

DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Alejandro Chavez (Chair),
John Phillips (1st Vice Chair), Robert Huitt (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
Luis Alejo (County representative), Ed Smith (City representative)*

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Craig, Huitt, Phillips and alternate Gonzalez for Alejo. Staff present: Goel, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Wright. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, Javier Gomez, Supervisor Alejo's office; and MacGregor Eddy, columnist, *We Could Car Less*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee member Huitt and seconded by Smith, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 4, 2017.

END OF CONSENT

4. On a motion by Committee members Smith and seconded by Craig, the committee voted 5 – 0 to provide direct staff to bring the draft fiscal year 2017/18 Agency budget and Overall Work Program to the Board of Directors.

Rita Goel, reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program.

The proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 operating expenditure budget is \$2,842,024, a net increase over fiscal year 2016-2017 of \$225,286. The proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is \$21,145,861 a net increase over fiscal year 16/17 of \$6,280,066. This increase is primarily due to a shift in expenditures on the Rail Extension to Salinas project, and the addition of the Measure X program expenditures.

Committee member Craig asked if TAMC will hire a new administration staff for Measure X as part of the \$200,000 per year administration costs. Deputy Director Muck replied this budget did not include a new hire, but after evaluating Measure X work flow activities, TAMC will determine if additional staff or consultant services are required.

Deputy Director Muck highlighted the draft Overall Work Program. He reported that the work program goes hand-in-hand with the budget. The annual Agency Overall Work Program describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year beginning July 1, and ending June 30. After the draft Overall Work Plan is approved by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors at their February 22 meeting the draft plan will be submitted to Caltrans, who reviews the document and provides comments on the state funded activities in the plan. Agency staff then incorporates comments from Caltrans, as well as comments received from the Transportation Agency Board, into a final proposed Overall Work Program to be presented to the Board of Directors in May for adoption in conjunction with the fiscal year 2017/18 budget.

Noting Measure X seems to be the Agency's priority, Committee member Craig expressed concerns with the prioritization of the Rail to Salinas and Highway 156 projects, and why they were not moving forward. Deputy Director Muck noted that the Rail project is moving along, with property acquisition and the Highway 156 tolling study is taking longer than expected due to travel demand model issues. Craig asked that the Agency provide regular updates for the projects.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, concerning the employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Agency Counsel Reimann reported that direction was given to staff.

6. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of February 22, 2017:

Deputy Director Muck reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. He reported that the Board will hold an Unmet Transit Needs Hearing. The Board will receive a debrief on the election results of Measure X, the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, an update on the proposed property acquisitions for the Salinas Rail Extension, and the draft Work Program and three-year budget.

On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve Resolution 2017-03 apportioning Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-18, and approve the amendment #1 to the contract with Pathways for Wildlife extending the term of the agreements to December 31, 2017.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.