

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

Final Minutes of August 3, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	P	E	E	E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer					P	E	E	E
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Mari Lynch	Public			Enrique Saavedra		Public Works		
Kate Stern	Public			Robin Lee		Public		
Alexandria Davis	Public			Azusena Ledesma Calderon		Public		
Rawan Al-Jamal	Caltrans D-5			Jeff Railsback		Public		

1. Vice Chair Martin Wegenstein 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 Wegenstein/Petersen/unanimous

Abstain: Pete Scudder

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 1, 2022.

Item was pulled for discussion and Committee member Petersen will get the revised information.

3.2 Received a report on California Vehicle Code 21202.

M/S/C Sofer/ Petersen /unanimous

3.3 Approved application for Active Transportation Support Grant funds for Natividad Hospital to receive 2 bike racks and 1 bike locker.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 BICYCLE COORDINATOR

The Committee received an introduction to the new Caltrans District 5 Bicycle Coordinator.

Caltrans District 5, Rawan Al-Jamal is the Branch Chief for Equity, Climate Change & Complete Streets at the Caltrans District 5 office. Ms. Al-Jamal reported that she is new to Caltrans District 5 and she will be the Bicycle Coordinator and responsible for Complete Streets. She noted that the plan could help facilitate bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Monterey County.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that anyway we can help you with the new job and constant communication is a good aspect.

Mari Lynch member of public mentioned that the Caltrans District 5 bike coordinator website needs to be updated with Rawan Al-Jamal information. Ms. Al-Jamal replied that the website should be updated soon.

5. MONTEREY COUNTY DAVIS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on Monterey County's Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project.

Enrique Saavedra, Monterey County Public Works presented on the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project. He noted that it consists of widening a key regional route that connects the two largest population centers in the County. Davis Road experiences daily congestion and does not have existing bicycle facilities. In conclusion Mr. Saavedra noted that the Davis Road project creates an alternative transportation link between the City of Salinas and the City of Marina by widening the roadway and providing 8-foot bike lanes.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt asked if the portion of the roadway that is adjacent to the agriculture fields will be slightly raised up? Mr. Wriedt noted that the dirt and rocks on the bicycle lanes are dangerous. Mr. Saavedra replied that a common problem that we experience throughout the County is the tracking of mud by farm equipment or trucks. Mr. Saavedra noted that the County is working on having driveway access points with drainage and rumble strips to remove most of the dirt and rocks from the trucks and farm equipment.

Robin Lee, member of public asked the reason for not having a class IV. Mr. Saavedra replied that the earlier design phase the County did look into a class IV. But noted that the speeds are too high, narrow width of roadway, and we are preventing taking the agriculture land.

Committee member DL Johnson asked if there will be improvements to Hitchcock Road? Mr. Saavedra replied that yes Hitchcock Road will be re-paved and re-surfaced.

Committee member Ralph Wege asked on the bicycle crossing going left to Highway 68? Mr. Saavedra went over the bicycle and pedestrian crossing options.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein expressed that it is great to see the project plan, timeline, financials and open risks. He had a question on the roundabout crossing lane and was concerned on the safety issues in that section. Mr. Saavedra noted that the bypass lane is design to slow down speeds and noted that the curb is sharp, for everyone slow down on the turn.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member DL Johnson asked for an update on the Wayfinding Program at a future meeting date. Mr. Johnson also asked for an update on TAMC projects that are in the works.

Committee member Matthew McCluney announced that California State University, Monterey Bay has a new Transportation Program Manager Sloan Campi will be the new representative.

Committee member Libby Sofer announced the First Friday in Sand City will start this weekend, the murals will start on August 20th and West End will be August 27th and 28th.

Jeff Railsback member of public announced that Central Coast Community Energy is still accepting applications for rebates on e-bikes. For more information visit 3c.org.

M/S/C Wege/ Sofer/unanimous

Committee member Ralph Wege asked for a FORTAG update: conceptual plan and next steps at a future meeting date.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.