

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPC)

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017
6:00 PM**

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC) TAMC Conference Room AGENDA

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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

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 4, 2017.

- Montiel

***The Draft minutes of the January 4, 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.***

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on the 2017 Regional Surface Transportation Program Competitive Grants program.

- Zeller

The Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Development Act 2%, and Regional Development Impact Fee funds to local projects. Transportation Agency staff requests jurisdictions review and provide feedback on the draft guidelines.

5. 1. **RECEIVE** report on Monterey County Bike Month 2016; and
 2. **PROVIDE** direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month 2017.

- Murillo

Bike Month is a national campaign held annually in May to promote bicycling. The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for an annual public education campaign, and requests direction from the Committee for 2017 Bike Month.

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan outreach campaign.

- Murillo

The 2017 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan is an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The focus of the 2017 Plan is to meet the State Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs and promote high priority projects. Staff will present an update on the public outreach campaign.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence - No items this month.

Media Clipping

- M 1.** [Measure X paves way for new trail network from Monterey to Marina](#)
- M 2.** [Fernando Armenta: Making transportation progress in 2016](#)
- M 3.** Residential area gets traffic calming measures - Salinas Californian
- M 4.** [Atkins, Saavedra honored for fire emergency work - Salinas Californian](#)

Reports - No items this month.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
From: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee minutes of January 4, 2017**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 4, 2017.

SUMMARY:

The Draft minutes of the January 4, 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This item has no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The draft minutes of the January 4, 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bicycle And Pedestrian Draft January Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of January 4, 2017
 Held at the Transportation Agency office
 55 Plaza, Cir. Suite B, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 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	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	-
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	P	E	P	E
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	-	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	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	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	P(A)	P	E	P	-	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB <i>(Matthew McCluney)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P(A)

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

	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 17
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	-	-	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	E	E	P	-	p	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ralph Wege Seaside Resident

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**

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that he spoke with Transportation Agency staff Christina Watson and noted that the state license plate will be re-introduced. He also noted that the vehicle code is unclear about side by side riding and mentioned Bob Shanteau has been attending the Statewide Cycling Committee.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wriedt/ Boosman /unanimous
 Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 2, 2016.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **DOWNTOWN SALINAS COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT**

The Committee provided input on the City of Salinas' Alisal Complete Streets Project.

James Serrano, City of Salinas, reported that the City received grant funds to make complete streets safety improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers on Alisal Street, between Blanco Road and Front Street. He noted the City of Salinas' Downtown Vibrancy Plan identified needs to update Downtown's infrastructure to assure pedestrian safety, calm vehicular traffic to encourage increased bicycle use, provide a sustainable parking strategy, and create a sense of place through art and culture that attracts visitors to a new, safe destination. Improvements along Alisal Street include:

- Buffered bike lanes between Blanco Rd. & Front St.
- Parking buffered bike lanes between Salinas St. & Capitol St.
- Center turns lanes between Front St. & Soledad St.
- Curb extensions and high-visibility crosswalks on Pajaro St, Monterey St & Church St, Lincoln Ave, Homestead Ave. & W. Acacia St.
- Pedestrian all-way crosswalks (pedestrian scrambles) on Main St & Salinas St.

In conclusion Mr. Serrano noted that the Alisal Street road diet improvements are meant to accommodate the existing and planned volumes of auto traffic while making it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to use the street. He noted that the planning level cost estimate for design and construction of these improvements is \$2.6 million. Construction is expected to begin this summer, and be complete by Spring 2018.

The Committee had the following suggestions on the Alisal Complete Streets Project:

- Consider working with Monterey-Salinas Transit on development of bus rapid transit improvements along the corridor
- Consider updating all traffic signal lights along the corridor
- Consider possibly installing a roundabout on Lincoln/Capitol in a future phase
- Consider leading pedestrian intervals at signalized intersections
- Consider using the NACTO transit design guidelines
- Consider educating Monterey County residents on bicycle safety

5. **MEASURE X UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Measure X and the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that Monterey County voters approved Measure X in November 2016 to fund the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, just above the required 2/3rds voter approval threshold, at 67.71%. She noted that the revenues are split with 60% dedicated to local road maintenance, pothole repairs and safety projects, and 40% dedicated to regional safety and mobility projects. As part of the 40% dedicated to regional projects, Measure X includes \$20 million for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, and \$20 million for a Safe Routes to School category. She noted that several implementation steps will occur before the tax begins. At the beginning of January 2017, Transportation Agency will approve agreements with the Board of Equalization, the County Auditor and cities and the County to develop agreements for revenue. Transportation Agency will initiate a pavement management system and hire a bond analysis advisor. The Agency will also be setting up the Citizens Oversight Committee that includes representatives from a diverse set of community organizations and interest groups.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the tax will begin collection on April 2013, and the first payment to the cities and County are expected in August 2017. She noted that the cities and county will develop a list of early delivery projects and a 5 – year expenditure plan for local streets and road maintenance projects. She noted that public outreach will be a key component of Measure X and the Transportation Agency will issue press releases and present to community groups as project implementation begins.

Committee member Michael LeBarre noted that posting the highlights of Measure X, especially the safe routes to school component, and using ad targeting on Facebook can be a great result for all cities and everyone can add to Facebook page.

6. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 3**

The Committee received an update on the Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 grant program.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Monterey County Health Department was awarded grant funds for safe routes to school education and to support open streets Ciclovía events in the cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Greenfield and King City. \$240 million was available statewide on a competitive basis. She noted that the program received 456 applications requesting \$976.7 million.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that the Transportation Agency staff will be requesting a debrief from the California Transportation Commission for each of the applications. Staff will take these comments to improve future grant applications, and will coordinate with the County and the City of Salinas to identify potential alternative sources of funds to complete these projects.

Committee member LeBarre noted that King City is working on downtown streetscape improvements that might be a competitive grant proposal project in the future.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Michael LeBarre wished a Happy New Year to all. He also noted that all the South County cities appreciate the safe routes to school program, noting that most people in South County walk.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **2017 Competitive Grants Guidelines**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on the 2017 Regional Surface Transportation Program Competitive Grants program.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Development Act 2%, and Regional Development Impact Fee funds to local projects. Transportation Agency staff requests jurisdictions review and provide feedback on the draft guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2017/18/19 is \$3.6 million for fair share and \$6.95 million for competitive grants.

DISCUSSION:

The Surface Transportation Program is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. Because Monterey County didn't have an urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000 in the 1990 census, it qualified for the state exchange Surface Transportation Program, whereby Caltrans keeps the federal Surface Transportation Program apportionments for a region and gives the regional agency an equivalent amount of state cash.

The Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair-share and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on their population and road miles. The total fair share allocation over the next three years was set by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors at \$3.6 million. This fair share amount would be distributed to the jurisdictions as follows:

Jurisdiction	2015 Population	2015 Lane Miles	3-Year Fair Share Funding
Carmel-by-the Sea	3,824	60	\$ 42,705
Del Rey Oaks	1,655	19	\$ 15,510
Gonzales	8,411	19	\$ 43,425
Greenfield	16,947	44	\$ 90,379
King City	14,008	56	\$ 83,427
Marina	20,496	129	\$ 143,249
Monterey	28,576	235	\$ 224,673
Pacific Grove	15,251	129	\$ 121,390
Salinas	159,486	578	\$ 923,066
Sand City	376	9.83	\$ 5,980
Seaside	34,185	177	\$ 221,901
Soledad	24,809	39	\$ 120,567
County of Monterey	104,613	2,512	\$ 1,563,728
Fair-Share Total:	432,637	4,007	\$ 3,600,000

The Transportation Agency distributes part of the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding on a competitive basis to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria, including traffic volume and project deliverability. With the Transportation Agency now seeking to begin a new grant cycle, this process would involve the release of grant materials by the Transportation Agency, and the Technical Advisory Committee establishing a subcommittee to review and rank project proposals. The estimated three-year total available for grant funds is \$6.95 million (see **Attachment 1**).

Agency staff is proposing to award the competitive grants in two tiers, based on the availability of funding. The first tier would be funded with the estimated \$6.95 million in RSTP. The second tier would be funded with any deprogrammed funds from the last competitive grants cycle.

The Transportation Agency will also be updating its policies and procedures related to the Regional Surface Transportation Program. Transportation Agency staff will provide an update at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on the guidelines, as well as review policies for the distribution of fair share allocations, the timely use of funds, use of interest, project eligibility, and discuss criteria and procedures for future grant cycles. The draft schedule for these activities are included as **Attachment 2**.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ 2017 Competitive Grants Fund Estimate
- ▣ Draft 2017 Competitive Grants Schedule

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Regional Surface Transportation Program
2017 Fund Estimate

Fund Estimate:

FY 17/18	\$4,400,000
FY 18/19	\$4,400,000
FY 19/20	\$4,400,000
Total Fund Estimate	\$13,200,000

Fund Distribution:

RSTP Reserve (10% of total)	\$1,320,000
Holman Highway 68 Roundabout	\$1,329,671

Total Funds Available **\$10,550,329**

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Total Competitive Grant Funding **\$6,950,329**

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Regional Surface Transportation Program
2017 Competitive Grant Schedule (Three-Year Program Covering 2017, 2018, and 2019)

Tasks	Schedule
TAMC Board Action	
Grant application approval	March 22, 2017
Call for projects	March 27, 2017
Establish Review Committee	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee recommends nominees to the Technical Advisory Committee	April 5, 2017
Technical Advisory Committee will appoint a Subcommittee, generally comprised of Technical Advisory Committee members, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee members, partner agency staff, and Transportation Agency staff without a conflict of interest, to evaluate and rank all applications	April 6, 2017
Grant Applications Due	
For each application submitted, applicant must include three paper copies and a PDF copy	June 1, 2017
Review Committee Scores Applications	
Initial review committee member scoring completed	June 23, 2017
Review Committee Meeting to Finalize Recommendations	June 26, 2017
BPC & TAC Recommendations to TAMC Board	
The BPC will forward their recommendations on to the TAC for consideration	August 2, 2017
The TAC will recommend approval for funding by the Transportation Agency Board. Alternative projects may also be listed in case recommended projects fail to be constructed	August 3, 2017
Draft Resolution to TAMC Board	
Finalize legal review and staff report	August 15, 2017
TAMC Board Approval	
Board approves projects for Competitive Grants via resolution	August 23, 2017



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Bike Month Planning**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. **RECEIVE** report on Monterey County Bike Month 2016; and
2. **PROVIDE** direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month 2017.

SUMMARY:

Bike Month is a national campaign held annually in May to promote bicycling. The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for an annual public education campaign, and requests direction from the Committee for 2017 Bike Month.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget to support Bike Month and other year-round bicycling events and educational activities is \$27,500 that is included in the Agency's approved 2016/17 budget. This budget comes from the State Transportation Development Act 2% funds for bicycle and pedestrian education and encouragement activities.

DISCUSSION:

The League of American Bicyclists has designated the month of May as National Bike Month. The purpose of Bike Month is to raise public awareness of bicycling as a form of transportation. One of the findings of the 2014 Alliance Benchmarking Report prepared by the Alliance for Biking and Walking is that more people bike and walk to work in communities with strong bicycling and pedestrian advocacy.

Monterey County Bike Month 2016

2016 Bike Month Activities included the Salinas Criterium Bike Race, King City Junior Road Race, Salinas Ride to City Council, Salinas Community Ride, and offered free adult bike safety trainings throughout Monterey County (**attachement**). Events were promoted on the TAMC website and Facebook page, the Bicycling Monterey website and published in the Monterey County Weekly.

TAMC 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. Classes were scheduled at Hartnell College in Salinas, CSU Monterey in Seaside, YMCA in Soledad and at the King City High School. Interest in the classes was low, and only two classes were held in May. The remaining five classes were canceled. Five participants were trained during Bike Month at the two classes held.

TAMC contracted with Ecology Action to conduct bike safety trainings at elementary schools throughout Monterey County. Ecology Action leveraged TAMC funds to secure additional funding from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Community Foundation of Monterey County. In total, Ecology Action conducted bike safety trainings at 17 schools in Monterey County reaching 303 students.

Future Planning

Staff is proposing to allocate eligible funds to continue to support a robust public outreach campaign during Bike Month.

Staff is requesting that the Committee provide direction on Bike Month activities. The staff-recommended approach 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 events during Bike Month and supporting community bicycling and walking events such as Salinas Ciclovía.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bike Month 2016

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY PRESENTS



Bike Month

MONTEREY COUNTY

GO BY BIKE!

IT'S BETTER!



MAY

2016

UPCOMING BIKE EVENTS

SATURDAY APRIL 30

FREE Bike Safety Training 9am-1pm at CSUMB

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

King City Road Race (Northern California Junior Road Race Championships)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Salinas Criterium (Northern California Junior Criterium Road Race Championships)
FREE Bike Safety Training 9am-1pm at Hartnell College

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Salinas Ride to City Council

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

National Bike to School Day

SATURDAY, MAY 7

MORCA Bike Month Beginners Ride
FREE Bike Safety Training 9am-1pm at CSUMB

SUNDAY, MAY 8

FREE Bike Safety Training 9am-1pm at King City High School

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

Free Helmet Day/Bike Rodeo 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Monterey Youth Center

MAY 16-20

National Bike to Work Week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

AMGEN Tour of California Stage 4 Finish 11am-4:30pm at Laguna Seca; festival

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Twilight Cycling Ride 5:30pm-7:30pm at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Paddock

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Salinas Panel Discussion at Salinas Neighbors United

FRIDAY MAY 20

National Bike to Work Day

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Bike to Shop Day

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Seaside Panel Discussion at Monterey Peace and Justice Center

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Salinas Community Ride 6pm at Salinas City Hall

HER HELMET THURSDAYS

Ride to participating businesses and get discounts every Thursday!
For more info, visit www.bicyclingmonterey.org

MAY 1-SEPTEMBER 30

National Bike Challenge
Sign-up for free and track your bicycling miles to participate in the National Bike Challenge.
Learn more at www.nationalbikechallenge.org/about

For more information about Monterey County Bike Month:

www.tamcmonterey.org

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LA AGENCIA DE TRANSPORTE DEL CONDADO DE MONTEREY PRESENTA



Mes de la Bicicleta

CONDADO DE MONTEREY

¡VAYA EN BICI!

¡ES MEJOR!



SÁBADO, 30 DE ABRIL

Entrenamiento Gratuito de Seguridad de Bicicleta 9am-1pm en CSUMB

SÁBADO, 30 DE ABRIL

Carrera de King City (Northern California Junior Road Race Championships)

DOMINGO, 1 DE MAYO

Salinas Criterium (Northern California Junior Criterium Road Race Championships) Entrenamiento Gratuito de Seguridad de Bicicleta 9am-1pm en Hartnell College, Salinas

MARTES, 3 DE MAYO

Paseo al Ayuntamiento de Salinas

MIÉRCOLES, 4 DE MAYO

Día Nacional de ir a la Escuela en Bicicleta

SÁBADO, 7 DE MAYO

MORCA Paseo para Novicios del Mes de la Bicicleta Entrenamiento Gratuito de Seguridad de Bicicleta 9am-1pm en CSUMB

