

DRAFT MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (X-TOC)
July 17, 2018 Meeting

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

Voting Members	APR 17 2017	JUL 18 2017	OCT 17 2017	JAN 16 2018	APR 17 2018	JUL 17 2018	OCT 16 2018	JAN 15 2019
Kevin Dayton, Chair Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association (Rick Giffin)	P A	P P	P A	P A	P A	P A		
Cesar Lara Transit Users (Monica Gurmilan)	P —	P —	P E	A P	P A	A A		
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters (Howard Fosler)	P P	E P	A P	P P	P P	P P		
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association (Jack Jensen)	P P	P A	P A	P P	P P	P A		
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency (Teresa Sullivan)	P P	P E	P A	P E	P A	P A		
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate (Claire Rygg)	E P	P E	P A	P A	P A	A A		
Rod Smalley Labor Organization (Glen Schaller)	P A	P P	P A	P A	P A	P P		
Christie Cromeenes Central Coast Builders Association (Cliff Fasnacht)	P P	P A	P A	A A	A A	P A		
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce (John Bailey)	P P	P A	P A	P A	P A	P A		
Dan Limesand Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (Jody Hansen)	P P	P P	P A	P A	E P	P P		
Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation (Sarah Hardgrave)	P A	P P	P P	P P	P P	P P		
Barbara Meister Hospitality (Gary Cursio)	P P	P P	P P	P P	E A	P E		
Norm Groot Agriculture (Kurt Gollnick)	P P	P A	E E	P A	P A	P A		
Joshua Jorn Education (Ruben Parra, Patrick Deberdt)	P P P	P A A	A A A	A A A	A A A	A P P		

Paula Getzelman South County (Carol Kenyon)	P E	P A	P P	P P	P P	P P		
Chris Barrera Latino Organization (Vacant)	P -	E -	P -	P -	P -	P -		
Ron Rader North County (Scott Freeman)	P E	P A	P A	P A	P A	P A		
Heidi Zamzow Pedestrian (Vacant)	- -	- -	P -	P -	P -	A -		
Anthony Tomas Rocha Youth/College (Vacant)	- -	A -	P -	P -	E -	P -		
Sean Hebard Construction (Keith Severson)	E E	P A	E P	P E	P A	E E		
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P		
Kay Reimann, Transportation Agency Council	P							
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner			P	P	P			
Rich Deal, Transportation Engineer			P	P				
Ariana Green, Transportation Planner				P		P		
Rita Goel, Deputy for Administration & Finance					P			
Dave Delfino, Finance Director					P			
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Rae Jett - Graniterock						P		
Dennis McElroy – Graniterock						P		
Mike Butler - MST						P		
Lysander Caceras – TAMC Intern						P		
Daniel Hernandez- Sustainability Salinas						P		
Andy Smith, Andy Smith Company						P		
Janie Smith, Andy Smith Company						P		

P-PRESENT

E-EXCUSED

A-ABSENT

- VACANT POSITION

1. **WELCOME**

Kevin Dayton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Chair Dayton asked each member to introduce themselves and for Theresa Wright, TAMC's Community Outreach Coordinator, to use their introductions as a roll call, by noting who was present. Chair Dayton also asked TAMC staff and members of the public to introduce themselves.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Dayton called for public comment. Andy Smith, a member of the public, expressed his concerns about the number of accidents that have occurred along Highway 101 at Spence Road, Hartnell Road and Potter Road. Making use of the conference room white board, he diagrammed the problem areas and illustrated his suggestions to make safety improvements by building an overpass at Harris Road and extend Abbot Street. Mr. Smith's daughter, Janie, offered additional remarks on their safety concerns about the corridor. Chair Dayton thanked them for their comments. He then proceeded to items on the consent agenda.

3. **APPROVE THE eXcellent COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2018**

Chair Dayton asked if any members wanted any item pulled from the consent agenda. Member Fosler said that he had a question related to the minutes and asked that they be pulled from the consent agenda. After the minutes were pulled, Mr. Fowler noted that the report on the Measure X audit stated that the revenue generated was \$26 million, exceeding the Agency's estimate of \$20 million annually. Mr. Fosler said this was a notable difference and wanted to know why. Debbie Hale, Executive Director, TAMC, answered that the Agency chose to be conservative in their estimate to account for the years, such as this one, where the revenue might exceed the projected annual amount and for other years, where a down-turn in the economy would generate less revenue during the 30-year term of the Measure.

Mr. Fosler said he also wanted to know if the 3.59% bonding rate listed in the staff report for the City of Salinas was a good figure. Ms. Hale said yes and explained why. Mr. Fosler said he was satisfied with the answers to his questions.

Chair Dayton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17th meeting. The motion was made by member Cromeenes, seconded by member Groot and passed unanimously. The Chair proceeded to items on the regular agenda.

4. **RECEIVE UPDATE ON SB 1 GAX TAX AND VEHICLE FEES REPEAL ACT**

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the proposed ballot measure to repeal the new Senate Bill 1 gas taxes and vehicle fees, and the delays this repeal would have on the delivery of priority Measure X projects in Monterey County. Ms. Watson reported that for the first time in 25 years, the gas tax was raised to address the billions of dollars of backlogged transportation infrastructure needs in the state. She said the purpose of the measure was to keep up with inflation and to make up for the lost revenues due to increasing fuel efficiency of vehicles. She added that the cost of these combined fees and taxes to the average California motorist is \$8 per month.

