



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that 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 the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other 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 Committee. 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 Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF 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 minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 7, 2020.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Committee 2021 Calendar and Appointments

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2021.
2. **ADOPT** the 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

- Jacobsen

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5. RECEIVE and COMMENT on draft 2021 Legislative Program.

- Jacobsen

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6. **RECEIVE** report on bicycle and pedestrian collisions from Officer Jessica Madueño, Public Information Officer for the California Highway Patrol.

- Jessica Madueño (CHP)

California Highway Patrol staff will provide a report on recent bicycle and pedestrian collisions in the Monterey Bay Area.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

TAMC Conference Room

55b Plaza Circle, Salinas, California, 93901

Light refreshments will be provided

Important Meeting Information

Remote Meetings: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. The public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at: <https://zoom.us/download>. A link to simplified instruction for the use of the Zoom app is: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/>.

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Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. 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 review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping

M 1. RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: November 4, 2020
Subject: **Draft October Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 7, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft October Minutes

4. **BLUE ZONES OCTOBER 2020 UPDATE**

The Committee received information about Blue Zones current programs and offerings.

Tracy Burke Vasquez, Go831 Program Coordinator, introduced Kendra Howell, Senior Policy Lead of Blue Zones Monterey County. Ms. Howell presented information about Blue Zones' joint effort with the Transportation Agency's Go831 program to promote the October Smart Commute Challenge. She noted that the Transportation Agency's Go831 program encourages activities that reduce congestion in Monterey County.

The Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community well-being improvement initiative designed to help people live longer, better lives by making healthy choices easier. The initiative promotes simple permanent or semi-permanent changes to community, organization and home environments that support healthy lifestyle behaviors and habits based on cultures identified around the world that have high percentages of centenarians, labeled Blue Zones by the National Geographic. In conclusion Ms. Howell noted that the current Blue Zones Monterey County efforts including creating a community safety education campaign that supports promoting walking and bicycling more, and Salinas' Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic related fatalities. She noted that it has been hard for a lot of businesses during COVID-19. She mentioned that the City of Salinas Council approved a Vision Zero Policy. The Vision Zero Policy is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries collision, while increasing safe, healthy equitable mobility for all ages. The City has also been working on the soccer project and a community garden at Creek Park.

Committee member Ralph Wege asked if Blue Zones is organizing a clean-up on the bike path on Castroville. Kendra Howell replied that no bike path clean-up is currently planned, but possibly in the future.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that having on a Blue Zones cooking show in both English and Spanish would be helpful. Kendra Howell replied that fun and healthy recipes would help people engage in healthy eating, and Blue Zones recently recorded a Spanish-language cooking show that will be released soon.

Committee member Libby Sofer noted that the City of Sand City completed the virtual mural project. She encouraged the committee members and community to check it out via walking or biking, social distancing is encouraged.

Kendra Howell, mentioned that the downtown Salinas is working on a remodeling near La Fogata. She mentioned some planters were removed, they will be installing lighting and chairs and possibly artwork.

Committee member, Eric Petersen, asked how to find out what business are Blue Zones approved or how to help businesses that are interested. Kenda Howell replied that Blue Zones are developing little cards that will help explain the process that can be distributed.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Eric Petersen announced that at the Litter Valley Summit Rick was given an award for picking up litter. He also noted that on N. Boronda Road, the City of Salinas has a project that is not following the Highway Design Manual. He asked to have the Central project on a future meeting date.

Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator noted that she went to the City of Sand City and walked around to see the murals. She highly encouraged everyone to view.

Chairman Jack Smith expressed concern on the no signal on Molera Road. He noted that it is dangerous for long distance bike travelers who are not from the area. He encouraged for staff to work on installing a wayfinding sign on that area. He also thanked everyone for the two years. He mentioned that it is really important to get someone to represent North county especially the Pajaro and Las Lomas community.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann noted that we encourage future projects with bulb-outs to consider the impact to bicyclists. The pedestrians and cyclist are being squeezed next to cars. We should modify the depth and make sure bicycle can fit through.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, announced that Transportation Agency has launched a new website available at tamcmonterey.org.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 4, 2020
Subject: **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2021**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Committee 2021 Calendar and Appointments

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2021.
2. **ADOPT** the 2021 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 2021 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee must elect officers and approve its 2021 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 2021. The chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The current Chair is Jack Smith and the Vice Chair is Mike Novo.

