TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Final Minutes of February 5, 2020

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Waltz FORTAG

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Walts, co-founders of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project announced that the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board of Directors will be having a study session, open to the public, on the (FORTAG) alignment proposed through the Regional Park District's Frog Pond. The study session will take place next Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 5p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks. He encouraged the Committee members to attend and provide input. Transportation Agency staff will send out and email with more detailed information.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Wegenstein / Sofer/unanimous

Abstain: D. L. Johnson and Mathew McCluney

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 8, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING PROGRAM

The Committee received an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Program; and provided input on the high-priority routes and location of signs.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner presented on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Program. She noted that TAMC developed the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County to provide standard guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding throughout Monterey County. She also noted that Wayfinding signs can ease navigation for bicyclists and pedestrians, reduce travel times, and enhance the region's brand by reinforcing key regional destinations. The goal of the Wayfinding Plan is to promote key sign features that jurisdictions will be encouraged to incorporate into their own sings in order to improve wayfinding within city boundaries. Uniform signage supports residents and visitors who want to bicycle or walk for transportation and recreation and can enhance each jurisdiction's brand as a regional destination. In addition to signing existing paved paths and bicycle lanes, the project will add newly identified Class III bike routes. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that implementation of the Wayfinding Plan will begin once the Plan is adopted. TAMC will apply for grant funding for full implementation of the Plan, work on the procurement of signage, and will coordinate with the underlying jurisdictions to install signage.

Committee members provided input on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding program. Transportation Agency staff went over a map with each jurisdiction locations. Committee members proposed a few key confusing locations to install the wayfinding signs, including destination information on signage to be included.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein suggested a map with the proposed Wayfinding signage be brought to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Peterson noted that vision zero programs have been very effective at improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety. There were zero pedestrian fatalities and zero bicyclist fatalities and only one motorist fatality in the Vision Zero community of Norway.

Committee member Mathew McCluney announced that new scooters launched at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) two weeks ago. He noted that it has been successful and hope to see them at nearby cities or agencies.

Committee member Chris Flescher announced that on March 8th, San Francisco Sunday Streets starts its car-free community event.

Committee Chair, Jack Smith, suggested the idea of forming a Friends of FORTAG group to help support the trials development and coordinate future clean-ups and maintenance. He asked if anyone would be interested on a non-profit.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, announced that a Blue Zones meeting with Dan Burden the Built Environment expert, will be here on February 26th and 27th for meetings with a variety of groups, agencies and tours of the area. Transportation Agency staff will send out more details on the special meeting. She also noted that the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Sand City Council Chambers

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.