

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Final Minutes of October 1, 2008
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

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

Non Voting Members								
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Enrique Saavedra, County Public Works (Patricia Lopez)	-	-	E	P		-	P (A)	-
Mark McCumsey, Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Sasha Tepelenova, AMBAG	-	-	-	-		P	P	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	P	P	E	E		P	-	P
CSUMB – Vacant	-	-	-	-		-	-	-

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Flescher	City of Salinas Alternate	Randy Smith	Public resident
Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Belle Smith	Public resident
Susan Kent	Public resident	David Caneer	Public resident

Chairman Alan Hedegard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Caneer, LFR Inc., asked for an update on the status of the Caltrans Highway 68 bots dots experiment along the shoulder. Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, responded that Caltrans has not made any further improvements on this project. Staff will inform Committee members when an update from Caltrans is available.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Johnson/Cruickshank/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of September 3, 2008.

3.2 Received information on the Bicycle Transportation Account program.

3.3 Received Assembly Bill 1358, the Complete Streets Act.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. NEW PACIFIC GROVE REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee welcomed the new Pacific Grove representative Jan Roehl.

Ms. Jan Roehl shared with the Committee her involvement in the Pacific Grove Traffic Commission. Ms. Roehl stated that she is interested in improving pedestrian facilities in the City of Pacific Grove, such as repairing and installing additional sidewalks.

5. CARMEL HILL AND RIVER BICYCLE TRAIL PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation on the status of the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, presented on the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project. He reported that the Agency received over 120 comment letters from members of the public on the project environmental document. The proposed trail is a 12-foot wide paved multi-use path with a 4-foot wide decomposed granite shoulder for walkers and hikers. The total project is expected to cost \$3,823,000. Other improvements to the trail include placement of share the road signs on Flanders Drive, installation of potential parking spots on Canyon Drive and fire hydrants on the trail for fire protection.

The Transportation Agency Board is scheduled to take action on the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project's California Environmental Quality Act document on October 22, 2008. The construction is expected to start in Fall 2009.

M/S/C Sundt/Johnson/unanimous

The Committee approved to adopt a support position on the Carmel Hill and River Trail project, with a provision of not reducing the trail width.

6. USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES ON BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

The Committee received a presentation from Mr. Randy Smith on electric bicycles and their use on pathways and referred it to the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration by the member jurisdiction.

Randy Smith reported that he consulted with some cities, planners and police officers in the County on the use of electric bicycles on bicycle trails, and found that no one is enforcing its use of the trail. Mr. Smith asked for clarification/modification to any current and future signage on the use of electric bicycles.

M/S/C Craft/Wriedt/unanimous

The Committee approved to refer the issue on electric bicycle usage on bicycles and pedestrians facilities to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

7. TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Committee received the call for nominations for the seventh annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, stated that the Transportation Agency would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Staff encourages Committee members to nominate and distribute nominations forms and projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County.

The Committee had the following recommendations for the Transportation Excellence awards:

Nominee (Person submitting nomination forms)

Individuals:

- Joy Colangelo (Robert Cruickshank)
- Dr. Bob Shanteau (Alex Cappelli)

Businesses/Groups:

- Joselyn's Bicycles/Frank Pinto (Matthew Sundt)
- Winning Wheels/Hector Chavez (Matthew Sundt)
- Light and Motion: Support for Monterey County bike week (Matthew Sundt)
- Sea Otter Classic (Alex Cappelli)

Projects:

- City of Marina: Reservation Road bike lane project (Alan Hedegard)
- California State Parks: Fort Ord Dunes State Park bicycle and pedestrian crossings; Point Lobos Accessibility project (D.L. Johnson)
- City of Salinas, MST: Downtown Trolley Project (D.L. Johnson)
- Caltrans: highway 68 bots dots project

In Conclusion, Ms. Chen announced that the nomination forms are due on December 5, 2008 and noted a Microsoft word form is available on the Agency's website at www.tamcmonterey.org.

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

Chairman Alan Hedegard announced that he would not be able to attend the November Committee meeting.

D.L. Johnson mentioned that North Monterey County High School is very appreciative of the Transportation Agency to receive eight computers and a scanner during the disposition of surplus equipment.

Chris Fletcher reported on his attendance at the San Francisco Sunday Streets Festival.

Jan Roehl reported that the City of Pacific Grove received a request to remove signs to prohibit walkers on certain segments of the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. The City's Traffic Commission will further study this issue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.