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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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

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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 5, 2022.

- Montiel

The draft minutes of the October 5, 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

3.2 RECEIVE the call for nominations for the 21st Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

- Wright

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members to submit nominations, which are due by December 2, 2022. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 25, 2023 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE and COMMENT on draft 2023 Legislative Program.

- Watson

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.

5. **RECIEVE** update on Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects in progress.

- Zeller

The Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) is part of a larger effort to connect communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community, and open space. The project is a proposed 28-mile regional active transportation corridor and is included as a regional priority in Measure X. The project received State environmental clearance in March 2020, and the Agency has been pursuing grant opportunities to construct the project in segments.

6. **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2023**

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2023; and
2. **ADOPT** the 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

- Strause

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 2023 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. Meeting locations for 2023 will be determined by Committee consensus.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6pm

Important Meeting Information

Remote Meetings: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhanced 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 allowed local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. That order expired on September 30, 2021. Governor Newsom has now signed AB 361, and the TAMC Board of Directors approved a resolution to enact AB 361 on September 22, 2021. This legislation permits teleconferencing for Brown Act meetings during a state of emergency. Thus, TAMC meetings will convene remotely, until further notice. For remote meetings, 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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Office is closed an all employees are working remotely until further notice
TEL: 831-775-0903
EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

Media Clipping - No items this month.

Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022
Subject: **Draft BPC October Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 5, 2022.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the October 5, 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Draft October BPC Minutes

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

Draft Minutes of October 5, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	E	P	N	P	P	P
Pete Scudder – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P	P	E	E	O	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	E	P	P	P		E	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	M	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	P	P	T	E	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	E	P	E	N	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	P
Marina - Vacant	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	P	P	E	P		P	P	P
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P	P	P	P(A)		-	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	E	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	P	E		P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Marzette Henderson Monterey Salinas Transit	P	P	P	E		-		P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P(A)	E
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	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	E		P	P	P
Sloan Campi - CSUMB	P	P	P	P		P	P	P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	E	E	E		E	E	P
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	E	E	P	E		E	E	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	E	E	E	E		E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	E	E	E		E	E	-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	E	P	P		P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	E	E	E		E	P	-
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner	E	E	P	P		P	-	P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer		P	E	E		E	P	-
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Mari Lynch	Public			Molly Tremblay	Kimley Horn			
Edrie De Los Santos	City of Marina			Greg Hamer	Public			
Alexandria Davis	Public			Hans Hoffman	Public			
Fredrik Venter	Kimley Horn			Kevin Miller	Public			
Robin Lee	Public							

1. Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mari Lynch, member of Public mentioned that she attended the Salinas City Council and Andrew Easterling presented on Alisal Complete Streets. She noted that comments from the Council. Ms. Lynch noted the community doesn't know that reduction of lanes can help keep pedestrians safe. She expressed the need for education.

Committee member DL Johnson expressed the need for pedestrian safety education on the bulb-out. He suggested an article on bulb-outs.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Campi/Petersen/unanimous
Abstain: Martin Wegenstein

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 3, 2022, with slight changes.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **IMJIN PARKWAY WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Imjin Parkway Widening Project.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner introduced City of Marina Consultant, Senior Engineer, Edrie De Los Santos who presented on the Imjin Parkway Widening Project. He noted that the project will widen the Imjin Parkway from Imjin Road to Reservation Road from two to four lanes, construct four roundabouts along the corridor and make transit and pedestrian improvements, along with on-street buffered bike lanes and stormwater treatment areas, retaining and sound walls. Mr. De Los Santos noted that the improvements will benefit commuters who travel through the corridor, as well as those who live along the corridor at SCU Monterey Bay and the neighboring homes in Marina Heights, Sea Haven and Preston Park. In conclusion Mr. De Los Santos noted that the project is currently being finalizing the right-of-way certification, permits and bid documents. He noted that the city anticipates construction will begin in the Summer of 2023.

Committee member Eric Petersen asked why are they widening the roadway on each direction? Edrie De Los Santos replied that the project corridor is serving traffic safety issues and noted that the peak commuter hours will relief congestion and slow down traffic on the corridor.

Committee member Sloan Campi asked on the class 1 bike path. Mr. Delos Santos replied that it will connect to the existing class 1 on the west end and on the north end. Mr. Campi also suggested vertical treatments for improve safety.

Committee member Jeff Wridt asked if the project will consist of more small bikes stop sings on class 1 bike lane? Mr. Delos Santos replied that they are not designing the bicycle stop signs on this project.

Greg Hammer, member of public asked on the 40 mph design elements are you installing? Mr. Delos Santos replied that the design approach would install channelizer's to slow down traffic. He mentioned that the 12 feet lanes would be reducing them to 11 feet and that will slow down traffic speed. He noted that the reduce of lanes work on slowing down traffic.

