

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Draft Minutes of August 2, 2017**

Held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
at TAMC office 55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>NOV 16</b>	<b>JAN 17</b>	<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>MAR 17</b>	<b>APR 17</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>	<b>JUN 17</b>	<b>AUG</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1, Past Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P
Jerry Ramos – District 2	-	-	E	-	E	E	A	E
Vacant – District 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 ( <i>Frank Henderson</i> )	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	C	P
Jeff Lindenthal, District 5 ( <i>Geof Tibbitts</i> )	E	P	E	-	P	E	E	P
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	-	P	P	P	-	L	P
Del Rey Oaks - vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-
Gonzales - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-
Greenfield - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	D	-
Michael LeBarre, King City	P	P	P	E	P	P		P
Vacant, Marina, ( <i>Debra Daniels</i> )	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Monterey - Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Linda Petersen, Pacific Grove ( <i>Tony Prock</i> )	P	E	P	P	P	P		-
Chris Flescher, Salinas, Chair ( <i>Mark Lasnik</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Sand City - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Jan Valencia, Seaside ( <i>Ralph Wege</i> )	-	P	P	P	P	P		P
Soledad - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
David Craft, MBUAPCD	P	-	-	P	-	P		-
Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey Salinas Transit - Vice Chair	P	P	P	E	P	P		P
Bill Boosman, Velo Club of Monterey ( <i>Vera Noghera</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)		P(A)
Mary Israel, FORA ( <i>Jonathan Brinkmann</i> )	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
N. County Recreation & Park District - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
James Serrano, Salinas Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Raul Martinez – County Public Works	P	P	E	P	-	P		P
Caltrans - District 5	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
–AMBAG ( <i>Sasha Tepedelenova</i> )	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Vacant, Pebble Beach Company	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Brian Cook, CSUMB ( <i>Matthew McCluney</i> )	E	P(A)	P	P	P	P		P

**E – Excused**                      **VC – Video Conference**  
**P(A) – Alternate**              **TC – Teleconference**

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<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	-	E	E	E		E
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	P	E	E	E		E
Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner	E	E	-	P	P	E		E
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P		P

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Grant Leonard	TAMC staff	Mike Zeller	TAMC staff
Mathew McCluney	CSUMB Alternate	Ralph Wege	Seaside Alternate
Asante Ricigliano-Vaughn	Seaside Resident	Adisa Vaughn	Seaside Resident
Laurny Ricigliano	Seaside Resident	Eddy Fredrick	Public

- Chair Chris Flescher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established and self-introductions were made.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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- BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** LeBarre/ Valencia /unanimous  
Abstain: Jeff Lindenthal

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of May 3, 2017.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **4. 2017 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**M/S/C** Rheinheimer/ Israel

Nay: LeBarre, Johnson and Wriedt

Committee member Rheinheimer motioned to reach out to Cities of Carmel and Marina, to ask if they can utilize the remaining funds for their proposed projects.

The Committee recommended the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$6.95 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the 2017 Competitive Grants Program of Projects and remove the contingency placed on the programming of \$900,000 of Transportation Development Act 2% funds to the Ford Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2017 meeting. The grant application for projects proposed for funding were due June 1, 2017. Transportation Agency staff established an ad-hoc committee of Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee members to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations.

Mr. Zeller noted that the Transportation Agency received thirteen completed applications, totaling over \$14.3 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program grant finding. Each application was reviewed and scored four times by the sub-committee. He noted that the following projects totaling \$6.5 million are recommended by the sub-committee for grant funding.

- Monterey- North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Improvements - \$1,933,000
- Soledad – Metz Road Traffic Calming Project - \$516,800
- County – State Route 1 Climbing Lane - \$600,000
- Salinas – Downtown Complete Streets - \$2,970,000
- Pacific Grove – Highway 68 Complete Street Corridor - \$502,268

Mr. Zeller also noted that with this recommendation, \$400,000 of RSTP funds would be rolled over into the next call for projects. He noted that staff made one adjustment from the overall scoring of the projects. First, the City of Marina's Reservation Road Roundabout project ranked fifth in the total scoring, but was seeking a total of \$4,005,000 of grant funding for a \$4,500,000 project. Due to the high amount of requested funding, the limited amount of grant funding available, low matching funds for the project, and overall geographic equity, staff is not recommending funding for this project at this time.

Committee member LeBarre asked why King City was not recommended for funding. Mr. Zeller said this was based on King City's score by the review committee. He noted that King City was awarded funding in the last round of RSTP grant cycle.

