

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

Final Minutes of June 5, 2024
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	N	P	P	P	E	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	-	O	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Vice Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	M	P	P	E	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	E	P	P	E	A	E	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Chair <i>(vacant)</i>	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	P	E
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	-	T	P	E	P	P	E	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	G	P	P	E	A	P	P
King City – vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	-		-	P	P	P	E	E
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	P		E	E	P	E	E	E
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	P		E	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P		P	P	P	P	A	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P(A)		P	P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P		P	P(A)	P	P	E	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P		P	P	P	P	P	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>	-		P(VC)	-	-	A	A	A
CSUMB -vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate
A - Absent
VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-		-	P	P	A	A	A
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner						P	A	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	A		A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	-		-	P (VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	-		-	P	P(VC)	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	P		P	E	A	A	A	A
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	A		A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate		Erich Rauber	Monterey County Public Works				
Hans Hoffman Jr (VC)	Public		Jessica Perez	Monterey County Health Dept				
Maddy Springfield (VC)	TAMC staff							

1. Vice 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**

Katie Stern, Pacific Grove, requested signage for the bike trail crossing at the Holman Highway roundabout

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Peterson/ Stern/ unanimous

Abstain: Henderson, Johnson, Wriedt

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of May 1, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

SAN ARDO COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS CONNECTIONS PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the San Ardo Community and Schools Connections Project.

Erich Rauber, Senior Civil Engineer at the County of Monterey Public Works Department, presented on the Active Transportation Program grant that the County of Monterey received for various bicycle and pedestrian projects. He noted that one of the projects that received funding is to improve safety for pedestrians walking to school in the unincorporated community of San Ardo. Mr. Rauber noted that this project includes an infrastructure component, led by the Monterey County Public Works Department, and a non-infrastructure component, led by the Health Department. This update is primarily focused on the infrastructure component of the project. He noted that the project scope is to construct new curb and gutter, sidewalks, pavement markings, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), signage, and lighting on streets that connect to San Ardo School and other community services.

Mr. Rauber noted that the County of Monterey plans to conduct community outreach throughout the project from June 2024 to December 2026. The final designs are expected to be completed by December 2024. He noted that construction is estimated to take place from September 2025 through June 2026.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the San Ardo Community and Schools Connections Project:

- Consider adding bike lanes as well as sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Consider adding the sidewalk on the school side of the street for the students not having to cross over again.
- Consider sending a flyer mailer with the water bill to reach most of all the San Ardo community.

5. **REIMAGINING THE WALK AND ROLL TESTIMONIALS PROJECT: ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

The Committee discussed and provided feedback on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that the Walk and Roll Testimonials project would replace the Golden Helmet Award. She noted that instead of annually awarding individual bicycle advocates and commuters, testimonial videos would highlight personal stories from the Monterey County community that could be shared online, on social media, and through Transportation Agency programming.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project:

- Consider interviewing Naval Postgraduate School students that are biking.
- Consider interviewing bikers at Toro Place Café.
- Consider interviewing Salinas High School Bike Club students, Sea Otter Classics, and Greenfield Science Community.
- Consider renaming the project “Moving with Purpose”.
- Consider interviewing 9 year-olds – 12-year-olds on why they like to bike.
- Consider interviewing individuals on bikes and pedestrians at rest stops or bike trails.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Katie Stern thanked Ariana Green, Transportation Agency staff, for making a presentation on complete streets to the Pacific Grove traffic safety commission. She also noted that she is working with Pacific Grove staff on the application for bike racks at Asilomar.

Committee Member DL Johnson announced that San Carlos has been repaved and they included bicycle sharrows.

Committee Member Libby Sofer asked for a future agenda item on the plans for a bicycle path on the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Committee Member Eric Petersen expressed to consider a bicycle boulevard in Carmel and consider looking into example at Palo Alto.

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo announced that Greenfield held a bicycle repair clinic at Oak Avenue School.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, announced that the Transportation Agency bought more bike bells and noted that we still have bike maps available.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.