

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

Final Minutes of May 1, 2024
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate
A - Absent

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	E		E	E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-		-	-	-	-	P(VC)
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	-	-		-	-	-	E	P(VC)
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	-	P		P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P		P	E	-	E	E
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	-	-		-	P	P(VC)	P	P
Alissa Guthier, Transportation Planner	-	-		-	P (VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
Doug Bilsle, Principal Engineer	-	-		-	P	P	-	-
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Amelia Conlen Senior Transportation Planner							P	-
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Mari Lynch (VC)	Public			Nathalie Gomez		District 3 Alternate		
Laurie Williamson (VC)	TAMC staff							

1. Chair Wegenstein called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Committee Member Nathalie Gomez announced a Bike Education workshop, Saturdays, 11-2, at 45 El Camino Real, Greenfield.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Novo/ Tafoya / unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 3, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) projects in progress.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, presented the FORTAG project and noted that it is proposed as a 28-mile continuous 12-ft wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an open-space buffer on both sides. He noted that FORTAG will connect to the existing Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and will provide connections to unpaved trails in the Fort Ord National Monument. The northern loop of FORTAG encircles Marina, following a 13-mile route that includes three miles of the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. The southern loop of FORTAG encircles the Seaside and bisects Del Rey Oaks, following a 15-mile route that includes four miles of the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. The route includes spurs connecting with existing and planned bike/pedestrian infrastructure. Mr. Zeller noted that an undercrossing below State Route 218 will connect near Del Rey Oaks City Hall and the Frog Pond.

Mr. Zeller presented on the four segments:

- 1) Segment 1 – Canyon Del Rey/SR 218
- 2) Segment 2 – Imjin Road to Jerry Smith Corridor
- 3) Segment 3 – California Avenue from Patton Parkway to Imjin Road
- 4) Segment 4 – Laguna Grande Regional Park

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects:

- Consider ensuring the most secure bike racks
- Consider bike repair stations on the trail
- Consider rest stops and benches with shade

5. THE WALK AND ROLL TESTIMONIALS PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project and provided feedback to Transportation Agency staff.

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. Ms. Sambrano noted that this initiative aims to capture and share diverse experiences to normalize and encourage more active transportation.

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

- Consider a diverse representation of the community, highlighting different age, cultural, geographic, and linguistic groups for testimonials
- Consider bike and pedestrian safety messages
- Consider a Tik-Tok-style 10-20 second video format to share on social media
- Consider a different name for the program such as “Story of the Streets”
- Consider a short podcast with topical questions such as safety and health
- Consider interviewing individuals on bikes and pedestrians at rest stops or bike trails
- Consider monthly reels and hashtags, asking viewers to contribute their stories
- Consider asking the funniest bike moment or what is the craziest thing you can carry on your cargo bike

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Eric Petersen announced that in Portland they have a separate Pedestrian Committee, and they have innovative ideas.

Chair Martin Wegenstein announced that the Board officially adopted the revised BPC bylaws.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.