

Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 **6:00 PM**

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that time (13); the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

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encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1 APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 2, 2020.

- Montiel

3.2 APPROVE City of Seaside's application to the Bicycle Secure Program with the award of one skateboard rack, one bicycle repair station, and two angled bicycle parking racks.

- Jacobsen

Approval by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee is required for applicants to the Bicycle Secure Program to be awarded. The application from the City of Seaside for Cutino Park is the second application received under the new, rolling grant program.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE information about Blue Zones current programs and offerings.

-Kendra Howell, Blue Zones Monterey County

The Committee will receive a presentation about current events from Kendra Howell, Senior Policy Lead of Blue Zones Monterey County.

- 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS
- 6. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

M 1. RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: October 7, 2020

Subject: Draft September Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 2, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft September Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Draft Minutes of September 2, 2020

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	Р	С	С	Р	Р	N	Р	Р
Jack Smith – District 2		Α	Α	Р	Р	0	Р	Р
(David Tavarez)								
Mike Novo – District 3	Е	N	N	Р	Р		Р	Р
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	Е	С	С	Р	Р	M	Е	Р
(Frank Henderson)								
Martin Wegenstein, District 5	Р	E	E	Р	Р	E	Р	Р
(Jeff Lindenthal)								
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	Р	L	L	Р	Р	E	Р	-
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	L	L	-	-	Т	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	E	E	-	-	I	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	E	D	D	-	Р	N	Р	Р
Michael LeBarre, King City	Е			Р	-	G	Р	Р
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	Е			Р	Р		Р	Е
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	Е			Р	Е		Е	Р
vacant Pacific Grove	-			-	-		-	-
(Jung Hwa Kim)								
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair	Р			Р	Р		Р	Р
(Mark Lasnik)								
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	Р			Р	Р		-	Р
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P(A)			Р	Р		Р	Р
(Ralph Wege)								
Soledad - Vacant	-			-	-		-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	-			-	-		-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey	Р			-	-		-	-
(Alex Capelli)								
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-			-	-		-	-
Andrew Easterling, Salinas Public Works	-			-	-		Р	Р
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	Р			-	Р		Р	Р
Caltrans - District 5	-			Р	-		-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG	Р			Р	Р		Р	P (A)
(Will Condon)								
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	Р			Р	-		Р	Р

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	Р			Р	-		E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	Е	Р			Р	Р		Е
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	Р	-			Р	Р		-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	Р			Р	Р		Р
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner								Р
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	Р	Р			Р	Р		Р
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	Р	Р			Р	Р		Р
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	-	Р			Р	Р		Р
Rich Deal, Principal Engineer		Р			-	-		-
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner						Р		-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator								Р

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ralph Wege Seaside - Alternate Peter Meyerhofer Kimley-Horn
Alexander Garrido Public Lauren Jumanan Kimley-Horn
Lisa Rheinheimer MST Michelle Overmeyer MST

Guadalupe Martinez Monterey County

Health Department

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Wriedt/Valencia/unanimous

Abstained: Andrew Eastearling

- **3.1** Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 5, 2020.
- 3.2 Approved Greenfield Community Science Workshop's application to the Bicycle Secure Program with the award of up to two bicycle repair stations and one secure double-bicycle locker.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. GO831 SMART COMMUTE CHALLENGE

The Committee received information about the Go831 Smart Commute Challenge.

Tracy Burke, Go831 Rideshare Coordinator reported in Spring of 2018, TAMC launched a traveler information/Rideshare Program called Go831 to help employers in Monterey County to establish or expand smart commute programs for their employees. She noted that Go831 is a free program from the Transportation Agency that offers a creative approach to get cars of streets and parking lots during the busiest travel times and is designed to support employer-based commuter programs. We find ourselves in the middle of a global pandemic and the majority of employed people have drastically had their commuters, among other things, altered. She noted that this year, we are pleased to have the support of the Blue Zones Project. The Blue Zones Project is a global movement aimed at inspiring people to live longer, more active lives and therefore lower rates of chronic disease. The Blue Zones promotes sustainable, commonsense changes that encourage healthier lifestyles in Monterey County.

In conclusion Ms. Burke noted that the October 2020 Go831 Smart Commute Challenge will run for the full month of October and is available to anyone living and /or working in Monterey County. The contest is designed to track your daily commuting habits/Trips via the Ride Amigos platform and is open to both children and adults by tracking up four trips. She noted that the pandemic has brought a unique scenario in which many were forced into telecommuting positions. Many have found this telecommuting situation beneficial via the decreased congestion and emissions on the roadways and the saved commute time. For more information GO831rideamigos.com.

Committee member Mike LeBarre thanked her for the awesome presentation. He mentioned that a family bicyclist contest for families to participate would be a nice opportunity and exciting.

