

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom

Final Minutes of Thursday, September 3, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	P		P		P	P	C	P	P	P	P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks			P				A				
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	P/A	P		P		P	N	P	P	P	P
D. Pike, Greenfield (T. Nisich)					P/P(A)	P	C	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P(A)
O. Hurtado, King City, Vice Chair (S. Adams)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	P	P	P		P	P	L	P	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri, M. Garcia)		P	P(A)	P	P		L	P(A)	P	P/P(A)	P/P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Easterling, Salinas, Chair (J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	D	P	P	p	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (A. Blair)	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
S. Ottmar, Seaside (L. Llantero)		P	P	P	P	P		P	P(A)	P	P
L. Gomez, Soledad (O. Antillon)		P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
E. Saavedra, MCPW (R. Martinez)	P	P	P	P/A	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)			P(A)
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development											
M. Taylor, AMBAG (P. Hierling)			P(A)	P/A	P(A)	P(A)				P	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P	P			P	P		P/P(A)	P	P	P
M. McCluney, CSUMB											P
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)

STAFF	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P	P	P		P	C	P		P	P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	P	P	P		P	A	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P		P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner						P	C		P		
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E		P	P	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator							L		P		
R. Deal, Principal Engineer		P	P		P	P	L	P	P		
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner				P			E				
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner				P			D				P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer				P	P			P			
M. Montiel, administrative Assistant										P	P
Tracy Burke Vasquez, Go831 Coordinator										P	

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Olejnik, Caltrans D5

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: McMinn / Harary / unanimous

Ayes: Harary, Dobbins, Nisich, Hurtado, McMinn, Renny, Gho, Easterling, Gomez, Ottmar, Martinez, Hierling, Monroy-Ochoa, Overmeyer

No: None

Abstain: McCluney

3.1 APPROVE the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 6, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee received a joint presentation from Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner; Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner; Andrea Renny, City of Monterey; and Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, on Vision Zero implementation in the Cities of Monterey and Salinas.

They presented that "Vision Zero" is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. It is a movement that began in Sweden and spread to American Cities after seeing success across Europe. Vision Zero acknowledges that collisions -- often referred to as "accidents" -- are preventable if cities take a proactive approach that prioritizes traffic safety as a public health issue. Vision Zero acknowledges that many factors contribute to safe mobility including roadway design, driver behavior, technology and policy. Vision Zero sets clear goals to achieve the shared goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries. Cities within Monterey County that have adopted a Vision Zero Policy include Salinas and Monterey. Nearby cities including Watsonville and San Jose have also adopted a Vision Zero Policy.

In 2016, the City of Monterey was awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan. City staff compiled 5 years of collision data and created maps to identify the roads with the highest concentration of fatal and severe injuries. The City also created a collision types matrix that identifies the contributing collision factor, the typical causes, and the principal strategy and supporting strategies to address each collision type. The Monterey City Council passed a resolution endorsing Vision Zero in July 2017 and a Vision Zero Task Force was set up to engage all city departments in drafting a Vision Zero Action Plan. The final Vision Zero Action Plan was adopted by the Monterey City Council on November 7, 2017. The plan identified strategies for engagement, enforcement, engineering, education, and evaluation.

The City of Salinas is in the process of developing their Vision Zero Action Plan, which will clearly lay out steps, timelines and priorities for the implementation of their Vision Zero Policy. The Vision Zero Action Plan will also identify "countermeasures," which are strategies geared at eliminating the causes of fatal and severe injury collisions. City of Salinas staff is requesting the Committee's input on the included maps and comments and/or recommended countermeasures for inclusion in the Vision Zero Action Plan.

5. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE & SENATE BILL 743

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, provided the Committee with a presentation on the Regional Development Impact Fee program and consistency with Senate Bill 743.

Mr. Zeller presented that The Regional Development Impact Fee program, as adopted by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and each of the jurisdictions, went into

effect in August 2008. Prior to the adoption of the regional fee program, development proposals were evaluated on a case-by-case basis for cumulative impacts to the regional transportation network as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. This process resulted in, at times, lengthy negotiations with developers, and assessments were not consistently applied throughout the County. The purpose of establishing a county-wide Regional Fee program was to streamline the environmental review of new development, and establish a consistent methodology to assess in-lieu fees as a CEQA mitigation for new trips on the regional transportation system. Caltrans considers payment of the regional development impact fee as mitigation for cumulative impacts on the State highway system.

In December, 2018, pursuant to Senate Bill 743, the Office of Planning and Research adopted changes to the CEQA Guidelines that identified new metrics for transportation analysis, including Vehicle Miles Traveled (“VMT”) on a per capita, per employee, and net VMT basis. The purpose of this change was to focus on reducing the creation of new trips and miles traveled rather than accommodating them with new travel lanes. The new VMT metrics went into effect on July 1, 2020. The Office of Planning and Research acknowledges that this change was intended to achieve general consistency with both the Caltrans statewide target for VMT reduction and the regional targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions established under Senate Bill 375.

While the Nexus Study for the regional fee program uses Level of Service to determine what regional roads will require mitigation from the effects of new growth in the county, the amount of regional fees paid by a new development are determined based on the number of vehicle trips that are generated. A development can then lower its assessment of regional fees by reducing the number of vehicle trips it will produce, which will result in lower overall vehicle miles travelled. The regional fee program also provides a reduced fee for developments that are sited near transit or within defined infill areas that result in fewer vehicle trips.

Mr. Zeller indicated that the Agency had received questions regarding the applicability of the regional fees to serve as mitigation for cumulative impacts under CEQA, and is in the process of discussing this issue with Caltrans. The regional fees are however still valid and in effect as an approved policy adopted by all the jurisdictions. The Agency will be working with Kimley-Horn to develop potential adjustments to the regional fee program to respond to the requirements of SB 743.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, announced that the City will have a job announcement for City Engineer.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, announced that with the passage of SB13 (2019), the fees for accessory dwelling units is adjusted and a new regional fee calculation worksheet is available.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.