Committee member Ralph Wege asked on the lighting. Mr. Edrie Delos Santos replied that they have completed a visual impact study and a lighting study and won't create a lighting hazard.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein extremely happy to see more projects using roundabouts that are traffic calming. He asked why no roundabout on Reservation Road. Mr. Delos Santos replied that the intersection control evaluation study was done and identified that Reservation Road would need to stay as a signalized intersection.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo expressed concerns on the speed.

Mari Lynch expressed concerns on having physical barriers for the bicyclist. She also noted that ease of use is the most important for community input.

5. **BROADWAY AVE COMPLETE STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT**

The Committee received a presentation on the Broadway Avenue Complete Streets Project; and provided input on the proposed project.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner introduced Molly Tremblay, Kimley-Horn and she presented on the Broadway Avenue Complete Streets Project. The project includes converting most signalized intersections along Broadway Avenue to roundabouts, adding bicycle facilities on both sides of the street and a protected path in front of MLK Jr. School of the Arts. She noted that additional safe routes to school improvements will be made to Yosemite Ave to improve active transportation access to four schools. In conclusion Ms. Tremblay noted that the community input is vital at this stage of the project to ensure the design meets the needs of the community and environmental concerns are addressed. The project team will begin seeking input on the project design and environmental review in the Fall 2022 with the goal of completing this phase of the project by the end of January 2023. Following the initial design and environmental phase, the project will go into the right-of-way certification and final design phases to be completed by April 2025. She noted that construction is expected to begin in November 2025 and be completed by August 2027.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Broadway Avenue Complete Streets Project:

- Consider more “Yield” signage
- Consider more roundabout education
- Consider “share the road” signage near the schools
- Concern about students getting out of vehicles and crossing the bike lane in front of MLK Jr. School of the Arts
- Consider working on the challenges on the front of the school
- Look into education with the businesses owners nearby to discuss the delivery options

6. **SALINAS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

The Committee received a report on the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan; and provided input on the Draft Plan.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner reported that the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan includes infrastructure and programming recommendations to make it safer and more comfortable for children to access 44 schools in Salinas. She noted that the project is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant as well as local Measure X funds. She noted that they kicked off in the Spring of 2020 during the pandemic. In conclusion Ms. Green noted that the planning team implemented two temporary safe street demonstrations on E. Alisal Street and McKinnon Street and received community input on a list of infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations. She noted that the project team is now seeking input on the Draft Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan, including non-infrastructure recommendations for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Draft Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan:

- Encourage the majority of students to arrive to school by walking, biking or carpool
- Consider the private schools
- Consider Class II bike lanes with separate planters' boxes, spikes, concrete boxes – little kids need physical barriers between cars to feel safe
- Class II bike lanes are terrifying
- Consider including the future growth area in the Plan
- Consider the bike lane on Rogge Road be paved
- Bulb outs are great to make crossing shorter
- Make sure bulb outs are installed properly
- Consider including Salinas Police in safe routes to school programs
- Look into more bike connections to libraries, parks, and other destinations
- Consider more bike racks at the schools and after school destinations
- Look into slowing down traffic on Sanborn near the schools
- Like the raised crossed walks that service as speed bumps
- Consider reaching out to Salinas Council member Orlando Osornio for feedback on the Plan
- Bring back the development of the bar code scanner program to a future meeting

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member DL Johnson mentioned that he was asked on the Moss Landing Trail. Mr. Johnson noted that Executive Director Todd Muck gave him a brief project explanation. Janneke Strause replied that the County is looking at public outreach.

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that he attended the Sand City Criterium Race last month and noted that it was a good race.

Committee member Miranda Taylor announced that AMBAG is currently having a public hearing process on the Draft 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Ms. Taylor noted she will be presenting to the Technical Advisory Committee at 9:30 am tomorrow October 6th. She noted that the plan is currently out for 30-day public review period open until end of the day October 17th.

Mari Lynch (member of public) announced that the legislation was signed on September 16 on the OmniBike Bill changes and can learn more about it at bikemonterey.org website.

Committee member Ralph Wege expressed those negative comments on the North Fremont bike lane.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022
Subject: Transportation Excellence Awards Nominations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the call for nominations for the 21st Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee members to submit nominations, which are due by December 2, 2022. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 25, 2023 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, programs or projects. Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network.
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone through the Go831 Smart Commute Program.

Committee members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and nominate projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County.

