

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of February 1, 2017

Held at the Transportation Agency office

55 Plaza, Cir. Suite B, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 17	FEB 17
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	E	E	-	-	E	-	-	E
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (<i>Frank Henderson</i>)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 (<i>Geof Tibbitts</i>)	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	-	P	P	E	-	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina, (<i>Debra Daniels</i>)					-	-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove (<i>Tony Prock</i>)	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Chair (<i>Mark Lasnik</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside (<i>Ralph Wege</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey (<i>Vera Noghera</i>)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
Mary Israel, FORA (<i>Jonathan Brinkmann</i>)	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P(A)	P	E	P	-	P	P	E
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG (<i>Sasha Tepedelenova</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB (<i>Matthew McCluney</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P(A)	P

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

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	-	-	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	E	P	-	p	E	P
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	E	P	P	E	-	E	E	E
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner								P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matthew McCluney CSUMB - Alternate Eddie Fredrick Public
 Ralph Wege Seaside Resident MacGregor Eddy Columnist, Salinas Californian

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 Johnson /LeBarre /unanimous

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 1, 2017 with the following correction on item 5: Ms. Murillo noted that the tax will begin collection on April 2017 and the first payment to the cities and County are expected in August 2017.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2017 COMPETITIVE GRANTS GUIDELINES

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the 2017 Regional Surface Transportation Program Competitive Grants program.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Development Act 2% and Regional Development Impact Fee funds to local projects. He noted that the Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. The Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair-share and competitive program.

The three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2017/18/19 is \$3.6 million for fair share distribution to jurisdictions and \$6.95 million for competitive grants. Monterey County and cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation program funds based on their population and road miles. He noted that Agency staff is proposing to award the competitive grants in two tiers, based on the availability of funding. He noted that the first tier would be funded with estimated \$6.95 million in RSTP. The second tier would be funded with any deprogrammed funds from the last competitive grants cycle.

Committee Member LeBarre asked if cities are used to the format of the application. Mr. Zeller noted that the cities are used to the format, and noted that TAMC's Technical Advisory Committee has already reviewed the application.

5. BIKE MONTH PLANNING

The Committee received a report on Monterey County Bike Month 2016 and provided direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month 2017.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that bike month is national campaign held annually in May to promote bicycling. The purpose of Bike Month is to raise public awareness of bicycling as a form of transportation. She reported that the 2016 Bike Month Activities included the Salinas Criterium Bike Race, King City Junior Road Race, Salinas Ride to City Council, Salinas Community Ride, and free adult bike safety trainings throughout Monterey County. The Transportation Agency collaborated with CSU Monterey Bay to offer seven free adult BikeSAFE training classes throughout Monterey County in April and in May as part of Bike Month. The Agency also contracted with Ecology Action to conduct bike safety trainings at elementary schools throughout Monterey County. Transportation Agency staff is proposing to allocate eligible funds to continue to support public outreach campaign during Bike Month. The staff recommendation for this year's Bike Month is to:

1. Pause the BikeSAFE program for the Spring and allow for time to form cross-sector partnerships to create a more robust adult bike safety education program.
2. Continue bicycle safety trainings for children, while coordinating with the County Health Department and others that are offering bicycle safety trainings for children.
3. Continue promoting bicycling and walking events such as Salinas Ciclovía.

The Committee had the following comments on the Monterey County Bike Month for 2017:

- Continue to focus on children's bike safety rodeos
- Consider developing adult bike safety training courses online
- Consider having Monterey Peninsula College or CSU Monterey Bay filming class organize a bike video to advertise during bike month
- Consider engaging the following groups and organizations for Bike Month outreach:
 - Local libraries
 - Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement (MILPA)
 - Outreach via the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office in San Jose
- Consider having booths at various community events such as Natividad: Take it Outside
- Consider adding an element of pedestrian safety as part of Bike Month
- Consider having a bike lock giveaway event

Ms. Murillo noted that Committee Member Jerry Ramos emailed the following input: Mr. Ramos appreciates if the Bike Month posters and flyers are available in North County as early as possible, including in Spanish. He noted that he can help distribute the posters in Castroville. He also mentioned it would be greatly appreciated if others can help distribute at Pajaro, Prunedale, Moss Landing, and other North County locations.

6.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, provided an update on public outreach for the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan, an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. She noted that the focus of the Active Transportation Plan is to meet the State guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs and promote high priority projects. Staff gathered input on bike and pedestrian improvements from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, and collaborated with the County Health Department to gather input from their Greenfield Leadership and Civic Engagement group. Staff also collaborated with the City of Gonzales to host a South County public workshop to gather input for the Plan. Ms. Murillo noted that approximately 300 people submitted 430 comments via the online Wikimapping tool.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the Transportation Agency staff will be meeting with local city staff to review Plan comments, and refine the list of comments. Staff will rank projects, and will bring the ranked list to the Transportation Agency Committees for input. She noted that once the high priority projects have been identified, TAMC will hire a consultant to develop preliminary designs and refine project cost estimates.

The Committee had the following comments on the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan outreach:

- Continue to work with the city engineering and planning staff
- Consider working with schools to participate in identifying possibly safety projects
- Consider "silly sidewalks"
- Continue to work on identifying next steps component on safe routes to schools

Ms. Murillo noted that Committee Member Jerry Ramos emailed the following comments: He agrees with the input for North County communities of Castroville, Oak Hills, Moss Landing, and Prunedale.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that State Assembly Bill 2509 proposes a revision of Vehicle Code 2509 that refers to bicyclists riding as close to the right as possible.

Matthew McCluney, CSU Monterey Bay, announced that the draft CSU Monterey Bay Campus Master Plan is out for public review.

Committee member Bill Boosman announced that the Pebble Beach AT&T Pro-Am will be February 6 - 12, 2017 and noted that the schedule of events is available at the website.

Virginia Murillo announced that the Bicycle Secure Program applications are due at noon on February 2.

Ms. Murillo reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be at Sand City on March 1.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.