

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes of April 5, 2017

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93906

Voting Members	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	-	-	E	-	-	E	-	E
Vacant – District 3								
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	E	P	P	E	P	E	-	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Vacant, Marina, <i>(Debra Daniels)</i>			-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Tony Prock)</i>	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Vera Noghera)</i>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	E	P	-	P	P	E	P	-
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB <i>(Matthew McCluney)</i>	P	P	P	E	P(A)	P	P	P

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	-	-	E	E	E	-	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	-	P	E	P	P	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	E	E	E	E	E	-	P
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matthew McCluney CSUMB - Alternate Ralph Wege Seaside - Alternate

1. Chair Chris Flescher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Petersen/ LeBarre /unanimous

Abstain: Lisa Rheinheimer, Vera Noghera, Jeff Lindenthal and Frank Henderson

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 1, 2017.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **MARINA BICYCLIST IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee received a report on the City of Marina’s Imjin Parkway and 9th Street projects.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina Public Works Director reported that the City of Marina is adding new bikeways along Imjin Parkway and 9th Street that will cyclists and pedestrians to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and the Ford Ord Dunes State Park. He reported that bike and pedestrian access from Imjin Parkway will permanently closed, for safety reasons, as part of the upcoming interchange improvements at Highway 1. He noted that the Imjin Safety & Traffic Flow Improvements are part of the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor. He noted that the project proposes to add a bike and pedestrian path along Imjin Parkway between Reservation Road and Imjin Road. The City of Marina is currently leading the environmental review for this project, which is expected to begin design in 2018.

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer noted that Monterey-Salinas Transit has been working with the City of Marina on accommodating the bus stops.

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that the City of Marina should follow the Caltrans highway design manual on the old projects.

Committee alternate Ralph Wege asked if the Caltrans trail adjacent to Highway 1 would be closed. Ariana Green noted that it is a well-used trail and will not be closing it any time soon. She noted that the City of Marina should consider installing signage to direct cyclists to the new access points.

Brian McMinn announced that the ribbon cutting for the Del Monte Blvd & Beach St roundabout is scheduled for April 20th and encouraged Committee members to attend.

5. **MONTEREY VISION ZERO**

The Committee received a report on the City of Monterey's bike and pedestrian safety program and plan.

Stefania Castillo, City of Monterey reported that the City of Monterey launched Walk & Bike Safe in Monterey, an interactive public education program focused on teaching children to be safe pedestrians and bicyclists using a \$110,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in November 2015. She noted that a classroom presentation, pedestrian and bicycle skills obstacle courses (rodeos), and educational booths at community events and schools were all part of the program.

Ms. Castillo also reported that the City of Monterey is developing a city-wide Vision Zero Plan to identify strategies and projects to reduce bike and pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The Vision Zero Plan is funded by a \$74,000 grant from OTS, which also continues the traffic safety program and public awareness campaign for another year. This plan focuses on preventing and reducing fatalities and serious injuries caused by traffic collisions and promotes safety for all modes of transportation. She noted that the Vision Zero approach relies on collaborative commitment with city officials, city departments and community members working together and committing to create safer environments.

Committee member Eric Petersen expressed that the Vision Zero data resources templates should be shared with the City of Salinas and others to pursue.

6. **GOLDEN HELMET AWARD**

M/S/C Rheinheimer/ LeBarre /unanimous

The Committee received the Golden Helmet Award winner(s) for recognition by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency received 20 nominations for the Golden Helmet Award. She noted that Chair Flescher and Committee members Valencia and Johnson, the sub-committee members, and TAMC staff met and discussed the nominees. The award recipients will be honored at the TAMC April 26th Board meeting. She reported that the Award Ranking Criteria were the following: bicycling is part of everyday life, best riding practices, and advocacy & inspiration to others. She also noted the four award categories: Adult individual, youth, group/ organization and program/ event. Ms. Murillo reported that the sub-committee members recommend the following as the Golden Helmet Award winners:

- Adult Individuals: Mike Baroni & Mari Lynch (a tie hard deliberation)
- Youth: Salinas High School Cowboys
- Group/ Organization: Families of Color Monterey County
- Program/ Event: Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

Chairman Chris Flescher noted that on the adult individual's category it was very difficult to choose from great candidates.

Committee member D.L. Johnson expressed that recognizing a school team will hopefully encourage other schools to support bicycling.

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that the Salinas High School Cowboys are very courteous on trails, and practice safe cycling.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer announced that MST now has a smartphone Transit App that lets passengers know when the next bus is coming, find nearby stops, and receive bus stop schedule alerts. She noted that you can view the full schedule for a route and set alarms to remind you of the schedule for your bus.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that he was in China recently, and reported that China has a new bicycle share program. The bicycles do not have to be returned to a kiosk, are accessible through a phone app and are very inexpensive to use.

Eric Petersen noted that Assembly Bill 1103 Bicycles: yielding that is referred to Idaho Stop. He noted that it would authorize a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign, after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way, to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping. He also announced that both the San Jose 2017 Silicon Valley Bikes Festival and the Salinas Criterium will be on May 7th.

Virginia Murillo passed out the 2017 Bike month poster and asked Committee members to assist in promoting and distribute the printed posters to the local shops in Monterey County.

Ariana Green noted that if anyone knows of any Bike events happening in the month of May to please contact Virginia or Ariana with details to add information to the bicycle website. In conclusion Ms. Green noted that Monterey County Weekly will be posting 2 profiles that have every two weeks during the month of May.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.