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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**\*\*6:00 PM\*\***

**MEETING LOCATION**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901  
Transportation Agency Conference Room

**Members of the public & non-voting members may join meeting online at:**

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**1. Quorum Check - Call to Order**

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at the 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 your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency 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 Board. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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### 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 3.1. **APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for October 4, 2023.

- Maria Montiel

*The draft minutes of the October 4, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.*

- 3.2. **RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

- Theresa Wright

*The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards.*

4. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2024 Legislative Program.

- Christina Watson

*The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state*

**representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.**

5. **RECEIVE** update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the upcoming development of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Complete Streets Policies.

- Regina Valentine, AMBAG

**AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the upcoming development of a Complete Streets Policies for committee member feedback.**

6. **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2024**

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2024; and
2. **ADOPT** the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

- Janneke Strause

***The Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2024 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for January, when the meeting is on the second Wednesday to avoid conflicts with extended winter holidays, and except in the months of July and December, when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. Meeting locations for 2024 will be determined by Committee consensus.***

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting will be held at  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
Conference Room

55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

**Voting members: please note that the circumstances in which you may remotely teleconference have been severely curtailed and require prior notice and only certain justifications. Click [here](#) for more details.**

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:  
Janneke Strause, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Coordinator  
[Janneke@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Janneke@tamcmonterey.org)

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

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The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact the Transportation Agency at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish Language interpreters and printed materials, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting, and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

## Memorandum

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023  
**Subject:** **Draft BPC Minutes**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for October 4, 2023.

### **SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the October 4, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

### **DISCUSSION:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. BPC Draft October 4, 2023 MINUTES

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

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

**Draft Minutes of October 4, 2023**  
Held at Greenfield Council Chambers  
599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927

| Voting Members  | MAR<br>23 | APR<br>23 | MAY<br>23 | JUN<br>23 | JUL<br>23 | AUG<br>23 | SEP<br>23 | OCT<br>23 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Eric Petersen, District 1   | P         | P         | -         | C         | N         | P         | C         | P         |
| Victor Tafoya– District 2<br><i>(David Tavarez)</i>                   | E         | P         | P         | A         | O         | -         | A         | E         |
| Mike Novo – District 3, Chair   | P         | P         | P         | N         | M         | P         | N         | P         |
| Jeff Wriedt, District 4<br><i>(Frank Henderson)</i>                   | P(A)      | P         | E         | C         | E         | P         | C         | P         |
| Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair<br><i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i> | E         | E         | P         | E         | E         | P         | E         | P         |
| D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea                                      | P         | E         | P         | L         | T         | P         | L         | P         |
| Del Rey Oaks - vacant   | -         | P         | P         | L         | I         | -         | L         | -         |
| Gonzales - Vacant   | -         | -         | -         | E         | N         | -         | E         | -         |
| Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield   | P         | P         | P         | D         | G         | P         | D         | P         |
| King City – vacant  |           | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| Marina - Vacant   |           | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| Gino Garcia, Monterey<br><i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>                        | P         | P         | P         |           |           | P         |           | E         |
| Katie Stern, Pacific Grove<br><i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>                   | P         | P         | P         |           |           | P         |           | E         |
| Chris Flescher, Salinas<br><i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>                       | P         | P         | P         |           |           | P         |           | P         |
| Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City                                    | P         | E         | P         |           |           | P         |           | E         |
| Ralph Wege, Seaside<br><i>(Jan Valencia)</i>                          | -         | P         | P         |           |           | -         |           | P         |
| Soledad - Vacant  | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | P         |
| Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit                          | P         | P         | P         |           |           | P         |           |           |
| Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey<br><i>(Alex Capelli)</i>          | P         | -         | P         |           |           | P         |           | P         |
| N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant                         | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| Salinas Public Works - Vacant   | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| Monterey County Public Works – Vacant                                 | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| Caltrans - District 5 - Vacant  | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| , AMBAG<br><i>(Will Condon)</i>                                       | P         | P         | P         |           |           | -         |           | -         |
| CSUMB -vacant   | -         | -         | -         |           |           | -         |           |           |

