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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**  
**\*\*6:00 PM\*\***

**MEETING LOCATION**

599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927  
Greenfield Council Chambers

**Members of the public & non-voting members may join meeting online at:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/990276709?pwd=QXBRbWF6ajh6M3dOR3hnbGloRlhRZz09>

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**1. Quorum Check - Call to Order**

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at the 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 your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.***

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. All public comments are limited to three (3) minutes, unless specified otherwise by the committee chair. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria

at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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### 3. **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** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for April 3, 2024.

- Maria Montiel

*The draft minutes of the April 3, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.*

4. **RECEIVE** update on Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects in progress.

- Michael 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.*

5. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project, and **PROVIDE** feedback to Transportation Agency staff.

- Ariadne Sambrano, Ariana Green

*The Walk and Roll Testimonials project would replace the Golden Helmet Award. Instead of annually awarding individual bicycle advocates and commuters, testimonial videos would highlight personal stories from the Monterey County community that could be shared online, on social media and through Transportation Agency programming. This initiative aims to capture and share diverse experiences to*

*normalize and encourage more active transportation. Transportation Agency staff are seeking input on this proposal.*

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting will be held at  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901  
Transportation Agency Conference Room

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

**Voting members: please note that the circumstances in which you may remotely teleconference have been severely curtailed and require prior notice and only certain justifications. Click [here](#) for more details.**

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:  
Aaron Hernandez, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Coordinator  
[Aaron@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Aaron@tamcmonterey.org)

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

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The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon five (5) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact the Transportation Agency at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish Language interpreters and printed materials, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting, and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** May 1, 2024  
**Subject:** Draft BPC Minutes

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for April 3, 2024.

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the April 3, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. BPC Draft April 3, 2024 MINUTES

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

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

**Draft Minutes of April 3, 2024**  
Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24
Eric Petersen, District 1	C	P	P	N	P	P	P	E
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	A	E	-	O	P	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, <b>Vice Chair</b> <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	N	P	P	M	P	P	E	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	C	P	P	E	P	P	E	A
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, <b>Chair</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	E	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	L	P	-	T	P	E	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	L	-	-	I	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	E	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	D	P	P	G	P	P	E	A
King City – vacant		-	-		-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina		-	-		-	P	P	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>		E	P		E	E	P	E
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>		E	P		E	P(A)	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>		P	P		P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		E	P		P	P	P	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>		P	P(A)		P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant		-	-		-	-	-	-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>		P	P		P	P(A)	P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>		P	P		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(VC)	-	-	A
CSUMB -vacant			-		-	-	-	-

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate  
A - Absent

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>	<b>SEP 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>NOV 23</b>	<b>DEC 23</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>MAR 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>
Todd Muck, Executive Director		P	E		E	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		-	-		-	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P		P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery		-	-		-	-	-	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning		-	P		P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner		P	P		P	E	-	E
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner		-	-		-	P	P(VC)	P
Alissa Guthier, Transportation Planner		-	-		-	P (VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer		-	-		-	P	P	-
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner		P	P		P	P	P	P
Amelia Conlen Senior Transportation Planner								P
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
Jeff Wriedt (VC)	District 4		Eric Petersen (VC)		District 1			
Marissa Garcia (VC)	City of Monterey		Nathalie Gomez (VC)		District 3 Alternate			
Geoffrey Wheeler (VC)	Public		Hans Hoffman Jr.		Public			
Mari Lynch (VC)	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**

Hans Hoffman Jr., member of the public, asked who is responsible for sweeping glass after an accident.

Committee Member Katie Stern noted that the City of Pacific Grove should be named on the Monterey County Bike Map.

Committee Member Chris Flescher noted that reckless bike riders were arrested in Salinas.

Mary Lynch, member of the public, noted that information is available on bikemonterey.org to educate bike riders.

Geoffrey Wheeler, member of the public, expressed concerns on bicycle access to signals, particularly Route 135, Santa Maria's Broadway. He noted that Caltrans staff will send out a doodle to find a time when most people could attend a meeting.

**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Novo/ Henderson/ unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 6, 2024 with a minor change.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. MONTEREY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, PEDESTRIAN, AND BIKE UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on traffic system, pedestrian, and bike projects in the City of Monterey.

Marissa Garcia, Public Works Engineer for the City of Monterey, reported that the City of Monterey is enhancing its traffic signal control with an advanced adaptive traffic signal system aimed at easing traffic flow and reducing congestion. She noted that this initiative is especially important for bike and pedestrian committee members as it promises to improve safety and navigation throughout the city for cyclists and walkers. She noted that the system, which adjusts traffic lights in real time based on current conditions, is already making a difference on six major roads, with plans to expand further. She noted that this approach not only speeds up vehicle movement but also ensures safer, more predictable crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. Ms. Garcia noted that this project stands as a pivotal step towards enhancing the city's infrastructure to support a vibrant, active community where walking and biking are safer and more enjoyable.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the city of Monterey traffic system, pedestrian, and bike update:

- Consider working on the signals for traffic crossing Lighthouse.
- Consider public outreach.

**5. FORTAG LAGUNA GRANDE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT**

The Committee provided feedback on focused engagement strategies for the Laguna Grande segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project.

Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that Transportation Agency staff are preparing an application for funding through Cycle 7 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the Laguna Grande segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. She noted that staff is brainstorming to develop effective outreach strategies that can be included in the ATP grant application. One of the essential criteria for the ATP grant is to demonstrate that the project area serves a disadvantaged community. Ms. Conlen noted that the objective is to enhance bike and pedestrian infrastructure and quality of life.



The Committee had the following comments and input on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project:

- Consider having the survey link available at libraries.
- Consider surveys available at grocery stores, parks, and churches.
- Consider a booth at the Sea Otter Classic.
- Consider adding link to survey on the “NextDoor” platform.
- Consider coordinating with Seaside Police Department on education and giving out pamphlets information and bike lights.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Libby Sofer announced that Sand City Criterium is scheduled for April 14, 2024.

Committee Member Liesbeth Visscher announced that on Saturday, April 13, 2024, the City of Marina will be having an Earth Day event.

Chair Martin Wegenstein announced that April 18-21 the Sea Otter Classic is a huge cycling event.

Mary Lynch, member of public announced that the California Bicycle Summit will be April 18-19, 2024, in San Diego and District 3 alternate Nathalie Gomez plans to attend.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery  
**Meeting Date:** May 1, 2024  
**Subject:** **Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** 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:**

Adjusted for inflation, Measure X is contributing \$24 million to FORTAG. Construction for the Canyon Del Rey/SR 218 Segment is projected to cost \$17.9 million and is fully funded with a \$9.8 million Active Transportation Program grant and \$8.1 million of Measure X. Segment 2 between Imjin Road and the Jerry Smith Access Corridor received a \$7.1 million Federal Lands Access Program grant and \$5.1 million in Measure X. Segment 3 runs adjacent to California Avenue between the City of Marina and CSUMB received a \$7.5 million Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant matched with \$2 million of Measure X.

**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 four segments in progress:

**Segment 1 - Canyon Del Rey/SR 218**

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 Carlton 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, which will continue along Plumas Avenue up to Del Rey Woods Elementary.

This segment has completed final design and received an allocation of construction funding from the California Transportation Commission. The award of the construction contract is in process and construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2024.

### **Segment 2 - Imjin Road to Jerry Smith Corridor**

FORTAG Segment 2 - Imjin Road to the Jerry Smith Corridor was awarded funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant program. The 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 2.25 miles of a multi-use bike and pedestrian trail. 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 at 30% final design, and has construction funding programmed in 2027. Agency staff is working closely with FHWA through this process to complete final design and deliver the project earlier if funds become available.

### **Segment 3 - California Avenue from Patton Parkway to Imjin Road**

Transportation Agency staff was awarded an 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 limit (40 mph) for road traffic, 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.

This segment is currently in final design with construction funding programmed in fiscal year 2024/25.

### **Segment 4 - Laguna Grande Regional Park**

The FORTAG Laguna Grande segment is 0.8-miles and includes a signalized pedestrian crossing, a 12-foot paved path in Laguna Grande Regional Park, and 675 feet of trail on Fremont Boulevard. This segment closes three gaps in the regional bicycle and pedestrian network and will connect disadvantaged communities in the Seaside to elementary schools, employment centers in Monterey, and recreation opportunities. The FORTAG Laguna Grande segment will also connect to the Canyon Del Rey segment of FORTAG, a 1.5-mile segment which runs alongside State Route 218 through three parks and ends at Del Rey Woods Elementary School. Agency staff are in the process of

preparing a state Active Transportation Program grant application for the upcoming Cycle 7.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. FORTAG Segments Map

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Figure 2-7 Trail Segments**



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Fig. 2-6 Trail Segments

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

**From:** Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, Ariana Green, Principal  
Transportation Planner

**Meeting Date:** May 1, 2024

**Subject:** **The Walk and Roll Testimonials Project**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on the Walk and Roll Testimonials Project, and **PROVIDE** feedback to Transportation Agency staff.

**SUMMARY:**

The Walk and Roll Testimonials project would replace the Golden Helmet Award. Instead of annually awarding individual bicycle advocates and commuters, testimonial videos would highlight personal stories from the Monterey County community that could be shared online, on social media and through Transportation Agency programming. This initiative aims to capture and share diverse experiences to normalize and encourage more active transportation. Transportation Agency staff are seeking input on this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended action.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Golden Helmet Award was started in 2010 in an effort to recognize Monterey County residents for their dedication to bicycling. The aim of this award was to highlight the benefits of bicycle commuting and inspire others to utilize alternative transportation modes. Over the years, the Golden Helmet Award was successful in recognizing bicycle advocates in the community, but not so much in increasing rates of walking and bicycling in Monterey County. As bicycle advocates can be awarded a Transportation Agency Excellence Award, which is an annual program recognizing the efforts of the local community for outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County, the Golden Helmet Award is a duplicative effort.

In an attempt to increase rates of walking and bicycling, Transportation Agency staff are proposing to replace the Golden Helmet Award programming with “Walk & Roll Testimonials” programming. The project would feature a series of video testimonials from community members including families, students, and local commuters who walk and/or roll in their daily lives. The videos would be used in social media campaigns and other promotional activities to highlight the benefits and joys of biking and walking.

TAMC staff is requesting feedback from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee on the project concept and details such as:

- Who should be represented in the videos?
- What messages should come through in the videos?
- How long should the videos be?
- Are there Committee members who can help with the project?

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**