The nomination form is attached to this staff report and is also available on the Transportation Agency website (tamcmonterey.org). The form can be submitted online, mailed to Transportation Agency offices or emailed to Theresa Wright (at theresa@tamcmonterey.org). The deadline for nominations is December 2, 2022. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transportation Excellence Awards Nomination Form



Transportation Excellence Awards

Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee: _____

Category: (circle one) **Individual** **Business/Group** **Program** **Project**

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Please return by **noon, December 2, 2022** via online, fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901. For additional information, please call 831-775-4403.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022
Subject: **2023 Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE and **COMMENT** on draft 2023 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 2023 legislative program (**attached**) continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2023 legislative session.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

- 2S. Pursue funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- 9S. Support Vision Zero strategies.
- 10S. Support sustainable funding for the Active Transportation Program.
- 13S. Support complete streets, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects.

Federal:

- 1F. Support stabilizing and increasing transportation funding.
- 1F(4). Support MST application for funding for the SURF! project.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program on October 5, 2022, and on October 26, 2022, 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 on January 25, 2023 for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

▫ Draft 2023 Legislative Program

2023~~2~~ Legislative Program

State Priorities

- 1S.** Preserve funding for [all modes of](#) transportation projects, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting [for infrastructure needs](#). [Advocateing for proportionality on the application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in comparison to larger metro areas in the state, particularly for completing multi-modal corridors or highway projects in less densely populated or disadvantaged areas of the county, to increase safety for commuters, enhance routes needed for evacuation from climate events, goods movement, and tourism travel.](#)
- 2S.** [Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to p](#)Pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
- 3S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and alternative transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, such as via funding reduced transit fares, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 4S.** Support funding for [zero-emission](#) alternative fuel initiatives that enhance mobility and accessibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, [electrical grid reliability](#), and incentives for electric bike and vehicle purchases.
- 5S.** Explore replacement funding mechanisms for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, [full conversion to a](#) vehicle registration fee, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.
- 6S.** Support the promotion of telecommuting to reduce vehicle miles traveled via broadband investments in rural areas and disadvantaged communities, support the inclusion of local government representation in the administration of broadband infrastructure funding, and support new server farms in rural areas.

- 7S. Support the use of State rail funding to implement new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route to 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 that increases roadway safety by implementing Vision Zero strategies and improving driver safety training.
- 10S. Support ~~legislation to devote more~~sustainable funding ~~to for~~ 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 (MST) to update Transportation Development Act (TDA) law.~~
- 13S.12S. 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.13S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, alternative commutes, multi-modal transportation, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects.
- 15S.14S. Modernize the Brown Act to enhance transparency and wider public access to allow the use of remote access to public meetings without requiring noticing of all remote Board or committee member locations, provided the public can participate via remote access software or in-person.
- 16S.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.

2023~~2~~ 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. Support an adequate level of funding for Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) ~~through advocacy on a new transportation bill~~ with appropriations sufficient to ensure immediate access to funding.~~
 - ~~2. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.~~
 - ~~3. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a vehicle registration fee, pay by the mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.~~
 - ~~4. Expand access to Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.~~
 - ~~5. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding, including cash flow options for small and rural grantees.~~
 - 6.2. Support congressionally directed federal funding for Agency transportation priorities.
 - 7.3. Coordinate with regional military installations ~~in Monterey County~~ to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to operations at those installations.
 - 8.4. Support MST application for federal funding for the SURF! Bus Line in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.
 - 9.5. Support applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant program for projects on the California Central Coast.

~~10. Support funding for infrastructure projects that provide resiliency for disaster preparedness and climate change impacts, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure or sea level rise adaptive projects.~~

- 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 integrated passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 4F.5F.** Support the use of Federal rail funding to implement new passenger rail service on the Coast Route.
- 5F.6F.** Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 6F.7F.** 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: Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022
Subject: Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECIEVE update on Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects in progress.

SUMMARY:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) is part of a larger effort to connect communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community, and open space. The project is a proposed 28-mile regional active transportation corridor and is included as a regional priority in Measure X. The project received State environmental clearance in March 2020, and the Agency has been pursuing grant opportunities to construct the project in segments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Canyon Del Rey/SR 218 Segment is projected to cost \$13.4 million and is fully funded with a \$10.3 million Active Transportation Program grant, \$600,000 in State Local Partnership Program funds, and \$2.3 million of Measure X. Segment 2 between Imjin Road and the Jerry Smith Access Corridor is estimated to cost \$12.1 million and is short-listed for a \$7.09 million Federal Lands Access Program grant and \$5.01 million in Measure X. Segment 3 runs adjacent to California Avenue between the City of Marina and CSUMB and is estimated to cost \$10.5 million, for which the Agency is pursuing an Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant.

DISCUSSION:

FORTAG is proposed as an approximately 28-mile continuous 12-ft wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an open-space buffer on both sides. FORTAG will connect to the existing Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and will provide connections to unpaved trails in the Fort Ord National Monument. The northern loop of FORTAG encircles Marina, following a 13 mile route that includes 3 miles of the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. The southern loop of FORTAG encircles Seaside and bisects Del Rey Oaks, following a 15 mile route that includes 4 miles of the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. The route includes spurs connecting with existing and planned bike/pedestrian infrastructure. Several sections of the paved trail will link to nearby unpaved trails. There are currently three segments in progress:

Segment 1 - Canyon Del Rey Oaks/SR 2018

Phase 1 of the Canyon Del Rey/State Route 218 Segment involves construction of the trail through the City of Del Rey Oaks from Fremont Boulevard to Del Rey Woods Elementary in the City of Seaside. From Fremont Boulevard, the trail will run along State Route 218 and then move behind Safeway through Work Memorial Park traveling around the

tennis courts and towards Angelus Way. There are no improvements proposed along Angelus Way based on feedback from the community. The trail will pick up again at Del Rey Park and travel towards State Route 218 along the existing trail. An undercrossing below State Route 218 will connect near Del Rey Oaks City Hall and the Frog Pond. A raised pathway will be constructed to connect trail users from the undercrossing to Carlton Drive at an accessible grade. The trail will extend northeast up Carton Drive to Plumas Avenue. Along Carlton Drive the trail will consist of a new 12-foot wide multi-use sidewalk on the west side of the road. Along Plumas Avenue the trail will follow the existing PG&E easement up to Del Rey Woods Elementary.

To hear feedback and concerns directly from Del Rey Oaks residents and the community, the project team has held in-person site visits, virtual public workshops and focus groups, and received over 300 comments from our online interactive project map. Among the comments received have been questions regarding the safety of the trail and the undercrossing, potential impacts to the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve, and whether the trail could be realigned along State Route 218. The project team has been responsive to these comments and has modified the design to further reduce impacts that do not result in safety or security issues. Examples of these adjustments include reducing the length of the switchback in the Frog Pond to avoid trees and impacts to the existing trail system; and modifying the segment along Carlton Drive to incorporate traffic calming features that will slow speeds on the roadway as well as reintroduce some pockets of on-street parking. Renderings of the project and a visual simulation are attached to the staff report below.

Segment 2 - Imjin Road to Jerry Smith Corridor

FORTAG Segment 2 - Imjin Road to the Jerry Smith Corridor was short-listed for \$5.7 million in funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant program. The proposed project will provide a multi-use trail in Marina, between Imjin Parkway/ Imjin Road connecting to the Jerry Smith Trailhead. The project involves final design and construction of 2.26 miles of a multi-use bike and pedestrian trail, including 2.1 miles of a paved path and 0.16 miles of raised boardwalk. The raised boardwalk will traverse over a federally-protected species habitat. The path will be paved to 12' wide with 2' unpaved shoulders on each side. Safety improvements include grading to create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail and enhanced road crossings. The purpose of this segment of the multi-use trail is to provide direct active transportation access to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fort Ord National Monument from California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and nearby Marina residents. The project is currently undergoing a scoping review by FHWA to confirm the project's scope, schedule, and budget. Agency staff is working closely with FHWA through this process and expects to be notified in Fall 2022 whether the funds will be granted.

Segment 3 - California Avenue from Patton Parkway to Imjin Road

Transportation Agency staff is applying for Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant to fund another portion of the CSUMB Loop North Segment, which closes the gap on California Avenue between the City of Marina and CSUMB and connects to FORTAG Segment 2. The proposed project is a 1.4-mile shared use path that will be 12-feet wide and accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, scooters, or other shared mobility devices. The project is a gap closure that will vastly improve a current route and remove barriers to mobility. The project will close a gap in the existing regional network between the City of Marina and CSUMB to the north and south, and Fort Ord Trail network and the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the east and west. Currently, there is a Class II bikeway on California Ave, but due to the high speed (40 mph), the bike facility is not adequate for all ages and abilities. California Ave. as it is today, is itself a barrier for City of Marina residents, families, and students to be connected to the existing regional network, healthy food options, higher education, and open spaces. The project will fill this gap and will provide an all ages and abilities connection between the City of Marina, CSUMB, future development, the Fort Ord Trail system, and the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail via Class I bikeways.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ FORTAG Segments in Progress - May 2022
- ▢ FORTAG Canyon Del Rey Renderings
- ▢ FORTAG FLAP Segment Overview

