

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of October 7, 2020
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20
Debbie Hale, Executive Director			P	-		E	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director			P	P		E	E	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner			P	P		-		E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant			P	P		P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner						P		-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner			P	P		P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner			P	P		P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer			P	P		P		P
Rich Deal, Principal Engineer			-	-		-		-
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner				P		-		-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator						P		P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kendra Howell Blue Zones Monterey
County

- Chair Jack Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Novo / Wegenstein /unanimous

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of September 2, 2020 after staff addresses minor grammatical errors.

- 3.2 Approved City of Seaside's application to the Bicycle Secure Program with the award of one skateboard rack, one bicycle repair station, one bicycle repair station, and two angled bicycle parking racks.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **BLUE ZONES OCTOBER 2020 UPDATE**

The Committee received information about Blue Zones current programs and offerings.

Tracy Burke Vasquez, Go831 Program Coordinator, introduced Kendra Howell, Senior Policy Lead of Blue Zones Monterey County. Ms. Howell presented information about Blue Zones' joint effort with the Transportation Agency's Go831 program to promote the October Smart Commute Challenge. She noted that the Transportation Agency's Go831 program encourages activities that reduce congestion in Monterey County.

The Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community well-being improvement initiative designed to help people live longer, better lives by making healthy choices easier. The initiative promotes simple permanent or semi-permanent changes to community, organization and home environments that support healthy lifestyle behaviors and habits based on cultures identified around the world that have high percentages of centenarians, labeled Blue Zones by the National Geographic. In conclusion Ms. Howell noted that the current Blue Zones Monterey County efforts including creating a community safety education campaign that supports promoting walking and bicycling more, and Salinas' Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic related fatalities. She noted that it has been hard for a lot of businesses during COVID-19. She mentioned that the City of Salinas Council approved a Vision Zero Policy. The Vision Zero Policy is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries collision, while increasing safe, healthy equitable mobility for all ages. The City has also been working on the soccer project and a community garden at Creek Park.

Committee member Ralph Wege asked if Blue Zones is organizing a clean-up on the bike path on Castroville. Kendra Howell replied that no bike path clean-up is currently planned, but possibly in the future.

Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that having on a Blue Zones cooking show in both English and Spanish would be helpful. Kendra Howell replied that fun and healthy recipes would help people engage in healthy eating, and Blue Zones recently recorded a Spanish-language cooking show that will be released soon.

Committee member Libby Sofer noted that the City of Sand City completed the virtual mural project. She encouraged the committee members and community to check it out via walking or biking, social distancing is encouraged.

Kendra Howell, mentioned that the downtown Salinas is working on a remodeling near La Fogata. She mentioned some planters were removed, they will be installing lighting and chairs and possibly artwork.

Committee member, Eric Petersen, asked how to find out what business are Blue Zones approved or how to help businesses that are interested. Kendra Howell replied that Blue Zones are developing little cards that will help explain the process that can be distributed.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Eric Petersen announced that at the Litter Valley Summit Rick was given an award for picking up litter. He also noted that on N. Boronda Road, the City of Salinas has a project that is not following the Highway Design Manual. He asked to have the Central project on a future meeting date.

Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator noted that she went to the City of Sand City and walked around to see the murals. She highly encouraged everyone to view.

Chairman Jack Smith expressed concern on the no signal on Molera Road. He noted that it is dangerous for long distance bike travelers who are not from the area. He encouraged for staff to work on installing a wayfinding sign on that area. He also thanked everyone for the two years. He mentioned that it is really important to get someone to represent North county especially the Pajaro and Las Lomas community.

Committee member Hans Hoffmann noted that we encourage future projects with bulb-outs to consider the impact to bicyclists. The pedestrians and cyclist are being squeezed next to cars. We should modify the depth and make sure bicycle can fit through.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, announced that Transportation Agency has launched a new website available at tamcmonterey.org.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.