

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of February 3, 2016

Held in the TAMC Conference Room

55 B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	MAY 15	JUN 15	AUG 15	SEP 15	OCT 15	NOV 15	JAN 16	FEB 16
Eric Petersen, District 1, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2			-	-	E	-	-	E
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	-	-	P	P	-	E	P	P
Susan Ragsdale-Cronin, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P-
Bernard Green, Marina, Vice Chair <i>(Debra Daniels)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monterey - Vacant,	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Tony Prock)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	TC	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit							P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Vera Noghera)</i>	E	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ted Lopez, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	-	P	-	P(A)	P(A)	E	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works <i>(Ryan Chapman)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-
Adam Fukushima, Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cody Meyer –AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	E
Brian Cook, CSUMB	-	-	P	P	P	E	P	P

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

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	E	E	E	P	E	E
Ariana Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Grant Leonard TAMC staff Mark Lasnik Salinas resident
 Virginia Murillo TAMC staff Enrique Saavedra County Public Works

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Boosman / Valencia

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 6, 2016.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **2016 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received an update on the existing conditions for the 2016 Active Transportation Plan, and discussed the Plan version.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. She noted that the focus of the 2016 Plan update is to match state Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. She noted that the 2016 Plan will also focus on analyzing key gaps from the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian networks, identifying opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and will identify areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity. She noted that in order to make high priority projects more competitive for State funding, staff plans to hire a consultant to develop conceptual plans for the highest priority projects.

In conclusion Ms. Murillo noted that good things have happened since the adoption of the 2011 and Pedestrian Master Plan. She mentioned that the objective in the Plan was to increase the County's bikeway miles by 10% by 2015. She noted that there has been an overall increase of about 17% in the County's bikeway miles, going from 192.5 bikeway miles in 2010 to 225 bikeway miles in 2015.

The Committee had the following comments on the 2016 Active Transportation Plan:

- Consider conducting bicycle counts
- Consider focusing on areas that require safety improvements
- Consider including language about the public health and economic benefits of bicycling in the vision statement

5. **DAVIS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROAD WIDENING**

The Committee received an update on the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Draft Environmental Impact Report, and provided input on the Agency's comment letter.

Grant Leonard, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the County of Monterey has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for its project to replace the Davis Road Bridge and widen Davis Road between Reservation Road and Blanco Road. He noted that the project is included as part of the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan. The Monterey County Public Works Department is proposing to replace the existing two-lane, low-level Davis Road Bridge over the Salinas River with a longer bridge that meets current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials requirements, and will not flood during winter months as the current bridge does. He noted that Davis Road is identified as a critical link in a countywide transportation system that is needed to handle future increases in traffic between the City of Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula. He noted that the County is also proposing to widen Davis Road from two lanes to four lanes for a distance of approximately 2.1 mi, between Blanco Road on the north and Reservation Road on the south, in order to meet future transportation needs. In conclusion Mr. Leonard noted that the Transportation Agency has reviewed the DEIR and prepared bicycling related comments to be submitted as part of the Agency's comment letter. He noted that due date for comments of the DEIR are Friday, February 5, 2016. He noted that Monterey County will consider all comments, and prepare a Final Environmental Impact Report to be released for public review later this year.

The Committee had the following comments on the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Draft Environmental Impact Report:

- Consider a roundabout on the Davis and Blanco intersection
- Consider re-using the signal light on the intersection of Davis Road and Blanco Road
- Consider the Caltrans manual for the bicycle facilities
- Consider installing flexible delineators on the field side of the bike lanes
- Consider thicker flexible delineators

6. CASTROVILLE CROSSING PROJECT

The Committee received a verbal update on the Castroville Crossing project.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the California Transportation Commission received enough delays in projects that are behind schedule, and the Commission will be able to fund the Castroville path project. She noted that the Transportation Agency is working with the Monterey County Public Works on making sure the project is on schedule. In conclusion Ms. Green noted that can start construction as early as the summer of 2016.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Grant Leonard, Assistant Transportation Planner announced that the Transportation Agency has received nine Bicycle Secure Program applications. He noted that they are due to the Transportation Agency by Thursday, February 4, 2016. The Agency encourages interested businesses, schools, non-profits, and other public agencies in Monterey County to apply.

Committee member D. L. Johnson requested that the “Golden Helmet Award be agendized to a future meeting date.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner noted that Committee member Jerry Ramos apologizes for not being able to attend the meeting today. He also mentioned that ten women started a crowdfunding campaign for the Bicycling Monterey website and he encourages everyone to view the video.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm