

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

Final Minutes of March 6, 2024
Sand City Chambers Council Room
1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA 93955

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24
Todd Muck, Executive Director	-		P	E		E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-		-	-		-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P		P	P		P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Progaming and Project Delivery	P (VC)		-	-		-	-	-
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	-		-	-		-	-	-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P		-	P		P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	P		P	P		P	E	-
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	-		-	-		-	P	P(VC)
Alissa Guthier, Transportation Planner	P		-	-		-	P (VC)	P(VC)
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	P (VC)		-	-		-	P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner			P	P		P	P	P
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Jeff Wriedt (VC)	District 4	Mike Novo (VC)			District 3			
Hans Hoffman Jr.	Public	Nathalie Gomez (VC)			District 3 Alternate			
Greg Hamer (VC)	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

Committee Member Libby Sofer announced the Sand City Criterium is scheduled for April 14, 2024. She also noted two street improvements on Contra Costa and Catalina Street.

Mari Lynch, member of public, announced the first hearing in Sacramento to restore the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Sofer/ Tafoya

Abstain: Katie Stern, Gino Garcia, DL Johnson, and Marzette Henderson

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2024 BIKE MONTH ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a presentation on and provided input on possible Bike Month activities for May 2024.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that Transportation Agency staff are seeking input from the Committee on possible Bike Month activities they would like to lead or participate in. Ms. Sambrano noted that staff has hosted Bike month events and activities including bike safety classes, community rides, Bike and Walk to Work/School Day events, bike movie nights, giveaways of helmets and other gear, and month-long challenges that award prizes to people who log their activity on a platform. She noted that TAMC can support Bike Month activities by developing posters or fliers to promote events, sharing information on social media, and providing prizes for participants.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Bike Month activities for May 2024:

- Consider an event table on April 13 for Earth Day
- Mike Novo volunteered to assist with South County events
- Consider Velo Club host a 1-2 hour bike ride during bike month
- Consider community rides targeting new riders
- Consider working with the Police Department
- Consider an event table at the First Fridays
- Consider a "bike-in" movie night event and a related bike film
- Consider purchasing bike helmets and bike lights to give away
- Consider bike audits for pothole repair and maintenance issues
- Consider an event booth at the Sea Otter Classic

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state legislative issues, and recommended the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported many draft bills were introduced by the February deadline. Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1773 (Dixon): Vehicles: bicycles on boardwalks
- AB 1778 (Connolly): Vehicles: electric bicycles
- AB 2234 (Boerner): Vehicles: electric bikes
- AB 2290 (Friedman): Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program
- AB 2744 (McCarty): Vehicles: pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety

M/S/C Johnson/ Chafey/ unanimous

Committee Member Johnson made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Chafey, to recommend the Board of Directors support AB 2259(Boener): Transportation: bicycle safety handbook.

Committee Member Eric Petersen noted that TAMC should watch SB 960 that would require Caltrans asset management plan for the state highway operation and protection program (SHOPP) to prioritize the implementation of comfortable, convening, and connected facilities for pedestrians, bicyclist, and transit users on all projects in the program.

Mari Lynch member of the public noted that a legislative 2024 research tool at bicyclingmonterey.org.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member DL Johnson announced that he distributed bike maps at three bike shops in Carmel.

Committee Member Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit, announced that MST's transit-oriented development (TOD) study along the SURF project corridor will be presented to Salinas City Council on March 19.

Committee Member Eric Petersen asked for the Sand City bike path project to be presented at a future meeting.

Committee Member Victor Tafoya noted that he distributed the bike maps and shared the link on the "Nextdoor" platform.

Committee Member Mike Novo noted that he distributed bike maps and suggested that a flyer with a QR code would be useful.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.