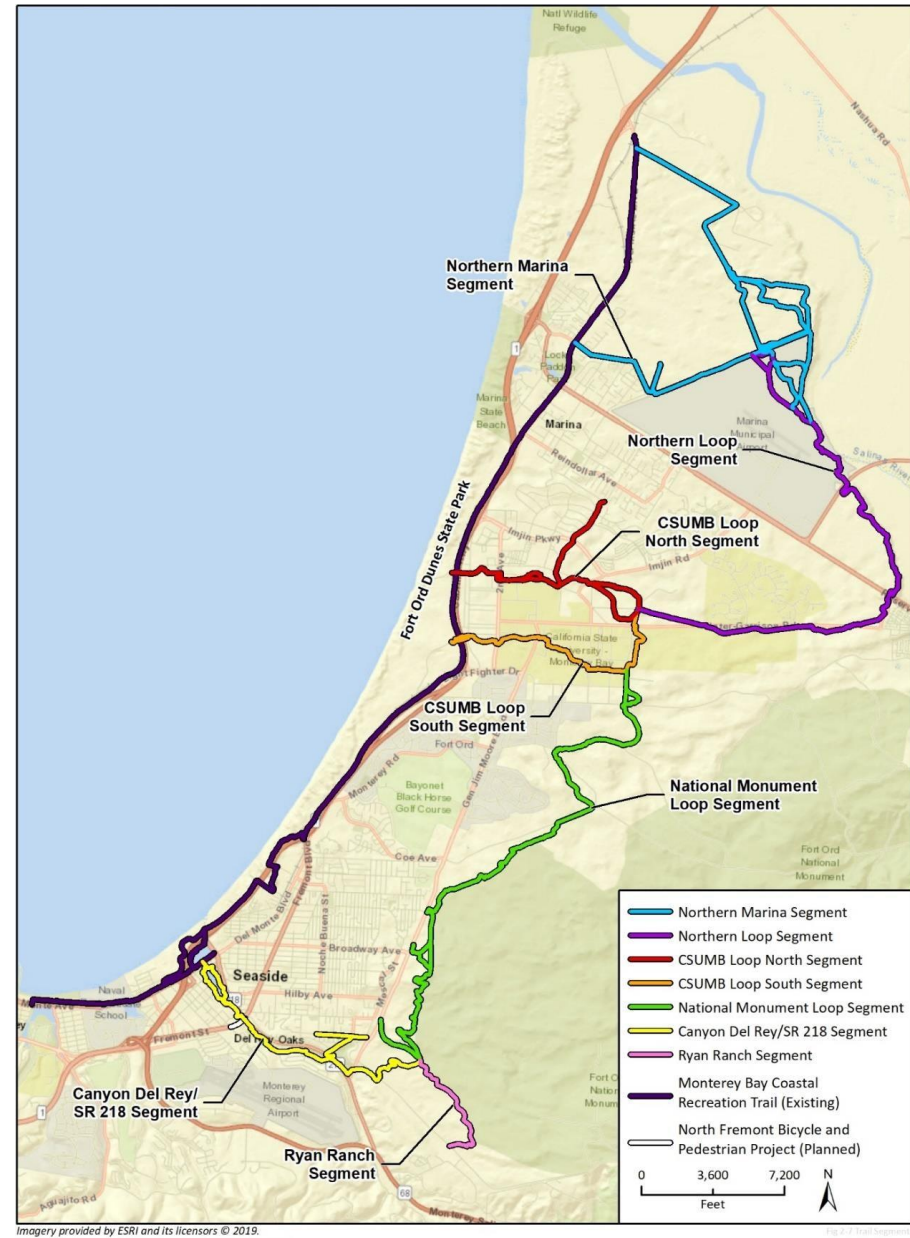
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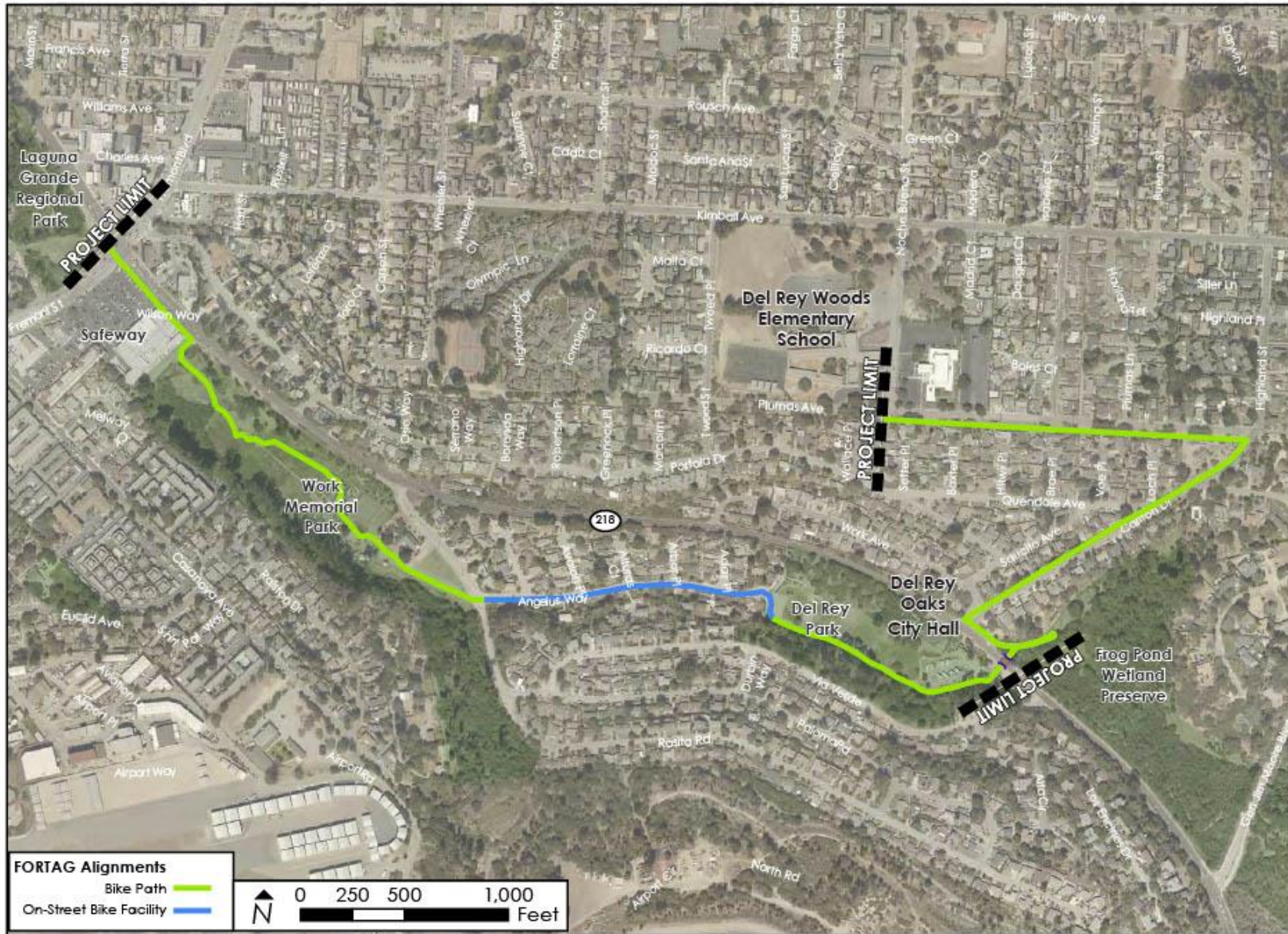
- [FORTAG Canyon del Rey Segment Visualization - YouTube](#)

