

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes of November 7, 2018

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

Voting Members	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	P
Jack Smith– District 2	-	-	-	-	P	A	A	P
Mike Novo – District 3	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (Frank Henderson)	P	P	E	P	P	C	C	E
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 (Geof Tibbitts)	P	P	TC	E	E	E	E	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	E	P	E	P	L	L	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	E	E	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	E	P	-	P	P	D	D	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	E	P	P	P	P			P
Vacant, Marina	-	-	-	-	-			-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-			-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove (Jung Hwa Kim)	P(A)	P	TC	P(A)	P(A)			E
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair (Mark Lasnik)	P	P	P	P	P			P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			-
Jan Valencia, Seaside (Ralph Wege)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P			P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-	-	-	-			-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair	P	P	P	P	E			P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey (Alex Capelli)	P	P	P	P(A)	P			P
Mary Israel, FORA (Jonathan Brinkmann)	P	P	TC	P	E			P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-			-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	P	-			P
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	E	P	P	P			P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-			-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-	-	-	-			-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-			-
Brian Cook, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)		E	E	E	P			P

E – Excused **VC – Video Conference**
P(A) – Alternate **TC – Teleconference**

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E			E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E			E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P			P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P			P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner				P	P			P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer								P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas	Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate
David Craft	Resident		
Lucy Martinez	RMA		

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**

Committee member Jeff Lindethal noted that Mari Lynch provided him with her comments to provide to the committee. He read and distributed a one-page document with her comments. Committee members accepted the comments. Mr. Lindethal also noted that on Thanksgiving week will be the 9th anniversary of the HER Helmet Thursdays Project.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C LeBarre / Petersen /unanimous

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of August 1, 2018.
- 3.2 Received call for nominations for the 18th 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. CITY OF SALINAS – DRAFT EAST ALISAL CORRIDOR CONCEPTS

The Committee received a report from City Staff on the draft East Alisal Corridor Concepts; and provided comments on proposed concepts.

James Serrano, City of Salinas staff reported that the City of Salinas received a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from Caltrans to develop a Complete Streets Corridor Plan. The Plan development included a public outreach effort that include a charette, pop-up events and community updates beginning in Fall 2017. The draft Plan is anticipated to be completed by December 2018. He noted that Alisal Corridor is approximately 5-mile major east-west major arterial street that crosses the City from Blanco Road to Alisal Road. The segment provides connection to County Roads and within the downtown area has links to State Route 183 and State Route 68. He noted that the roadway is currently a 4-lane undivided arterial up to Main Street in downtown Salina. From Main Street to Skyway Boulevard, the corridor has some form of left turn channelization with two-way left turn lanes or turn pockets. There are median islands in some segments. He noted that the City is completing design on the West Alisal Corridor. The segment from Blanco Road to Front Street has received funding from federal Highway Safety Improvements Program (HISP) and TAMC to make complete streets improvement. He noted that the conceptual plans for the East Alisal Corridor are divided into three segments:

- Segment one: West Segment (Front Street to Kern Street) The existing four-lane street configuration is proposed to be converted to a two-lane facility with a two-way left turn lane and 6-foot wide buffered bike lanes on both sides of the street.
- Segment two: Central Segment (Kern Street to Skyway Boulevard) This segment continues the road diet east from Kern Street. The proposed facility reduces vehicle travel lanes from a four-to two-lane street. He noted that parking is retained throughout the segment.
- Segment three: East Segment (Skyway Boulevard to Bardin/Alisal Road) The preferred concept for this segment is to keep the street's two-way configuration and add a new two-way cycle track south of the existing street. He noted that the City owns existing right-of-way south of East Alisal that would accommodate a Class IV facility.

In conclusion Mr. Serrano noted that the City Community Development Department had taken the lead in the development of the corridor plan. They have conducted much work with the community, listening to and encouraging residents to participate in the planning of facilities they would like to see. He noted that the City staff anticipates completing the plan in the next month, with City Council approval by February 2019. The Plan will help with grant applications to fund implementations.

The Committee had the following comments and recommendations to City Staff on the draft East Alisal Corridor Concepts:

- Consider a more effective small sweeper to be able to use on the bike lanes
- Consider signage on the roundabout
- Consider lighting during the evening/night
- Consider friendlier curb extension (Bulb-out) at the Sanborn and Alisal corners

Please send comments to Stefania Castillo before November 16, 2018 and she will forward to James Serrano.

5. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a verbal update on TAMC's recent community outreach activities at the annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day, Ciclovía Gonzales and Ciclovía Salinas.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency staff hosted a booth at the annual Take a Kid Mountain Biking event and distributed 400 bike lights and some bike maps and other safety gear. TAMC staff also hosted a booth and distributed 600 bike lights and other safety gear to children and families, and setup a temporary roundabout demo at the first ever Ciclovía Gonzales and distributed 800 bike lights and other safety gear to children and families at the sixth annual Ciclovía Salinas.

Committee member Jack Smith expressed interest for his community of Pajaro in North County to receive a family's event presentation with bike information during the May bike month.

6. 2019 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on draft 2019 Legislative Program.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. She noted that the draft 2019 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2019 legislative session. She noted that the following items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State

- 1S: Preserve state transportation funding.
- 3S: Support consistent definition of disadvantaged communities.
- 5S: Support transit-oriented development, complete streets alternative commutes, multimodal transportation, and active transportation projects.

Federal

- 1F: Stabilize federal transportation funding

Committee member Eric Petersen asked on the status of the state license plate for bicyclist. Committee member Mike Novo suggested supporting efforts to obtain dedicated rail lines in freight congested areas.

7. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019

The committee appointed a Committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2019 and adopted the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term. She noted that the proposed schedule of meetings for 2019 follows the existing pattern of meetings occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when TAMC committee meetings are cancelled.

M/S/C *Petersen/ Johnson/ unanimous*

Committee member Eric Petersen motioned to re-elect Lisa Rheinheimer as Chair and Chris Flescher as Vice-Chair for the 2019.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that there are a number of safety issues on Highway 1, and that the recent construction on Rio Road has highlighted the need for bike and pedestrian safety improvements. He noted he saw two accidents in the past 2 weeks. He also noted that the new no parking signs on the East side of Highway 1 leading into Point Lobos have caused pedestrians to walk and park farther, which is dangerous when traffic is coming very fast. He also noted the need for better crossing lighting and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the Carmel High School crossing with Highway 1.

Public Comment:

David Caneer expressed concerns on improving Highway 1 by installing rumble strips to keep cars from swerving into the lanes and asked the Committee to follow-up with Caltrans. He also noted a letter he drafted on the issue was included with correspondence.

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer requested for a presentation on the Lime Scooter CSUMB program at a future meeting date, an update on the Highway 156 project, as well as requested a Caltrans representative to attend a future meeting to discuss Highway 1 concerns.

Stefania Castillo announced that the Transportation Excellence awards are due November 7th. She also noted that Mary Lynch had a few comments to the agenda and provided the Committee with a handout and a copy of her September 5th Gonzales Tribune article.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.