

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Draft Minutes of September 7, 2016**

Held at the Sand City Council Chamber

1 Sylvan Park, Sand City, CA

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>JAN 16</b>	<b>FEB 16</b>	<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>APR 16</b>	<b>MAY 16</b>	<b>JUN 16</b>	<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>SEP 16</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	-	E	E	E	E	E	-	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 <i>(Geof Tibbitts)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
D. L. Johnson , Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	-	P-	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bernard Green, Marina, Vice Chair <i>(Debra Daniels)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove <i>(Tony Prock)</i>	TC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Vera Noghera)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
, FORA <i>(Jonathan Brinkmann)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	-	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	E	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
–AMBAG <i>(Sasha Tepedelenova)</i>	-	P(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Cole, Pebble Beach Company	E	E	P	-	-	P	E	P
Brian Cook, CSUMB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

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<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	-
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Virginia Murillo, Asst. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ralph Wege	Seaside resident	Scott Ottmar	Seaside resident
Fernanda Roveri	City of Monterey	Alejandra Silva	Ciclovía Salinas
Cesar Martinez	Ciclovía Salinas		

- Chair Eric Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck announced that the Transportation Agency has hired Bernard Green and he will be working on the 511 Traveler Information System program.

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- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** LeBarre / Petersen /unanimous  
Abstain: Jeff Wriedt and Jeff Lindenthal

- Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 3, 2016.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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- CITY OF MONTEREY BIKE SHARE**

The Committee received a report and provided input on bike share in the City of Monterey.

Fernanda Roveri, City of Monterey reported that bike sharing is an innovative transportation program that increases the use of bicycles for relatively short-range travel, providing users the ability to pick up a bicycle at any self-serve bike station and return it to any other bike station located within the system's service area. She noted that membership fees typically pay for the first half hour of use, at which point additional charges are assessed in a half-hour intervals. She noted that the pricing structure of these systems therefore incentivizes short trips. She noted that benefits of bike sharing systems identified in published research include traffic congestion and emissions reductions by providing an alternative to short automobile trips, increased public awareness and enthusiasm for bicycling, economic benefits around bike sharing stations, and public health benefits. She noted that the Transportation Agency's Bike Share Feasibility Study identified Monterey and Pacific Grove as the highest-suitability areas for a successful bike share program. The City of Monterey is currently exploring the potential of establishing a citywide bike sharing program. She noted that the City of Monterey would partner with local agencies and institutes to sponsor bike share station.

In conclusion Ms. Roveri noted that the Monterey City Council directed staff to explore a bike share pilot leasing program that includes the following:

1. Surveys to students and other potential users
2. Analysis of emissions reductions resulting from bike share
3. Exploration of a commuter bike program
4. List of potential bike share sponsors/partners
5. Cost-benefits analysis
6. Includes local bike rental shops in all conversation

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the bike share in the City of Monterey:

- Consider looking at local sponsorship opportunities
- Look at the costs for four and eight unit bike stations
- Consider working with the local bike shops, as they can possibly maintain the bikes instead of a vendor
- Consider installing stations at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and in Downtown Monterey
- Continue to work with the City of Pacific Grove to partner on implementing the County's first bike share program

## **5. PACIFIC GROVE HWY 68 CORRIDOR STUDY**

The Committee received a presentation on the final draft Pacific Grove Hwy 68 Study.

Nico Letunic, City of Pacific Grove reported that the Transportation Agency in partnership with the City of Pacific Grove and Caltrans they are conducting a study of the State Route 68 Corridor in Pacific Grove to identify improvements that will provide safer access for all modes of travel. He noted that the study area includes State Route 68 between the Pacific Grove city limits and Asilomar Boulevard, and is divided into two distinct segments: 1) Forest Avenue between City limits and Sunset Drive, 2) Sunset Drive from Forest Avenue to Asilomar Boulevard. He noted that the ultimate goal of the study is to create a more complete corridor that improves safety and serves the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and serves people of all ages and abilities. In conclusion Ms. Letunic noted that the initial outreach phase of the study was done. He also noted that a walking audit with project stakeholders was conducted in September and community workshops were held in November to take inventory of existing conditions along the corridor. The input and data collected culminated in an existing conditions report and needs assessment that identified a variety of needs.

Chair Petersen noted that a road diet project on Lincoln Ave was successful in the City of San Jose. Committee members noted that bicycle and pedestrian facility maintenance, and bus transit should be considered as part of the study.

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### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received an update on Active Transportation Plan outreach efforts.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. She noted that the focus of the 2016 Plan update is to match State Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. Ms. Murillo noted that Transportation Agency staff will continue outreaching to bicycle and pedestrian stakeholders throughout the County to obtain more input on active transportation improvements that should be included as part of the Plan. She noted that committee members and members of the public are invited to participate online, via interactive Wikimap set up for the Plan: <http://bit.ly/tamcatp>.

The Committee had the following comments and suggestions on the Active Transportation Plan outreach:

- Continue to review the Moss Landing to Castroville path and crossing on highway 1
- Consider reaching out to San Benito County for input on connections from King City to Pinnacles National Park
- Consider reaching out to Salinas East side residents by having information booth at the Ciclovía event
- Include the elements identified in the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Study

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### **CICLOVIA SALINAS**

Alejandra Silva and Cesar Martinez, Ciclovía representatives, reported that Ciclovía Salinas is a youth-driven open streets event that attracts thousands of bike, walk, dance and skateboard along Alisal Street. She noted that the event temporarily excludes motorized vehicles from Alisal Street between Main Street and Sanborn Rd, allowing residents to participate in a variety of physical activities and learn about available community resources. They noted that last year's event drew over 3,000 participants' people from the surrounding Alisal neighborhoods and from across Salinas and the greater Monterey County who participated in the event and were able to ride bikes, walk, jog, skateboard and roller skate along 1.6 mile of Alisal Street free of cars. She noted that other event activities include live music, Zumba, Baile Folklorico dance class, Crossfit activities, hula hoop game, soccer clinic and football. This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. In conclusion Mr. Martinez noted that they are looking for volunteers to help with barricades. If you would like to help please contact [Cicloviasalinas@gmail.com](mailto:Cicloviasalinas@gmail.com)

The Committee noted that Ciclovía is a great community event, and complimented Ciclovía representatives on the youth leadership component.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner announced the bicycle safety trainings scheduled for September 10 at CSU Monterey Bay and September 24 at Hartnell College.

Chair Petersen noted that he attended the Silicon Valley Bike Summit on August 11, 2016, which was hosted by Microsoft and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, and noted that many local cities are adopting Vision Zero policies. He also announced that Pedali Alpini is celebrating its 60 year anniversary. Chair Peterson also noted that past committee member Marius passed away a few months ago during heart surgery.

Bernard Green, Assistant Transportation Planner reminded the committee about the Transportation Agency's bicycle service request forms to report a roadway condition affecting cyclists in Monterey County. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County forwards these requests to the appropriate public works agency.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm