposal on August 25, 2026.

Ms. Strause noted that Agency staff has updated their policies and procedures related to the Regional Surface Transportation Program, which will require each local jurisdiction to enter into a new three-year master funding agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to be eligible to receive funds.

The Committee had the following comments on the 2026 Regional Surface Transportation Program Guidelines:

- Consider working closely with Monterey Salinas Transit on future projects that will affect bus stops
- Consider adaptive signal systems be installed and better timer
- Continue to use green paint for bike lanes

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Petersen announced that the Transportation Agency Board presented the excellence awards to the Salinas Bardin School for student safety.

Committee Member Florez announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit is working on updating the transit complete streets design guidelines.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced new staff member, Odalys Barajas, and she introduced herself.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.