

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

**Final Minutes of November 6, 2024**  
Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate  
A – Absent  
AB 2449 Emergency =EM/ Public Health=PH

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF		MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer		P	A	A	A		-	P	A
Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner			P	A	A		-	A	A
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		A	A	P(VC)	A		-	A	A
Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner		P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A		-	P	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner		P(VC)	P	P	P		-	P(VC)	A
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner		P	P	P	P		P	A	P
Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner		A	A	A	A		A	P	P
Christina Watson, Director of Planning		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery		A	A	P(VC)	A		-	A	A
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>									
Nathalie Gomez		District 3 Alternate		Marissa Garcia		City of Monterey			
Derek Wu		Kimbly Horn		Frederik Venter		Kimbly Horn			
Blanca Koening									

1. Vice Chair Mike Novo 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** Johnson/ Wege/ unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 2, 2024.

3.2 Approved applications to the Active Transportation Support Program (ATSP) to award bike racks.

**Item pulled for discussion**

**M/S/C** Wriedt/ Gallardo/ unanimous

3.3 Reviewed and provided comments on the draft 2025 Legislative Program.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN – CITY OF MONTEREY – MARISSA GARCIA**

The Committee received a presentation on the City of Monterey’s development of Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) and provided feedback on Community engagement strategies for potential safety improvements.

Marissa Garcia with the City of Monterey reported that the city was awarded an Action Planning Grant through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. She noted that the grant supports the development of the City’s Local Road Safety Plan, which will identify, analyze, and prioritize road safety for all road users. Ms. Garcia highlighted key findings, including a higher concentration of accidents in specific areas, emphasizing the need for targeted safety improvements. She explained that the focus of the local road safety plan is to help reduce vehicular accidents, particularly at intersections with significant safety issues. Ms. Garcia noted a higher number of collisions when comparing Monterey to the state average, particularly highlighting that Monterey has twice the state average for those riding their bikes to work. This finding underscores the need for targeted bicycle safety improvements to support and protect this growing group of commuters.

Ms. Garcia also shared the City’s plans to conduct site-specific case studies focused on intersections with high collision rates. She announced an upcoming public outreach event scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the City of Monterey Library. The event will focus on analyzing collision data more closely, sharing systematic improvements strategies, and presenting additional information to the public.

Additionally, Ms. Garcia addressed collisions on the rec trail, noting that these incidents are never reported and are therefore not included in the overall collision data. This omission highlights the need for better reporting mechanisms to ensure comprehensive safety analysis for all transportation modes.

In conclusion, Ms. Garcia emphasized that the community-led approach will guide the development of actionable implementation strategies to improve road safety for all users, with particular attention to pedestrians, bicyclists, and vulnerable populations.

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

##### **Collision Data Analysis:**

- Consider looking into the past collision data for the last 3-5 years, as this is considered the gold standard for safety analysis.
- Acknowledge that patterns of traffic and volume can change significantly over a 10 – year period, making historical data less reliable for actionable insights.
- Specifically examine data from 2019-2020 collision period, noting that the area around the lake, hotel, and adjacent Laguna Grande Park has historically not been among the top 10 intersections for collisions.

**Public Engagement:**

- Consider inviting the general public to participate in future outreach events to increase engagement and gather diverse perspectives.
- Explore hybrid meeting formats to enable broader public participation and provide opportunities for input and comments.

**Infrastructure Improvement:**

- Consider additional infrastructure enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists to promote safety and encourage active transportation.

**5. DRAFT SALINAS VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN- JANNEKE STRAUSE**

The Committee received a presentation and provided feedback on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to Schools Plan.

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan includes infrastructure and programming recommendations to make it safer and more comfortable for children and families to access 22 public schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. She noted that the draft plan is included for review and the final plan will be presented to the Board in December. She noted that the three-year planning process identified barriers to safe access to 22 public schools in South Monterey County cities and recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements.

In conclusion Mrs. Strause noted that the Transportation Agency is working with the four cities to get feedback from their City Councils on the draft plan. She noted that comments on the draft Plan can be sent via email by November 6<sup>th</sup> to Amelia Conlen.

## 6. DEL MONTE BOULEVARD / RESERVATION INTERSECTION – KIMLEY HORN

The Committee received a presentation from Kimley Horn on the Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road Improvement Project and provided feedback on the proposed design and community impact during construction.

Derek Wu, Kimley Horn presented on the Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road Intersection project aims to improve pedestrians and cyclists' safety by introducing protected crossings, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and better visibility. He noted that the project will also reduce crossing distances and vehicle speeds to enhance safety for non-motorized users.

Mr. Wu presented the proposed project improvements and protected intersection design with several key improvements:

- Curb bulb-outs and ramp elements to physically separate pedestrians and cyclists from vehicle traffic, providing a safer refuge and queuing space.
- Shortened crosswalks and relocated crossings to minimize exposure time for pedestrians and cyclists.
- High-visibility cross-bike striping to enhance cyclist visibility and reduce conflicts with vehicles.
- Signal timing updates, including leading pedestrian intervals (LPI), accessible push button and countdown timers, to provide priority for pedestrians and cyclists at crossings.
- New South crosswalk to close a gap in the pedestrian network and improve connectivity between downtown Marina and the Monterey Peninsula Coastal Trail.

The Committee provided additional comments and concerns regarding the project:

- **Collision Data Analysis:**
  - Del Monte Ave & Roberts Ave
    - Section by the lake, hotel, and adjacent Laguana Grande Park
    - Focus on collision data from the 2019-2020 period, noting that this area has historically not been a top 10 introspection for collisions.
    - Recognize that data older than 10 years may not reflect current traffic and volume patterns, which can change significantly over time.
    - Emphasize that 3-5 years of data is considered the gold standards for actionable analysis.
- **Concerns Regarding the Design:**
  - Bicycles are being pushed into curbs and encroaching into raised beds.
  - Center refuge areas and their usability for cyclists and pedestrians.
  - The need for a dedicated bike light for cyclists to reduce conflicts with vehicles.
  - ADA compliance issues that need to be addressed in the design.
  - Mixing bicyclists and pedestrians in shared spaces creates potential conflicts.
  - Curbs that could be driven over by trucks due to insufficient height or slope.
  - Sloping curbs may create safety risks or accessibility challenges.

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that combining bicyclists and pedestrians is dangerous. Mr. Wu replied that the cross-bike width is 6-feet.

## **7 COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENT FOR 2025**

The Committee appointed a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2025 and adopted the 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Agency reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2025 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. She noted that the meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas or other locations to be determined in advance of each meeting.

**M/S/C** Stern /Henderson /unanimous

Committee member Katie Stern nominated Committee member Martin Wegenstein for the 2025 Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Marzette Henderson.

**M/S/C** Gallardo / Henderson /unanimous

Committee member Earnie Gallardo nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2025 Vice-Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Mark Chaffey.

**M/S/C** Gallardo / Henderson /unanimous

Committee member DL Johnson motioned to adopt the 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar and was seconded by Committee member Katie Stern.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Ariadne Sambrano announced that there will be no meeting in December and the next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.