

Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Transportation Agency Conference Room - 55B Plaza Circle
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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

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 November 6, 2019.

3.2 RECEIVE and **ADOPT** 2020 calendar for meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee incorporating four alternative meeting locations across Monterey County.

- Jacobsen

At the November 6, 2019 meeting, the Committee approved the meeting calendar for 2020 and voted to have four alternative meeting locations. The attached 2020 meeting calendar reflects the Committee's request for four alternate meeting locations.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway:
 - **1. RECEIVE** update on the proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project; and
 - **2. PROVIDE** input on the proposed project.

- Castillo

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes a 28-mile long multi-use trail in the Monterey Peninsula that would connect with the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail at several locations. The trail would primary consist of three loops - a northern, central, and southern loop - that roughly encircle the City of Marina, the California State University Monterey Bay campus, and the cities of Seaside and Del Rey Oaks, respectively. The trail would also traverse areas of unincorporated Monterey County and extend east to the City of Monterey linking to bike facilities in the Ryan Ranch Business Park.

5. RECEIVE update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan; and

PROVIDE input on the draft Plan recommendations.

- Green

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan is a multi-agency effort to identify barriers and opportunities to support safe walking, bicycling, skating, scooting and carpooling in the cities of Seaside and Marina.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

- **M 1.** The people behind North Fremont Street's new bike path take a ride on their own handiwork.
- M 2. Fort Ord regional trail project environmental report released
- M 3. Path to bring "Safe Routes to Schools" to Salinas continues
- M 4. SQUID FRY 10.24.19: Crash Course
- M 5. <u>Bike riders and pedestrians are dying. It's drawing rare bipartisan focus in Washington, D.C.</u>
- M 6. SURPRISE! Federal Panel Seeks Mandatory Helmet Laws

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: Draft November Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 6, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

BPC Draft November 2019 Minutes

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

Draft Minutes of November 6, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV
voting inclinacia	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Jack Smith – District 2	Р	Е	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	Р
(David Tavarez)								
Mike Novo – District 3	Р	Р	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Е	Р	Р
(Frank Henderson)								
Martin Wegenstein, District 5	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	P(A)
(Jeff Lindenthal)								
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	Р	Р	Р	-	Р	-	Р	Р
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	Е	Р	E	Р	Р	Е	Р	Е
Michael LeBarre, King City	Р	Р	Е	Е	Е	-	-	-
Hans Hoffmann Jr, Marina	-	_	-	-	-	Р	Р	Р
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	-	Р	Р	-	Р	Е	-	Е
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove	P(A)	Е	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Jung Hwa Kim)								
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Mark Lasnik)								
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	-	-	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Ralph Wege)								
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	Р	Р	-	Р	Р	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	р
(Alex Capelli)								
Vacant, FORA	Р	Р	Р	Р	-	-	-	-
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	Р	Р	Е	-	Р	Р	Р	Р
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р

E – Excused VC – Video Conference P(A) – Alternate TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	Е	E	E	E	Е	Е	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	Е	Е	E	Р	E	E	Е	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	Р	Р	-	Р	E	-	Р	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner					Р	Р	Р	Р
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	E	Р	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р
Laurie Williamson, Engineer	-	Р	-	-	Е	-	_	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Lindenthal District 4 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/Novo/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 2, 2019 with a few minor corrections.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2020 and adopted the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2020 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. She noted that Committee members have indicated a desire to adjust meeting locations for 2020. Consistent with the Committee Bylaws, Committee members may determine an alternate meeting location that is convenient for the majority of the members.

M/S/C Wriedt/Petersen /unanimous

Committee member Jeff Wriedt nominated Committee member Jack Smith for the 2020 Chair and Mike Novo for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Eric Petersen.

Committee member Mike Novo mentioned that getting to Carmel can be much harder for a South County representative. He noted that having different meetings locations and seeing different parts of the County, possibly consider inviting a few community meeting groups in the area.

Committee member Mathew McCluney suggested we meet at various parts of the County.

M/S/C Johnson /Novo /unanimous

Committee member D.L. Johnson motioned to approve the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar and Transportation Agency staff search for future alternative locations and bring back the final Committee meeting calendar with meeting locations.

5. 2020 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on the draft 2020 Legislative Program.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. She noted that the program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. She noted that the draft 2020 program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2020 Legislative session. She noted that the other Transportation Agency Committees will also review the 2020 Legislative program. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that once all the Transportation Agency Committees review the draft 2020 Legislative Program, the final program will come back to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors on January 22, 2020 for adoption. She also went over the attached draft legislative program and noted a few items of particular interest to this Committee.

Committee member Mathew McCluney noted that the Transportation Agency work with Caltrans and Monterey County for matching planning grants. Madilyn Jacobsen noted that the draft 2020 legislative program is specific to Transportation Agency and will follow up with Christina Watson on Highway 156.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that supporting Item 8S is not hard just time consuming.

Committee member Mike Novo commented on Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (Item 4S) with questions about Federal requirements. Ms. Jacobsen suggested Committee member Novo connect directly with Christina Watson for more information.

6. FORD ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway environmental impact report.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner presented on the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project that will be released for public review in mid-November. A public hearing to accept comments on the draft environmental impact report will take place at the December 4, 2019 TAMC Board of Directors meeting, among other meeting with various city councils. She noted that the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes to construct an approximately 28-mile continuous 12-foot wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an openspace buffer on both sides. This trail will connect the Monterey Peninsula cities from the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the California State Monterey Bay University campus through the former Ford Ord open space area. She noted that the Transportation Agency has been working with the County of Monterey, the cities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey and Seaside, the California State University at Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the public to gather input define alternatives to be evaluated. The consultant team has performed the field reviews, technical studies, outreach events, and public information meetings required to prepare the draft environmental impact report. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that Transportation Agency staff is conducting an internal review of the consultant's work on the draft environmental impact report, which is expected to be ready for circulation around November 13, 2019. The environmental review process for the entire Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project will be available November 7, 2019 through January 3, 2020. She asked that Committee members to attend a public meeting to submit comments or you can submit by email and mail and all comments will get in incorporate. She noted that a draft Master Agreement including maintenance responsibilities is being circulated by TAMC to the underlying jurisdictions for their review and is expected to be executed in early 2020.

Committee member D. L. Johnson asked if any signage would be installed. Stefania Castillo noted that they plan to install signage throughout the trail.

Committee member Jack Smith suggested including signage along the trail to call-out existing restroom locations. Stefania Castillo replied that the proposed project includes wayfinding and interpretive signage, waste receptacles and shielded lighting. She noted that each jurisdiction will be responsible for maintaining their section of the trail.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann suggested routing the trail through the existing signalized crossing at Del Monte Boulevard and English Avenue instead of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian traffic signal at Del Monte Boulevard near Laguna Grande Regional Park between the In-n-Out restaurant and Holiday Inn.

Committee members expressed a desire to have discussion on the environmental impact report at the January meeting. Staff suggested that could happen.

7. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation and provided input regarding the Transportation Agency's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process, timeline and goal development.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, updated every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Plan. Staff has initiated the development of updated goals and policy objectives for the 20222 Regional Transportation Plan. Transportation Agency staff reviewed the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines and began revising the Plan's 2018 goal and policy objectives to be more reflective of current projects and programs happening in Monterey County.

Members of the committee were provided information about the Transportation Agency's open survey on Defining Regional Transportation Priorities and were encouraged to participate in the survey. Ms. Jacobsen shared briefings of some initial findings the Transportation Agency has seen through the survey.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen noted the newsletter interview of John Forester he handed out a few copies to the Committee.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt announced that Bob Cat Bicycle owner was killed after biking and he fell off a cliff.

Committee member DL Johnson noted that he attended a meeting at Supervisor Adams office on the issues on Highway 1 and Hatton Road.

Committee member Ralph Wege announced that he attended Cal Bike Convention in Los Angeles. He mentioned that he attended a few sessions on bike improvements.

