

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

**Final Minutes of October 2, 2024**  
Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate  
A - Absent

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>MAR 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>	<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>JUN 24</b>	<b>AUG 24</b>	<b>SEP 24</b>	<b>OCT 24</b>
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	A	A	A		-	P
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner			P	A	A		-	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	A	A	A	P(VC)	A		-	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner	P (VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A		-	P
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner	P	P(VC)	P	P	P		-	P(VC)
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P		P	A
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner	E	A	A	A	A		A	P
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Proqraming and Project Delivery	A	A	A	P(VC)	A		-	A
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
Nathalie Gomez	District 3 Alternate		Cora		Monterey County			

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/ Wriedt  
 Abstained: Chris Flescher

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 4, 2024.

3.2 Received the call for nominations for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **MONTEREY COUNTY ZERO EMISSIONS SHARED MOBILITY STUDY**

The Committee received a presentation on the Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study and provided feedback to County of Monterey staff.

Cora Panturad Sustainability Program Manager with the County of Monterey reported that the County of Monterey received a Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant for fiscal year 2022-23 to fund this effort. She noted that the Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study is designed to address transportation challenges in the county by promoting clean mobility alternatives and reducing the reliance on single-occupancy vehicles. Ms. Panturad noted that the County of Monterey led the project and will gather input from regional stakeholders, local residents, and employers to identify transportation needs, especially for underserved communities like low-income Latino populations, farmworkers, and hospitality employees.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study:

- Consider inviting the general public
- Consider hybrid meetings for the public to attend and have input and comments
- Consider listing key components
- Consider more infrastructure for pedestrians and rail to get people out of vehicles
- Consider large employers to be involved in the Advisory Committee
- Consider reaching out to the city's Public Works department to be involved in the Advisory Committee

The following committee members volunteered to be on the Advisory Committee that involves 4 meetings:

- Marzette Henderson
- Liesbeth Visscher
- Mark Chaffey

## 5. **REVIEW OF PROJECT DELIVERY STAGES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Committee received a presentation by TAMC staff reviewing the typical stages of a capital project, including the need for community engagement.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that incorporating pedestrian and bicycle features into a project can often be achieved at a marginal cost. He noted that other times, these features cannot be added to a project without significantly increasing the cost, adding unexpected environmental review or expanding the scope of work beyond the limits. Mr. Bilse noted that staff will review the typical stages of project delivery for capital projects. He noted that the project scope of work can be revised at key stages. In conclusion Mr. Bilse noted that staff will review strategies stakeholders and advocates can use to address pedestrian and bike issues. Agencies must balance the needs of all roadway users against limited resources available to fund these projects.

The Committee had the following comments and feedback on the review of project delivery and community engagement projects:

- Consider reviewing projects before the Preliminary Design & Environmental Review
- Consider being more aware and involved in your representing cities
- Local jurisdictions should consider more public engagement
- Make sure decisions support social equity
- Committee members should reach out to cities yearly for a check-in on upcoming projects
- Work with TAMC staff to request presentations from city staff
- Consider looking at the Capital Improvement Road Projects list

**6. TITLE VI LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PLAN**

The Committee received a presentation on TAMC Title VI and Language Assistance Plan for 2024-2027 and complete the Title VI committee representation survey.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner reported that the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal statute that prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs of activities, and it obligates federal funding agencies to enforce statutory compliance. He noted that the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) guidelines for Caltrans, as a recipient of FTA funding assistance, require sub-recipients of Caltrans Planning Grants to submit a Title VI Plan to FTA every three years.

In conclusion, Mr. Hernandez noted that the Transportation Agency's is required to have vital documents available in each of these languages. He noted that Committee members are strongly encouraged to complete a survey on race/ethnicity, which will be electronically provided during the Committee meeting.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo noted that in South County several speak Spanish and triqui.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Eric Petersen announced the following:

- Cal Bike Incomplete Streets and he is not happy with Caltrans
- October 3rd at 3 p.m., Monterey County Commission Office the E-Bike Ordinance
- Salinas City Council will bring back the Bicycle Advisory Committee

Committee Member Ernie Gallardo announced that a woman was killed by an electric bicycle (e-bike) in Santa Cruz and also a bicyclist killed in Los Angeles.

Doug Bilse Principal Engineer announced the Toro Park temporary closure.

Committee Member Jeff Wriedt noted that alternate Frank Henderson mentioned Highway 68 Westbound to Reservation Rd has been dangerous due to motorists using the shoulder lane during rush hour to avoid being in the traffic lane at the exit to Reservation Rd.

Committee Member Martin Wegenstein expressed concerns on Carmel Valley Road.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wegenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.