

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

Final Minutes of January 5, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	-	N	P	P	P	P	P
Pete Scudder – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	-	P	O	P	P	P	E	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	E	M	E	P	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	T	P	P	P	P	E
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	N	E	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	G	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina	P	P		P	P	P	P	
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	-	P		P	P	P	P	P
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Sloan Campi, Monterey Salinas Transit	P	P		P	E	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P		-	P	P	-	P
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Vacant - Salinas Public Works	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5	-	-		-		-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P	P		P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	-	P		E	E	E	P	P
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	P	-		-	E	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-		P	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	-	P		-	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-		-	P	E	P	E
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner								P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner					P	P	P	P
Alissa Guthier, Assistant Transportation Planner							P	P
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas			Jung Hwa Kim		Pacific Grove Alternate		
Hans Hoffman	Public							

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Executive Director Todd Muck introduced the newest TAMC member Janneke Strause who will be the new Bicycle and Pedestrian committee coordinator. Ms. Strause introduced herself to the committee.

Hans Hoffman, member of public expressed that potholes are a big problem for bicyclist.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein mentioned that MC connect is an app that you can use to report road issues in the county.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wegenstein /Wriedt /unanimous
Abstain: Pete Scudder and Vera Noghera

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 3, 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **2022 BIKE MAP UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on the 2022 Bike Map Update project; and provided input on the project's primary goals and map usability.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that the Monterey County Bike Map was last updated in 2016 as part of the Regional Pedestrian and Bicyclist Wayfinding Program for Monterey County. She noted that the primary goals of the 2022 Bike Map Update are to add projects completed since 2016, identify preferred routes, and improve the map's usability.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the 2022 Bike Map Update project:

- Consider an electronic version of the bike map
- Consider adding the legend on the electronic version
- Consider future analysis on listing the high-comfort routes
- Consider preferred turn or preferred route
- Consider adding the major transit stations
- Consider removing Park and Ride lots that are identified on the map since it seems vehicle oriented
- Consider future applications like Strava
- Connect with Go831 and using a QR code for more commuter resources
- Consider future goal introducing scooters onto roadways
- Consider updating the bike shops on map
- Consider distributing the bike maps to each jurisdiction, agencies and work with the hospitality industry
- Consider adding repair stations
- Suggest working with California Highway Patrol on bikers allowed on certain stretches of 101 that Caltrans allows
- Consider adding pedestrian trails
- Consider connecting Fort Ord Trails that can be directly accessed through phone
- Consider another color than purple can be hard to distinguish from the blue, use more contrasting colors or different line weights
- Consider updating the Castroville section
- Consider distributing the map at the tourism convention and agencies with e-bike rebate programs
- Suggest utilizing the Central Coast Joint Data Commission

5. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Committee received an update on the Active Transportation Support Program Guidelines and application form; and provided input on the revised guidelines and application form.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that the Active Transportation Support Program formerly operated as the Bike Secure Program as an on-going, rolling grant program with the purpose of promoting active transportation businesses, schools, and agencies with secure bicycle parking, repair stations, skateboard racks and funding for artistic bicycle racks. She noted that the 2021-2022 update of the former Bicycle Secure Program would broaden the program with additional program areas that are intended to increase the access of active transportation modes across Monterey County. In conclusion Ms. Guther went over the updated guidelines with the Committee.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that he likes the guidelines booklet and the visual examples. He also mentioned that he is excited on the improved artistic bike rack portion as we see more cities doing more streetscape improvements.

Committee member Pete Scudder asked how is the allocations determined? Alissa Guther replied that the allocation grant is a first come first serve on a rolling basis. She noted that the new application will be sent out after the guidelines updates is approved. Ms. Guther also noted that we will advertise through the Safe Routes to School and Go831.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen suggested putting a discussion on the rights and responsibilities for cyclists as a future meeting agenda item.

Committee member DL Johnson noted that Carmel High School is ready to close the backside of the campus because students were parking on Flanders Road. He mentioned that students are crossing highway 1 during the busy time and is a big issue. They're going to tear out their tennis courts to make room for a parking lot for the students.

Committee member Sloan Campi suggested that Transportation Agency staff reach out and invite the California Highway Patrol for a discussion on the bicycle rider's responsibilities.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo mentioned that he would like to continue to receive the hard copy agenda packet.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.