

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Draft Minutes of June 2, 2021**  
Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference

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Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	-	E	E	E	E	-	-
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	-	P	E	E	E	-	P
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	E	-	-	-	-	-	P	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mari Lynch	Public	Paola Berthoin	Public
Ross Clark	Central Coast Wetlands Group	Heather Adamson	AMBAG
Fernanda Roveri	City of Monterey	Andy Offenbacher	Public
Jessica Perez	Public	Mateo Lozano	Public
Dave Schmatz	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**

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, introduced new members Pete Scudder representing District 2 and Gino Garcia representing the City of Monterey.

Mari Lynch, member of public, recapped recent outreach and coordination she completed on bicycle resources and expressed concern about the bulb-outs on Casa Verde.

Paola Berthoin, member of public, requested an update Highway 1 bike lanes between Ocean Avenue and Carpenter.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Wegenstein / LeBarre/ unanimous

Abstain: Pete Scudder and Gino Garcia

3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of May 5, 2021.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL REPORT ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CRASHES – ITEM MOVED TO A LATER MEETING**

The Committee did not receive a report on bicycle and pedestrian collisions – the item was postponed for a later meeting.

5. **CASTROVILLE TO THE COAST PROJECT**

The Committee received a presentation on the Castroville to the Coast project from guest presenter Ross Clark, representing the Central Coast Wetlands Group.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Castroville to the Coast project:

- Support for connecting to other existing bike and pedestrian trails, including connections to Monterey Bay Recreation Trail, and State Parks trails
- Importance of coordination with California State Parks and U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Preference expressed for North Side or South Side route options with support for Molera Route if needed
- Support for coordination with farmers on their concerns
- Encourage beautification of the trail with lighting and benches
- Consider coordination with law enforcement and long-term maintenance of the trail
- Consider decomposed granite for wheelchair accessible design

6. **SEA LEVEL RISE DISCUSSION**

The Committee received a presentation on recent Sea Level Rise planning efforts from Fernanda Roveri of the City of Monterey and Heather Adamson from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the City of Monterey Transportation Adaptation Plan:

- Consider more innovation on walkability and bike ability
- Consider looking beyond vehicle capacity to fully embrace multi-modality
- Consider building a pedestrian bridge
- Consider examining cost of relocating businesses and residents
- Discuss with individuals in the Netherlands about how Dutch agencies address sea level rise
- Consider comprehensive integration of transit into concepts

The Committee had the following comments and input on Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study:

- Consider Highway 1 design to realign the power station
- Include bicycle safety in design alternatives

7. **CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE NORTH FREMONT PROJECT**

**M/S/C** Wegenstein / Popovich / unanimous

Abstain: Sloan Campi, Grant Leonard and Gino Garica

The Committee provided direction to staff with regards to the Committee's request to respond to the Civil Grand Jury's report of the North Fremont Improvement Project.

The Committee selected four members to develop a Letter of Support of the North Fremont Improvement Project which could be sent to the City of Monterey and the media. The following

committee members volunteered to work with TAMC staff, D.L. Johnson, Vera Noghera, Ralph Wege and Celine Pinet.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, clarified that the next step is for the selected Committee members work with staff on the Letter of Support from the Committee for transmission to the City of Monterey.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Ralph Wege noted observations of signage posted in a Del Rey Oaks neighborhood posing objection to the FORTAG tunnel. Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, responded that TAMC is hosing various on-site walking visits on the project that the public is welcome to join to discuss the project.

Mari Lynch, member of public, noted that Santa Cruz County received funding for a specialized foundation grant on Pajaro and Las Lomas Oaks to provide bicycle education.

Paola Berthoin, member of public, asked if Caltrans is going to do anything along Highway 1 in Carmel. Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, responded that TAMC staff has reached out but has not heard response from Caltrans about the project and staff will try and get Caltrans to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss further.

Madilyn Jacobsen announced that there will be no meetings in July and noted that the next Committee meeting is August 4, 2021

Committee member Grant Leonard noted that TAMC Executive Director is retiring in August. Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, mentioned that Executive Director Debbie Hale is out of town and noted that she will be attending the August meeting to say goodbye.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.