DOMINGO, 8 DE MAYO

Entrenamiento Gratuito de Seguridad de Bicicleta 9am-1pm en King City High School

DOMINGO, 15 DE MAYO

Cascos gratis/Rodeo de Bicicletas 9am-11am en Monterey Youth Center

16-20 DE MAYO

Semana Nacional de ir al Trabajo en Bicicleta

MIÉRCOLES, 18 DE MAYO

AMGEN Tour de California Etapa 4 Finalizar 11am-4:30pm en Laguna Seca; festival

MIÉRCOLES, 18 DE MAYO

Paseo de Bici del Anochecer 5:30pm-7:30pm en Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Paddock

JUEVES, 19 DE MAYO

Discusión del Panel de Salinas en Salinas Neighbors United

VIERNES, 20 DE MAYO

Día Nacional de ir en Bicicleta al Trabajo

SÁBADO, 21 DE MAYO

Día de ir de compras en bicicleta

JUEVES, 26 DE MAYO

Discusión del Panel de Seaside en Monterey Peace and Justice Center

VIERNES, 27 DE MAYO

Paseo Comunitario de Salinas en Ayuntamiento de Salinas

JUEVES DE CASCOS HER

¡Vaya en bici a negocios participantes y obtenga descuentos cada Jueves! Para más información, visite: www.bicyclingmonterey.org

1 DE MAYO-30 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Reto Nacional de la Bici. Regístrese gratis, y mantenga seguimiento de sus millas en bicicleta para participar en el Reto Nacional de la Bici. Aprenda más en: www.nationalbikechallenge.org/about

Para más información sobre el Mes de la Bicicleta en el Condado de Monterey:

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Active Transportation Plan Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan outreach campaign.

SUMMARY:

The 2017 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan is an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The focus of the 2017 Plan is to meet the State Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs and promote high priority projects. Staff will present an update on the public outreach campaign.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Plan is being developed in-house, and will position high priority projects to be more competitive for grant funding, such as the State's Active Transportation Program that had \$240 million available on a competitive basis in the last funding cycle.

DISCUSSION:

In addition to creating an Active Transportation Plan that will meet the State's guidelines, and identifying high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects, this effort will also focus on analyzing key gaps in the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian networks, identifying opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and designating areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity.

In May 2016, Committee members from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the

Technical Advisory Committee participated in a mapping activity to identify bicycle and pedestrian improvements throughout Monterey County. In August 2016, Committee members provided input on the list of projects identified in the May mapping exercise. From September to December 2016, TAMC staff set up an online mapping public input tool. Members of the public were able to provide feedback on: barriers to bicycling/walking, routes that they currently walk/bike, and routes that they would like to bike/walk if improvements were made. Approximately 300 people submitted 430 comments via the Wikimapping tool. Staff collaborated with the Monterey 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 for the Plan. The **attachment** summarizes the comments received throughout the public outreach period, and includes the comments submitted by the Committees and the public.

In the next few months, TAMC staff will be meeting with local city staff to review Plan comments, and refine the list of comments to be included in the Plan. Staff will rank projects, and will bring the ranked list to the Committees for input. Once high priority projects have been identified, TAMC will hire a consultant to develop preliminary designs and refined project costs. The goal is to have these high priority projects move farther along in their development so that they can be more competitive for State and Federal grant funds. This list will also assist cities and the County in identifying projects to be implemented with Measure X funds.

The Plan will be finalized over the summer, and adopted by the TAMC Board in fall 2017. By completing the Plan this year, bike and pedestrian projects will be ready for the next round of grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Active Transportation Plan Comments



Summary

This document is a compilation of the comments received from the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee and the public. Approximately 300 people submitted 430 comments via the public participation Wikimapping tool. Staff collaborated with the Monterey 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 for the Plan.

Overall Regional Project Suggestions:



- Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway
- Bike path connection between Carmel and Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Salinas Valley Riparian Access Greenway (Salinas River Trail)
- Chualar to Gonzales bike path connection
- River Road, Chualar River Road, Gonzales River Road Bike Improvements
- Separate bike path along River Road and Hwy. 68

North County:



 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<p>Castroville:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersection improvements in Castroville at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Merritt St & Haro St ○ Merritt St & Wood St • Address sidewalk gaps throughout Castroville • Add guardrail between Hwy 156 & Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail • Address sidewalk gaps in Las Lomas • Address sidewalk gaps in Oak Hills • Striping/maintenance improvements on Del Monte Blvd north of Hwy 1 	<p>Prunedale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striping/maintenance improvements along San Juan Road, Elkhorn Rd, San Miguel Canyon Rd & Crazy Horse Canyon Rd <p>Oak Hills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike path between Oak Hills and North Monterey County High School <p>Castroville:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monte Rd bike lanes to connect the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail gap between Marina and Castroville • Bike path between Castroville & Moss Landing via Molera Rd and/or via Hwy 1

Monterey Peninsula:



Marina

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian connectivity improvements between the Marina Library and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail • Intersection improvements at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Del Monte Blvd & Palm Ave ○ Carmel Ave & Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Route (Sharrows) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dunes Dr ○ Marina Green Dr ○ Healy Ave ○ Abdy Way ○ Cardoza Ave ○ Beach Rd ○ De Forest Rd ○ Seacrest Ave ○ Carmel Ave • Bike lanes at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abrams Dr ○ Reindollar Ave ○ Bostick Ave ○ Bayer St • Cycletracks along Reservation Rd

California State University, Monterey Bay

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape improvements in East Campus housing to improve pedestrian and bicyclist visibility, especially in East Campus street to trail connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected bike lane along Inter-Garrison Rd and intersection improvements at key bike and pedestrian crossings • Bike Route (sharrow) along 8th Ave between Inter-Garrison Rd & Gigling Ave • Contraflow bike lane along Manassas Dr & Bunker Hill Dr

Seaside

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity improvements between Fremont Blvd & the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail • Pedestrian visibility intersection improvements at Kimball Ave & Fremont Blvd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically protected bike lanes or bike path along General Jim Moore Blvd • Bike lanes at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ord Ave ○ Noche Buena St ○ Kenneth St ○ Fremont Blvd ○ Del Monte Blvd ○ Broadway Ave



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Summary of Public Comments**

- Hillby Ave
- Mescal St
- Plumas Ave
- Cycletrack on Divarty St



Sand City

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail segment in Sand City



Del Rey Oaks

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fremont Blvd & Canyon Del Rey Blvd intersection improvements to make cyclists and pedestrians more visible to cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canyon Del Rey Blvd No bike lane or berm on Hwy 218 between Gen Jim Moore and Hwy 68 heading NW (about 150 meter section). No good way to turn off 68 onto ragsdale (no ped signal, bike must cross two lanes of high speed traffic to get in left hand turn lane).

Monterey

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English Ave sidewalk and intersection improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rec Trail access and intersection improvements ● East Downtown Bicycle Boulevard ● Soledad and Munras bike and pedestrian connection ● Montecito Ave bike improvements ● Signed bike route to the Cemetery ● Bike path along Joselyn Canyon Road (from Mark Thomas Drive to Via Isola)



Pacific Grove

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Road diet on Pine Ave to improve pedestrian safety by reducing crossing distances and improving pedestrian visibility ● Pine Ave & Congress Ave intersection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bike route between Monterey and Pacific Grove that serves as an alternative to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail



improvements to make cyclists and pedestrians more visible to cars

- Congress Ave & Sunset Ave intersection improvements/roundabout

Pebble Beach



 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 Mile Drive bike route improvements and enforcement for portions where bike lanes exist

Carmel Area

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rio Rd and Hwy 1 intersection improvements to make cyclists and pedestrians more visible to cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Route (sharrow) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carpenter St (Hwy 1 to 2nd Ave) ○ 2nd Ave (Carpenter St to Santa Fe St) ○ Santa Fe St (2nd Ave to 3rd Ave) • Bike lanes along Val Verde Dr to Rio Rd • Bike path along Rio Rd connecting Scenic Rd, Carmel River Elementary School, Carmel Middle School, and Carmel Valley Road • Completion of the Hatton Canyon Trail

Salinas Valley:



Salinas Area

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Ave sidewalk improvements • Riker St traffic calming near Salinas High School • US 101 bike and pedestrian visibility improvements at on ramps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ W Laurel Dr ○ Main St ○ Work St ○ John St • Alisal St & Wood St pedestrian crossing intersection improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike route (sharrow) and wayfinding sign improvements along: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cherokee Dr ○ N First St ○ W Curtis Ave ○ Tyler St ○ Iris Dr ○ Marayal Dr ○ Monterey St • Bike lanes on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lincoln Ave (Alisal & W. Market)

**Monterey County Active Transportation Plan
Summary of Public Comments**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanborn Rd & Abbott St intersection improvements • Abbott St railroad crossing sidewalk gap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John St (Wood St & John St) ○ S. Wood St (Alisal St to John St) ○ Tuscany Blvd (Freedom Pkwy & Monte Bella Blvd) ○ Bardin Rd (Williams Rd & Alisal Rd) ○ Freedom Pkwy (Tuscany Blvd & Padova Dr) ○ E Laurel Dr (Constitution Blvd & St. Edwards Dr) ○ San Juan Grade Rd ○ Old Stage Rd • Protected bike lanes on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natividad Rd (Sherwood Dr & E Laurel Dr) ○ Alisal St (Blanco Rd & Skyway Blvd) ○ Pajaro St ○ S Main St • Harkins Rd bike improvements • Spreckles Ave on ramp improvements • Better access from Salinas to Fort Ord National Monument via Davis Rd |
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Gonzales

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for pedestrian lighting • Improvements for pedestrians at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5th St to Gonzales industrial park; ○ 5th St along library ○ S. Alta St near Taylor Farms Retail ○ Elko St & possible slough trail connection to the schools ○ Johnson Canyon Rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements at US 101 and 5th St • Need for bike racks throughout Gonzales • Bike lanes at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fanoe Rd ○ Center St ○ Belden St ○ Alta St ○ S. Alta St ○ Gonzales River Rd



Greenfield

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for pedestrian lighting • Better bike and pedestrian access to Patriot Park • Sidewalk gaps along Oak Ave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike lanes on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walnut Ave ○ Oak Ave ○ Elm Ave



