

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of January 9, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

Voting Members	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P
Jack Smith– District 2	-	-	-	P	A	A	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3	-	-	-	-	N	N	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (<i>Frank Henderson</i>)	P	E	P	P	C	C	E	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5 (<i>Jeff Lindenthal</i>)	P	TC	E	E	E	E	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	P	E	P	L	L	P	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	L	L	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	-	P	P	D	D	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P			P	P
Vacant, Marina	-	-	-	-			-	-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-			-	-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove (<i>Jung Hwa Kim</i>)	P	TC	P(A)	P(A)			E	P(A)
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Vice Chair (<i>Mark Lasnik</i>)	P	P	P	P			P	P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-			-	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside (<i>Ralph Wege</i>)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P			P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-			-	-
Vacant, MBUAPCD	-	-	-	-			-	-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Chair	P	P	P	E			P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey (<i>Alex Capelli</i>)	P	P	P(A)	P			P	P
Mary Israel, FORA (<i>Jonathan Brinkmann</i>)	P	TC	P	E			P	E
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-			-	-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	P	-			P	P
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	E	P	P	P			P	P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-			-	-
Vacant, AMBAG	-	-	-	-			-	-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-			-	-
Vacant - CSUMB (<i>Matthew McCluney</i>)								-

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

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19
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	P	P	P	P			P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P			P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner			P	P			P	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer							P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate	Abby Lindsay	Public
Lucy Martinez	Public	Dave Caneer	Public
Sean Marshall	Lime Bikes	Matthew McCluney	CSUMB

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

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer noted that Mari Lynch provided TAMC with her comments to provide to the committee. She distributed a one-page document with her comments. Committee members accepted the comments. Dave Caneer, Public, requested a correction to the November 7, 2018 minutes where Chair Rheinheimer requested TAMC staff to schedule a presentation from Caltrans on their rumble strip program at a future meeting.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Johnson/ Novo/unanimous

- 3.1** Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of November 7, 2018 with a few minor corrections made by Mary Israel, FORA.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY ELECTRIC SCOOTER PROGRAM

The Committee received a presentation on the California State University Monterey Bay's electric scooter program from a representative of Lime scooters.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner introduced Sean Marshall, Lime Bikes representative and Mathew McCluney, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) representative. Mr. McCluney reported that CSUMB has partnered with the San Francisco based smart mobility company, Lime, to bring dockless electric scooters to campus. He noted that ridership was very successful, and students found it exciting to get on a scooter, since the September 2018 start date.

Sean Marshall, Lime representative presented on the dockless bike and/ or scooter share is a type of shared mobility that makes bicycles, electric bicycles, and/or electric scooters available for rent on a short-term basis within a defined service area. CSUMB campus began an electric scooter share program with Lime and held a pop-up demonstration at CSUMB in September 2018 to introduce the electric scooters and give test rides. All of Lime's scooters are GPS and 3G-enabled, making it simple for riders to find, unlock and pick up a nearby vehicle using their smartphone. When the ride is finished, riders simply end the ride with the Lime mobile app and responsibly park by the street curb, or at a bike rack. All safety and proper riding information can also be found in the app. Lime offers the most advanced technology to prevent negative connotations of scooter "clutter." Lime uses geofencing to establish no parking zones, preferred parking zones, and location-based speed reduction zones. Mr. Marshall reported that to-date about 100,000 rides have been taken through the CSUMB dockless scooter share program. In conclusion Mr. Marshall reported that the scooters have proven popular with riders, attracting investment capital allowing companies to expand to additional cities. Some commentators have pointed out the shared scooters' potential to provide convenient, affordable travel for short trips, especially "first and last mile" connection trips for transit users.

Committee member Eric Peterson, District 1 asked whether helmets are required for scooter users. Per state law, helmets are not required for individuals age 18 and over when riding a bike or scooter.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that the City of Carmel is looking into a simple use of electric bike and scooters since they are very popular but is concerned about how the scooter's small wheels will perform in Carmel's uneven roads.

Chair Lisa Rheinheimer asked Public Works representatives if they foresee any challenges related to infrastructure.

Committee member Raul Martinez, Monterey County Public Works noted that the County has a lot of rural communities that have no sidewalks or roadways and the electric bike or scooters won't work at this time.

Committee James Serrano, City of Salinas noted that the City has a lot of potential riders but it would be a matter of learning and educating the community about how to use and staying along the rights-of-way.

5. BICYCLE SECURE PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Committee received the call for applications for the 2019 Bicycle Secure Program.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner reported that the Bicycle Secure Program provides the infrastructure needed to support increased use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters. She noted that applications for the 2019 program cycle are due February 7, 2019. Studies have shown that one of the primary reasons that individuals do not travel via bicycle is the lack of a secure place to store their vehicle. The Bicycle Secure Program addresses this need by funding bicycle racks and bicycle shelters. Over time, the program has been expanded to include other facilities to support active transportation such as bicycle repair stations and skateboard racks. By providing secure bicycle parking businesses can attract more bicycle-riding patrons, employers can support the growing number of people who choose to bicycle to work, and schools can support students who bike to school – all of which support local economic, health and environmental goals. In conclusion, Ms. Green noted that for the 2019 grant cycle, the proposed schedule for an initial application period is from December 8, 2018 – February 7, 2019. She noted that TAMC staff will review all application materials and submit recommendations at the March 6, 2019 meeting.

Committee member D.L. Johnson asked where the flyers are distributed. Ariana Green noted that TAMC would send them to the Cities in Monterey County, Chambers, and libraries.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member D.L Johnson expressed concerns near the Carmel High School and noted that it took one hour to get out of the parking lot due to the traffic light/signal.

Mathew McCluney announced that CSUMB will be having a Lime scooter rodeo at the campus at the end of the month. He also noted that they are hiring a TDM position.

Committee member James Serrano announced that the City of Salinas will have an open house Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the Salinas City Hall West Wing Conference Room located at 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA, 93901 to discuss future safety improvements along West Alisal Street.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.