



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPC)

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019
6:00 PM**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
(TAMC)
Transportation Agency Conference Room**

AGENDA

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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. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

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3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting

of March 6, 2019.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Break for Committee Members Photo.

- Castillo

5. **RECEIVE** update on State Route 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange Project.

- Deal

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2. **PROVIDE** direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month.

- Green

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- Green

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan activities are currently underway. The plan will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Sand City Council Chambers

1 Sylvan Way, Sand City, CA 93955

Light refreshments will be provided

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence - No items this month.

Media Clipping - No items this month.

Reports - No items this month.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: April 3, 2019
Subject: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 6, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

- BPC Draft March 2019 minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of March 6, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	C	C	P	P	P	P
Jack Smith – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	-	P	A	A	P	P	P(A)	P
Mike Novo – District 3	-	-	N	N	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	C	C	E	P	P(A)	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	P	L	L	P	P	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	L	L	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	P	D	D	P	E	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P			P	P	E	P
Vacant, Marina	-	-			-	-	-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-			-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	P(A)	P(A)			E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P			P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>	P	P			P	P	P	P(A)
Soledad - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-			-	-	-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair	P	E			P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P(A)	P			P	P	P	P
Mary Israel, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	P	E			P	E	P	P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-			-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	P	-			P	P	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	P			P	P	P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-			-	-	-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-			-	-	-	-
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB						-	P(A)	P

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E			E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E			E	E	P	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P			P	P	-	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P			P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P			P	P	P	E
Laurie Williamson, Engineer					P	P	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Sofer	City of Sand City	Chandra Ripley	Ecology Action
Abby Ostovas	City of Monterey	Quinton Roland	City of Pacific Grove Resident

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Quinton Roland, City of Pacific Grove resident expressed the need of Dutch Complete Streets & Bicycle Infrastructure in Monterey County he passed out a one-page document with information to the Committee and attendees.

David Caneer expressed concerns on improving Highway 1 by installing rumble strips to keep cars from swerving into the lanes and asked that for Transportation Agency work with Caltrans to present at a future meeting date.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

January 9, 2019 minutes:

M/S/C LeBarre/Wegenstein/unanimous

February 6, 2018 minutes:

M/S/C Novo/McCluney/unanimous

Abstain: Mike LeBarre and Jeff Wriedt

3.1 Committee approved the Draft minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 9, 2019 with a minor change and February 6, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **BICYCLE SECURE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

The Committee:

1. Reviewed the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program Applications;
2. Recommended applications for Transportation Agency Board approval; and
3. Recommended the TAMC Board Authorize the Executive Director to allocate funds for employers and schools participating in the Go831 and Measure X Safe Routes to School programs.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency released a call for 2019 Bicycle Secure Program applications on December 5, 2018. The original application deadline was February 7, 2019 but was extended to February 28, 2019. At the time the report was written, the Agency had received applications from the City of Monterey for two single circular racks that would provide 4 bicycle parking spaces. One rack would be located at 355 Calle principal and one rack would be located at 131 Webster Street. The Salinas Regional Sports Authority applied for 24 Single Inverted-U bike racks providing 48 bike parking spaces and one vertical wall-mounted skateboard racks with 8 spaces. The racks would provide secure skateboard and bicycle parking for youth and families at the regional soccer complex located at Constitution Blvd. and Laurel Ave. in Salinas. TAMC Staff received two applications within the extended application deadline period from Monterey County Fair & Events Center and Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. Monterey County Fair & Events Center requested 24 Inverted-U racks which would provide 48 bicycle parking spaces to visitors and employees, and Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital requested 2 artistic bike racks, 1 vertical rack and 5 post-and-ring style racks providing 40 bicycle parking spaces for employees and patients to the hospital and clinics in Salinas. If awarded, the applications would fund a total of 114 bike parking spaces and 8 skateboard parking spaces.

In conclusion Ms. Green noted that both the 2019 applicants have demonstrated a need for parking facilities as well as the potential for usage. As such, each applicant has demonstrated that they meet the goals and criteria of the program. Due to the low number of applications and resulting budget reserve, staff recommends that reserve funding be made available to purchase additional equipment on an as-needed basis and foreemployers participating in the Go831 program and schools participating in Measure X Safe Rotes to School program throughout the year. Having a funding reserve will allow the Agency to provide additional equipment for requests made during the year. Once the applications have been approved by the Board of Directors, staff will purchase the equipment and oversee the installation process. All the racks are to be installed within one month of receipt by the applicant, unless other arrangements have been made with Agency staff.

