

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Final Minutes of April 2, 2008**  
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Sep 07</b>	<b>Oct 07</b>	<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	-	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	-	P	P	P
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair	P	P	P		P	P	E	P
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	E	<i>P</i>	<i>M</i>	E	P	-	P(A)
Frank Pinto, Del Rey Oaks	E	E	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	E
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>E</i>	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>T</i>	-	-	-	-
King City - Vacant	-	-	-	<i>I</i>	-	-	-	-
Mary Pommerich, Marina (Debra Daniels)	P	P	E	<i>N</i>	P	E	P	P(A)
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	-	-	-	<i>G</i>	-	-	-	E
Pacific Grove - Vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	E	P	P		P	P	P	P
Seaside - Vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P	P(A)	E		E	P(A)	E	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	-	P	P		E	P	P	P
Scott Harvey, N. County Recreation & Park District								P

<b>Non Voting Members</b>								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-	P	-		-	-	-	-
Nick Papadakis, AMBAG	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P	-	P		P	E	P	P
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-

<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	P	E		P	P	E	P
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	P		E	E	P	E
Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P		E	E	E	P
Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner	-	P	-		-	P	-	-
Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner	-	P	P		P	E	P	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P			P	P	P	P

**1. OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate	Henry Leinen	City of Pacific Grove
Robin Lee	Member of Public	Scott Shaver	Caltrans
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	David Silberberger	Caltrans
Christi di Iorio	City of Marina		

Chair Judge Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Flescher announced that the Earth Day Festival would be held on April 22, 2008, on Alvarado Street in Monterey. He noted that he would distribute bike week brochures and posters at the event.

Steve Carew asked for volunteers from the Committee to assist with the Sea Otter Classics, occurring later this month.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Crisan /Hedegard/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of March 5, 2008.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. US 101 AIRPORT BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on US 101 Airport Boulevard Interchange project.

Scott Shaver and David Silberberger from the California Department of Transportation reported on the US 101 Airport Boulevard Interchange project. It is one of the top priority projects for the Transportation Agency. The interchange also serves as a vital connection between housing and employment and is a critical bicycle and pedestrian route. The US 101 Airport Boulevard Interchange project was presented at the April 2006 Committee meeting. The main location of concern was at the proposed realigned intersection of Airport Boulevard and Del Torre that will be constructed in phase 1. The concern by the committee was that the free right hand turn would not allow safe access across Del Torre for bicycles and pedestrians. The California Department of Transportation engineers reviewed the intersection and agreed to add a push button to stop the right hand turn traffic to allow for use of the crosswalk. The Department will provide 8-foot shoulders on Airport Boulevard, as well as a 10-foot sidewalk.

The committee requested that Caltrans investigate the possibility of keeping the old bridge after phase 2 of the construction is complete to use as a bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing. However, due to funding constraints, it has been agreed by the California Department of Transportation and Transportation Agency staff not to proceed with Phase 2, since Phase 1 of the project will address 75% of the traffic issues.

In terms of project schedule, the Department will advertise the project in November of 2009, and the construction is expected to start in March of 2010.

The Committee provided the following input:

- Investigate the possibility of connecting with the bicycle facility along the drainage ditch being planned by the City of Salinas
- Ensure proper access for bicyclists and pedestrians during the construction

*The Committee Chair moved item 5 after item 6 to accommodate guest speaker.*

**5. BIKE WEEK 2008 UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on 2008 Bike Week and **SIGN-UP** for Bike Week activities.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, gave an update on the Monterey County's 2008 Bike Week. She reported that bike week would include 14 Bike-to-School and 7 Bike-to-Work events, along with the bike week employer challenge, smart bicycling workshop, and Share the Road Ride events. Ms. Chen asked for Committee members to volunteer for Bike Week activities, noting due to limited Transportation Agency staff and time, it is important to have Committee members' assistance.

The Committee members volunteered for the following bike week events:

- Steve Carew - Bike vs. Car Challenge
- Nathan Pierce - Share the Road Ride
- David Craft – City of Salinas Bicycling Workshop
- Geoff Tibbitts - Family Mountain Biking Day
- Bike to Work Day Breakfast Sites:
  - Debra Daniels – City of Marina, Recreational Equipment, Inc, 12th Street on the Bike Path
  - Alex Cappelli – City of Monterey, Light & Motion 300 Cannery Row on the Coastal Trail
  - Jonathan Garcia – City of Seaside, Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon Del Rey
  - Alan Hedegard – City of Salinas City Hall
  - Kevin Cole – City of Pacific Grove, Monterey Bay Charter School
  - Henry Leinen – City of Pacific Grove, Robert Down Elementary
  - D.L Johnson - North Monterey County High School

Please contact Kaki Chen at [kaki@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:kaki@tamcmonterey.org) if you can help out with bike week events and the distribution of bike week posters and brochures. Mr. Scott Harvey announced the opportunity to lead a bicycling workshop at the Artichoke Festival on Sunday, May 18, 2008.

**6. REPORT ON MEETING WITH CITY OF MARINA**

The Committee received a report from Committee chair Judge Alan Hedegard on the meeting with City of Marina staff regarding various bicycle and pedestrian related projects in the City.

Chair Alan Hedegard reported that he met with Christi di Iorio, Director of Community Development for the City of Marina and Neil Hudson, a hired consultant and Project Engineer for the City of Marina on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Mr. Hedegard received the City's 13 year Capital Improvements Project list and provided opportunities for Committee members to review the list.

Christi di Iorio, presented the City of Marina's 5-Year Capital Improvement Project List. Ms. di Iorio reported that the project to complete a Class II bike lane on California Avenue from Carmel to Reservation Road is expected to start this fall. She noted dash lines have been striped and signs have been installed to inform motorists and bicyclists of the presence of bicycle facilities at the intersection of Patton and California. In conclusion, Ms. di Iorio reported that a shoulder would not be added to the intersection of Abrams and Imjin Parkway due to the lack of funding. Debra Daniels suggested the idea of having Committee members report to the Committee regularly on bicycle and pedestrian related projects in their perspective jurisdictions.

**M/S/C** Craft /Tibbitts/unanimous

Henry Leinen, City of Pacific Grove, motioned that a subcommittee be formed to discuss Marina issues and meets with city staff to come up with solutions. David Craft made an amendment to the motion recommending that a list of corresponding priorities noting what the urgent and important issues are. Steve Carew, Alan Hedegard, Debra Daniels, and Transportation Agency staff volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet and report on progress at a future date.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RELATED ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, announced that the Transportation Investment Plan video is being aired on the Access Monterey Peninsula Channel 24, and the TAMC website. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that she liked the idea of having the Committee members report new information from their district, city or organization.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.