

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Draft Minutes of April 6, 2022**

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>SEP 21</b>	<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>NOV 21</b>	<b>JAN 22</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Pete Scudder – District 2 (David Tavarez)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 (Frank Henderson)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair (Jeff Lindenthal)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant, Marina	P	P	P	P		-	-	-
Gino Garcia, Monterey (Abby Ostovar)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove (Jung Hwa Kim)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas (Mark Lasnik)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ralph Wege, Seaside (Jan Valencia)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sloan Campi, Monterey Salinas Transit	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey (Alex Capelli)	-	P	P	-	P	E	P(A)	P
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Vacant - Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG (Will Condon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Matthew McCluney - CSUMB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	E	E	P	P	E	E	E
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	E	P	P	P	E	E	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	-	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	-	P	E	P	E	P	P	E
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner					P	P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Alissa Guthier, Assistant Transportation Planner				P	P	E	E	E
Doug Bilse,								P
	OTHERS PRESENT:							
	Jessica Perez	Health Department		Hans Hoffman		Public		
	Ingrid McRoberts	Caltrans D-5		Darron Hill		Caltrans D-5		

1. Chair Mike Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None.
3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**  
**M/S/C** Johnson/ Wegenstein /unanimous  
Abstain: Mike Novo and Vera Noghera
- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 2, 2022.  
**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received an update on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan; and provided input on the plan.

Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans District 5, presented on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan for the Central Coast of California has been completed. The plan was developed in collaboration with partner agencies, advocates, and members of the public. She noted that it includes a prioritized list of bicycle and pedestrian needs along and across the State Highway System to help identify opportunities to incorporate bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements into projects. In conclusion Ms. McRoberts shared the Caltrans Customer Service Request link [Submit Customer Service Request \(ca.gov\)](#).

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan:

- Consider highlighting the gaps in King City
- Consider including on the survey urban biking and walking if surveillance camera systems make you feel safer knowing it is being monitored
- Consider adding on grant application the need for additional camera cost
- Appreciate the references to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) on the printed material
- Consider exploring the congestion and traffic jams due to tourists
- Consider an alternative word for equity
- The plan should look at incidents, safety issues and accidents in that area
- Consider connection to the South County cities and to their big employment centers

#### 5. **2024 SHOPP PROGRAM**

The Committee received a presentation and provided input on TAMC Biannual State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Package.

Darron Hill, Caltrans District 5, reported that Caltrans District 5 is responsible for the SHOPP programming and project initiation documents under development in Monterey County. He noted that Caltrans is responsible for maintaining and operating approximately 50,000 lane miles of the state highway system, the backbone of California's transportation infrastructure. Mr. Hill reported that the SHOPP program includes monitoring of the condition and operational performance of the highways through periodic inspections, traffic studies, and system analysis. The SHOPP is funded through the State Highway Account and reflects the State's priority for preserving the existing infrastructure.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the TAMC Biannual State Highway Operation and Protection Program:

- Consider having project descriptions use language that is easy for the public to understand
- There was a request to improve information concerning the site location. It was pointed out that that Caltrans now has a tool to easily plot the post mile on a map of the project site.

- It was emphasized that the complete streets aspect of the SHOPP program is about addressing issues for pedestrian, bicyclist, or other modes for an existing SHOPP project, more than it is about changing the project or moving the project site
- Recommend that projects maintain the paved shoulder width and avoid reductions in paved shoulders to support bike use.
- Consider adding a legend to define the acronyms used in the document

**6. CALTRANS COMPLETE STREETS DIRECTIVE**

The Committee received a presentation on the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Complete Streets Directive.

Darron Hill, Caltrans District 5, reported that Caltrans has adopted a Complete Streets Directive. He noted that the document states that all transportation projects funded or overseen by Caltrans will provide comfortable, convenient, and connected complete streets facilities for people walking, biking and taking transit or passenger rail unless an exception is documented and approved. In conclusion Mr. Hill reported that this directive commits Caltrans to identify opportunities for complete streets in all phases especially during project development from planning and design to construction, operations, and maintenance.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Caltrans Complete Streets Directive:

- Consider future projects like a bike trail on Carmel Valley
- Consider designing benefits for pedestrian and bicyclist on all future projects

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member DL Johnson mentioned that he posted a simple survey on the Next-Door app in regard to the Carmel traffic congestion and student safety at Highway One and Ocean Blvd and received many replies suggesting this issue should be a high priority.

Committee Member Eric Petersen mentioned the following:

- Can we find out who the Caltrans bicycle coordinator is?
- How can we get the Caltrans Highway Design Manual enforced?
- Does the Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee still exist? If it does, how to contact them?
- Can we get an update on the pop-up projects for the Safe Routes to School program?

Janneke Strause announced that April 18 – May 31 is Move It Monterey County, an incentive to get everyone out and moving. She noted that you can track your bike, walk, use transit or carpool to be entered to win some prizes. For more information and to sign up go to GO831.org

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.