Madilyn Jacobsen announced that a call for nominations for the Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: 2020 Meeting Calendar Adoption

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE and **ADOPT** 2020 calendar for meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee incorporating four alternative meeting locations across Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

At the November 6, 2019 meeting, the Committee approved the meeting calendar for 2020 and voted to have four alternative meeting locations. The attached 2020 meeting calendar reflects the Committee's request for four alternate meeting locations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Bylaws of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee indicate that meetings shall be held at a specific time and place that the Committee determines to be convenient for the majority of members. Given the broad geography of Monterey County, the Committee requested that for the 2020 year, they would like to integrate four alternative meeting locations in addition to the rotation at the Transportation Agency's Conference Room.

Staff coordinated with outside agencies to find a meeting locations across Monterey County and scheduled the following:

- Sand City Council Chambers (March 4, 2020)
- Castroville Community Services District (May 6, 2020)
- Gonzales City Council Chambers (September 2, 2020)
- Marina Library (November 4, 2020)

ATTACHMENTS:

2020 Bike Ped Committee Calendar

2020 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Meetings held at the Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas Or

Alternate Location, across Monterey County 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Month	Date	Day	Location
January	8	Wednesday	TAMC
February	5	Wednesday	TAMC
March	4	Wednesday	Sand City Council Chambers
April	1	Wednesday	TAMC
May	6	Wednesday	Castroville Community Services District
June	3	Wednesday	TAMC
No July Co			
August	5	Wednesday	TAMC
September	2	Wednesday	Gonzales City Council Chambers
October	7	Wednesday	TAMC
November	4	Wednesday	Marina Library Community Room
No December			

Sand City Council Chambers: 1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA Castroville CSD: 11499 Geil Street, Castroville, CA Marina Library: 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA

Gonzales City Council Chambers: 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway:

- 1. RECEIVE update on the proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project; and
- **2. PROVIDE** input on the proposed project.

SUMMARY:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes a 28-mile long multi-use trail in the Monterey Peninsula that would connect with the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail at several locations. The trail would primary consist of three loops - a northern, central, and southern loop - that roughly encircle the City of Marina, the California State University Monterey Bay campus, and the cities of Seaside and Del Rey Oaks, respectively. The trail would also traverse areas of unincorporated Monterey County and extend east to the City of Monterey linking to bike facilities in the Ryan Ranch Business Park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Measure X allocates \$20 million over 30 years to this project. The TAMC Board of Directors awarded a \$1 million contract to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. on August 22, 2018 for state environmental review and preliminary design of the proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project would involve the phased construction of a multi-use trail in northwestern Monterey County, generally encircling the cities of Seaside and Marina and the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus. The proposed FORTAG alignment includes approximately 28 miles of new paved trail, primarily on the inland side of Highway 1.

The Trail would accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists of all abilities. Within portions of some segments, the proposed alignment would include an adjacent four to eight-foot side path separated from the main path to accommodate equestrian use. Dogs would be allowed on-leash throughout the system. The estimated number of Trail users would be between 1,000 and 3,000 daily, with the highest usage occurring on the university campus and near the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail. Most of the Trail would be a 12-foot-wide paved path, with a two-foot-wide unpaved shoulder on both sides, for a total width of 16 feet. The Trail is organized into seven segments: Northern Marina, Northern Loop, CSUMB Loop North, CSUMB Loop South, National Monument Loop, Canyon Del Rey/Highway 218, and Ryan Ranch.

The following key areas of concern have been raised by the public regarding the project's potential environmental impacts:

- Impacts to wildlife and biological resources.
- Food safety risks related to trail use near agriculture.
- Lighting impacts.
- Increased bicycle traffic on Angelus Way and Frog Pond Wetland Preserve.
- Airport safety zones.
- Homeless intrusion.
- Safety and aesthetic impacts at underpasses.

The proposed project includes alternative trail alignments and roadway crossings in order to address the key areas of concern.

The public comment period on the draft environmental impact report closed on January 3, 2020. The final report is scheduled for consideration at the March 2020 TAMC Board of Directors meeting. The final report will include comments received, responses to comments, and revisions to the report as applicable. A draft Master Agreement including maintenance responsibilities is being circulated by Agency staff to the underlying jurisdictions for their review and is expected to be executed in early 2020, following the certification of the environmental impact report by TAMC as the lead agency and by the underlying jurisdictions as responsible agencies.