Committee member Mike Novo asked what outreach procedures the Agency does for the Bicycle Secure Program Applications information. Ariana Green replied that we prepare flyers, send emails, and have the Transportation Agency Committees spread the word. She noted that in the future we will be working on simplifying the application process and advertise sooner or away from end of the year holidays.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions 2019 Bicycle Secure Program Applications:

- Consider a mission statement;
- Consider surveying for feedback from those who were interested in applying and did not submit an application;
- Consider no applications due during the long holidays;
- Consider Spanish information and application;
- Consider a quick guide with program information;
- Consider notifying all the schools; and
- Consider mentioning you are eligible to replace old racks.

M/S/C Wegenstein /Wriedt /unanimous

Committee member Martin Wegenstein motioned and seconded by Jeff Wriedt to approve the recommended applications for Transportation Agency Board approval, and recommended the funds be made available to pay for additional requests that may be submitted during the year.

5. MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

The Committee:

1. Receive an update on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program; and
2. Provided feedback to TAMC staff about opportunities for program improvement.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The Program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of projects and activities that can be funded. The Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. The program will result in projects that provide the following benefits: improved safety for children walking and biking to school; better connections between schools, residential areas and vocational training programs; enhanced air quality; reduced traffic congestion around schools, and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents. She noted that the City of Seaside and City of Marina Safe Routes to School plan is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant. The Safe Routes to School Plan will develop safe routes to school recommendations for 15 public K-12 schools in the cities of Seaside and Marina. The planning effort launched in late August with two community workshops. In the Fall of 2018, the planning team comprised of Transportation Agency, Monterey County Health Department, City of Seaside Public Works, City of Marina Public Works, and Ecology Action staff invited school staff and community members to participate in walking audits at each 15 schools. In conclusion Ms. Green noted that the walking audits allowed the team and school community to observe morning drop-off issues as well as opportunities for infrastructure improvements. She noted that the list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements will be brought to each school community and City committees and councils for review and input in Spring 2019. The Measure X Safe Routes to School Program has set a goal of providing pedestrians safety classes to all 2nd graders and bicycle safety classes to all 5th graders in Monterey County. The Mini Grant program will provide support to non-infrastructure Educations, Encouragement and Enforcement activities such as Walk & Roll programs, Walk to School Day events, volunteer crossing guard training, traffic safety training workshops, and more.

Committee member Jack Smith expressed that the crosswalk near the church and the Pajaro Middle School was not properly installed correctly. Raul Martinez, Monterey County Public Works, noted that the parts for that intersection have been ordered and due to backorder, they are waiting for the parts in order to install.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 3, 2019
Subject: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Members Photo**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Break for Committee Members Photo.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Rich Deal, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: April 3, 2019
Subject: **State Route 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange Project**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on State Route 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange Project.

SUMMARY:

The goal of the State Route 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange project is to improve safe travel, local circulation, and reduce congestion by replacing the existing signalized intersection with a new interchange. This new interchange is the first of three segments of the full SR156 West Corridor project to enhance the State Route 156 corridor between Castroville and Prunedale, one of the most heavily traveled corridors in Monterey County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the TAMC budget associated with this item.