Meeting Calendar

The 2021 Committee meeting calendar proposed by Staff is included as an **Attachment**. Committee members are advised to contact the Transportation Agency if they are not able to attend meetings. Courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

Meeting Locations

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Committee meetings will continue to be held remotely pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local

Governments ability to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference to make meetings accessible electronically in order to protect public health.

In the event meetings transition back to in-person during 2021, TAMC staff will send a revised meeting calendar to all Committee members and any interested members of the public.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Draft 2021 Committee Calendar

**2021 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE**

Meetings will be held remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *

Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6pm-8pm with the exception of July and December.

Month	Date	Day	Location
January	6	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
February	3	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
March	3	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
April	7	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
May	5	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
June	2	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
<i>No July Committee meeting</i>			
August	4	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
September	1	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
October	6	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
November	3	Wednesday	Remote meeting via Zoom
<i>No December Committee meeting</i>			

* In the event meetings transition back to in-person during 2021, TAMC staff will send Committee members a revised schedule.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 4, 2020
Subject: **2021 Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE and **COMMENT** on draft 2021 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 2021 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2021 legislative session. **Attachment 1** is the draft legislative program.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

- 1S. Preserve funding for transportation projects, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, and public transportation for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Promote jobs-housing balance and alternative transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 9S. Support legislation to increase safety and reduce fatalities by modifying laws establishing speed limits to be based on safety considerations, with attention to enforcement of speed limits.
- 10S. Support legislation to devote more funding to the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 14S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, alternative commutes, multi-modal transportation, and active transportation projects.

Federal:

- 1F. Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds in the multimodal transportation authorization bill.

In October, the Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program and 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 in January for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft 2021 Legislative Program



DRAFT 2021 Legislative Program

State Priorities

- 1S.** Preserve funding for transportation projects, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S.** Pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, and public transportation for Monterey County projects.
- 3S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and alternative transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 4S.** Support funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and rebates for electric vehicle purchase.
- 5S.** Explore replacement funding mechanisms for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes.
- 6S.** Support funding to increase broadband infrastructure capacity to help bridge the digital divide and to encourage telecommuting to reduce vehicle miles traveled.
- 7S.** Support a resolution to recognize the Coast Route as an active rail corridor that can help the State meet transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
- 8S.** 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
- 9S.** Support legislation to increase safety and reduce fatalities by modifying laws establishing speed limits to be based on safety considerations, with attention to enforcement of speed limits.
- 10S.** Support legislation to devote more funding to the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 11S.** Support streamlining project delivery, including simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.

- 12S.** Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District to update Transportation Development Act (TDA) law.
- 13S.** 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.
- 14S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, alternative commutes, multi-modal transportation, and active transportation projects.
- 15S.** 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.



DRAFT 2021 Legislative Program

Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds in the multimodal transportation authorization bill:
 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes.
 3. Expand access to Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.
 4. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding, including cash flow options for small and rural grantees.
 5. Support the return of directed federal funding for transportation priorities.
 6. Coordinate with military installations in Monterey County to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to those installations.
 7. Support Monterey-Salinas Transit application for federal funding for the SURF Bus Line in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.
 8. Support applications for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program on the California Central Coast.
- 2F.** 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.
- 3F.** 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.

- 4F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 5F.** Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak to restore pre-COVID-19 service level and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 6F.** 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: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 4, 2020
Subject: **CHP Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE report on bicycle and pedestrian collisions from Officer Jessica Madueño, Public Information Officer for the California Highway Patrol.

SUMMARY:

California Highway Patrol staff will provide a report on recent bicycle and pedestrian collisions in the Monterey Bay Area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Committee members have expressed interest in speaking with members of law enforcement about bicyclists and pedestrian safety.

Officer Jessica Madueño, Public Information Officer, will present on the bicycle and pedestrian collisions during the past few months and speak to how the California Highway Patrol supports the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[California Highway Patrol Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Resources](#)



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 4, 2020
Subject: **Media Clippings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- [Salamander habitat legislation allows Highway 156 interchange to go ahead](#)
- [New salamander law means Castroville/Highway 156 interchange can now move forward](#)
- [Mejorando el Acceso al Transporte](#)
- [Jenny Cogswell is the winner of the Go831 Smart Commute to the moon Challenge first draw.](#)
- [Ciclovía Salinas](#)

Other News of Interest

- [A growing pedestrian safety crisis: Speed, short lights and SUVs are worsening a health epidemic](#)
- [Caltrans Highlights Efforts to Reduce Pedestrian Injury and Death](#)