

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of May 6, 2026
Sand City Council Chambers

1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA 93955

Voting Members	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26
Eric Petersen, District 1	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E	P	P	P	C	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	E	A	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	N	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	C	A	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	E	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	L	P	L	P	P	E	P	P	L	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	L	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	E	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	D	P	D	P	P	P	P	P	D	P
King City – vacant	-		-		-	-	-	-	-		-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	P		A		P	P	P	P	E		E
Susie Bryan, Monterey <i>(Katherine Eagerton)</i>	E		A		E	A	A	A	A		P
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	-		P		P	P	P	P	P		P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P		P		P	P	P	P	P		P
Kim Scudder, Sand City	E		A		P	A	A	A	-		P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	E		P		P	P	P	P(A)	P		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
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P		P		P	P	P	E	E		P
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		P	A	A	A	A		-
CSUMB – vacant	-		-		-	-	-	-	-		-

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amaury Berteaud	AMBAG	Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate
Cory	Public	Hans Hofmann Jr	Public
Katherine Eagerton	City of Monterey Alternate	Robin	Public
		William Godwin	Public

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

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Wriedt / Chaffey /unanimous

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

3.2 Approved Active Transportation Support Program Applications.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. DRAFT NORTH MONTEREY COUNTY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN

The Committee received an update on the North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan and provided feedback on the plan.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan covers the communities of Castroville, Las Lomas, Prunedale, Royal Oaks and Pajaro. She noted that the goal of the Safe Routes to School planning process is to improve safety for students biking and walking to 11 schools in unincorporated North County and to reduce traffic around those schools. Ms. Green noted that over a two-year planning process, the team identified barriers to safe access for eleven public schools across North Monterey County. She noted that these recommendations aim to reduce traffic congestion and promote healthier transportation options like walking, biking, carpooling, and bus use. Community engagement played a key role, with students, parents, and school staff participating in assessments, mapping, and surveys to highlight safety concerns. In conclusion, Ms. Green noted that once the Plan has been adopted, the County of Monterey, School Districts, and TAMC staff will pursue funding to implement project recommendations from the Plan.

The Committee had the following input and comments on the Draft North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan:

- Consider adding more bike parking
- Consider adding an aesthetically pleasing vertical barrier along multiuse path – also consider maintenance
- Consider adding decorative art sidewalk
- Consider adding shoulders to N. County Roads (Class IV will trap glass and debris)
- Consider drainage needs on rainy days
- Consider fixing the fence at the school
- Consider a road diet analysis to make sure it is feasible
- Fix the exit from the North County High School drop-off – it is dangerous

5. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT PROJECT REVIEW**

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed Cycle 8 Active Transportation Program grant projects:

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC is a partner on two proposed Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant project proposals. The Gateway for Monterey Bay is a multimodal safety and access project on State Route 218 (Canyon Del Rey Boulevard) and Del Monte Boulevard that improves connections to the regional trail system and community resources in the cities of Seaside and Sand City. She noted that the Soledad Safe Routes to Schools project redesigns key corridors to ensure youth can travel independently, safely, and comfortably across their city. Ms. Green noted that both project proposals include education and encouragement programming to complete the infrastructure changes.

Ms. Green noted that the ATP is the most appropriate funding source to advance the Gateway for Monterey Bay and the Soledad Safe Routes to School projects because it prioritizes projects that improve safety for people walking and bicycling, increase access to disadvantaged and underserved communities, and demonstrate consistency with adopted plans and readiness for delivery. Agency staff believe these projects are well positioned to compete in the upcoming ATP funding cycle due to their strong planning foundation, documented safety need, regional significance, and coordination with partner agencies.

The Committee made the following comments on the proposed Cycle 8 Active Transportation Program grant projects:

- Consider working closely with Monterey Salinas Transit on future projects that will affect bus stops
- Consider adaptive signal systems being installed and better timer
- Continue to use green paint for bike lanes
- Roundabout is confusing at 218 x Harcourt
- Why not just focus on the FORTAG path?

6. NORTH MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW AND RESULTS

The Committee received a presentation on the draft North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment will be the northern region of Monterey County, including Moss Landing, Elkhorn, Pajaro, Castroville, and the unincorporated area. She noted that a document identifies and assesses hazards related to climate that impact the north Monterey County area transportation network. She noted that the Vulnerability Assessment draws on existing studies done in the county and at the state level with the Caltrans District 5 Climate Change Adaptation Priorities report to understand how these impact local roads and streets, railroad lines and crossings. In conclusion, Ms. Guther noted that the project work began in July 2024.

Chair Novo asked to email the draft North Monterey County Regional Assessment for review.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state legislative issues and recommended the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted the draft legislative program items of interest to the Committee; she noted that the program notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. Bills of particular interest to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee include the following:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1557 (Papan): Vehicles: electric bikes
- AB 1942 (Bauer-Kahan): Electric bicycles: registration and special license plates
- AB 1976 (Wicks): Streets and highways: pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- AB 2284 (Dixon): Electric bikes: Attorney General list
- AB 2346 (Wilson): Vehicles: electric bicycles and speed limits

The committee asked to bring the item back to a future meeting date for further discussion.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Petersen announced that the Ribbon Cutting for the new parking at Panther Beach in Santa Cruz is scheduled for May 20th. He also mentioned that Dory Salinas resident passed away due to being hit by a vehicle. Mr. Petersen will reach out to the city of Salinas Police Department by increasing bicycle safety training throughout the County.

Committee Member Gallardo expressed the need for enforcement on speeding on electric scooters and kids with no helmets. He noted that the parents should be fined and held accountable.

Committee Member David announced that he emailed Aaron Hernandez, TAMC staff about the Monterey Coastal Trail which has a steep “slip out” near Monterey/Seaside area that needs to be observed.

Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the Transportation Agency in collaboration with the City of Gonzales and Caltrans, will present a project update for the City of Gonzales 5th Bridge to the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Steering Committee. The presentation is open to the public and will be held on May 13th at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.