

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Draft Minutes of November 4, 2020**  
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20
Eric Petersen, District 1	C	P	P	N	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District Wegenstein 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	A	P	P	O	P	P	P	-
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	N	P	P		P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	C	P	P	M	E	P	P(A)	P
Martin, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	L	P	P	E	P	-	P	-
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	L	-	-	T	-	-	-	-
Gonzales - Vacant	E	-	-	I	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	D	-	P	N	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City		P	-	G	P	P	P	P
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina		P	P		P	E	P	P
Abby Ostovar, Monterey		P	E		E	P	P	P
vacant Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>		-	-		-	-	-	-
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>		P	P		P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		P	P		-	P	P	-
Jan Valencia, Seaside <i>(Ralph Wege)</i>		P	P		P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Soledad - Vacant		-	-		-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit		-	-		-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>		-	-		-	-	P	P
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District		-	-		-	-	-	P
Andrew Easterling, Salinas Public Works		-	-		P	P	-	-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works		-	P		P	P	-	-
Caltrans - District 5		P	-		-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>		P	P		P	P (A)	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB		P	-		P	P	P	P

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference



**4. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021**

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2021 and adopted the 2021 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 2021 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 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Committee meetings will continue to be held remotely pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20. In the event meetings transition back in-person during 2021, TAMC will send a revised meeting calendar to all Committee members and any interested members of the public.

**M/S/C** Petersen/LeBarre /unanimous

Committee member Eric Petersen nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2021 Chair and Martin Wegenstein for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Committee member Mike LeBarre.

Committee member Martin Wegenstein suggested we meet at the various meeting locations as adopted. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that Transportation Agency staff will check with the locations to see if available to meet on the future meeting dates if covid is lifted we will contact committee members.

**5. 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee received and commented on draft 2021 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 2021 program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2021 Legislative session. In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen noted that once all the Transportation Agency Committees review the draft 2021 Legislative Program, the final program will come back to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors in January 2021 for adoption. She also went over the attached draft legislative program and noted a few items of particular interest to this Committee.

Committee member Mike Novo asked on State Legislative 6S: He asked if placing server farms in rural areas, or just serving rural areas? Committee member Mike LeBarre noted that the goal is to bring jobs to rural communities and increase internet accessibility.

Committee member Grant Leonard asked on the state budget status. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that at the moment no dramatic decline, but we might see in future forecast for next cycle. Staff will bring back the RTP that will include funding details.

Committee member Hans Hoffman asked on State Legislative 7S: He asked what is the plan for the rail corridors that have bike infrastructure?

Committee member Martin Wagenstein asked on Federal Legislative 4F: He would like to add the word "seamless" to help promote commuter rail programs that are integrated and seamlessly connected with one another.

Committee member Ralph Wege would like to include supporting more bicycle carrying capacity on all trains.

Committee member Mathew McCluney is disappointed on 1F: He note that funding has never been enough. He would like to adjust the language to support not just restoring funds but increase beyond pre-Covid service levels.

Lupe Covarrubias, member of Public for Monterey County Health Department, noted that she thinks this is relevant. Due to Covid-19 the Monterey County Health Department has been trying to host pedestrian and bike safety classes and presentation via Zoom. She expressed that not enough internet access in South County cities.

Mari Lynch, member of public noted that when we talk about supporting Monterey-Salinas Transit make sure they are able to encourage people to bring their bikes. She also noted that bicycle racks and repair stations be added at bus route locations.

Bring back to a future meeting date in 2021 due to Public Information Officer, California Highway Patrol can no longer attend the meeting.

6. **CHP REPORT ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen asked to have the N. Boronda Road City of Salinas project be brought to a future meeting date.

Committee member Vera Noghera asked for the electric-bikes speed limit due to Covid-19? She noted that signage of the maximum speed for electric bikes along the City of Monterey is necessary.

Committee member Grant Leonard introduced himself. He mentioned that he worked for Transportation Agency for Monterey County as transportation planner. He works for the City of Monterey. In conclusion Mr. Leonard noted that he is a North Monterey County resident and recently noticed a lot of pedestrian using the Castroville bridge. A lot of pedestrian needs and

Committee member Martin Wagenstein asked to have the Monterey County Regional Park District present on a future meeting date on the streets blocked off to pedestrians.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner announced the call for nominations for the Transportation 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence Awards. The deadline to submit nominations is on December 4, 2020 to Theresa Wright at [theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org). In conclusion Ms. Jacobsen mentioned the next meeting is scheduled in January 2021. She wished everyone a Safe and Happy New Year.

Mary Lynch member of public mentioned that on Thanksgiving week HER helmet Thursday will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also asked if anyone is interested in helping out in updating the bike website.

6.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.