

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

Final Minutes of August 2, 2023

Held at Transportation Agency for Monterey County Office
55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	JUL 23	AUG 23
Todd Muck, Executive Director		P	E	-	E			-
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		-	P	-	-			-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P(VC)	P	P			P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery		-	P	-	-			P (VC)
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer		-	-	-	-			-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning		-	P	P (VC)	P			P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner		P	E	P	P			P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner		-	-	P (VC)	-			-
Alissa Guthier, Assistant Transportation Planner		P	-	P	-			P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer		P	-	P	P (VC)			P (VC)
Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration			P (VC)	-	-			-
OTHERS PRESENT:								
	Hans Hoffman	Public		Victor Tafoya–	District 2			
	Jasmine Perez Mejia	Monterey County		Robin Lee	Public			
	Mari Lynch	Public		Vickie	Public			
	Sam Winter	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**

Mari Lynch, Public announced that Roy Wiegand was biking and hit in traffic collision, he was bicycling to support a charity.

Hans Hoffman, member of public announced that the city needs to consider cleaning the gravel on re-pavement Blanco Road.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wegenstein /Sofer /unanimous

Abstained: Jeff Wriedt

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of May 3, 2023.

3.2 Approved applications to the Active Transportation Support Program (ATSP) to award bike racks.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2023 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

M/S/C **Johnson/ Stern**
Abstained: Gino Garcia

The Committee recommended the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$10.5 million of Regional Surface Transportation funds to the 2023 Competitive Grants Program of Projects.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency Board approved releasing a call for projects for a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2023 meeting. She noted that the grant applications were due June 1, 2023, and the Agency established an ad hoc committee of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee members to review and rank the applications and provide funding recommendations. She noted that the Agency received twelve completed competitive applications of more than \$22.7 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation grant funding. Ms. Strause noted that each application was reviewed and scored by five committee members. She went over the projects that are being recommended by Agency staff for grant funding in ranked order:

- King City - U.S. Highway 101/Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement
- Project - \$3,519,000
- Marina - Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road Intersection Improvements - \$1,717,500
- Monterey-Salinas Transit - MST Countywide Bus Stop Project - \$425,000
- City of Soledad - West Street Road Diet and Complete Street Project - \$2,758,000
- City of Salinas - Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project - \$1,556,000

Ms. Strause also reported that the Transportation Agency received four complete quick-build grant applications totaling \$732,500 in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. Each application was reviewed and scored by five committee members. The following projects are recommended by Agency staff for grant funding in ranked order:

- City of Salinas - East Market Street Cycle Track Quick Build - \$326,000
- City of Monterey - Madison/Hermann/Larkin Traffic Circle - \$119,120
- King City - Division Street Bike Lanes & SRTS Crosswalk Upgrades - \$117,380

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo asked what is Monterey-Salinas Transit adding? Janneke Strause replied that Monterey-Salinas Transit will be adding 49 new bus stops in South County from the planning study.

Committee Member Katie Stern asked why only three quick-build projects were recommended for funding and why not fund all four projects. Janneke Strause replied that the County of Monterey's application didn't meet the criteria of the grant program to test a new concept using semi-permanent materials with a public participation plan to adjust the concept.

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt asked what happens to unused funds? Janneke Strause replied that it goes into the RSTP Reserve for future projects.

Committee Member Gino Garcia asked why staff was only recommending \$1.5 million for the Harden Parkway Path and SRTS project when it costs \$15.5 million? Janneke Strause replied that the request and recommendation fully funds the project.

The Committee had the following comments and input regarding the 2023 Competitive Grants Program of Projects:

- Consider reaching out to those that were not awarded funding to review applications
- Work with the Monterey County Public Works staff to provide support with applications
- Consider modifying the guidelines next cycle to be more clear
- Consider including the scoring matrix in the presentation
- Consider checking with Cities prior to submitting applications

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Sofer announced that the Sand City Criterium was a great family event that attracted racers and will be back next year.

Committee Member Petersen announced that Andrew Easterling is no longer with the City of Salinas and noted that he was a great traffic engineer that understood road issues and he will be missed.

Mari Lynch announced that the Ciclovía Salinas is on October 15, 2023 and more information at bikemonterey.org.

Committee Member Stern will coordinate with Asilomar State Beach and the city of Pacific Grove in applying for the Active Transportation Support Program.

Mari Lynch mentioned that the Health Department needs bike racks for the health worker providers.

Committee Member Johnson asked for a Wayfinding presentation at a future meeting date.

Committee Member Wriedt mentioned the next meeting on September 6, 2023 will be held in Greenfield.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.