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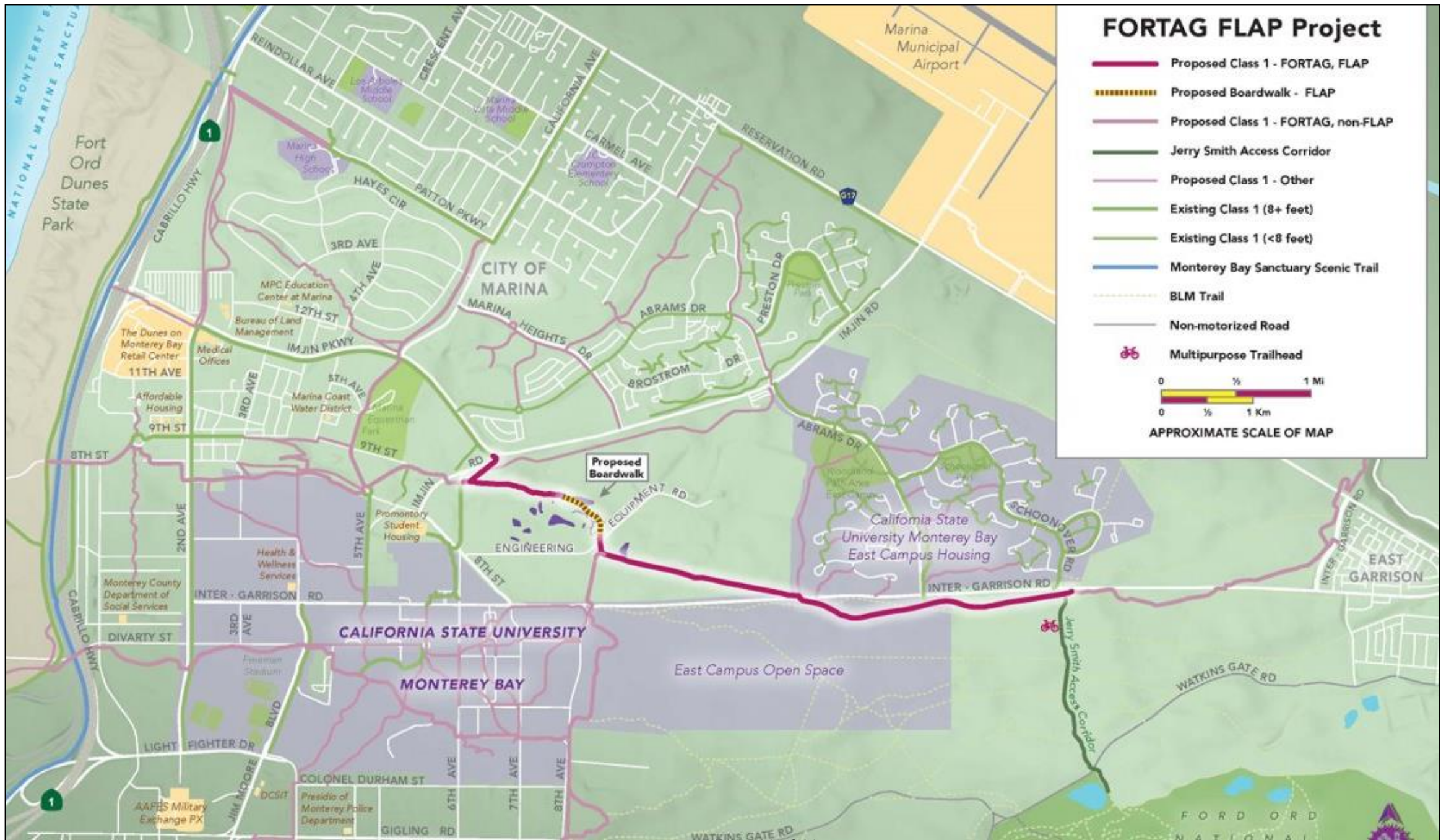
FORTAG Proposed Alignment





