

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of April 4, 2018

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18
Debbie Hale, Executive Director				E		E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E		E		E	E	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	E	E		P		E	E	P
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner	E	E		P		P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P		P		P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chandra Rapley
Fred Watson

Ecology Action
FORTAG

Scott Waltz

FORTAG

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Wriedt /Gallardo /unanimous

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 7, 2018.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **SALINAS VALLEY EXPRESS TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY**

The Committee received a presentation on the Ford Ord Regional Trail & Greenway project.

Fred Watson and Scott Waltz, presented the Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway project, which is a proposed new paved regional active transportation route that will serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting the cities of Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey and unincorporated community residents to California State University Monterey Bay, the Fort Ord National Monument and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. FORTAG is included in the Measure X Plan, with \$20 million allocated to the project, which has an approximate cost estimate of \$40 million.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC is the lead agency for environmental review. Ms. Murillo noted that TAMC will begin environmental review of the FORTAG project in the late summer/fall.

Committee member Wege asked about FORTAG and proposed development in Seaside. Ms. Watson said the proposed FORTAG alignment goes through proposed development areas in Seaside.

The Committee had the following questions, comments and suggestions to the Ford Ord Regional Trail & Greenway project:

- What are Scott and Fred's roles in FORTAG? CSUMB professors, and community advocates in their role with FORTAG.
- Who would maintain FORTAG? This is an ongoing discussion. In the short-term, jurisdictions or the Monterey Regional Parks District could maintain FORTAG. Another option could be a special services district.
- What is the grade of FORTAG in the East CSUMB area? State Parks accessibility standards were used to map grades and identify the FORTAG alignment.
- Consider solar lighting at some trail locations, especially at the CSUMB locations
- Consider benches at certain vista point locations
- Consider bike repair stations at certain locations
- Consider separate bike and pedestrian lanes where feasible

You can contact Fred Watson and Scott Waltz at www.FORTAG.org if you have any further comments or suggestions.

5. MONTEREY COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Committee received an update on the 2018 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan; and provided input on the projects for development into conceptual design.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the focus of the 2018 Plan update is to meet the State Active Transportation Program Guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. Ms. Murillo noted that the Transportation Agency staff has also refined the project ranking criteria to develop draft ranked project lists for each of the Monterey County jurisdictions. Staff has also conferred with local jurisdictions on potential projects that will be submitted as candidates for the competitive State Active Transportation Program. Based on this input, the following high-priority projects will be developed into conceptual designs. The intent of the conceptual designs is to advance these high-priority projects into projects development and make them more competitive for ATP grant funding. Alta Planning + Design is tasked with developing 15 conceptual designs, which is enough for approximately 1 design per jurisdiction and 2-3 concepts for projects with regional significance.

The committee had the following suggestions on the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan:

- Consider having the top 3 projects and picking one for a conceptual design
- Consider working with cities on possibly using other funds for leverage

6. MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Committee reported on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Safe Routes to School Program is Measure X-funded initiative. The proposed Program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of projects and activities that can be funded. The Measure X Safe Routes to School program provides a consistent source of funding over the next 30 years: approximately \$667,000 annually, or \$20 million over the 30-year life of the program. The program will result in projects that provide the following benefits: improved safety for children walking and biking to school; better connections between schools, residential areas and vocational training programs; enhanced air quality; and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents. Ms. Green noted that the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program will greatly expand bicycle and pedestrian safety education with the lofty goal of reaching all 2nd and 5th graders in Monterey County. These bicycles and pedestrian safety educational programs will take place at elementary schools in the Salinas Valley, Marina, and Salinas over the next two years.

Committee member Mike LeBarre liked the idea of mini grants to assist with food and prizes for schools and etc.

Committee member Ralph Wege noted that we provide support to the Monterey County on filling out grant applications for sidewalk gaps.

7. **GO 831 TRAVELER INFORMATION/RIDESHARE PROGRAM**

The Committee received an update on the Traveler Information/Rideshare Program (Go831).

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Go 831 Traveler Information/Rideshare Program seeks to reduce traffic, improve air quality and promote health by encouraging alternatives to driving alone. She also noted that the Traveler Information/ Rideshare program will use the latest technology and robust communications to help travelers find alternatives to driving to work, school or special events. The primary goal of the program is to reduce traffic congestion in Monterey County by encouraging carpools, vanpools, use of transit, biking, walking, staggered work schedules, and telecommuting.

The committee had the following comments and suggestions:

- A lot of commute potential with the assisting traveler information
- Like the commute match idea
- Consider using the trip tracker application

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Jeff Wriedt announced that Mari Lynch asked to look at her new home page at BikeMonterey.org.

Committee member Chris Flescher noted that he noticed that the City of Salinas is fixing a lot of sidewalks.

Virginia Murillo announced that on Saturday, April 7th there will be a open house bus and walking tour on Del Rey Oaks Blvd. please contact Virginia for more information.

Matthew McCluney announced that CSUMB is accepting applications for Sustainability Education and Outreach Assistant.

Committee member Ernesto Gallardo noted that he will be attending a park dedication to his father at a local park.

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer noted that the next committee meeting will be May 2nd in Gonzales.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.