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate  
A - Absent

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

| TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF                              | MAR<br>23    | APR<br>23 | MAY<br>23 | JUN<br>23 | JUL<br>23      | AUG<br>23 | SEP<br>23 | OCT<br>23 |
|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Todd Muck, Executive Director                            | E            | -         | E         |           |                | -         |           | P         |
| Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner           | P            | -         | -         |           |                | -         |           | -         |
| Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant                  | P(VC)        | P         | P         |           |                | P         |           | P         |
| Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery | P            | -         | -         |           |                | P (VC)    |           | -         |
| Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer                       | -            | -         | -         |           |                | -         |           | -         |
| Christina Watson, Director of Planning                   | P            | P (VC)    | P         |           |                | P         |           | -         |
| Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner                  | E            | P         | P         |           |                | P         |           | P         |
| Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner                  | -            | P (VC)    | -         |           |                | -         |           | -         |
| Alissa Guthier, Assistant Transportation Planner         | -            | P         | -         |           |                | P         |           | -         |
| Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer                           | -            | P         | P (VC)    |           |                | P (VC)    |           | -         |
| Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration          | P (VC)       | -         | -         |           |                | -         |           | -         |
| Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner                 |              |           |           |           |                |           |           | P         |
| <b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>                                   |              |           |           |           |                |           |           |           |
|  | Hans Hoffman | Public    |           |           | Nathalie Gomez | Public    |           |           |
|  | Sam Winter   | Public    |           |           |                |           |           |           |

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**

None.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Johnson/Wriedt /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 2, 2023.

3.2 Approved applications to the Active Transportation Support Program (ATSP) to award bike racks.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. CITY OF GREENFIELD WALNUT AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

The Committee received an update from City of Greenfield staff on the Walnut Avenue Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvement project.

Jamie Tugle Public Works Director with the City of Greenfield reported that the City of Greenfield received a grant from the Transportation Agency to construct sidewalk improvements between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and El Camino Real on Walnut Avenue. She noted that included in the grant are funds to improve signage and stripping to complete a designated Bike Route between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The project includes the construction of sidewalks and ADA accessible driveways and ramps from El Camino Real to the US 101/off ramp. The project also includes the rejuvenation of approximately 2,700 square yards of pavement in the eastern third of the project area. The project is now on track for completion of design, including Caltrans Permits for work on the US 101/ Walnut Avenue overcrossing by January 2024, and construction completed by June 30, 2024.

In conclusion Ms. Tugle noted that these improvements serve disadvantaged and affordable housing communities within the existing city limits and provide for safe pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular access, connecting them and existing residential neighborhoods to the east of US 101 to the city's downtown retail corridor, public schools, and residential neighborhoods to the west side of US 101.

**5. CITY OF SOLEDAD WEST STREET AND COMPLETE STREET PROJECT**

The Committee received a presentation on the City of Soledad's West Street and Complete Street Project along with other projects for the near future.

Alex Ramos, Assistant Engineer with the City of Soledad reported that the city was recently awarded the 2023 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Competitive Grant from the Transportation Agency for the West Street and Complete Street Project. He noted that the 2023 RSTP grant includes construction funds for the improvement of sidewalks, curb ramps, and full pavement rehabilitation along West Street from Front Street to Gabilan Drive. Also included in the grant are funds to improve the safety of this section of West Street by including a reduction of lanes from four to two producing a traffic calming effect, striping and signage for bike lane buffers, rectangular rapid flashing beacons and pedestrian refuge island at North Street.

In conclusion Mr. Ramos noted that these improvements will serve disadvantaged communities within the proposed project limits, directly benefiting two disadvantaged neighborhoods. It is widely recognized that disadvantaged communities are more likely to rely on public transportation and other modes of transportation such as bicycles or scooters to get around.



The Committee had the following comments and input regarding the West Street and Complete Street Project:

- Consider a traffic light on Monterey St
- Consider signage on Monterey St
- Consider physical barriers near local schools for added layer of protection

## 6. **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS REVIEW**

The Committee received a presentation on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws, and reviewed committee duties.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency established a Citizens Advisory Committee for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities to act at its direction and discretion, in response to State and federal requirements for citizens' participation. She noted that examples of duties may include reviewing a City's General Plan Circulation Element update, providing bicycle and pedestrian improvements on new development projects, and making recommendations to the TAMC Board of Directors.

Committee member Martin suggested each committee member check-in with their elected official or agency and provide a presentation on a future project with bicycle and pedestrian structure.

The Committee nominated the following committee members to form a sub-committee and review the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws:

1. Martin Wegenstein
2. Mark Chaffey
3. Marzette Henderson

## 7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner announced the TAMC Excellence Awards call for nominations. She noted that nomination form is available on the Transportation Agency website at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org). The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023. Ms. Strause introduced our new Transportation Planner Ariadne Sambrano who will be working on future Planning Action Transportation Vision Zero.

Committee Member Martin Wegenstein announce that smooth pavement on Carmel Valley Road.

Committee Member Chris Flescher announced that diagonal parking in Salinas on Lincoln and Church Street was turned into one lane.

Committee member DL Johnson announced that Carmel Valley was nominated the most romantic city.