Committee member Johnson asked if projects that were not selected in this round would be allowed to resubmit. Mr. Zeller said projects would be allowed to resubmit.

Committee member Noghera said she was a part of the review sub-committee, and noted that some applications were incomplete, which affected the application's score. She also noted that project readiness was another important factor in scoring.

Committee member Israel asked if the City of Marina's roundabout project could be partially funded. Committee member LeBarre said he would prefer that all RSTP funds be programmed.

## **5. SR 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN**

The Committee received an update on the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner noted that the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan evaluates current and future travel patterns between Salinas and Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context of other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancement. Outreach for the Scenic Highway Plan included public workshops, meetings with local jurisdictions and stakeholder groups, and an interactive online forum for community input. In January 2017, the project team developed three corridor concept alternatives for consideration that were presented at the April 26, 2017 TAMC Board meeting:

- Concept 1: Installation of roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 2: Selective segment widening with roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 3: Integrated corridor management with some widening

Mr. Leonard noted that based on the technical analysis and the public comments, Agency staff is recommending a slightly modified Concept 1 as the recommended option for inclusion in the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. He noted that the current project schedule calls for the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan to be released for public review in late July and presented to Agency Board for approval on August 23, 2017. Following Plan adoption, the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will progress into the project development with Caltrans, which entails further analysis and refinement of the conceptual designs. Once the Plan has been developed further, it will go through the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process, and once the EIR is finalized the Transportation Agency and partner agencies can begin a phased implementation of the Scenic Highway Plan.

Committee member Lindenthal asked if there was data on the performance of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout. Mr. Leonard said that right now performance data is anecdotal, and that the Agency has received positive feedback on the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout.

Committee member E. Petersen said he has had positive experiences cycling through roundabout corridors in Germany, Colorado and upstate New York.

Committee member Johnson expressed that the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout is working great and traffic seems to be always moving. He noted that there is a need for driver education for roundabouts.

6.

**MST REALTIME CAMPAIGN**

The Committee received a presentation on Monterey-Salinas Transit's RealTime advertising campaign.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST Director of Planning and Marketing reported that Monterey-Salinas Transit's Real-time is a set of tools (text, phone, app and maps) that allow transit passengers to obtain real-time information about the arrival of their next bus. She reported that over the last several years, MST has been working on bringing instant bus arrival information to passengers to help ease the stress of waiting for the bus. The first such external deployment was the electronic passenger information signs at the various JAZZ Bus Rapid Transit stops on the Monterey Peninsula. All MST passengers can now receive RealTime GPS-based bus arrival information at their fingertips no matter which bus line they are waiting for. Ms. Rheinheimer noted that there are 4 different ways to receive RealTime information: text message, phone call, smart phone application and Google Maps.

Committee member Johnson asked how the RealTime information works. Ms. Rheinheimer said the information is GPS-based and computer algorithms.

7.

**MONTEREY COUNTY BIKE MONT 2017**

The Committee received a report on Monterey County Bike Month 2017; and provided direction to Transportation Agency staff on future planning for Monterey County Bike Month and Bike Education.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, reported that Bike month is a national campaign held annually in May to promote bicycling. This year, TAMC promoted various bike month events through the Monterey County Weekly, the TAMC website, and Facebook. She also noted that Monterey County Weekly printed each week with different bike related profiles. Ms. Murillo noted that the Bike Lock Events were a success at the Salinas Cesar Chavez and King City Libraries.

Committee member LeBarre thanked Transportation Agency staff for hosting a bike education event and gave away bike locks to the kids who participated. He suggested having those events at future days throughout the year.

Committee member Rheinheimer noted that social media is very effective and Monterey-Salinas Transit used that for outreach.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Eric Petersen noted that he will be attending the Silicon Valley Bike Summit on August 8, 2017, which will be hosted by Microsoft and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. He also announced that this year's Ciclovía event will be held on Sunday, October 15th and requested a presentation from Ciclovía organizers at a future meeting.

Committee member Jeff Wriedt noted that we need to enforce and encourage bicycle safety to all bicycle riders, and educate cyclists on wrong-way riding.

Committee member Johnson announced that pedestrian sharrows are coming soon to Carmel.

Committee member Lisa Rheinheimer announced that starting on September 2nd there will be free weekend transit service on a few Monterey-Salinas Transit bus lines. Please contact Monterey-Salinas Transit.

Eddy Fredrick member of the public expressed concern on teaching children how to ride the correct way on the road year-round.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flescher adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.