

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of August 7, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	E	P	E	E	E	P	E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner								P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
Laurie Williamson, Engineer	P	P	-	-	P	-	-	E

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chandra Rapley Ecology Action Stanley Sokolow Salinas Resident
Hans Hoffmann Jr Marina

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

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stanley Sokolow, Salinas Resident, expressed the need for bike racks in Salinas near facilities such as, shopping centers, and public buildings. He also noted that the color should be fire hydrant yellow to be visible. He asked for the City of Salinas bike rack policies and ordinance. Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, agreed to connect Sokolow with City of Salinas staff.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Ostovar/Johnson/unanimous

Abstain: Martin Wegenstein and Frank Henderson

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of June 5, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Education Program implemented by Ecology Action for the 2018-19 school year.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that Transportation Agency has contracted with Ecology Action to teach bike and pedestrian safety at elementary schools in Marina, Seaside, and Salinas Valley, with the eventual goal of serving all 2nd and 5th grade students in Monterey County.

Chandra Rapley, Ecology Action staff, reported that the Walk Smart program for youth focuses on pedestrian safety and the Bike Smart program offers bicycle safety education program for 5th graders. The Bike Smart program consists of an assembly-style presentation and an on-campus bike safety rodeo. Walk Smart, a pedestrian safety program for 2nd graders, consists of an in-class presentation and a “Walk Around the Block” field trip in which students practice crossing active streets in the school neighborhood. Rapley noted that in the 2018-2019 school year, Ecology Action delivered Bike Smart to 41 fifth grade classes and Walk Smart to 50 second grade classes throughout Monterey County. Through Measure X funds, 2,155 students at 14 schools received comprehensive safety training, and 156 students learned to ride a bike for the first time.

Committee member Abby Ostovar noted to consider training the schools volunteers and P.E. teachers.

5. MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received a Measure X Safe Routes to School 2018/19 Annual Report:

1. **Received** update on the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program; and
2. **Provided** feedback to TAMC staff about opportunities for program improvement.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner reported that the Safe Routes to School program funds projects and programs that improve children’s health by making walking and biking safer and easier. 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; reduced traffic congestion around schools, and healthier transportation choices for school children and parents. She noted that the First Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee’s Annual Audit and Compliance Report is available for review on TAMC’s website. She noted that the program received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant; the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan will develop safe routes to school recommendations for 15 public K-12 schools in the cities of Seaside and Marina. In May 2019, the team selected two recommended improvements from the list to demonstrate on the street for a two-week period. The project team received lots of good feedback from the community and city staff. The next step is to revise the recommended improvements list and draft the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Planning document to be reviewed and ultimately adopted by each of the cities and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. Once adopted, the cities can apply for grant funding to design and build the recommended improvements.

In conclusion, Ms. Castillo noted other components of the Measure X Safe Routes to School program include teaching bicycle and pedestrian safety in all elementary schools in Salinas Valley, Marina and Seaside over the next 2-5 years. She also noted that TAMC staff is working on the draft guidelines for the Mini Grant Program and application form with goal of adopting the Guidelines in Fall 2019 and implementing the program in Spring 2020. The Mini Grant program will provide support to non-infrastructure Education, Encouragement and Enforcement activities such as Walk & Roll programs, Walk to School Day events, volunteer crossing guard training, traffic safety training workshops, and more. Transportation Agency was awarded the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant in May 2019 with work also beginning in September 2019. The Safe Routes to School Plan will be a partnership between TAMC, Monterey County Health Department, City of Salinas and Ecology Action.

Committee member D. L. Johnson expressed the need to distribute the bicycle secure request information to all the schools in Monterey County.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein noted that consider looking at safety concerns for children near schools before recommending a bicycle route.

Committee member Linda Petersen suggested a presentation at a future meeting date from City of Pacific Grove on the Sunset (school) project that addressed bicycle and pedestrian safety concerns.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, shared an announcement from Caltrans District 5 regarding the District 5 Active Transportation Plan. She noted that the gap analysis will begin soon; Caltrans staff is wrapping up the existing conditions phase now and that's their next step. Once it's ready and shared with TAMC, we will be able to share it. She also noted that Caltrans District 5 staff plans to present the draft Active Transportation Plan when the time comes. The schedule for the District 5 Active Transportation Plan has been extended and the draft plan likely won't be available for distribution until February 2020.

Committee member Jack Smith expressed that the crosswalk near the church and the Pajaro Middle School has been repaired. He also noted that the Pajaro community would like to receive a presentation on the Prundale Corridor Study. Stefania Castillo noted that she would check the status with Transportation Agency staff.

Committee member D. L. Johnson expressed that the residents on Big Sur have been trapped due to the increase in tourist. He also noted that no sanitary bathroom on Point Lobos and it takes over one hour to drive by the Bixpy Bridge. Madilyn Jacobsen encouraged the members to fill out the Caltrans online Active Transportation Public Engagement form.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, announced that Transportation Agency staff will be having two outreach events on the FORTAG input on August 24 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and at CSUMB Expo on August 28.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit announced her resignation to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. She noted that the Assistant Manager is retiring at the end of the month and she has been promoted to that position. She will no longer be able to attend the committee meetings due to all MST changes

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rheinheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.