5. SURF! BUSWAY AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project and provided input on bicycle and pedestrian connections.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that in 1990's TAMC purchased Monterey Branch Line property. In 2009 Light rail was selected as locally preferred alternative by the TAMC Board. in 2014, TAMC Board supports Bus Rapid Transit as interim solution. In 2016 approval of Measure X with Highway 1 Rapid Bus Corridor approved. In 2018 MST concludes Feasibility Study of Bus on Shoulder Operations on State Route 1/Monterey Branch Line. In 2019 MST initiated the environmental analysis and preliminary engineering for Surf! Busway and Rapid Transit Project.

Peter Meyerhofer, Kimley Horn, reported the SURF! Corridor would formally begin at the Marina Transit Exchange and operation in mixed traffic until it enters the rail right-of way at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Marina. He noted a bicycle connection at an existing bicycle/pedestrian crossing over the rail tracks that the Busway would go through at the connection between Beach Range Road and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. Mr. Meyerhofer presented on the following bicycle and pedestrian connections within the SURF! Corridor:

- 1) Bicycle connection at an existing crossing that the Busway would go through at the connection between Beach Range Road and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (owned by Caltrans). Design options include:
- 4-way stop for bicyclists and buses
- Extend Beach Range Road bike route to Marina Drive, west of the railroad tracks
- 2) 5th Street connection with the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail; features under consideration are:
- Protected cycle-track paralleling bus-only lane
- Connection with FORTAG at 5th Street
- Bike lockers and general bicycle storage
- 3) Beach Range Road southern terminus (adjusting existing rec trail connection): continuation of Beach Range Road along west side of Busway
- 4) Bike and pedestrian circulation around California Avenue/Fremont Street, where buses would exit the rail right-of-way and enter mixed-flow traffic.

Committee member Mike Novo noted to avoid conflicts in the North end. Peter Meyerhofer replied that they considered installing sharrows. He noted that the frequency is low and a Class I seems like would work best.

Committee member Matthew McCluney asked if any asphalt improvements on the existing Del Monte Boulevard part of the recreation trail? Mr. Meyerhofer replied that there is a bus-stop only and possible re-alignment, but the recreation trail would be maintained.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt asked who would be responsible for restoring the rail tracks for future rail service. Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, suggested that would be sorted through in the use agreement between TAMC and MST.

Committee member Matthew McCluney asked if there is any possibility of the 5th Street transit center not moving forward without any of the Dunes development? Ms. Rheinheimer responded that there are no specific factors holding it back.

Committee member Mike Novo expressed concern on the left turn for buses out of 5th Street. He noted that short turning into the facility would be tough. Mr. Meyerhofer noted that an underpass coming up is considered and they will look at possibly re-aligning the path for bus and the project team will review the sightline for visibility.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that crossings encourage opportunity lighting can play a role and enhance safety. Member LeBarre also suggested the project team consider the ability for the parking to have a second story and partner that with the hospitality industry for parking.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt asked if there is a nearby states parks project. Mr. Meyerhofer indicated yes and the project team has coordinated with them.

Committee member Andrew Easterling noted to consider a few stop signs on the bus route not on the bike path.

Lisa Rheinheimer announced that the Notice of preparation for the project's Environmental Impact Report was released by Monterey-Salinas Transit on August 13, 2020 and is currently available for public review and feedback. Comments on the Notice of Preparation should be submitted to Michell Overmeyer, Director of Planning and Innovation at MST by 5pm on September 14, 2020.

6. VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from the cities of Monterey and Salinas on Vision Zero implementation.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner introduced Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner and former staff to City of Monterey, who reported that in 2016, the City of Monterey was awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan. The City staff complied five years of collision data and created maps to identify the roads with the highest concentration of fatal and severe injuries. She noted that 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. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that the Monterey City Council passed a resolution endorsing Vision Zero Action Plan and was adopted by the Monterey City Council on November 7, 2017. The plan identified strategies for engagement, enforcement, engineering, education, and evaluation.

Marisa Garcia, City of Monterey reported that that the City of Monterey remains committed to Vision Zero. She noted that as part of the current effort to update the city's Multi-modal Plan, Vision Zero as well as several other City Transportation efforts have been integrated into the City's Circulation Element and Multi-Modal plan.

Committee member Mike LeBarre encouraged to add under collision types look at new design methods that increase awareness for new/beginning bicyclist that will make it more intuitive.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas reported that the City of Salinas is in the process of developing their Vision Zero Action Plan. The Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries collision, while increasing safe, healthy equitable mobility for all. In conclusion Mr. Easterling noted that the Salinas City staff has compiled 10 years of collision data and created maps to illustrate spatial patters and identify the City of Salinas High injury network.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo asked what percent of the collisions were the cyclist's faults? Mr. Easterling indicated City staff can follow-up on that.

Committee member Eric Peterson indicated support for Vision Zero as it has seen success in Norway.