Engineering-level design is estimated to begin in Spring 2020. Committee members will have multiple opportunities to provide input throughout the next year or so as the project moves through the design phase.

The first portion of the trail anticipated for construction is a segment along Canyon Del Rey Blvd/Highway 218 that has been awarded \$10.3 million in federal funding through the Active Transportation Program. Construction for this segment is estimated to take place in 2022/2023. Construction of other segments is expected to occur over time and could continue for several years, depending upon funding availability and participation of the underlying jurisdiction.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway: Map of Trail Segments



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan; and **PROVIDE** input on the draft Plan recommendations.

SUMMARY:

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan is a multi-agency effort to identify barriers and opportunities to support safe walking, bicycling, skating, scooting and carpooling in the cities of Seaside and Marina.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Plan is funded through a \$360,876 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and \$47,077 of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds.

DISCUSSION:

Seaside and Marina have both been identified as high priority cities due to the high rates of youth biking and walking collisions and childhood obesity. To address these concerns, TAMC and Ecology Action, in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, the cities of Seaside and Marina, and the Monterey County Health Department applied for state funding.

The Safe Routes to School Plan builds on the goals of the Measure X Program to ensure children across Monterey County have access to safe, healthy and affordable transportation options. The Plan identifies barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and includes recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements.

The planning effort launched in late August 2018. In Fall 2018 the project team conducted walking audits around each of the schools with members of the school community and public. The project team developed a list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements to reduce barriers to walking and biking to school and reduce traffic congestion in front of schools during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The team also identified a series of streets that together would create a citywide network of slower safer routes to schools. These streets are referred to as "Safe Routes to School Corridors" which are the primary routes connecting to schools and "Safe Routes to School Connectors" which are streets that connect to the Safe Routes to School Corridors.

Seaside Safe Routes to School Corridors & Connectors:

- Yosemite Street
- Noche Buena (portions near schools)
- Broadway Avenue
- LaSalle Avenue
- Sonoma Avenue
- Kimball Avenue
- Waring Street & Flores Street (between Plumas Avenue and Military Avenue)
- Military Avenue
- Ord Grove Avenue & Hacienda Street
- Mingo Avenue (between Noche Buena Street & Yosemite Street)

Marina Safe Routes to School Corridors & Connectors:

- Carmel Avenue
- Cordoza Avenue
- Melanie Road
- DeForest Road
- Crescent Avenue
- Crescent Street
- Zanetta Drive
- Vaughn Avenue
- California Avenue
- Lynscott Drive
- Reindollar Avenue & Bostick Avenue & Bayer Street

The draft recommendations are categorized by their expected implementation time frame "short" "medium" and "long". Short-term projects are those that are inexpensive and relatively easy to install, such as bulb-outs and restriping; medium-term projects require more funding and design work, such as bike lanes; and long-term projects are those that require even more funding, design and coordination, such as new paths. These categories do not affect project prioritization. For example, if a city determines a long-term project to be high-priority and are successful in obtaining grant funding, the project may be implemented sooner than a lower priority short-term project.

In May 2019 the project team installed temporary safe routes to school demonstrations on Broadway Avenue in front of MLK Jr School of the Arts in Seaside, and along Carmel Avenue in front of Crumpton and Marina Vista Elementary Schools in Marina. The on-street demonstrations allowed community members of Seaside and Marina to physically walk and bike through some of the proposed improvements and provide input on whether or not the projects should be made permanent. The results of public opinion surveys collected during the demonstration conclude that the majority of people liked the new street designs and want them to be made permanent.

The planning team has thus far received input on the draft recommendations from: each school community, the School District, city committees and City Councils. This presentation provides an opportunity for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to review and comment on the draft Plan before it is taken to the TAMC Board for review.

The full draft list of infrastructure recommendations and non-infrastructure recommendations are included as web attachments.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

<u>Draft School Profiles</u> <u>Draft Citywide Recommendations</u>



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020 Subject: Media Clipping

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The people behind North Fremont Street's new bike path take a ride on their own handiwork.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020 Subject: Media Clipping

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Fort Ord regional trail project environmental report released



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

From: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Meeting Date: January 8, 2020
Subject: Media Clipping

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SQUID FRY 10.24.19: Crash Course