

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

Final 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, Vice Chair <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, Chair <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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24
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
OTHERS PRESENT:								
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.