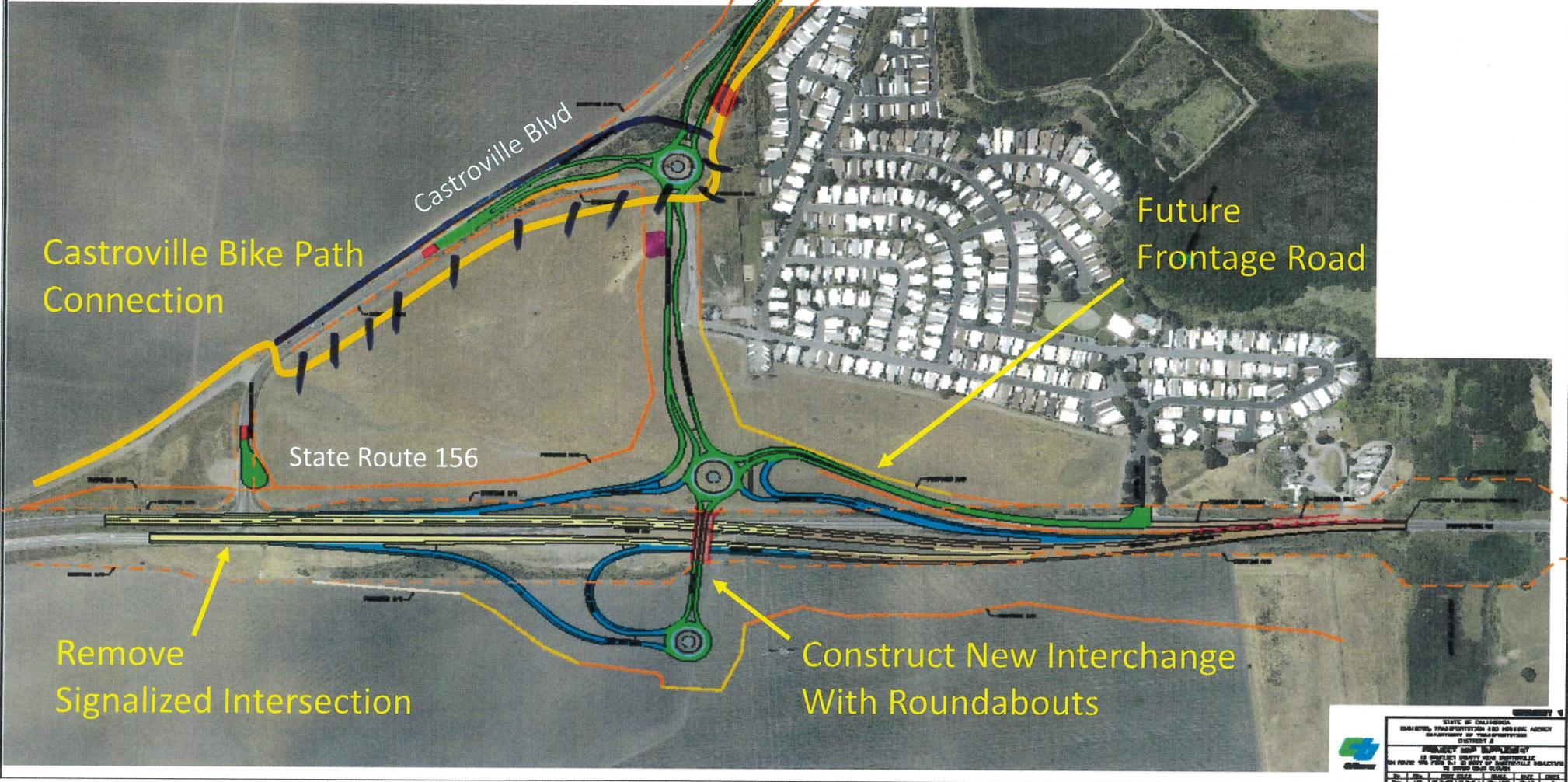
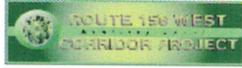
DISCUSSION:

The SR 156 Castroville Interchange Project provides a unique opportunity to connect bike riders from Castroville Boulevard across Highway 156 towards Blackie Road. It also links Castroville Boulevard to the recently completed bike bridge over the rail line to the heart of Castroville. The presentation will familiarize Committee members with the interchange project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SR156/Castroville Blvd Interchange Plan

■ Bus stop and pull out
— Bike path



STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS	
DISTRICT 4	
PROJECT: CASTROVILLE BIKE PATH	
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Memorandum

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 3, 2019
Subject: **Bike Month 2019**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. **RECEIVE** report on Monterey County Bike Month 2019 and the countywide bike safety outreach; and
2. **PROVIDE** direction to staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month.

SUMMARY:

Bike Month is a national public awareness event held annually in May to promote bicycling. The Agency has dedicated Transportation Development Act funds for public education, and requests direction from the Committee for 2019 Bike Month outreach.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Agency's approved 2018/19 budget includes \$27,500 to support Bike Month and other year-round bicycling events and educational activities. This budget comes from the State Transportation Development Act 2% funds for bicycle and pedestrian education and encouragement activities.

DISCUSSION:

The League of American Bicyclists has designated the month of May as National Bike Month. The purpose of Bike Month is to raise public awareness of bicycling as a form of transportation. One of the findings of the 2014 Alliance Benchmarking Report prepared by the Alliance for Biking and Walking is that more people bike and walk to work in communities with strong bicycling and pedestrian advocacy.

Bike Month 2018 Recap

As part of Bike Month 2018, TAMC helped promote bicycling community events around the County. TAMC also partnered with the Salinas Cesar Chavez Library to do bike safety presentations. All

events were listed on a bilingual bike month poster, available on the TAMC website and promoted via the TAMC Facebook page. Additionally, Bike Month events were promoted in the Monterey County weekly's publications and online page.

In 2018, TAMC kicked-off the first annual Go831 Bike/Walk Challenge. The Go831 Bike/Walk Challenge is a competition aimed at encouraging employees, students and residents in Monterey County to walk and bike to work, school, and shops during the Month of May. The 2018 Bike/Walk Challenge ran from May 14 - May 31 and included 47 participants who walked and biked a total distance of 1,851 miles, saved 1,502 lbs CO2 emissions and saved \$1,000 dollars by not driving.

