

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes of February 4, 2009
Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Jan 09	Feb 09
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	<i>N</i>	E	E	-	P	P	P
D.L. Johnson, District 2	P	<i>O</i>	P	E	P	P	P	-
Stephen W. Carew, District 4, Vice Chair (Jeff Wriedt)	P		P	P	P(A)	P	P	E
Mathew Sundt, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	<i>M</i>	P	-	P	P	P	P(A)
Del Rey Oaks - Vacant	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	<i>N</i>	P	-	-	P(A)	-	P(A)
Robert Cruickshank, Monterey	P	<i>G</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P
Henry Leinen, Pacific Grove (Jan Roehl)	-		-	-	P(A)	-	-	-
Judge Alan Hedegard, Salinas, Chair (Chris Flescher)	P		P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Sgt. Marius Crisan, Sand City (Mike Morris)	P		E	P	P	-	P	P
William Randall, Seaside				P	P	-	P	E
Soledad - Vacant	-		E	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD (Nathan Pierce)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Alexander Cappelli, Velo Club of Monterey (Robin Harness)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Jonathan Garcia, FORA (Stan Cook)	P		P	E	-	-	P	E
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

1. OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside	Dominick Askew	Member of the public
David Kuperman	Caltrans District 5	David Murray	Caltrans District 5

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Peterson announced that he brought copies of the Northern California racing schedule to share with Committee members.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Cruickshank/Cappelli/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of Committee meeting of January 7, 2009.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. PRUNDALE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND SAN JUAN ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

The Committee received a presentation from David Murray and David Kuperman of the California Department of Transportation on the proposed alternative bicycle routes for the prundale improvement project.

The Prunedale Improvement Project will consist of 3 new interchange /overpasses along US 101 through North Monterey County at: Russell/Espinosa, Blackie/Reese, and Crazy Horse Canyon/Echo Valley Roads. The project will also construct a continuous median barrier from Crazy Horse Canyon to Russell/Espinosa. The project estimated cost is \$288 million and it is fully funded. The project is expected to begin construction in year 2010 and construction time is 2 1/2 years. The project will provide standard shoulder width and the overcrossings are equipped with sidewalks and eight foot shoulders.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions for the projects:

- Install directional signage and “Share the Road” signs
- Provide additional shoulder width at Harrison Road

Mr. David Kuperman announced a public hearing on the draft Environmental Document of the San Juan Road project being held at the Aromas School Gymnasium on Thursday, February 5, 2009. Comments on the draft Environmental Document are due on February 15th.

M/S/C Craft/Peterson/unanimous
Committee member David Craft motioned to write a letter to Caltrans recommending that the shoulder width on Harrison Road be widened as part of the project.

5. FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

The Committee received a report on federal stimulus package for transportation projects.

Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer, reported on the federal stimulus package for transportation projects. He mentioned that a call for projects has been issued at the Transportation Agency Board meeting. The projects that receive stimulus funds will have to meet short delivery timelines. The Transportation Agency is expected to receive \$8.5 million from the Economic Recovery Bill. Staff will form an evaluation Committee to rank the list of projects received. Ms. Kaki Chen will send out information to the Committee members once a project list has been determined.

6. CALIFORNIA AVENUE BIKE LANE EXTENSION PROJECT

The Committee received a report on the California Avenue bike lane extension project in the City of Marina.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, presented on the California Avenue bike lane extension project. The City of Marina plans to extend the current bike lane facility on California Avenue to Reservation Road. The project includes the construction of a Class II bike lane, sidewalks and a traffic signal at California Avenue and Reservation Road. The project cost is \$1.3 million.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the California Avenue bike lane extension project:

- Provide directional signage
- Provide crosswalks on both sides of Reservation Road
- Provide dashed striping for bike lane at Exeter Place and California Ave., and Carmel Ave. and California Ave.

Ms. Kaki Chen asked Committee members to email her with any additional comments or suggestions before Friday, February 6, 2009.

7. **15th ANNUAL MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE WEEK UPDATE**

The Committee received a report on the update on the planning effort for the 15th Annual Monterey County Bike Week.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency will coordinate all aspects of Monterey County's 2009 Bike Week, including events such as Bike-to-Work day, and bicycle safety course. Bike Week 2009 will be the 15th annual Monterey County Bike Week, and it is scheduled for May 11-17, 2009. In 2008, nearly 4,000 bicyclists participated in the weeklong series of events, which is a dramatic 48% increase in participation compared to 2007. The goal for 2009 Bike Week are to increase Bike Week general attendance by 30%, continue to reach out to South Monterey County schools that did not previously participated, and increase the number of bike to city council events. Staff needs assistance from Committee members on contacting their local schools and city council members regarding participating in Bike Week events, in addition to support on planning the series of activities such as:

- Saturday morning ride with the Velo Club of Monterey (Mr. Alex Cappelli will coordinate this effort with the Velo Club)
- Bicycle safety course (Mr. Alan Hedegard will contact Mr. Frank Henderson regarding this issue)
- Kids day -- Mountain bike ride (Contact the Monterey Off Road Cycling Association about coordinating this event)

Ms. Kaki Chen mentioned that staff needs assistance from Committee members in various areas to plan for a successful bike week. Committee members are welcome to submit additional comments to Kaki Chen at kaki@tamcmonterey.org.

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

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, made a correction on the February 4th meeting agenda. Items for the March agenda will have to be submitted by Thursday, February 19, 2009.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alan Hedegard adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.