FORTAG - Canyon Del Rey/SR 218 Segment - Phase 1









Carlton Drive at State Route 218



View from the Frog Pond Reserve



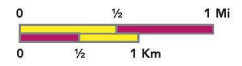
Undercrossing at State Route 218



Butterfly Garden

FORTAG FLAP Project

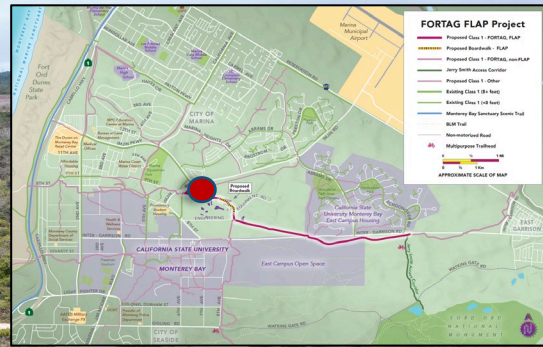
-  Proposed Class 1 - FORTAG, FLAP
-  Proposed Boardwalk - FLAP
-  Proposed Class 1 - FORTAG, non-FLAP
-  Jerry Smith Access Corridor
-  Proposed Class 1 - Other
-  Existing Class 1 (>8 feet)
-  Existing Class 1 (<8 feet)
-  Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
-  BLM Trail
-  Non-motorized Road
-  Multipurpose Trailhead