Soledad

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soledad to the Pinnacles National Monument bike lanes/bike access improvements

King City

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for pedestrian lighting • Shared bike and pedestrian paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Division St to S. Vanderhurst Ave ○ “Health Loop” around King City connection along the San Lorenzo Park trail, Salinas River, San Lorenzo Creek, San Lorenzo Ave, and San Antonio Dr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike lanes along: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3rd St ○ Pearl St ○ Mildred Ave ○ San Lorenzo Ave ○ N. Vanderhurst Ave • Cycletracks along: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ King St ○ Beech St

Unincorporated South County

 Pedestrian Improvements	 Bicycling Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalk gaps in San Lucas and San Ardo • San Ardo: Cattleman Rd narrow bridge is an impediment to biking and walking • Paving at MST’s bus stops in San Ardo and San Lucas • Bradley Salinas River trail connecting Bradley to San Miguel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike lanes along: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bitterwater Rd ○ S. 1st St ○ Mesa Verde Rd (advisory bike lanes) ○ Wildhorse Rd ○ Cattleman Rd ○ New Pleyto Rd • Bike routes along: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lockwood San Lucas Rd ○ Paris Valley Rd ○ Martinez Rd & Lockwood San Ardo Rd



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Measure X paves way for new trail network from Monterey to Marina - Monterey County Weekly**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

[Measure X paves way for new trail network from Monterey to Marina](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Measure X paves way for new trail network from Monterey to Marina

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/local_news/measure-x-paves-way-for-new-trail-network-from-monterey/article_ff0d851e-cd35-11e6-bd01-b7888f8ec80.html

Green Light

Measure X paves way for new trail network from Monterey to Marina.

David Schmalz Dec 29, 2016



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Now that it's officially a TAMC project, FORTAG co-founder Scott Waltz says the focus will shift from a more conceptual phase to deciding which stages of the trail network get built first.

The best Fred Watson can remember it, the seeds of a regional trail network were first sown in 2007, at a Fort Ord Reuse Authority meeting about clearing land of ordnance, and the necessity to close trails to do so. Though it was a rough day for trail-users, Watson says, the meeting also brought together about 200 of them, and suddenly, a community was born.

Watson later connected with Scott Waltz, a fellow CSU Monterey Bay professor, and after meetings with other Marina leaders – Mayor Bruce Delgado, Councilmember Gail Morton and Planning Commissioner Margaret Davis – a vision materialized: the Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG), a network of paved trails from Monterey to Marina that would add an inland counterpart to the coastal Rec Trail.

For years, the two have been conducting outreach and planning the proposed route – about 30 miles, all told – and making sure it is included in any planning documents in Marina, CSUMB, Seaside and elsewhere.

The two estimate the network will cost \$40 million to plan and build, \$20 million of which will be provided by funds from the passage of Measure X, a countywide measure put forth by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County that passed Nov. 8, and which will raise \$600 million in tax revenue to fund various transportation projects in the county over the next 30 years.

“It’s the dawn of a new phase,” Watson says.

“It’s gone from an idea to a regional reality,” Waltz adds.

Presently, the two are pushing as hard as they can to get FORTAG high up on the list of TAMC’s Measure X projects – the measure’s funding will trickle in over time, so the projects will be staggered – and the first steps are a formalized master plan, an environmental impact report and finding grant opportunities to leverage the \$20 million.

Debbie Hale, TAMC's executive director, is optimistic about FORTAG's chances in securing a Federal Lands Access Program grant, adding that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission was recently awarded such a grant to build a paved trail along the coast to access the marine sanctuary.

In the case of FORTAG, it combines the sanctuary with the Fort Ord National Monument.

"We've got the marine sanctuary on the west and the monument on the east," Hale says. "It seems like a perfect fit."

Hale says TAMC will apply for that grant in early 2017, and hopes it can help fund FORTAG's planning and environmental review, the latter of which she estimates will take a year to 18 months and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. As far as which parts of FORTAG will be built first, Hale says, "It all depends on funding. We'd love to see some kind of ground get broken in five years."

Watson and Waltz see FORTAG's central loop – which goes from the Rec Trail and circumvents CSUMB – as a good place to start, as it connects Marina, Seaside, CSUMB and county lands. "It brings everybody together," Waltz says.

David Schmalz



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - Monterey County Herald
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Fernando Armenta: Making transportation progress in 2016 - Monterey County Herald**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

[Fernando Armenta: Making transportation progress in 2016](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fernando Armenta: Making transportation progress in 2016

Monterey County Herald (<http://www.montereyherald.com>)

Fernando Armenta: Making transportation progress in 2016

By Fernando Armenta, Guest commentary

Saturday, December 31, 2016

On Nov. 8, Monterey County residents chose a brighter future when they voted to support the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, thereby choosing to invest in themselves by approving a 3/8 percent sales tax to improve Monterey County's transportation network.

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, I'd like to thank residents for their support of Measure X. Your vote has elevated Monterey County to self-help status, which will enable us to leverage state and federal matching funds, and enhance our ability to fix our roads to improve safety, access and mobility.