Ms. Watson further reported that the revenue from the gas tax for Monterey County has been significant and provided a breakdown of the nearly \$77 million dollars Monterey County has received for programs to improve local highways, city and county roads and transit services.

Ms. Hale concluded by adding that the repeal ballot initiative had gathered the required signatures and that it would appear on the November ballot as Proposition 6.

Committee members asked what would happen if the gas tax was repealed and how its repeal would impact current and future projects. The subsequent discussion included an explanation of how the gas tax revenues have so far matched Measure X funds on a 1 to 1 basis, doubling the money for local projects. Staff also noted that the recently approved Proposition 69 protects these transportation funds from being siphoned off to fund non-transportation projects. In response to a question, staff noted that an SB 1 repeal would reduce State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding for roadway and rail projects, such as Imjin Parkway, State Route 156 improvements, US 101 improvements south of Salinas, and the Rail Extension to Monterey County. If the projects are defunded by the voters, it would result in delays, down-scoping and in some cases, deleting projects from the countywide list of priorities.

RECEIVE REGIONAL MEASURE X PROJECT UPDATE

5. Mr. Todd Muck, Deputy Director, provided an update on the status of regional Measure X projects, including the current and planned usage of SB 1 gas tax and vehicle fee revenues as matching funds for these projects.

Mr. Muck stated that Measure X was estimated to raise \$20 million annually (and it raised \$26 million in 2017/18): 40% for regional projects and programs and 60% for local projects. The newly-approved SB 1 gas taxes and vehicle fees are anticipated to provide matching funds for most of these projects. He then proceeded to update the committee on which regional Measure X projects are moving forward towards project delivery, leveraging matching funds from state gas taxes, vehicle fees, and other sources. They are:

- Imjin Parkway Safety & Traffic Flow Project
- Fort Ord Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project
- Scenic State Route (SR) 68 Safety & Traffic Flow Project
- SR 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange Project
- Holman Highway SR 68-Pacific Grove Project
- Highway 1 Rapid Bus Corridor Project
- Habitat Preservation-Advanced Mitigation

He noted in his presentation that each of these projects are seeking matching funds from the new gas tax and vehicle licenses fees enacted by SB 1. He said these projects are now at risk, of either being delayed, down-scoped or deleted if the gas tax repeal measure is approved by voters. He added that polls are showing that initially half of the voters support and half oppose the repeal, but as they receive more information about the projects funded, a clear majority of voters oppose the repeal. He also said that many of the voters appreciated the fact that SB 1 gas taxes and fee revenues help support lifeline transit service in Monterey County, and provide the matching funds needed to construct Measure X priority projects. Mr. Muck concluded by saying that TAMC has taken an “oppose” position on the gas tax repeal initiative.

Committee members asked questions about each project and acknowledged that the Agency had done an excellent job of leveraging Measure X funds, as promised. They thanked Mr. Muck for his regional project presentation and said they would like a similar presentation from local jurisdictions about their Measure X projects. After further discussion, the committee asked that staff send a request to the City of Salinas to present to the committee on their Measure X projects at the October meeting.

Chair Dayton, called for public comment. Receiving none, he proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE MEASURE X SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ariana Green, Transportation Planner, presented an update on the Measure X-funded initiative, Safe Route to School Program. Ms. Green explained that the program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. She further stated that this program sets a vision and identifies goals, objectives and types of programs and activities that can be funded. She stressed that central to the success of the Measure X Safe Routes to School program is the ability to effectively collaborate with other agencies to reach program goals. To ensure regular opportunities for communication and collaboration, she said that agencies and organizations have been invited to participate in a Safe Route to School Task Force facilitated quarterly by TAMC staff.

Ms. Green reviewed the following activities accomplished in the first year of the program:

- Adopted Guidelines;
- Obtained a Planning Grant for a Seaside/Marina Safe Routes to Schools plan;
- Set a Goal of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education for all Second and Fifth Graders.

She reported that the following major Safe Routes to School projects are scheduled for fiscal year 2018/2019:

- Develop a comprehensive Measure X Safe Routes to School Website;
- Apply for Active Transportation Program Grants for infrastructure improvements and education programming;
- Develop data maps for schools in Seaside & Marina;
- Coordinate with County Health Department on education and outreach in the Salinas Valley; and
- Develop mini-grant program guidelines

After the presentation, members asked questions about the program and requested that a list of the members of the Safe Route to School Task Force be sent to the oversight committee and that the list be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Following the discussion, Chair Dayton, called for public comment. Receiving none, he proceeded to announcements and/or comments.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Dayton called for announcements and/or comments.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, stated that the next meeting would be held at the same location of the current meeting, the Agricultural Center Conference Room, 1428 Abbott Street, in Salinas. She then asked Chair Dayton if the committee was committed dividing up the quarterly meetings so that 2 meetings were held in Salinas and 2 meetings were held on the Monterey Peninsula each year. In response to Chair Dayton's inquiry, committee members agreed to the suggestion. Chair Dayton then suggested that the meetings should be alternated back and forth between the 2 locations.

With no further announcements or comments, Chair Dayton proceeded to adjourn the meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:51p.m.