APPROXIMATE SCALE OF MAP



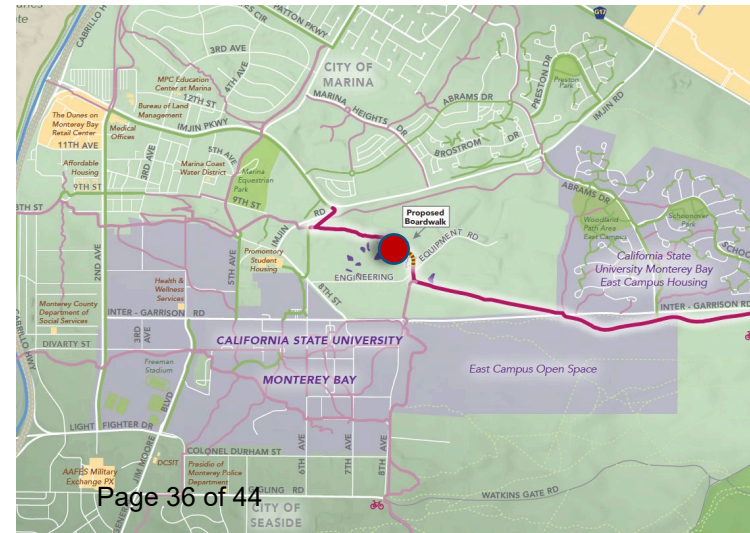
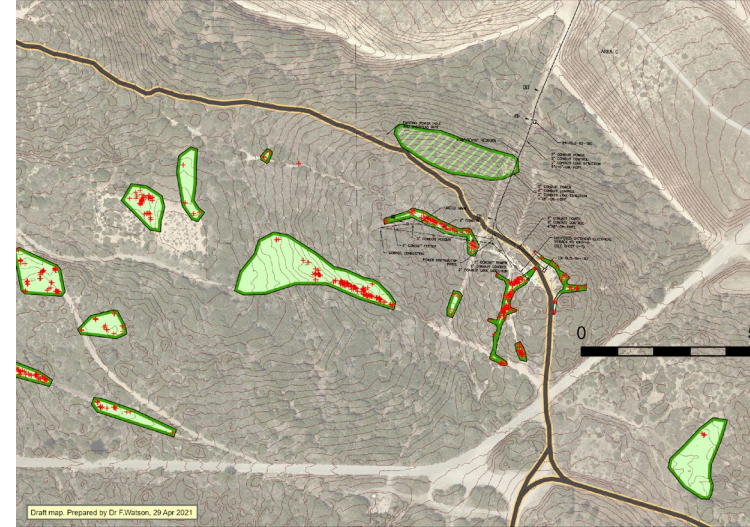
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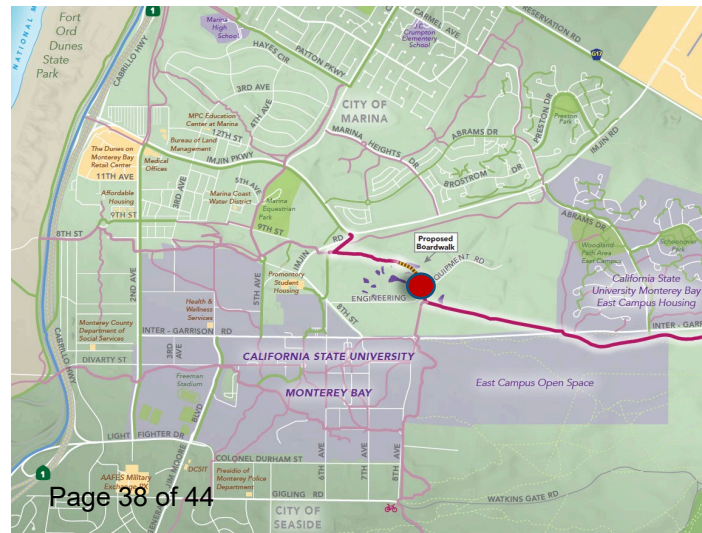
Looking West Start of trail near Imjin Road



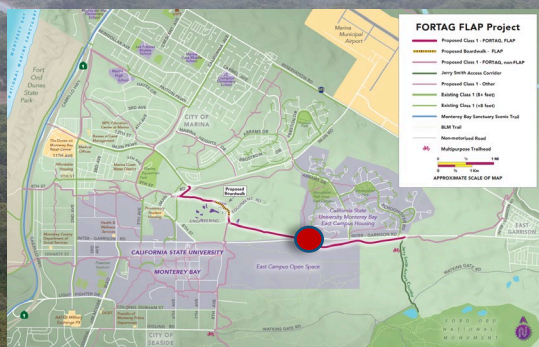
Near Federally Protected Sand Gilia Species Habitat. This is where boardwalk is proposed to safely traverse over the protected habitat.











Crossing at Inter-Garrison Road



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 2, 2022
Subject: **Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2023**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Committee Meeting Calendar and Appointments for 2023

1. **APPOINT** a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2023; and
2. **ADOPT** the 2023 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 2023 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. Meeting locations for 2023 will be determined by Committee consensus.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the Transportation Agency budget associated with this action.

DISCUSSION:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee must elect officers and approve its 2023 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 2023. The chairperson presides over all Committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The current Chair is Mike Novo and the Vice Chair is Martin Wegenstein.

Meeting Calendar

Until February 28, 2023, the meetings will continue to be held via remote conferencing under the Governor's declared state of emergency, which is expected to be lifted on February 28, 2023. Starting in March 2023, the meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or other location to be determined in advance of each meeting (the agenda will specify).

If necessary, it will be possible to make the in-person meetings accessible for remote participation, following the revised Brown Act rules for remote participation, which requires at least a quorum to attend in person. Committee members needing to participate remotely must get prior approval from the Committee, unless timing makes that

impossible, in which case the authorization can occur at the meeting, citing “emergency circumstances.” The statute defines “emergency circumstances” as “a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.” In addition, Committee Member remote participation is limited to 20% of the meetings, meaning no more than 2 Committee meetings, per year.

Staff will present an update and request input from the Committee at the meeting, whether it may be desirable to make the meetings remotely accessible throughout the year, even upon the resumption of in-person meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Committee Calendar 2023

2023 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Depending on state law and pandemic status, the meetings may be held via remote conferencing, at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or other location to be determined in advance of each meeting (the agenda will specify).

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