

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

Final Minutes of January 8, 2025
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

Voting Members	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25
Eric Petersen, District 1	E	P	P	C	P	P	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavares)</i>	P	P	P	A	P	P	P(VC)	A
Mike Novo – District 3, Vice Chair <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	N	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	A	E	P	C	P	P	P(EM)	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Chair <i>(vacant)</i>	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	E	P	L	P	A	P	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	L	P	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	A	P	P	D	P	P	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	P	E	E		P	P	E	E
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	E	E	E		P	A	E	A
Katie Stern, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	P	P	P		P	A	P	E
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(vacant)</i>	P	P	P		E	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	A	P		E	E	E	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	P		P	A	P	A
Soledad – Vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Marzette Henderson, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P	E	P		P	P	P	E
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P	E		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>	A	A	A		A	A		A
CSUMB -vacant	-	-	-		-	-	-	-

E – Excused VC – Video Conference
P(A) – Alternate TC – Teleconference
A – Absent
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	A	A		A	P	A	P
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner	P	A	A		A	A	A	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	A	P(VC)	A		A	A	A	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	P(VC)	P(VC)	A		A	P	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	P	P	P		A	P(VC)	A	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P		P	A	P	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	A	A	A		A	P	P	P(VC)
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P		P	P	P	P(VC)
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	A	P(VC)	A		A	A	A	A

OTHERS PRESENT:			
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate	Laurie Williamson	TAMC staff
Chenin Otto	GHD Inc.	Steve Grupico	GHD Inc.
Randi Ishii	Monterey County Public Works	Brian Flores	Monterey County Parks

1. Chair Martin 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/ Gallardo / unanimous

Abstain: Martin Wegenstein

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 6, 2024, with a minor word change “collision”.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CARMEL VALLEY ROAD AND LAURELES GRADE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout Project from the County of Monterey and provided feedback on potential safety improvements and community impacts.

Randy Ishii, County of Monterey Public Works Director, reported that the County is working on the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout project that is designed to enhance both safety and efficiency at the intersection. He noted that the current one-way stop-controlled “T” intersection will be replaced with a roundabout to reduce traffic conflicts and improve vehicle flow. While the project includes widening portions of both Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road, it will not add any lanes or increase the overall capacity of the intersection. Medians will be constructed along Carmel Valley Road to the northwest and southeast of the roundabout and on Laureles Grade to the northeast. These enhancements will help manage traffic more effectively and improve safety for all road users.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout Project:

- Limit road closures during construction
- Adding traffic calming features to encourage vehicles to slow down
- Consider “sharrows” (share the road signage)

5. E-BIKE ORDINANCE FOR COUNTY PARKS

The Committee received a presentation on proposed updates to an e-bike ordinance and provided feedback to the County of Monterey regarding trail usage, community safety, and potential impacts.

Bryan Flores, County of Monterey Parks Director, reported that the rise in e-bike usage necessitates updating regulations to address community concerns and align with state and federal guidelines. He noted that the Monterey County Parks Commission is exploring updates to the existing ordinances governing electric bicycle (e-bike) use within County Parks.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the e-bike ordinances in Monterey County:

- Consider more community outreach on the ordinance and safe trail practices
- Consider more enforcement on all classes of motorized

6. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY CALIFORNIA AVENUE SEGMENT UPDATE

The committee received an update and provided input on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project California Avenue segment.

Steve Grupico and Chenin Otto with GHD reported that the FORTAG California Avenue segment was awarded a State Active Transportation Program grant in June 2023 for Final Design and Construction. He noted that GHD has completed 60% of the design. The target timeframe to begin construction is fall 2025. The project includes two new ADA curb ramps at Karen Court and California Avenue and a 1.4-mile, 12-foot paved multi-use path with two-foot shoulders, and two new at-grade crossings with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at Imjin Parkway. He noted that a protected intersection at Imjin Parkway and California Avenue will be constructed via a separate project to provide a safe crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians using the FORTAG system.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway California Avenue segment:

- Consider bringing future projects for comments and input before the 60% plans are prepared
- Consider pedestrian and rectangular rapid flashing beacons
- Consider a raised road crossing
- Consider other designs for pedestrian crossings
- Consider more enforcement on roadway speed limits
- Consider removing the small stop signs from the existing bike path

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee Member Eric Petersen asked for more information on the new 2025 bicycle-related law changes.

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo noted that an electric charger in Santa Cruz started a fire and that was the second one that week.

Chair Martin Wegenstein announced that he is moving out of the area and next month will be his last meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.