

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of August 4, 2021
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	-	-		E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	E	E	-	P		E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	P	-		-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-		P
Madilyn Jacobsen, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	-	-	P		-
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch

Public

Alan Romero

MBARD

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mari Lynch, member of public, expressed appreciation to Jessica Perez with Monterey County Health Department for helping spread the word about TAMC’s Bicycle Secure Program.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Peterson / Leonard/ unanimous

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 2, 2021.

- 3.2 Received a copy of letter of support submitted to the City of Monterey from the Committee for the North Fremont Improvement project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. E-BIKE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received a presentation on the E-Bike Incentive Program from guest presenter Alan Romero representing the Monterey Bay Air Resources District. During the presentation, Mr. Romero clarified that the low-income threshold used for the E-Bike Incentive is defined by the Central Coast Energy Services.

The Committee members expressed gratitude for the presentation and offered the following input on the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's E-Bike Incentive Program:

- Consider how to make the program most convenient for low-income residents that may not have the money to make an initial purchase before a reimbursement
- Consider authorizing a rebate during e-bike purchase
- Consider local e-bikes retailers and direct to consumer options
- Consider examining incentives for everyone, such as through a tiered incentive program
- Discuss with Monterey-Salinas Transit impacts to current weight limit restrictions for bikes on buses.
- Committee members expressed interest in an upcoming agenda item discussion about E-Bike regulations and the connectivity of E-Bike accessible routes in the County.

Mari Lynch, member of the public, suggested members and the public check out information posted at www.bikemonterey.org for e-bike regulations and restrictions.

5. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY – SR 218 CANYON DEL REY SEGMENT UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project:

- Consider the connectivity to the tunnel from existing bike routes (e.g., cyclists traveling along SR 218)
- Support for clear responsibility for maintenance and accountability of the tunnel
- Curiosity about the subsequent phases of FORTAG
- Continue to coordinate with individuals and having workshops and virtual meetings

Mari Lynch, member of the public, suggested that a "Adopt-A-Tunnel" maintenance project is considered (like "Adopt-A-Highway" projects).

6. BROWN ACT PUBLIC MEETINGS TRAINING

The Committee received a training on the Brown Act, which sets the rules for the noticing and conduct of public meetings and received information about the transition to in-person meetings as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

The Committee had the following comments after the Brown Act Public Meetings Training:

- Consider looking at social distancing meeting venues between Salinas and Monterey, such as the Marina Library
- Consider posting Committee meetings on TAMC social media pages to inform public
- Consider streaming Committee meetings on YouTube channel or Facebook live to allow on-going hybrid-meeting participation for the public

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Martin Wegenstein expressed concerns about the increased speed limit on Carmel Valley Road. He explained that he met with Supervisor Mary Adams, TAMC and Monterey County public works to identify a solution to address the safety concerns and has identified action steps that County is pursuing in consultation with the Carmel Valley Road Commission.

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that he is in Colorado Springs, and he seen a bicycle with a green circle around. He will follow up with Caltrans.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Associate Transportation Planner, introduced new TAMC staff member Aaron Hernandez and a self-introduction was made. Ms. Jacobsen also announced that there will be an item regarding Senate Bill 122 on the September Committee agenda.

Committee member Grant Leonard thanked TAMC staff Ariana Green and Aaron Hernandez for attending the Castroville Community Day and having a safety bicycle education obstacle track.

Committee member Sloan Campi announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit will have an upcoming service change. He also noted that MST is hiring bus drivers and expressed the shortage in bus drivers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.