

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes of November 6, 2019

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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

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

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Lindenthal

District 4 Alternate

Ralph Wege

Seaside Alternate

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

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Petersen/Novo/unanimous

- Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 2, 2019 with a few minor corrections.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2020 and adopted the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that the Committee is responsible for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term in office. An election is held in November of each year pursuant to the Committee Bylaws. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2020 follows the existing pattern of meetings, occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m., except for the months of July and December when all Agency committee meetings are cancelled. She noted that Committee members have indicated a desire to adjust meeting locations for 2020. Consistent with the Committee Bylaws, Committee members may determine an alternate meeting location that is convenient for the majority of the members.

M/S/C Wriedt/Petersen /unanimous
Committee member Jeff Wriedt nominated Committee member Jack Smith for the 2020 Chair and Mike Novo for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Eric Petersen.

Committee member Mike Novo mentioned that getting to Carmel can be much harder for a South County representative. He noted that having different meetings locations and seeing different parts of the County, possibly consider inviting a few community meeting groups in the area.

Committee member Mathew McCluney suggested we meet at various parts of the County.

M/S/C Johnson /Novo /unanimous
Committee member D.L. Johnson motioned to approve the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar and Transportation Agency staff search for future alternative locations and bring back the final Committee meeting calendar with meeting locations.

5. 2020 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Committee received and commented on the draft 2020 Legislative Program.

Madilyn Jacobsen, 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. She noted that 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 2020 program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2020 Legislative session. She noted that the other Transportation Agency Committees will also review the 2020 Legislative program. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that once all the Transportation Agency Committees review the draft 2020 Legislative Program, the final program will come back to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors on January 22, 2020 for adoption. She also went over the attached draft legislative program and noted a few items of particular interest to this Committee.

Committee member Mathew McCluney noted that the Transportation Agency work with Caltrans and Monterey County for matching planning grants. Madilyn Jacobsen noted that the draft 2020 legislative program is specific to Transportation Agency and will follow up with Christina Watson on Highway 156.

Committee member D.L. Johnson noted that supporting Item 8S is not hard just time consuming.

Committee member Mike Novo commented on Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (Item 4S) with questions about Federal requirements. Ms. Jacobsen suggested Committee member Novo connect directly with Christina Watson for more information.

6. FORD ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway environmental impact report.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner presented on the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project that will be released for public review in mid-November. A public hearing to accept comments on the draft environmental impact report will take place at the December 4, 2019 TAMC Board of Directors meeting, among other meeting with various city councils. She noted that the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project proposes to construct an approximately 28-mile continuous 12-foot wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail with an open-space buffer on both sides. This trail will connect the Monterey Peninsula cities from the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the California State Monterey Bay University campus through the former Ford Ord open space area. She noted that the Transportation Agency has been working with the County of Monterey, the cities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey and Seaside, the California State University at Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the public to gather input define alternatives to be evaluated. The consultant team has performed the field reviews, technical studies, outreach events, and public information meetings required to prepare the draft environmental impact report. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that Transportation Agency staff is conducting an internal review of the consultant's work on the draft environmental impact report, which is expected to be ready for circulation around November 13, 2019. The environmental review process for the entire Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project will be available November 7, 2019 through January 3, 2020. She asked that Committee members to attend a public meeting to submit comments or you can submit by email and mail and all comments will get in incorporate. She noted that a draft Master Agreement including maintenance responsibilities is being circulated by TAMC to the underlying jurisdictions for their review and is expected to be executed in early 2020.

Committee member D. L. Johnson asked if any signage would be installed. Stefania Castillo noted that they plan to install signage throughout the trail.

Committee member Jack Smith suggested including signage along the trail to call-out existing restroom locations. Stefania Castillo replied that the proposed project includes wayfinding and interpretive signage, waste receptacles and shielded lighting. She noted that each jurisdiction will be responsible for maintaining their section of the trail.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann suggested routing the trail through the existing signalized crossing at Del Monte Boulevard and English Avenue instead of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian traffic signal at Del Monte Boulevard near Laguna Grande Regional Park between the In-n-Out restaurant and Holiday Inn.

Committee members expressed a desire to have discussion on the environmental impact report at the January meeting. Staff suggested that could happen.

7. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation and provided input regarding the Transportation Agency's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process, timeline and goal development.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner reported that every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, updated every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Plan. Staff has initiated the development of updated goals and policy objectives for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan. Transportation Agency staff reviewed the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines and began revising the Plan's 2018 goal and policy objectives to be more reflective of current projects and programs happening in Monterey County.

Members of the committee were provided information about the Transportation Agency's open survey on Defining Regional Transportation Priorities and were encouraged to participate in the survey. Ms. Jacobsen shared briefings of some initial findings the Transportation Agency has seen through the survey.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen noted the newsletter interview of John Forester he handed out a few copies to the Committee.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt announced that Bob Cat Bicycle owner was killed after biking and he fell off a cliff.

Committee member DL Johnson noted that he attended a meeting at Supervisor Adams office on the issues on Highway 1 and Hatton Road.

Committee member Ralph Wege announced that he attended Cal Bike Convention in Los Angeles. He mentioned that he attended a few sessions on bike improvements.

Madilyn Jacobsen announced that a call for nominations for the Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.