Bike Month 2019

TAMC staff recommends a different approach to promoting Bike Month 2019 than in recent years to free up time to promote the Bike/Walk Challenge with major employers and to host several Bike/Walk to School events in coordination with safe routes to school pop-up demonstrations in Seaside and Marina. Instead of designing and printing Bike Month posters, staff recommends developing an online Bike Month Calendar that can be promoted through social media.

The 2019 Bike/Walk Challenge will run for the full month of May and is being promoted through flyers and direct coordination with 6 employers:

- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Monterey County
- City of Salinas
- Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
- CSU Monterey Bay
- City of Monterey

The 2019 Bike/Walk Challenge will be promoted to other employers and members of the public through email notifications, social media advertisements and flyers. Participants may compete as an individual or part of a team. There will be prizes for the top team and top three individuals who take the most walking and biking trips during the Challenge. There will also be a random drawing for any participant who registers for the Challenge and takes at least one walking or biking trip.

Prizes are as follows:

- Random Drawing = \$200
- Top Team = \$200
- 1st Place Individual = \$100
- 2nd Place Individual = \$75
- 3rd Place Individual = \$50

TAMC staff goals for the 2019 Bike/Walk Challenge are to at least double the number of participants, biking and walking miles, lbs of CO2 emissions saved and number of dollars saved by not driving.

In addition to engaging adult bicyclists through the Bike/Walk Challenge, Bike Month 2019 will include outreach to children in Monterey County. The MY Town exhibit will soft-launch in May at the

Steinbeck Center in Oldtown Salinas. MY Town is an interactive children's exhibit which will provide opportunities for young children and their families to learn about safe walking and biking in a fun and engaging environment.

TAMC staff is also coordinating with the Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School in Seaside and Marina Vista and Crumpton Elementary Schools in Marina to organize Bike/Walk to school activities in coordination with safe routes to school on-street pop-ups. The pop-ups will demonstrate several draft recommended infrastructure improvements in Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan such as a road diet and protected bike lanes on Broadway in Seaside and curb extensions and crossing enhancements on Carmel Ave in Marina.



Memorandum

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory
From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 3, 2019
Subject: **Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan.

SUMMARY:

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan activities are currently underway. The plan will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan is funded through a \$360,876 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and \$47,077 of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds.

DISCUSSION:

The planning effort is a partnership between the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, cities of Seaside and Marina, TAMC, Monterey County Health Department and Ecology Action and is funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awarded in December 2017.

The Plan builds on the goals of the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program to ensure children across Monterey County have access to safe, healthy and affordable transportation options. Seaside and Marina have both been identified as high priority cities due to the high rates of youth biking and walking collisions and obesity.

The two-year planning process will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements. The planning effort launched in late August 2018. In Fall 2018 the project team conducted walking audits around each of the schools with members of the school community and public. Through the walking audits the project team developed a list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements to reduce barriers to walking and biking to school and reduce traffic congestion in front of schools during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

In May the project team will install temporary safe routes to school demonstrations on the street to allow the communities of Seaside and Marina to physically walk and bike through some of the proposed improvements and provide input on whether or not the projects should be made permanent. The temporary demonstrations will remain on the street for approximately two weeks and be maintained by City street maintenance crews and the project team.

Proposed Seaside Temporary Improvements (May 1 - May 15):

- Curb extensions at all four corners of the intersection of Broadway Ave and Yosemite St to extend the sidewalk at the corners creating shorter crossing distances for pedestrians and making them more visible to drivers.
- New crosswalk across Broadway Ave, east of the school driveway. This is a popular crossing location for families during drop-off and pick-up.
- Road diet on Broadway Ave between Yosemite St and Mescal St to create buffered or protected bike lanes. This project is identified in the Seaside Draft General Plan, and involves reducing this section of Broadway Ave from four lanes to two and replacing the outer lane with a bike lane. This treatment would help to slow traffic on Broadway Ave in front of the school and provide a safe space for students and community members who bike.

Proposed Marina Temporary Improvements (May 14 - May 28):

- New crosswalk across Carmel Ave at Nicklas Ln, and new crosswalk across Nicklas Ln. This could include changing the crosswalk in the school parking lot to align with the new crosswalk across Carmel Ave.
- Curb extensions at the intersections of Carmel Ave and Pleasant Cir and Carmel Ave and California Ave. Curb extensions on Carmel Ave and Carmelo Cir and Lynscott Dr.

The project team is coordinating with MLK Jr. Elementary, Crumpton Elementary and Marina Vista Elementary school administration and Monterey Peninsula Unified School District staff to communicate with parents and the school community about the temporary improvements. Interested members of the community including elected officials and City committee members and commissioners are also invited and encouraged to walk or bike through the temporary improvements and provide comments to the project team as to whether or not they feel the improvements should be made permanent.