

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

**Final Minutes of February 7, 2024**  
Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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

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

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24
Todd Muck, Executive Director		-		P	E		E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		-		-	-		-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P		P	P		P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery		P (VC)		-	-		-	-
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer		-		-	-		-	-
Christina Watson, Director of Planning		P		-	P		P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner		P		P	P		P	E
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner		-		-	-		-	P
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner		P		-	-		-	P (VC)
Doug Bilsle, Principal Engineer		P (VC)		-	-		-	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner				P	P		P	P
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
	Hans Hoffman Jr.	Public		Nathalie Gomez (VC)		District 3 Alternate		
	Regina Valentine, (VC)	AMBAG						

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**

None

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Abstain: Liesbeth Visscher and Michelle Overmeyer

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 10, 2024 with a minor correction.

**M/S/C** Brown/Tafoya

Abstain: Mike Novo

3.2 Approved application for the Active Transportation Support Program (ATSP) to award bike racks.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. SALINAS VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on the progress of the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the Participatory Budgeting process.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, presented on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan which includes a democratic process, called Participatory Budgeting, where community members vote to decide how public funds are spent in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. He noted that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is providing up to \$250,000 to each city implement the top voted projects. Mr. Hernandez noted that Greenfield and Soledad are the first cities to complete the process.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the Participatory Budgeting process:

- Consider notifying the public with a flyer included with the water bill.
- Consider coordination with Monterey-Salinas Transit on project implementation.

**5. DRAFT AMBAG COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

The Committee reviewed and provided input on the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policy.

Regina Valentine, Senior Planner, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), reported that they are required to conduct complete streets planning that prioritizes the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists and freight vehicles. She reported on upcoming key dates for developing AMBAG's Complete Streets Policy. Ms. Valentine noted that comments on the draft policy should be emailed to [rvalentine@ambag.org](mailto:rvalentine@ambag.org) by March 15, 2024.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Eric Petersen announced that the California Association of Bicycling Organizations (CABO) has resumed meetings.

Committee Member Libby Sofer announced that Sand City's 2024 Bicycle Criterium event was moved to April 14 to coincide with the Sea Otter Classic event.

Committee Member Michelle Overmeyer announced the SURF! pop-up event on Saturday, February 10 from 10 am to 12 pm at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street station site in Marina. She invited everyone to stop by and learn about plans for the new mobility hub and project.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, announced that Transportation Agency bike maps are available for distribution.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.