As the year ends, I'd like to acknowledge some of TAMC's 2016 achievements:

Measure X — Transportation Safety and Investment Plan

With the help of community leaders, the agency developed a Transportation Safety and Investment Plan to be funded through a 3/8 percent sales tax, which became Measure X. The sales tax goes into effect on April 1, 2017, and it is expected to raise an estimated \$20 million annually for \$600 million over 30 years. Sixty percent of the funds will be distributed to local cities and the county for road maintenance and safety projects. The remaining 40 percent will be used for regional projects and programs.

Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project

The Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety near the Highway 68/Highway 1 intersection at the Pebble Beach gate. The roundabout is expected to open in mid-2017.

Via Salinas Valley

Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health through Active Transportation is a regional effort to improve health, access and safety in the Salinas Valley. This project combines educational programs with capital projects to connect destinations in Salinas, Greenfield, Gonzales, King City and Soledad.

SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan

Our agency launched the State Route 68 Scenic Highway Plan Study in 2016. Staff and consultants are evaluating current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, looking into affordable projects that will make safety, operational and capacity improvements. Given that Highway 68 is the largest project in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, this study is an important tool for helping to determine which projects to build first, and how to leverage state and federal matching funds to maximize the improvements.

Highway 156 improvements

Our agency has been conducting an in-depth Level 2 Traffic & Revenue Study to determine whether drivers are willing to pay a toll to drive on a new four-lane “Monterey Expressway” to avoid heavy traffic on Highway 156. If they are, we can build a four-lane expressway parallel to the existing Highway 156, and also build a safer interchange at Highway 101. The current two-lane highway will remain untolled, and be available to serve the local community. The Measure X plan guarantees that regardless, a new, safer interchange at Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 will be constructed.

Bicycle and Pedestrian projects

The Bicycle Secure Program continues to promote active transportation, such as bicycling and walking. This year we provided funding to install parking for approximately 180 bicycles and 50 skateboards, as well as installation of four bicycle repair stations in locations from King City to Pacific Grove.

The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County provides a network of routes along which bicycle and pedestrian signs will be installed to help bicyclists and pedestrians find their way to their destinations.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County wishes you a safe and Happy New Year!

District 1 Supervisor Fernando Armenta is outgoing chair of the Board of Directors for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Residential area gets traffic calming measures - Salinas Californian**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Residential area gets traffic calming measures - Salinas Californian

ATTACHMENTS:

- Residential area gets traffic calming measures - Salinas Californian

Residential area gets traffic calming measures

MACGREGOR 'GOYA' EDDY 10:39 p.m. PT Jan. 12, 2017



(Photo: Macgregor Eddy/For The Californian)

Will Franzell lives on Nacional Street in Salinas and, as the parents of two little girls, he and his wife, Holly, were worried about cars driving fast in the residential neighborhood.

Will and Holly met with neighbors and others who were concerned about the speed of traffic on Nacional. The group applied for a Salinas City Neighborhood Grant and raised matching funds to install of radar speed feedback sign on their street.

A feedback sign is a flashing notice that lets drivers know how fast they are going. The City of Salinas responded and provided an additional radar speed feedback sign and street striping to narrow the travel lanes throughout the length of Nacional Street. The residents also put "Drive Smart, Slow Down" signs in their yards to raise awareness. Longtime resident Donald Gulan said he cannot remember any injury accidents occurring on Nacional but there have been "some fender benders," Gulan said.

Traffic calming is available to all of Salinas

"It is better, they are driving slower," stated resident Michael Means.

The city speed data that was gathered prior to the sign installation showed that 85% of the vehicle speeds were between 26 and 33 mph or slower on Nacional which is posted as a 25 mph speed limit. Objective data measuring speed after the installation of the feedback sign has not been gathered yet, according to Victor Gutierrez, city traffic engineer.

"We wait until people are adjusted to the sign before gathering speeds to compare," Gutierrez said.

District 3 council member Steve McShane, who worked with the neighborhood residents on this project, said "traffic calming measures are available for all of Salinas." He encouraged other neighborhoods to bring their concerns to their city council representative. The Salinas City Transportation and Traffic Commission was not involved in this project.

Pedestrian deaths up nationwide

This week Smart Growth America released a report on the alarming rise of pedestrian deaths nationwide. The report, *Dangerous by Design 2016*, lists what areas are the most dangerous for people walking. The report also explores who is most at risk of being killed while walking, including data that looks at pedestrians by age, race, ethnicity, and income.

Older people are more likely to be injured, minorities are more likely to be injured as pedestrians according to the 2016 report *Dangerous by Design*. The pedestrian deaths between 2004 and 2015 can be found on the interactive map at <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/> (<https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/>)

Salinas certainly fits the pattern of age and ethnicity. For example, two pedestrian deaths on Central Ave during the 10- year period were both minority and elderly. On Nov 27, 2007, a 74-year-old Mexican woman and on Nov. 28, 2009 an 82-year-old Mexican woman, both pedestrians, were killed on Central Avenue in Salinas. In the same 10-year period, North Sanborn Road in east Salinas, had four pedestrian deaths; three of them were Mexican-American, and ranging in age from 25 to 45.

