

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

**Draft Minutes of November 2, 2022**

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference

P(A) – Alternate

TC – Teleconference

A - Absent

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	E	E		E	E	P	P
Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	E		E	E	P	E
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programing and Project Delivery	E	E	E		E	E	E	P
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	E	E		E	E	-	P
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	E	P	P		P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner	E	E	E		E	P	-	-
Alissa Guthrie, Assistant Transportation Planner	E	P	P		P	-	P	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	E	E		E	P	-	-
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
Jessica Perez	Monterey County			Hans Hoffman		Public		
Kakani	Public			Patty		Public		

- Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Hofman expressed the need for electric bicycle enforcement and the need for educating the new riders. He suggested the retailers educate the new bike riders or give them a reference user guide.

Committee member Vera Noghera expressed that more signage and education on the bike path. She also asked who the enforcement in that area.

- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Peterson /Wege /unanimous

Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal and Vera Noghera

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of October 5, 2022, with slight changes.

- 3.2 Received the call for nominations for the 21st Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. 2023 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee received and commented on the draft 2023 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning presented the draft 2023 legislative program that was attached to the staff report. She noted that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. Ms. Watson noted that the program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the draft 2023 Legislative Program:

- Consider changing the word "alternative" to 3S to clean energy or clean transportation in the next few years
- Consider referring to MST as Monterey-Salinas Transit District; and TAMC staff is meeting with Ms. Overmyer with MST to discuss more of the legislative priorities

#### **5. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects in progress:

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery reported that the Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) is part of a larger effort to connect communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community, and open space. He noted that the project is a proposed 28-mile regional active transportation corridor and is included as a regional priority in Measure X. The project received State environmental clearance in March 2020, and the Agency has been pursuing grant opportunities to construct the project in segments. In conclusion Mr. Zeller presented on the three segments in progress. He noted that segment 1: Canyon Del Rey Oaks/State Route 2018, segment 2: Imjin Road to Jerry Smith Corridor and segment 3: California Avenue from Patton Parkway to Imjin Road.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway projects:

- Consider discussing the alternatives options on General Jim Moore
- Concerns on Carlton and Canyon Del Rey due to vehicles driving on the bike lane turning left
- Looking at a proposed bulb-out on the corner of Canyon Del Rey and Carlton
- Consider the board walk be bike friendly
- Like the realignment of the tennis courts
- Consider improvements on the Jerry Smith sign and update to a monument
- Concern on congestion areas near the schools
- Concern about students getting out of vehicles and crossing the bike lane
- Consider working on the challenges on the front of the school

**6. COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023**

The Committee appointed a committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term beginning January 2023 and adopted the 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar.

Janneke Strause, 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 2023 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 until February 28, 2023, the meetings will continue to be held via remote conferencing under Governors declared state of emergency. Starting in March 2023, the meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas or other locations to be determined in advance of each meeting.

Pinet/Petersen /unanimous

Committee member Celine Pinet motioned to adopt the 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting calendar and was seconded by Committee member Eric Petersen.

Pinet/Noghera /unanimous

Committee member Celine Pinet nominated Committee member Mike Novo for the 2023 Chair and Martin Wegenstein for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Committee member Vera Noghera.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Janneke Strause announced that segment 3 of FORTAG project is being recommended for a cycle 6 grant and five other applications that are also being recommended in the County of Monterey. She will share the list with the committee.

Committee member Eric Petersen announced that the City of Salinas approved the chip sealing. He noted that he witnessed a crash on chip sealing and noted that was a factor of the crash.

Committee member Vera Noghera noted that there is no law to run on red lights. She noted that she will be getting replaced in January 2023 and thanked everyone.

Committee member Marzette asked for guidance on who is responsible for signage on the trail. He noted that possibly we can advocate for better signage. Janneke Strause replied that local agencies are responsible along trails and noted that she will check with staff on the Regional Wayfinding project.

Committee member Ralph Wege expressed concerns on the e-bikes throttle bikes be kept out of the class 1 trails.

Hans Hoffman expressed that he mentioned, and the cities should be held responsible on putting cyclist and pedestrian in danger.

Kakani noted that some challenges on the trail are 15 mph. We should consider enforcement and think about traffic calming.

Chair Novo noted that educational materials and wished everyone a happy holiday.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.