

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2018 TAMC BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE

Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 ABBOTT STREET, SALINAS

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1 – 2nd Vice Chair (L. Gonzales ; J. Gomez)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (C. Lopez, P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 - (Y. Anderson)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Hardy, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Dallas)	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (L. Buckley, K. Clark)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (J. Lopez , R. Bonincontri)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
L. Santibanez, Greenfield	E	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	-	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey (A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove – 1st Vice Chair (C. Garfield , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (J. Gunter)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	E	P	E	P	E	E	-	P(A)	-
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad - Past Chair (F. Ledesma)	P	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , B. Patel, S. Vienna)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Lee, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik,)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey)	-	-	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	-
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (M. Hernandez, H. Harvath , L. Rheinheimer)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	-	P
E. Montesino, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	-	-	-	-	P	P	E	P	-	P
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)		P	P	P(A)	-	-	P(A)	P (A)	P	-

TAMC STAFF	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
A. Green, Assoc. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Assoc. Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Holly Andrus-Harris	U.S. 101 Traffic Safety Alliance
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Jayne Smith	U.S. 101 Traffic Safety Alliance
David Cardoza	Access Monterey Peninsula	Scott Davis	City of Salinas, TAMC Alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board member Edelen led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Phillips called for a moment of silence honoring former president George H.W. Bush who passed away on November 30, 2018.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Holly Andrus-Harris, representing the South of Salinas U.S. 101 Traffic Safety Alliance, expressed concerns with the safety on the US 101 Corridor. The corridor south of Salinas are overburdened due to the traffic diversion and traffic safety issues along the corridor. She noted that there has been a significant increase in traffic and several serious collisions. She stated that people need to get home and to activities safely.

Jayne Smith, representing the South of Salinas U.S. 101 Traffic Safety Alliance, commented that the alliance is committed to working together with the community and local, state and federal leaders to identify a long-term solution aimed at keeping motorists safe along the US 101 corridor south of Salinas.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Alejo/Chavez/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda. Scott Davis, alternate for the City of Salinas, voted on the Consent Agenda; Boardmember Craig arrived after the Consent Agenda was approved.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of October 24, 2018.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written in October 2018 and credit card statements for the month of September 2018.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2019 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Approved Resolution 2018-19 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Released call for 2019 Bicycle Secure Program applications.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received report on Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant application to prepare a Safe Routes to School Plan to improve access to schools in Salinas.
- 3.3.2** Received update on 2018 state elections.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Received the fiscal year 2016-2017 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.
- 3.4.2** Received Call Box Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
- 3.4.3** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
 - 1. Approved the request by the City of Gonzales to program \$43,424.86 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Alta Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project; and
 - 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

3.4.4 Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Soledad to program \$190,287.80 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

3.4.5 Regarding Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge Decorative Treatment:

1. Approved the use of funds from the Regional Surface Transportation Program set-aside for Complete Streets in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000 for the design, fabrication and installation of decorative treatments on the Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Bridge; and
2. Authorized the Transportation Agency's executive director to execute an agreement (subject to legal counsel approval) with the Art's Council for Monterey County to manage the design, fabrication and installation of the decorative treatments on the Castroville bridge.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Approved Resolution 2018-18 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Master Agreement and subsequent documents with Caltrans related to the funding award to the Monterey County Rail extension project via the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program, pending approval by Agency Counsel.

3.5.2 Regarding Rail Network Integration Study Request for Proposals (RFP):

1. Approved Request for Proposals for consultants to prepare a Rail Network Integration Study, subject to Agency Counsel and Caltrans approval;
2. Authorized staff to publish the RFP and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval a consultant team;
3. Approved the use of funds allocated to this project for this agreement in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000; and
4. Approved the use of \$150,000.

3.5.3 Regarding Salinas Rail Project Storm Drain Reimbursement Agreement:

1. Approved and authorized Executive Director to execute agreements with the City of Salinas to reimburse for storm drain relocation work associated with the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center project, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$89,315, for the period ending June 30, 2019;
2. Approved the use of funds from the approved project budget for design and construction, pending approval of construction funding by the California Transportation Commission on December 5-6, 2018; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

3.5.4 Regarding 17 Station Place Settlement Agreement:

1. Approved the real estate acquisition settlement agreement with Elaine Molinari for one parcel located at 17 Station Place for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project by increasing the \$651,000 currently deposited in the State Condemnation Fund as just compensation for the property by \$64,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$715,000;
2. Approved the payment of statutory costs not to exceed the amount of \$4,000;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
4. Authorized the use of no more that \$68,000 from Agency funds budgeted to this project for a total settlement not-to-exceed amount of \$719,000.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

No items this month

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – November 7, 2018
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – November 7, 2018
- Rail Policy Committee – November 5, 2018
- Technical Advisory Committee – November 1, 2018
- eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No meeting this month

3.7.2 Received selected correspondence sent and received by the Transportation Agency for December 2018.

4. APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**M/S/C** Edelen/Orozco/unanimous

The Board Appointed Board members Chavez and Salinas as Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 23, 2019 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 22, 2020 Board meeting.

5. PAJARO TO PRUNEDALE CORRIDOR STUDY

The Board received a presentation on the Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor Study proposed conceptual improvements.

Grant Leonard, Associate Transportation Planner, reviewed the draft conceptual improvements for the heavily-traveled Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor route. The study is evaluating how to improve operations, safety, maintenance, and stormwater management to accommodate current and future travel patterns along the G12 Corridor (San Miguel Canyon Road - Hall Road - Salinas Road - Porter Drive) that links US 101 to State Route 1 from Pajaro to Prunedale in North Monterey County.

