

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of February 3, 2021
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P	O	P	P	P	-	-	-
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	M	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair <i>(Jeff Lindenthal)</i>	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	E	P	-	P	-	P	-
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	-	T	-	-	-	-	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City	-	G	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina	P		P	E	P	P	P	P
Abby Ostovar, Monterey	E		E	P	P	P	-	-
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove <i>(Jung Hwa Kim)</i>	-		-	-	-	-	-	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Mark Lasnik)</i>	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P		-	P	P	-	P	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside	P		P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	-		-	-	P	P	-	P
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District	-		-	-	-	P	P	P
Vacant, Salinas Public Works	-		P	P	-	-		-
Vacant – County Public Works	P		P	P	-	-		-
Caltrans - District 5	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	P		P	P (A)	P	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	-		P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference
TC – Teleconference

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	Jan 21	FEB 21
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	-		E	E	E	-	E	E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P		E	E	E	-	P	E
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	P		-		E	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner			P		-	-	-	-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P		P	P	P	P
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	P		-		-	-	-	-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator			P		P	-	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch	Public	Jessica Perez	Public
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas staff	Eda Herrera	City of Salinas staff
Jill Miller	City of Salinas staff	Josie Lantaca	City of Salinas staff
Ricardo Diaz	Public	Alex Rivera	Public
Jack Holmgren	Public		

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mari Lynch, member of Public, expressed the need for “your speed” signs on Salinas Road and Pajaro. She also noted that community signs on bike repair and bike education are posted on bikemonterey.org. She thanked Madilyn Jacobsen for update on the TAMC website.

Jessica Perez, Monterey County Health Department announced that they will be partnering with the Greenfield Community Science Workshop to host an event on bicycle safety skills and bike repair on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Leonard/ Sofer/ unanimous

Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal and Vera Noghera

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 6, 2021.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **CITY OF SALINAS – PROJECT UPDATES**

The Committee received a presentation from City of Salinas staff on Central Area and West Area Specific Plans and Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner introduced Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer, Jill Miller, Senior Planner and Josie Lantaca, Assistant Engineer for the City of Salinas. Josie Lantaca presented on the Boronda Road Congestion Relief project includes the widening of Boronda Road into a four-lane roadway (two lanes at each direction) and the construction of roundabouts at the following intersections: McKinnon Street, El Dorado Drive, Natividad Road, and Williams Road in future phases. She noted that the City of Salinas approved the roundabout concept at the intersections identified above along with Hemingway Drive. She noted that the City intends to continue the roundabout corridor along Boronda Road with roundabout at Constitution Boulevard, Sanborn Road and Williams Road in future phases.

Ms. Miller reported that the Salinas City Council has approved the West Area Specific Plan Project and the Central Area Specific Plan Project. Both Projects are located in the North Boronda Future Growth Area, as identified by the 2002 Salinas General Plan and implement New Urbanism design principles. The greenways are key features of the North of Boronda Future Growth Area, providing a multimodal connection across all specific plan areas, generally parallel to Boronda Road. The separate bike and pedestrian paths would be improved with enhanced landscaping, decorative lighting and street furnishings.

Josie Lantaca, Assistant Engineer for the City of Salinas, described the Boronda Road Congestion Relief project roundabout locations. She mentioned the construction of bus pullouts, street lighting, sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian access ramps at all crosswalks, storm drain lines, sanitary sewer mainline and extensions, pavement delineations and updated signs.

Committee member Mike LeBarre liked the idea of large lighting that would be installed and that would attract more people. He also suggested a mixed-use parking lot for others to use for outdoors event in the specific plan areas.

Committee member Natalie Popovich asked if there are any cul-de-sacs in the specific plan areas that could be blocking access for pedestrians. Jill Miller replied that cul-de-sacs are prohibited as alternate paths. Ms. Popovich also noted that the pedestrian paths around the roundabouts are long and suggested the city consider how to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians.

Committee member Hans Hoffman expressed concern about cyclists having to ride on the sidewalk versus traveling in lane with traffic. He noted that bicycles and pedestrian are often travelling at different speeds and that it can be hazardous to mix. Andrew Easterling replied that the City understands the different speeds and noted bicyclist have two options: they can navigate on the wide sidewalk/multi-use path or stay on the roundabout with the traffic.

Committee member Grant Leonard noted the need to coordinate with Bolsa Knolls school on the specific plan areas. Jill Miller replied that the project was initiated in 2013 and the City of Salinas has been in contact with surrounding schools, residents and future development.

Committee member Ernie Gallardo expressed concern that pedestrians may take short cuts around the roundabout if the path remains long.

Committee member Eric Petersen shared a comment when he was a bicyclist told to get off the sidewalk and the mixed rules about sidewalk and bicyclists. He also noted that a crosswalk would be better on straightaway not on turn. He expressed that sidewalks should be locally control on the major project.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt suggested the City consider sharrow street markings and share the road signage, so bicyclists know their options in the roundabout.

Mari Lynch, member of Public noted that lighting will impact a lot of people will make them feel protected. She also mentioned that sidewalk resources are available at www.bikemonterey.org. She asked if delineators can be installed instead of paint. A physical barrier will make bicyclist feel safer. Andrew Easterling replied that the City of Salinas doesn't have the street sweepers to clean the class II bike lanes with delineators but will consider purchasing one in the future.

5. **REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNTS PROGRAM**

The Committee received a presentation on the Transportation Agency's regional traffic counts program.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency's primary goal for collecting new regional traffic counts is to provide fresh data for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's regional travel demand model. She noted that count locations are on the county's regional road and highway network. Traffic data is collected twice a year, once in March or April (off-peak) and again in August or September (peak). She noted that traffic counts are conducted over a two-day 24-hour vehicle period, either on a Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is the measure used by the Agency. She noted that historical traffic counts data is available to view and download as Microsoft Excel file on the Transportation Agency's website. The traffic counts data is also posted in map format showing peak and off-peak Average Daily Traffic for each location. She went over the data formats with the Committee. In conclusion Ms. Castillo noted that off-peak 2020 counts were canceled due to COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. Peak 2020 counts were conducted during the state and local shelter-in place orders.

Committee member Hans Hoffman noted that we have been in shelter in place for almost one-year. Stefania Castillo replied that Transportation Agency staff has made a note for the file on the shelter-in-place.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked if the data has been cleaned to address any errors in the data collection. He expressed concern that there may have been broken tubes that affected

the data in Salinas. Ms. Castillo responded that the data has been cleaned and prepared. Interested individuals can request full 24-hour data by requesting it from TAMC staff.

Mari Lynch, member of Public noted that resources on the parameter are available at www.bikemonterey.org.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Libby Soffer noted that she filled out the request for bicycle maps. Madilyn Jacobsen replied that Transportation Agency has no bicycle maps and staff is working on updating and re-printing the bicycle maps in the near future.

Committee member Mike LeBarre suggested the Committee have a discussion about the Bicycle Secure Program and partnerships to help spread information about the program.

Madilyn Jacobsen announced that the City of Monterey will present next month. She also noted that there will be full closures occurring due mud slides on Highway 1 in Big Sur and there is no safe bicycle or pedestrian access near Rat Creek. Ms. Jacobsen announced that Transportation Agency is seeking public input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, the survey is available until February 19, 2021.

Stefania Castillo announced that next Friday will be her last day with TAMC. She mentioned that she is moving to Mexico. She enjoyed her time at TAMC. Committee members thanked her and wished her the best of luck.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.