North Sanborn studied by city

A traffic speed study was done in 2014 by Salinas Public Works city staff on North Sanborn between Del Monte and Boronda Road. This stretch had four traffic collisions in two years (2012-13), and showed that the over 9,000 cars a day passed through as area posted 35 mph – and 25 mph during school hours. There are numerous school crossings for La Paz Middle School and Oscar Loya Elementary School on this stretch of North Sanborn. Since 85% of the cars were travelling 40 mph in the designated area, the stated purpose of the study was to see in the posted speed limit should be raised to 40 mph. The city staff recommended that the speed limit not be raised, because of the schools in the area. Gutierrez confirmed this conclusion. Perhaps some kind of traffic calming could be proposed?

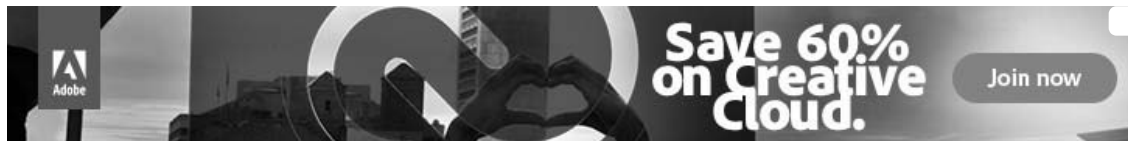
Salinas has high pedestrian death rate

Salinas has a high percentage of pedestrians in our traffic collision deaths. Nationwide, 12% of all traffic collision deaths are pedestrians, and the California state average is 23%. For the past three years, 50% of all traffic collision deaths in Salinas were pedestrians, according to Sgt. Gerry Ross of the Salinas Police Department.

Residents can take action in their own neighborhood as the folks living on Nacional did, and city staff can study traffic patterns and make recommendations. The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission could play a larger role in providing a connection between city residents, city staff and the elected officials.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: February 1, 2017
Subject: **Atkins, Saavedra honored for fire emergency work - Salinas Californian**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

[Atkins, Saavedra honored for fire emergency work - Salinas Californian](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Atkins, Saavedra honored for fire emergency work - Salinas Californian

Atkins, Saavedra honored for fire emergency work

MACGREGOR 'GOYA' EDDY 3:11 p.m. PT Jan. 19, 2017



(Photo: The Salinas Californian)

Shawn Atkins and Enrique Saavedra, both of Salinas, will receive Transportation Excellence Awards for the work of the Monterey County Public Works Department during the 2016 Sobranes fire.

The fire lasted a long time, from July 22 to October 13, and it burned 132,000 acres and cut off roads to the Big Sur area.

Enrique Saavedra is acting chief of roads and bridges and Shawn Atkins is maintenance manager; both for Monterey County Public Works.

"These awards are for the work of our whole department," said Saavedra. "During the fire emergency, we had to repair washed out roadbanks and clear debris slides. Some of the damage to county roads was caused by the heavy firefighting vehicles."

"Every road had to be inspected after it was cleared by the firefighters," said Saavedra. "The county workers had to examine miles of roads for safety hazards before they could be opened to the public."

In addition to the Sobranes fire, there were wildfires in south Monterey County, near Lake Nacimiento, compounding the county workload.

"The Transportation Excellence award is for going above and beyond what is expected of the job," said Theresa Wright, outreach coordinator for Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC). The awards presentation will be on Wednesday at the TAMC Board meeting at 9:15 a.m. at 1428 Abbott St., Salinas

The Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau also will receive a Transportation Excellence award. The bureau coordinated communication about the fire for both residents and visitors. A traffic congestion nightmare loomed when a big tourist event, Car Week, occurred in mid-August at the height of the fire.

Tammy Blount, CEO of the MC Convention and Visitors Bureau, estimates that "Car Week brought 85,000 visitors, 39,000 from out of the county."

The Sobranes fire had already caused the closing of three state parks along Highway 1. This diverted a lot of tourists to Monterey peninsula, even without the huge influx of visitors for Car Week.

In response to the fire emergency, the MC Convention and Visitors Bureau created an interactive tool so residents and tourists could find out what roads were open and what was the status of the fire. "The visitor's bureau created user-friendly tools that were so effective that the tools are being looked at as a model for the future events," Wright said. "It was so cool; you could just click on any activity and see where the traffic was."

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board meeting: Wednesday Jan. 25 at the TAMC Board 9 a.m. at 1428 Abbott St., Salinas. For agenda see www.tamcmonterey.org/ (<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/>)

The Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Mobility Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the TAMC office at 55 Plaza Circle, Salinas. This addresses the needs of disabled and elderly transit passengers. Agenda at mst.org (<http://mst.org>)

Family bicycle ride

Family Biking Monterey County will celebrate Black History month with a family bike ride on Saturday, Feb. 4 from noon to 2 p.m. Meet by the bike trail near the Tin Cannery outlets, 125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove at noon, and then the group will bicycle to Caledonia Park at 161 Caledonia in PG.

There is more information at www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyBikingMC/ (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyBikingMC/>) or you can email organizer Lauryn Ricigliano at ricigliano@gmail.com (<mailto:ricigliano@gmail.com>).

I plan to rent a bike at a Pacific Grove bike rental to join the ride. Ricigliano said that walkers and folks with strollers are welcome. The ride will be cancelled for heavy rain, says Ricigliano, but not for light drizzle.

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