

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

Final Minutes of May 4, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	E
Pete Scudder – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina	P	P	P		-	-	-	-
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sloan Campi, Monterey Salinas Transit	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P	-	P	E	P(A)	P	P
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
Vacant - Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	E	P	P	E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner				P	P	P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner			P	P	E	E	E	P
Doug Bilse,							P	E
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Mari Lynch	Public			Hans Hoffman		Public		
Robin Lee	Public							

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robin Lee, member of Public, asked for the status on the bike lane on Davis Road.

Hans Hoffman, member of Public, provided comment expressing the need for educational safety training on roundabouts. He noted that roundabout can be dangerous and the need for safety improvements for pedestrians.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, shared an email from Mari Lynch with the committee regarding a request for discussion regarding the March 18, 2022 collision occurred at South Main Street and Plaza Circle, not far from the TAMC offices. Ms. Strause noted that the email was distributed to the committee.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, shared an email from Paola Berthoin with the committee regarding Highway One between Ocean Ave and Carpenter is considered a high enough priority to get it fixed from its current lack of space for bicyclists to ride on the right side of the fogline. Ms. Strause noted that the email was distributed to the committee.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Johnson/ Wriedt /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 6, 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. NEW ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT PROGRAM GUIDE AND APPLICATIONS

The Committee received and discussed presentation on the update Active Transportation Support Program Guidelines and Application

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the Active Transportation Support Program (formerly the Bike Secure Program) is an on-going, rolling grant program with the purpose of promoting active transportation by providing businesses, schools, and agencies with secure bicycle parking, repair stations, skateboard racks, and funding for artistic bicycle racks. She noted that the program has been updated and expanded and the guidelines and application materials have been redesigned. In conclusion Ms. Guther noted that the changes were made to offer applicants more choices and encourage more potential recipients to apply.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Active Transportation Support Program:

- Consider purchasing amenities and opportunities
- Allow to apply for purchase of a bike
- Consider simplifying the form
- Consider more bells and giveaways supplies to distribute to the community
- Support for allowing unused funds to rollover
- Consider bike equipment and bike support kits for special request or a new program

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state legislation and provided input to staff.

M/S/C LeBarre/ Campi/ unanimous

Recommend the Board support AB 1713, watch AB 1909, watch AB 2264, and oppose SB 932.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported on the draft bill list showing the status of bills as of the end of March. Ms. Watson went over the bill of interest to this Committee.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the state legislation update:

- Support Assembly Bill 1713 making it legal for bicyclists over 18 to treat a stop sign as a yield
- Oppose Senate Bill 932 since most jurisdictions would not be able to implement the traffic calming treatments within 2 years of adopting the plan, and because the bill tries to do too much, and has punitive measures empowering people to sue if plan not implemented

6. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Safe Routes to School program.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. She noted that the program will result in projects that provide the following benefits: improved safety for children walking and biking to school; better connections between schools, residential areas and vocational training programs; enhanced air quality; reduce traffic congestion around schools, and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo asked on the city of Greenfield repair shop and whether they are using the right bike tools.

Chair Mike Novo asked to consider the unincorporated communities. Ariana Green replied that we will be serving Castroville and Prundale elementary schools starting in the Spring of 2023.

Mari Lynch, member of public, asked on the approach to getting input from parents. Ariana Green replied that all the materials are in English and Spanish, and we are working through the schools, PTA's and their communication platforms.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Maritn Wegenstein asked for the California Highway Patrol to come back for a future meeting date.

Chair Novo asked for staff to bring back construction projects that are happening in the County and a few agenda items requested.

Robin Lee requested an update on Davis Road.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.