Nathalie Gomez, Greenfield City staff, announced that the recreational department for the city of Greenfield is hosting 2 bike programs and bike rides, 8-15 years old, starting at the Community Center.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023  
**Subject:** **Transportation Excellence Awards**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

With the Transportation Excellence Awards, the Transportation Agency shows its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, and programs or projects.

Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Projects that exemplify TAMC's mission to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities in Monterey County.
- Innovative activities that promote safer or more efficient use of the local transportation network.
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone.
- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.

The nomination form is attached to this staff report and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and submit nominations. The form can be submitted online, mailed to Transportation Agency offices or emailed to Theresa Wright at [theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org). The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2023. The

Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January 2024 meeting, and the awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 24, 2024 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Transportation Excellence Awards Nomination Form 2023

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



**Transportation Excellence Awards**

**Awards Program Nomination form** (Please fill out form completely)

**1. Name of Nominee**

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (circle one)      **Individual**      **Business/Group**      **Program**      **Project**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Description:**

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

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**3. Date or duration of program:**

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

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**4. Significance/Result:**

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

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**5. Person Submitting Nomination:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by **noon, December 1, 2023** via online, fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901. For additional information, please call 831-775-4403.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023  
**Subject:** **Draft 2024 Legislative Program**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**REVIEW** and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2024 Legislative Program.

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

The draft 2024 legislative program (**attached**) continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2024 legislative session.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

**State:**

- 3S. Pursue funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- 5S. Incentives for electric bike purchases.
- 10S. Support Vision Zero strategies.
- 11S. Support sustainable funding for the Active Transportation Program.
- 15S. Support complete streets, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects.

**Federal:**

- 2F(4). Support funding for active transportation and vision zero projects.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program on October 4, 2023, and on October 25, 2023, the Board approved releasing it to Committees for input. The Rail Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee will review the draft in November. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. Following the Executive Committee's review of the draft program in January, the final program will come back to the Board on January 24, 2024 for adoption.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. DRAFT TAMC 2024 Leg Program

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



## **2024 Legislative Program**

### **DRAFT State Priorities**

- 1S.** Preserve funding for all modes of transportation projects, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs, particularly safety projects, and the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects.
- 2S.** Advocate for proportionality on the application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in comparison to larger metro areas in the state, particularly for completing multi-modal corridors or highway projects in less densely populated or disadvantaged areas of the county, to increase safety for commuters, enhance routes needed for evacuation from climate events, goods movement, and tourism travel.
- 3S.** Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
- 4S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and clean transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, such as via funding reduced transit fares, rail expansion, and frequent bus service, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 5S.** Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives that enhance mobility and accessibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, electrical grid reliability, hydrogen hubs, and incentives for electric bike and vehicle purchases.
- 6S.** Explore replacement funding mechanisms to the gas and diesel tax for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, full conversion to a vehicle registration fee, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.
- 7S.** Support the promotion of telecommuting to reduce vehicle miles traveled via broadband investments in rural areas and disadvantaged communities, support the inclusion of local



government representation in the administration of broadband infrastructure funding, and support new server farms in rural areas.

- 8S.** Support an increase in State rail funding, such as the State Rail Assistance program, Public Transportation Account, or any successor or supplemental source, or redistribution of cap-and-trade proceeds, to implement new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route to help the State meet transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
- 9S.** Support efforts to reauthorize Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
- 10S.** Support legislation that increases roadway safety by implementing Vision Zero strategies and improving driver safety training.
- 11S.** Support sustainable funding for the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 12S.** Support streamlining project delivery, including simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.
- 13S.** Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to augment state transit funding programs to provide ongoing operational support.
- 14S.** Support MST efforts to seek funding to implement the infrastructure needed to meet the deadlines of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040.
- 15S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, clean commutes, multi-modal transportation, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects.
- 16S.** Modernize the Brown Act to enhance transparency and wider public access to allow the use of remote access to public meetings without requiring noticing of all remote Board or committee member locations, provided the public can participate via remote access software or in-person.
- 17S.** Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



## **2024 Legislative Program**

### **DRAFT Federal Priorities**

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds.
- 2F.** Support adequate funding for the following transportation priorities:
  1. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) District capital projects, vehicles, and operations.
  2. Amtrak and state-supported passenger rail, including a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
  3. Zero-emission vehicle infrastructure for transit and personal vehicles.
  4. Active transportation projects, including Vision Zero.
- 3F.** Support congressionally directed federal funding for Agency transportation priorities.
- 4F.** Coordinate with regional military installations to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to operations at those installations.
- 5F.** Support applications for Department of Transportation discretionary grant and climate resiliency/ adaptation grant programs for projects on the California Central Coast.
- 6F.** Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs.
- 7F.** Support programmatic flexibility in federal funding for infrastructure.
- 8F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 9F.** Support availability of funding for enhanced broadband and advocate for the Federal Communications Commission to regulate broadband/internet access as a utility to enable the increase of broadband infrastructure capacity to help bridge the digital divide and to encourage telecommuting.

