

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of November 5, 2025
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavaréz)</i>	P(VC)	A	P	P	E	P	A	P	A	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P(EM)	P	P	P	P	P	C	A	C	P	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	P	P	P	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	L	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	E	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	E	E	P	P	P	P		A		P	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	E	A	E	P	P	E		A		E	A
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	P	E	E	A	A	-		P		P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	E	A	P	P	P	E		A		P	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	A	P	P	P	E		P		P	P
Ryan Hunzie, Soledad	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		P	A
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P	E	P	P*	P	P		P		P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P		P		P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-
Salinas Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-
Monterey County Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-
Caltrans - District 5 – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>		A	A	A	A	A		A		P	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate
A – Absent
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH
VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference
* – first meeting

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts & Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	P(VC)
Doug Bilsle, Principal Engineer	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	N	A	N	A	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	A	E	A	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	A	L	P	L	P	P
Janneke Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	A	A	L	A	L	P	P(VC)
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	A	E	A	E	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	P

OTHERS PRESENT:			
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate	Hans Hofman Jr	Salinas Resident
Mari Lynch	Public	Lisa Rheinheimer	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Diana Voss-Gonzales		Nick Talbo	Mobycon
Robin Lee	Public	Sam Winter	Resident

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Hofman Jr. noted that it is dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross on Imjin and drivers need to be more aware of pedestrian crossings.

Mary Lynch asked for a moment of silence for the pedestrian who was on her bicycle when she was hit by a semi-truck driver in Salinas on November 3.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wriedt/ Johnson/ unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 1, 2025.

3.2 Received the call for nominations for the 24th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. UPDATE ON COASTAL BIKE ROUTE DETOUR AND SURF! BUSWAY PROJECT

The Committee received an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, including information on bike and pedestrian detours during construction; and provided input to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) regarding considerations that would enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety during construction.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported that the construction of the SURF! Busway Project has resulted in trail closures, including segments of the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail, impacting bike and pedestrian access. She noted that the detour routes are in place, but safety concerns have emerged. The project includes a five-mile dedicated busway between Marina and Seaside, a multimodal mobility hub, and approximately one mile of new multiuse trail infrastructure.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project:

- Consider more signage with an explanation that there is no recreational trail access
- Consider placing signage about proper etiquette and rules
- Consider adding maps to signage and warning of the need for extra time for traveling
- Consider temporary striping on pavement and barriers
- Consider “Sharrows” (share the road signage)
- Continue to send construction updates via social media, flyers, email, and website
- Consider requesting Caltrans modify the barricades and signage so as not to block access to the bicyclist and pedestrian path at the Imjin Road bridge
- Consider lighting for pedestrians walking

5. DRAFT 2026 LEGISLATION PROGRAM

The Committee reviewed and provided comments on the draft 2026 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted the draft legislative program items of interest to the Committee; she noted that the program notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency’s position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

Mari Lynch, public, recommended staff refer to the CalBike legislative website.

6. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation on the Active Support Program and provided feedback on potential vendors for active transportation equipment and resources.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency helps private businesses, public agencies, schools, and nonprofits acquire essential equipment and tools to encourage active commuting and recreation. She noted that eligible applicants can receive bicycle racks and lockers, skateboards and scooter support kits, repair stations, and safety education materials. Ms. Sambrano noted that the program also offers training resources to help organizations manage their own bicycle repair or bike safety programs.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Active Support Program Project:

- Consider having a table with information at Pacific Grove bike night event
- Consider asking the cities to help property owners apply for bike racks
- Consider having the Monterey County Health Department help health providers to get bike racks, helmets, and lights

7. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026

The Committee appointed a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2026 and adopted the 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

M/S/C: Gallardo /Wriedt /unanimous

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo nominated Committee Member Mike Novo for the 2026 Chair, and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Jeff Wriedt.

M/S/C: Wriedt / Novo /unanimous

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt nominated Committee Member DL Johnson for the 2026 Vice-Chair, and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Mike Novo.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member David noted that Pacific Grove needs to add sidewalks and bike lanes to the roads around Forest Grove Elementary.

Committee Member Wege announced that he requested to be added to the Cal Bike Mobility Council email distribution list.

Committee Member Chaffey announced that the bike route striping upgrades are done on Hall Road and Salinas Road, and it looks fantastic.

Committee Member Johnson recommends each BPC member look for simple solutions their jurisdiction can consider implementing to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner, announced that the Transportation Agency will be hosting a workshop in Castroville on the North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment on December 4.

Chair Novo noted that the County was holding an outreach event on November 6 in Castroville on the Shared Mobility Study.

Executive Director Todd Muck reminded Committee members to use Caltrans reporting website to comment on issues on the state system, and noted it helps Caltrans prioritize routes for maintenance and repairs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.