

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

**Final Minutes of January 10, 2024**

Held at Transportation Agency Office

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	JUN 23	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24
Eric Petersen, District 1	C	N	P	C	P	P	N	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	A	O	-	A	E	-	O	P
Mike Novo – District 3, <b>Vice Chair</b>	N	M	P	N	P	P	M	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	C	E	P	C	P	P	E	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, <b>Chair</b> <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	E	P	E	P	P(A)	E	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	L	T	P	L	P	-	T	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	L	I	-	L	-	-	I	-
Gonzales - Vacant	E	N	-	E	-	-	N	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	D	G	P	D	P	P	G	P
King City – vacant			-		-	-		-
Marina - Vacant			-		-	-		-
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>			P		E	P		E
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>			P		E	P		E
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>			P		P	P		P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City			P		E	P		P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>			-		P	P(A)		P
Soledad - Vacant			-		-	-		-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit			P		P	P		P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>			P		P	P		P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant			-		-	-		-
Salinas Public Works - Vacant			-		-	-		-
Monterey County Public Works – Vacant			-		-	-		-
Caltrans - District 5 - Vacant			-		-	-		-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>			-		-	-		P(V)
CSUMB -vacant			-			-		-

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 23	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24
Todd Muck, Executive Director			-		P	E		E

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner			-		-	-		-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant			P		P	P		P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery			P (VC)		-	-		-
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer			-		-	-		-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning			P		-	P		P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner			P		P	P		P
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner			-		-	-		-
Alissa Guthrie, Transportation Planner			P		-	-		-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer			P (VC)		-	-		-
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner					P	P		P
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
	Hans Hoffman Jr.	Public		Nathalie Gomez	Public			
	Robin Lee	Public		Jackson Silva	Public			
	Mari Lynch	Public		Berry Jones	Public			
	Elias Rodriguez	Public						

1. Chair Wegenstein 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 Libby Sofer announced that the Sand City was awarded funding and is looking into a multi-use trail near Canyon Del Rey to La Plaza.

Mari Lynch, member of public, announced that the new California bike laws are posted at bikemonterey.org in (English/ Spanish).

Committee member Ernie Gallardo announced that Hector Chavez is closing his doors and retiring after 40 years.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Novo/Wriedt

Abstain: DL Johnson and Martin Wegenstein

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 1, 2023.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. MONTEREY COUNTY BICYCLE MAP**

The Committee received a presentation and provided input on the proposed distribution plan for the 2023 Monterey County Bicycle Map.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner reported on the distribution plan for the 2023 Monterey County Bicycle Map. She noted that the distribution plan is a strategic effort to promote bicycling as a sustainable mode of transportation. Sambrano noted that in addition to conventional distribution, a promotional campaign is planned to enhance the map's visibility. She noted that engaging youth and bicyclists in this campaign, particularly through volunteer opportunities, will add a dynamic element to our outreach efforts, fostering a sense of community involvement and responsibility.

In conclusion Ms. Sambrano noted that the distribution plan will be monitored by tracking the number of maps distributed. She noted that gathering user feedback will be a crucial aspect of this process, and providing strategic partnerships and promotional efforts, will ensure the map remains valuable and up-to-date resources for the Monterey County community. She shared an updated bike map list with new location added since 2015. The committee was asked to review and provide edits to the attached distribution list.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the 2023 Monterey County Bicycle Map:

- Consider distributing in the area you represent (Committee members)
- Consider having a flyer with QR code to the online map for easy access
- Consider coffee shops
- Consider the Crossroads, Carmel
- Consider REI they are expecting a few bike maps
- Consider libraries in Castroville and Hartnell College
- Consider "Next Door" platform
- Consider sending an updated list
- Consider distributing at the "First Friday"
- Consider maps at Monterey-Salinas Transit bus stops
- Consider the Chamber of Commerce
- Consider Visitor Centers
- Consider the Big Sur library
- Consider High School libraries and City Halls
- Consider the Salinas Sport Centers

**5. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

The Committee received a presentation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws Subcommittee on proposed changes to the Committee Bylaws and provided input on the Bylaws Subcommittee recommendation.

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency established a Citizens Advisory Committee for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities to act as its discretion, in response to State and federal requirements for citizens' participation.

Chair Martin Wegenstein reported that he discussed with the subcommittee, and they came up with a suggested draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee that was presented.

Ms. Strause noted that the agency staff will prepare a revised draft of the bylaws based on feedback from the Committee and bring the item back at a future meeting for consideration and recommendation to the TAMC Board.

**M/S/C**

Wriedt/Wege/unanimous

Committee member Wriedt motioned to take the updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws to the TAMC Board for approval the motion was seconded by committee member Ralph Wege.

**6. SCENIC ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement project and provided input.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that Caltrans is proposing to improve traffic operations and reduce collisions and connect wildlife habitats on an approximately nine-mile stretch of State Route 68 in Monterey County by modifying the design of nine intersections from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road and providing five new underground wildlife crossings animals can use to cross under the highway.

In conclusion, Mr. Bilse reported that two build alternatives are being evaluated in the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase. Alternative 1 would convert nine intersections into roundabouts: eight single-lane roundabouts and one two-lane roundabout (at the intersection of SR 218). He noted that alternative 2 would include expanded signalized intersections with adaptive signal control technology and enhanced lane channelization to provide auxiliary through lanes and additional right and left turn lanes. He noted that both alternatives would provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and replacement lighting where necessary.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement project:

- Consider education on how to navigate on the roundabout for all users
- Don't use walkways
- Consider signage "Share the road"

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Janneke Strause announced that staff is finalizing a grant application to update the Active Transportation Plan and is seeking letters of support. She also noted that it will be her last meeting before her maternity leave and will be back in August.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.