Guadalupe Martinez, Monterey County Health Department asked how many of those collisions were homeless involved accidents. Andrew Easterling replied that the City doesn't have specific description of information about homelessness on the collision reports.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Libby Sofer noted that the virtual cities task force is available at the city website sandcity.org. She also announced that the city is having a virtual mural project on September 28 through October 4, social distancing is encouraged. She noted that a total of 7 murals and will be able to interact with the artist.

Guadalupe Martinez, member of public announced Monterey County Health Department will be having EnLACE event on September 15, 2020 in the City of Soledad. It has provided a space for community members to connect with each other and with community leaders. She also announced that EnLACE will be in the City of Greenfield in November.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that she received information from the Caltrans staff on a public map that shows bike routes on the State Highway System.

Transportation Agency staff will forward information to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 7, 2020

Subject: Bicycle Secure Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE City of Seaside's application to the Bicycle Secure Program with the award of one skateboard rack, one bicycle repair station, and two angled bicycle parking racks.

SUMMARY:

Approval by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee is required for applicants to the Bicycle Secure Program to be awarded. The application from the City of Seaside for Cutino Park is the second application received under the new, rolling grant program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Bicycle Secure Program has a budget of \$30,000 per fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, \$5,000 in equipment has already been programmed. The estimated cost of the one repair station, two angled bicycle parking racks and one skateboard rack is \$4,000. With approval of this application under staff's recommendation, the balance for the Bicycle Secure Program would be about \$20,000.

DISCUSSION:

Cutino Park is a public park within the City of Seaside, located on the corner of Noche Buena Street and San Pablo Avenue. The park is used by employees, community members and local sports organizations and students.

The City of Seaside is seeking bicycle and skateboard parking to accommodate up to eighteen spaces and one bicycle repair station through the Bicycle Secure Program. The estimated cost of the one repair station, one skateboard rack and two angled parking racks is \$4,000. The estimated cost of \$4,000 aligns with previous recipients of Bicycle Secure Program funds and therefore staff recommends approval of all four items.

A summary of the 2020-2021 Bike Secure Program applications is included as an attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Summary of 2020 Bike Secure Program Grants

Attachment 1: Bicycle Secure Program Application Summaries

				Estimated Cost of		Bike Spaces	Skateboard/Scooter	
Applicant	Jurisdiction	Items Requested	Items Awarded	Award	Actual Cost	Provided	Spaces	Repair Stations
Greenfield								
Community Science		Bike Repair Station (2)	Bike Repair Station (1-					
Workshop	Greenfield	and Bike Lockers (4)		\$5,000	\$3,900	2	0	1
City of Seaside		Repair Station (1),						
(Recreation Dept.,		Bike Racks (2),						
Cutino Park)	Seaside	Skateboard Rack (1)		\$4,000				
Total				\$9,000	\$3,900	2	0	1

Balance \$26,100



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Tracy Burke, Go831 Rideshare Coordinator / Associate Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 7, 2020

Subject: Blue Zones October 2020 Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE information about Blue Zones current programs and offerings.

SUMMARY:

The Committee will receive a presentation about current events from Kendra Howell, Senior Policy Lead of Blue Zones Monterey County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Kendra Howell, Senior Policy Lead of Blue Zones Monterey County, will present information about Blue Zones' joint effort with the Transportation Agency's Go831 program to promote the October Smart Commute Challenge.

The Transportation Agency's Go831 program encourages activities that reduce congestion in Monterey County. The Go831 Smart Commute Challenge is open to anyone who lives or works in Monterey County and offers prizes to those who smart commute during the month of October. For this challenge "smart" commuting will include telework, walking and biking.

The Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community well-being improvement initiative designed to help people lead longer, better lives by making healthy choices easier. The initiative promotes simple permanent or semi-permanent changes to community, organization and home environments that support healthy lifestyle behaviors and habits based on cultures identified around the world that have high percentages of centenarians, labeled Blue Zones by the National Geographic.

Current Blue Zone Monterey County efforts including creating a community safety education campaign that supports promoting walking and bicycling more, and Salinas' Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic related fatalities.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 7, 2020
Subject: Media Clippings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- Highway 183 Castroville upgrades set for town hall
- MST takes step toward designated bus lane along Highway 1
- County board to eye Nov. 30 for Resource Management Agency split

Other News of Interest

- Three pedestrian fatalities since June rattle SF safety advocates
- We Need to Talk About School Transportation
- Eyes on the Street: New Left-Side Protected Bike Lane on Grande in Downtown L.A.
- What's driving pedestrian deaths? Darkness, speed, wider roads and larger vehicles
- 8-year-old plans 50-mile bike ride to raise money to pave parts of his favorite biking trail
- The MIT Autonomous Bicycle is a Regular Bike that Becomes a Self-Driving Trike