

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of March 6, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	C	C	P	P	P	P
Jack Smith – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	-	P	A	A	P	P	P(A)	P
Mike Novo – District 3	-	-	N	N	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	C	C	E	P	P(A)	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	P	L	L	P	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	L	L	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	D	D	P	E	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P			P	P	E	P
Vacant, Marina	-	-			-	-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-			-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P(A)	P(A)			E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P			P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P	P			P	P	P	P(A)
Soledad - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-			-	-	-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair	P	E			P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P(A)	P			P	P	P	P
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	P	E			P	E	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	P	-			P	P	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	P			P	P	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-			-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB						-	P(A)	P

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E			E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E			E	E	P	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P			P	P	-	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P			P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P			P	P	P	E
Laurie Williamson, Engineer					P	P	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Sofer	City of Sand City	Chandra Ripley	Ecology Action
Abby Ostovas	City of Monterey	David Caneer	Public
Quinton Roland	City of Pacific Grove Resident		

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

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Quinton Roland, resident of Pacific Grove expressed the need for Dutch Complete Streets & Bicycle Infrastructure in Monterey County and passed out a one-page document with information to the Committee and attendees.

David Caneer expressed concerns about improving Highway 1 by installing rumble strips to keep cars from swerving into the shoulder and asked that the Transportation Agency work with Caltrans to present information at a future meeting.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

January 9, 2019 minutes:

M/S/C LeBarre/Wegenstein/unanimous

February 6, 2018 minutes:

M/S/C Novo/McCluney/unanimous

Abstain: Mike LeBarre and Jeff Wriedt

- Committee approved the Draft minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 9, 2019 with a minor change and February 6, 2018.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **BICYCLE SECURE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

Recommended Action:

1. Review the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program Applications;
2. Recommend applications for Transportation Agency Board approval; and
3. Recommend the TAMC Board Authorize the Executive Director to allocate funds for employers and schools participating in the Go831 and Measure X Safe Routes to School programs.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency released a call for 2019 Bicycle Secure Program applications on December 5, 2018. The original application deadline was February 7, 2019 but was extended to February 28, 2019. At the time the report was written, the Agency had received applications from the City of Monterey for two single circular racks that would provide 4 bicycle parking spaces. One rack would be located at 355 Calle Principal and one rack would be located at 131 Webster Street. The Salinas Regional Sports Authority applied for 24 Single Inverted-U bike racks providing 48 bike parking spaces and one vertical wall-mounted skateboard racks with 8 spaces. The racks would provide secure skateboard and bicycle parking for youth and families at the regional soccer complex located at Constitution Blvd. and Laurel Ave. in Salinas.

Ms. Green noted that both the 2019 applicants have demonstrated a need for parking facilities as well as the potential for usage. As such, each applicant meets the goals and criteria of the program. Due to the low number of applications and resulting budget reserve, staff recommends that reserve funding be made available to purchase additional equipment for employers participating in the Go831 program and schools participating in Measure X Safe Routes to School program throughout the year. Having a funding reserve will allow the Agency to provide additional equipment for requests made during the year. Once the applications have been approved by the Board of Directors, staff will purchase the equipment and oversee the installation process. All the racks are to be installed within one month of receipt by the applicant, unless other arrangements have been made with Agency staff.

Committee member Mike Novo asked what outreach the Agency does for the Bicycle Secure Program Applications information. Ariana Green replied that staff prepares flyers, sends emails, and has the Transportation Agency Committees spread the word. She noted that in the future, staff will work on simplifying the application process and advertise sooner and before the year-end holidays.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program Applications:

- Consider a mission statement
- Consider conducting a survey for feedback from those who were interested in applying and did not submit an application
- Consider not requiring applications to be due during the long holidays
- Consider Spanish information and Spanish application
- Consider a quick guide with program information
- Consider notifying all the schools
- Consider mentioning you are eligible to replace old racks

M/S/C Wegenstein /Wriedt /unanimous

Committee member Martin Wegenstein motioned and seconded by Jeff Wriedt to approve the recommended applications for Transportation Agency Board approval, and recommended the funds be made available to pay for additional requests that may be submitted during the year.

5. MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Recommended Action:

1. Receive an update on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program; and
2. Provided feedback to TAMC staff about opportunities for program improvement.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The Program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of projects and activities that can be funded. The Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. The program will result in projects that provide the following benefits: improved safety for children walking and biking to school; better connections between schools, residential areas and vocational training programs; enhanced air quality; reduced traffic congestion around schools, and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents. She noted that the City of Seaside and City of Marina Safe Routes to School plan is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant. The Safe Routes to School Plan will develop safe routes to school recommendations for 15 public K-12 schools in the cities of Seaside and Marina. The planning effort launched in late August with two community workshops. In the Fall of 2018, the planning team comprised of Transportation Agency, Monterey County Health Department, City of Seaside Public Works, City of Marina Public Works, and Ecology Action staff invited school staff and community members to participate in walking audits at each of the 15 schools.

Ms. Green noted that the walking audits allowed the team and school community to observe morning drop-off issues as well as opportunities for infrastructure improvements. She noted that the list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements will be brought to each school community and City committees and councils for review and input in Spring 2019. The Measure X Safe Routes to School Program has set a goal of providing pedestrians safety classes to all 2nd graders and bicycle safety classes to all 5th graders in Monterey County. The Mini Grant program will provide support to non-infrastructure Education, Encouragement and Enforcement activities such as Walk & Roll programs, Walk to School Day events, volunteer crossing guard training, traffic safety training workshops, and more.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted that there are few middle school students biking to and from the Carmel Valley Middle school. He noted that it is a dangerous 4 lane road at that location. He expressed the possible opening of the Palo Corona regional park (former golf course) might be an opportunity for the Middle school students to use the park to the South Bank trail therefore making a safe connection to the communities East (of the Middle school) for all cyclists. Mr. Wegenstein recommended that Transportation Agency staff work with the Palo Corona Board on a possible solution.

Committee member Jack Smith expressed that the crosswalk near the church and the Pajaro Middle School was not properly installed correctly. Raul Martinez, Monterey County Public Works, noted that the parts for that intersection have been ordered and due to backorder, they are waiting for the parts in order to install.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.