

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

Draft Minutes of September 28, 2016 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

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TAMC STAFF	SEP 15	OCT 15	DEC 15	JAN 16	FEB 16	MAR 16	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E
B. Green, Assistant Trans. Planner											P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	P	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Martinez	Access Monterey Peninsula	MacGregor Eddy	We Could Car Less
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Reed Sanders	Senator Cannella's staff
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Cynthia Suverkrop	Oak Hills Resident	Mayor Gunter	City of Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance. He welcomed Salinas Mayor Gunter and expressed his condolences to Executive Director Hale on her step father's passing.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck pulled item 3.1.4 as revised for discussion, and pulled item 3.2.1 to be agenized at a future date.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked staff for responding to her concern that the speed is horrendous and extremely dangerous on San Juan Road between Red Barn and Watsonville. She noted that the volume and speed continue to be dangerous through that area.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Craig/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of August 24, 2016.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for August 2016 and credit card statements for the months of July 2016.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

3.1.4

M/S/C Craig/Edelen/unanimous

Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with the County of Monterey for 20 West Market Street to be used as a temporary warming shelter, pending Agency County approval.

Staff pulled this item for discussion; Caltrans has expressed concerns with the lease. Board member Craig expressed the urgency of this shelter, noting there is a significant homeless population and it is going to get cold. Aileen Loe reported that staff will work quickly on resolving their concerns.

Public comment:

Salinas Mayor Gunter commented that the City of Salinas has worked with Caltrans in past, and has used city funds to clean up the highways. He noted that this needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

3.1.5 Adopted proposed amendments to the Agency bylaws to allow for a second Rail Policy Committee representative from South Monterey County.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding the School Bike Safety Training Contract:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Ecology Action, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed amount of \$10,000, to provide bicycle safety trainings at schools in Monterey County during Bike Month;
2. Approved the use of Transportation Development funds budgeted to this purpose;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel; and
4. Approved sole source procurement finding.

This item was moved to a future date.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Received state legislative update and adopted positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding City of Seaside Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Seaside to reprogram \$1,588.00 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Broadway Avenue Project; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – No meeting this month
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft August 3, 2016
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft August 1, 2016
 - Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month.
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4. PACIFIC GROVE CORRIDOR STUDY

M/S/C Huitt/Deal/unanimous

The Board received a presentation and approved the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Study.

Nico Letunic, lead planning consultant for the Highway 68 corridor study presented the Study. He reported the Transportation Agency in partnership with the City of Pacific Grove and Caltrans studied State Route 68 Corridor in Pacific Grove to identify improvements that will provide safer access for all modes of travel. The goal of the study is to create a more “complete” corridor that improves safety and serves the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and people of all ages and abilities.

Board member Huitt thanked Mr. Letunic for a good summary of report; he also thanked Caltrans John Olenik, and Ariana Green for her strong leadership as TAMC’s project manager. He noted that there was extensive public outreach; the cost of the project was very reasonable, and thanked Caltrans for funding the project. Board alternate Deal concurred with Huitt and noted that the public outreach was phenomenal.

5. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

M/S/C Salinas/Orozco/unanimous

The Board received presentation on efforts to identify potential new projects for the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported the Active Transportation Plan is an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. She noted that the focus of the plan update is to match State Active Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects. The plan will be optimized to position projects for the state grant application guidelines.

She announced the City of Salinas Ciclovía returns for the fourth year in a row on Sunday, October 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm, Alisal Street, from Sanborn Street to Salinas Street will open up for community members to enjoy recreational activities, such as running, biking, skating, dancing, playing and many others. TAMC will be giving away free bicycle helmets and is working with the City of Salinas to install temporary protected bicycle lanes on one block of Alisal.

Public comment:

Cynthia Suverkrop, Oak Hills resident expressed her support for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, noting someday hope the board will consider a bikeway from Oak Hills to Castroville and Prunedale. She also thanked the Board for installing the safety improvements along Highway 156, the radar speed feedback machine and the speed signage.

6. CALIFORNIA ROAD CHARGE PILOT PROGRAM

M/S/C Potter/Craig/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on the California Road Charge Pilot Program.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported revenue from the existing excise tax on gasoline has eroded due to inflation and increasingly fuel-efficient vehicles. The decline in the value of the gasoline excise tax has resulted in the need for the State to explore alternative revenue sources that may be implemented in lieu of the gas tax. The California State Legislature passed (and Governor Brown signed) SB 1077, creating the Road Charge Pilot Program. Road charge is a funding mechanism that allows drivers to support road maintenance based on the distance they travel rather than the amount of gasoline they consume. He noted that the Road Charge Pilot Program does not have a financial impact on the Agency. However, declining gas tax revenues have led to funding cuts in the State Transportation Improvement Program, where the share for Monterey County was reduced by \$16.1 million for the 2016 program.

Board member LeBarre expressed concerns with this program, noting it could disproportionately affect rural communities, especially the low-income. Board member LeBarre stated the focus should be on raising gas tax. . Aileen Loe, Caltrans commented that this is a “pilot-test program”, she noted that the legislators asked that this test be done, noting it is important to explore what will help us move forward. She also noted that there is no intent to charge for private road use.

Board member Huitt thanked staff for participating in the program and noted that we need to keep an open mind, this is a pilot program and we have inadequate funding for transportation.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concerns that trades people often work long distances as such would be overly burdened by a per mile road charge. Mrs. Matt also stated concerns that the elderly are being overloaded with technology and would not know how to participate in a road charge program.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, Caltrans Chief Deputy for Planning and Modal Programs, announced Caltrans released the Caltrans Transportation Plan 2040 the vision of the CTP 2040 is a fully integrated, multimodal, sustainable transportation system that supports the three outcomes that define quality of life: prosperous economy, human and environmental health, and social equity.

Mile Marker: This quarterly publication provides a transparent, plain language accounting of Caltrans' Performance and is available here: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/>

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that passenger counts continue to increase. He announced the Airports anniversary celebration on October 1st, the Airport has been in business since 1941. In conclusion, he reminded the Board to “Fly Monterey”.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced MST will continue the weekend trolley service in Monterey, and thanked the city for funding the service. She also announced thanks to a federal grant MST will be buying two electric buses for the Salinas area.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – No report this month.

8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

Board member Potter reported that on September 21st, he, Director Hale and Principal Planner Watson attended the Capital Corridor Joint Powers meeting in Suisun City to testify in favor of the rail extension to Salinas.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Executive Director Muck introduced TAMC new staff member Bernard Green, Transportation Planner, Bernard will be working on the 511 Rideshare program. He announced the City of Salinas Ciclovía returns for the fourth year in a row on Sunday, October 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm. Director Muck reported that the Governor vetoed AB2730, this bill would have required the net proceeds from the sale of any surplus properties originally acquired for the Prunedale Bypass, to be reserved in the State Highway Account for allocation to other State highway projects in the State Highway Route 101 corridor. In conclusion, he announced Ariana Green gave birth to two healthy baby boys.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member LeBarre thanked Caltrans for their work in south county.

Chair Armenta reminded the board members that the Executive Director and Counsel evaluation forms are due to him on Friday, October 7, 2016.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.