

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

Final Minutes of September 7, 2022

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	P	E	E	E	P	E	E	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	P
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer				P	E	E	E	P
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Mari Lynch	Public			Robin Lee		Public		
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas			Michell Overmeyer		Monterey-Salinas Transit		
Alexandria Davis	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**

Committee member Alex Cappelli, Velo Club member announced that a Velo club member had a crash with an e-bike riding too fast. He asked for more signage speed limit posted on the trails. He also asked for jurisdiction speed signage on Rec Trail.

Mari Lynch, member of Public mentioned that regulations and various local jurisdictions included on bikemonterey.org. She also mentioned that City of Salinas staff Andrew Easterling provided information on the Alisal Vibrancy Plan, and all is posted on bikemonterey.org.

Hans Hoffman, member of Public noted that signs are posted No motorized vehicles on the rec trail and expressed that needs to be enforced.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Scudder/Wriedt/unanimous

Abstain: Mike Novo, Sloan Campi, Celine Pinet, Katie Stern and Marzette Henderson

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **ALISAL COMPLETE STREET PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a report on the Alisal Complete Streets Project Before and After Study.

Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer, City of Salinas reported that the Alisal Complete Street project reconfigured the street from four travel lanes to three. The project reconfigured the travel lanes and other improvements along 1.37 miles of Alisal Street between Blanco Road and Front Street. He noted that the city collected traffic data before and after the project was completed. Mr. Easterling noted that the downtown Salinas Complete Streets Project is considering the removal of the pedestrian scramble at the intersection of Main Street and West Gabilan Street. The projects were funded through Salinas Measure G, Monterey County Measure X, state SB-1 and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants, and a federal Regional Surface Transportation Program grant.

Robin Lee (member of public) noted that she is not in favor of eliminating the pedestrian scramble possibilities. Consider more pedestrian friendly, more people downtown to shop and attract walkers to downtown.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt noted that the current situation discourages bicycle usage between 3 – 5 p.m.

Committee member Sloan Campi noted that the pedestrian scramble improves environment and expressed interest in the investment of signal timing upgrades.

Committee member Katie Stern asked about wayfinding signage throughout the project. Andrew Easterling replied that staff is coordinating with Transportation Agency staff on the wayfinding signage.

Committee member Marzette Henderson asked if the City of Salinas was in coordination with the Planning Department at Monterey-Salinas Transit, noting that early engagement on future planning phases would better anticipate delays and better serve transit customers and community members. Andrew Easterling replied that they have coordinated with Lisa Rheinheimer from Monterey-Salinas Transit and will continue to coordinate on future projects.

Chair Mike Novo asked if there is funding for follow-up studies? Andrew Easterling replied that no funding is provided for additional studies. Mr. Novo expressed the need for additional follow-up studies due to the impacts of the COVID Pandemic on the data collected.

Mari Lynch (member of public) mentioned that riding a bicycle on sidewalks is legal with exceptions in Salinas. Ms. Lynch expressed the need for class 4 bike lanes that have physical barriers.

5. **PRUNEDALE US 101 CAPITAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT – TEMPORARY BIKE SHUTTLE**

The Committee received a presentation about the Prunedale US 101 Capital Preventative Maintenance Project – Temporary Bike Shuttle; and provided input on the bike shuttle plan and schedule.

Jackson Ho, Caltrans District 5 presented on the US 101 Prunedale Capital Preventative Maintenance Project that is located on US 101 through Prunedale in Monterey County. He noted that the purpose of this maintenance project is to extend the service life and improve the ride quality of the existing pavement and reduce future maintenance expenditures. In conclusion Mr. Ho mentioned that during construction, a temporary shuttle service will be provided to transport pedestrians, bicyclists, and bicyclists' equipment between Sala Road and San Juan Road along US 101 during shoulder closures within construction limits. He noted that the shuttle service will be free of charge for passengers.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Prunedale US 101 Capital Preventative Maintenance Project and Temporary Bike Shuttle program:

- Concerns on the two shuttle stops locations
- Consider studying bicycle use to determine best shuttle locations
- Consider a formal Request for Proposals process for the shuttle program
- Consider reaching out to bike shops and cycling groups in northern Salinas
- Consider doing the work at night
- Consider a better bicycle infrastructure for people to use in the project area rather than a temporary solution
- Look at detours with clear signage of those detours
- Have signage with regular updates to show where construction is happening
- Consider working with Monterey-Salinas Transit on the shuttle, and see if the MST route 29 can serve as a shuttle
- There are existing alternative bike routes in that area
- Consider looking into other neighboring shuttles in the area

6. SURF! BUSWAY AND BRT PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Monterey- Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer introduced Monterey-Salinas Transit Director of Planning Michelle Overmeyer who presented on the SURF! Project. She noted that the project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside. Ms. Overmeyer noted that the project also includes improvements to the existing bicycle/pedestrian path along Del Monte Road and Beach Range Road. Ms. Overmeyer asked for input on the bicycle storage facility to be part of the proposed 5th Street mobility hub in Former Fort Ord.

Committee member Katie Stern noted that the bike repair stands should be located throughout the project. She also mentioned that the bicycle storage facility at the proposed 5th Street Station include electricity with a USB plug-in charging options. She also recommended additional covered bike repair stations located outside of the secured bike storage facility.

Committee member Sloan Campi mentioned that individual bike lockers would be better than a large central storage area. Mr. Campi noted to look at UCSC for examples. He noted that a third-party could manage a system where people get a card to access the assigned storage locker. He also requested red curb design in the drop-off zone to allow CSUMB shuttles easy access to the passenger drop-off area.

Committee member Eric Petersen expressed the need for hydration stations at the 5th Street Station bike facility- even if it requires the use of a big tank of water.

Committee member Pete Scudder expressed support for the proposed covered storage facility and recommended adding solar panels and water bottle vending machines if running water is not available.

Committee member Celine Pinet pointed to the need for the design to address potential maintenance issues related to sand in the bike storage areas.

Andrew Easterling (member of the public) has questions about the design of the recreation trail near the Highway 1 undercrossing at 5th Street.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that the Sand City Criterium Race is on Sunday September 11, 2022.

Committee member Sloan Campi announced his new role representing California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and appreciated the opportunity to continue serving on the committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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