

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

Final 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.