

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of May 3, 2017

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Sand City Council Chamber, 1 Sylvan Park, Sand City

Voting Members	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	-	E	-	-	E	-	E	E
Vacant – District 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	P	P	E	P	E	-	P	E
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	-
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Vacant, Marina, <i>(Debra Daniels)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Tony Prock)</i>	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	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	E	P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Vera Noghera)</i>	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	-	P	P	E	P	-	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Cook, CSUMB <i>(Matthew McCluney)</i>	P	P	E	P(A)	P	P	P	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	-	P	E	P	P	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	E	E	E	E	-	P	P	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:

Matthew McCluney

CSUMB

Sue Benjaram

MORCA

- Chair Chris Flescher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C LeBarre/L. Petersen /unanimous

Abstain: Jeff Wriedt

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of April 5, 2017 with the following correction on item 4: Eric Petersen noted that, in his opinion, the City of Marina should have followed the Caltrans highway design manual on past projects.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- COMPETITIVE GRANTS – REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Committee was asked to nominate up to three members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Application Review Committee.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2017 meeting. She noted that the Regional Surface Transportation Program is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding that can be used for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. The portion of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds that has been set aside for the competitive grants program is \$6.95 million. In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that Agency staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations. She noted that the ad hoc committee would meet on June 23, 2017 and June 26, 2017 to discuss the initial scoring of applications and finalize the recommendations.

M/S/C LeBarre/L. Petersen /unanimous

The following committee members were nominated to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Application Review Committee:

1. Lisa Rheinheimer
2. Mary Israel
3. Vera Noghera

5. SR 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan, and provided comments on the draft corridor improvements concepts.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner noted that TAMC received a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements. He noted that in the spring of 2016, the Transportation Agency conducted a round of public outreach to determine what the public viewed as the most critical needs for the corridor. The outreach included a public workshop, meetings with local jurisdictions and stakeholder groups, and an interactive online forum for people to provide comments. He noted that the findings of the analysis are included in technical memoranda that are available for public review at <http://www.sr68sceniccorridorstudy.com>. In conclusion Mr. Leonard noted that the project team has been developing three corridor concept alternatives for consideration:

- Alternative 1: installation of roundabouts at major intersections (cost estimate \$48 million)
- Alternative 2: selective signal widening with intersection improvements (cost estimate \$110 million)
- Alternative 3: integrated corridor management (adaptive signalization; cost estimate \$34 million)

All three corridor alternatives would have impacts for cyclists and pedestrians.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt asked about maintenance responsibility for the proposed improvements. Mr. Leonard said that Caltrans will be responsible for maintenance.

Committee member Michael LeBarre commented that investment in wildlife and bike and pedestrian improvements is crucial.

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer noted that highway travel time reliability is very important for transit service. Monterey-Salinas Transit will coordinate with TAMC on the stops that might be impacted as improvements are built.

6. **HELMET FITTING & BIKE SAFETY**

The Committee received a presentation on bike helmet fitting, rules of the road, and participated in a bike education activity.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner noted that bicycle safety education is a key component of seeing more bicyclists on our streets and roads. She noted that engineering, enforcement and education are all part of a unified strategy for promoting bicycling and walking in our communities. She noted that TAMC works with local cities and the county to plan, design and fund transportation improvements that incorporate the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians. Local police departments and the California Highway Patrol enforce the rules of the road. The Transportation Agency and other community partners are involved in educating the public on how to walk and bike safely. In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that bike safety can be broken down to three steps:

1. First, do you're A- B- C quick check to make sure your bike is mechanically sound and ready to ride: Check the air in your tires, check your breaks and your chain.
2. Next, check yourself: make sure your helmet fits properly and wear visible clothing.
3. And, finally, remember to make yourself visible and predictable.

Committee member Jan Valencia, noted that you need to keep your helmet in a cool place so that it lasts longer and noted that helmets have expiration dates.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner reported that TAMC has bike month posters available for distribution. She also noted that TAMC is partnering with the Monterey County Weekly to profile bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects during the month of May. She also announced that on May 24th the TAMC Board will present the 2017 Golden Helmet Awards.

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit will celebrate the 15th anniversary of service to South County this year by providing free bus service on line 23 in South County on Thursday, May 4. She noted that on that day, bus riders can enjoy free rides on bus line 23, connecting King City and Salinas, with stops in Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and Chualar. In conclusion Ms. Rheinheimer noted that MST staff will have booths at certain locations giving away prizes and KLOK 1170-AM radio will also be broadcasting from Gonzales from 10 a.m.-noon.

Committee member Eric Petersen announced the 22nd annual Salinas Valley Criterium that will be held on May 7th at the Salinas Airport off Moffett in Salinas.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner announced that the June meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be held on August 2nd at the TAMC office.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.