- 10F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing integrated passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 11F.** Support the use of Federal rail funding to implement new passenger rail service on the Coast Route.
- 12F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Regina Valentine, AMBAG  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023  
**Subject:** **AMBAG Complete Streets Policies**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the upcoming development of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Complete Streets Policies.

**SUMMARY:**

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the upcoming development of a Complete Streets Policies for committee member feedback.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No direct financial impact. Projects that incorporate Complete Streets fundamentals are better candidates for grant funding.

**DISCUSSION:**

With the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL) of 2021, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay region, is required to set aside a portion of the agency's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL funds) allocation to conduct complete streets planning. Complete streets prioritize the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

As identified in AMBAG's Overall Work Program, staff will begin developing Complete Streets Policies in coordination with AMBAG's member agencies, including the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC). Although this is a new federal requirement, complete streets planning has been a priority historically for AMBAG and the jurisdictions in the Monterey Bay region. As an example, AMBAG prepared a *Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook* in August 2013. For this reason, these Complete Streets Policies will serve more to memorialize the transportation planning work already being conducted in the region.

For committee feedback, a draft outline and anticipated timeline is provided below:

**Draft Outline**

- Introduction
- Purpose and Need

- Complete Streets Definition
- Complete Streets Vision
- Complete Streets Goals
- Principles of Complete Streets
- Complete Streets Policies
- Consistency with Regulations
- Scope of Complete Streets Policies
- Exceptions
- Design Guidance
- Context Sensitivity
- Evaluation and Performance Measures
- Implementation and Reporting
- References

### **Anticipated Timeline**

- **November 2023:** Present an overview of the development of AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **December 2023 – January 2024:** Prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **February 2024:** Present Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024:** Public Comment Period
- **March 2024:** Prepare the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **April 2024:** Present Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees and Planning Directors Forum
- **May 8, 2024:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies

### **Next Steps**

AMBAG staff will incorporate committee feedback and prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies in coordination with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions. The Final Complete Streets Policies will be incorporated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023  
**Subject:** **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2024**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2024**

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2024; and
2. **ADOPT** the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

**SUMMARY:**

The Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2024 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for January, when the meeting is on the second Wednesday to avoid conflicts with extended winter holidays, and except in the months of July and December, when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. Meeting locations for 2024 will be determined by Committee consensus.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact to the Transportation Agency budget associated with this action.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee must elect officers and approve its 2024 meeting calendar.

**Committee Appointments**

The Committee Bylaws indicate that “The Committee shall have a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson who shall be elected by the general membership of the Committee.” The Committee will make nominations at the November Committee meeting and the new chair and vice chair will start serving in January of 2024. The chairperson presides over all committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The current Chair is Mike Novo and the Vice Chair is Martin Wegenstein.

**Meeting Calendar**

The meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or other location to be determined in advance of each meeting (the agenda will specify).

In-person meetings are accessible for remote participation, following the revised Brown Act rules for remote participation, which requires at least a quorum to attend in person. Committee members needing to participate remotely must get prior approval from the Committee, unless timing makes that impossible, in which case the authorization can occur at the meeting, citing “emergency circumstances.” The statute defines “emergency circumstances” as “a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.” In addition, Committee Member remote participation is limited to 20% of the meetings, meaning no more than 2 Committee meetings, per year.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Committee Calendar and Appointment 2024

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**2024 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meetings held at the Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas or Alternate Monterey Peninsula Location (subject to change) Sand City Council Chamber 1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. or other location to be determined in advance of each meeting (the agenda will specify).

| Month                                       | Date | Day       | Location     |
|---|------|-----------|--------------|
| January                                     | 10*  | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| February                                    | 7    | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| March                                       | 6    | Wednesday | Alt Location |
| April                                       | 3    | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| May   | 1    | Wednesday | Alt Location |
| June  | 5    | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| <b><i>No July Committee meeting</i></b>     |      |           |              |
| August                                      | 7    | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| September                                   | 4    | Wednesday | Alt Location |
| October                                     | 2    | Wednesday | TAMC         |
| November                                    | 6    | Wednesday | Alt Location |
| <b><i>No December Committee meeting</i></b> |      |           |              |

*\*January meeting moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to accommodate potential committee member and/or staff vacations.*