Mr. Leonard noted that the concepts include a mix of traffic safety and operational improvements for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians in the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, and Prunedale. These proposed improvements include: adding roundabouts or traffic signals at major intersections, adding center turn lanes, filling in sidewalk gaps, adding bicycle lanes, and enhancing crosswalks. Three community workshops provided the opportunity for public input on the concepts. Comments can also be made on the project website, <https://pajarotoprunedalestudy.org/en/index.asp>. The final draft Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor study recommendations are anticipated to be released in early 2019 for final public review and considered by the TAMC Board for acceptance in March 2019.

In response to questions, Mr. Leonard noted that distracted driving does factor into some of the safety data. He explained that a traffic signal is recommended at Langley Canyon Road rather than a roundabout due to the dominant flow of traffic on San Miguel Canyon Road and the proximity of the signal at Moro Road. He further noted that the railroad bridge could likely be widened by cantilevering bike lanes/paths rather than a reconstruction, but that would need future study. With regards to questions from Boardmember Adams regarding safety data, Mr. Leonard noted that there is not information on whether motorists traveling the corridor are residents or visitors. He added that during peak periods that traffic is at a standstill at the intersections and that during the non-peak times is when safety issues relating to speeding occur.

Boardmember Phillips noted that the County is working to address a safety issue at Fruitland Road, ahead of this project. Boardmember Alejo thanked TAMC for prioritizing improvements in this corridor. Board ex officio Sedoryk noted that there are significant public transportation populations in this corridor and asked that the study consider public safety at bus stops. Boardmember Smith asked that commercial vehicles and interactions with farm trucks also be considered. Board ex officio Montesino thanked the team for the proposed improvements to make it safer for biking and walking in Pajaro.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, noted that the truck traffic in the corridor has increased since the two

interchanges had been completed. She stated her concerns that the improvements may attract more traffic to the corridor. She expressed her hope that the improvements will make it safer for residents exiting Langley Canyon Road onto San Miguel Canyon Road.

6. SALINAS RAIL PROJECT CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PACKAGE 1 - LINCOLN AVENUE EXTENSION AND RELATED STATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS

M/S/C Rubio/Alejo/unanimous

The Board received an update on the Monterey County Rail Extension project, including the work at the Salinas Rail station; approved the draft notice to bidders and special provisions for construction of Salinas Rail Project, Package 1, pending approval of state funding for construction, subject to Agency Counsel and Caltrans approval; authorized the Executive Director to publish the final bid documents and any addenda, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and approved the use of construction funds from the approved project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$11.2 million, pending approval of the allocation by the California Transportation Commission at their December 5-6, 2018 meeting.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, provided a project overview on the overall Monterey County Rail Extension project and current work at the Salinas Train Station. In response to a question from Board member LeBarre, Ms. Watson confirmed that the Soledad and King City stations will be included in the network integration study that TAMC will start in 2019. In response to a question from Board member Alejo, she noted that station plans allocate room for five MST buses, as well as Amtrak and Greyhound bus service, but that Monterey-Salinas Transit does not plan to move the Salinas Transit Center to the train station.

Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that approval of release of the Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions will enable the Agency to seek bids from qualified construction teams to construct Package 1 improvements. Package 1 includes: the extension of Lincoln Avenue for signalized access to the Salinas Train Station, circulation and parking improvements, bicycle and pedestrian access, landscaping and lighting improvements.

Chair Phillips noted that he is pleased to see this project moving forward. Board member Craig stated that the City of Salinas is very motivated to see the start of construction of extension of Lincoln Avenue into the train station, and the City is committed to work with TAMC to have the passenger rail project move forward in a timely manner.

Board member Alejo noted he had questions regarding proposed intermodal freight transfer facility that the Rail Policy Committee was briefed on, regarding whether there would be an impact on the proposed passenger rail service and its facilities. Board member Craig indicated that the City of Salinas would not entertain the freight proposal if it were to have a negative impact on passenger rail.

7. **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board recognized outgoing Board Members Kimbley Craig, Jerry Edelen, Carolyn Hardy, Ralph Rubio, Simon Salinas and Leah Santibanez leave the Transportation Agency Board of Directors at the end of 2018. It was noted that these departures represented an important loss of institutional knowledge gained over many years. For example, Board members Craig, Edelen, Rubio, and Salinas served as the TAMC Board Chair, on the Executive Committee and were leaders in developing the Measure X Transportation Safety and Improvement Plan. Several board members and the Executive Director expressed thanks to these “transportation champions” for their dedication and years of service in support of regional transportation improvements.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – John Olejnik, Caltrans District 5, reported that SB 1 projects are continuing due to the California voters opting to preserve a state tax on gasoline, deciding that funding major transit initiatives was worth more than the potential to save money at the pump. He noted that Caltrans finalized the call for the next round of planning grants as of November 30, 2018. He added that the Caltrans Mile Marker magazine is now available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/>. Board member Edelen thanked Caltrans for its quick placement of a new sign on Highway 218.

Monterey Regional Airport District – No report

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported on December 14th, the Air Resources Board will be taking a vote on a mandate that will require all public transit fleets to be 100% zero emissions by 2040. He noted that MST and the Transit Association is supportive of the goal but have concerns that once the mandate is in affect that transit operators will lose access to incentive funding and making it an unfunded mandate to meet the state goal. MST is also looking for the Air Resources Board to allow flexibility in meeting the zero emissions goal based on financial feasibility and new technology. He also reported that unless a federal budget is approved, MST will have difficulty meeting its cash flow needs starting in February, 2019.

Mr. Sedoryk announced that for those wearing First Night Monterey buttons, free rides are available on all operating MST bus lines (operating on a Saturday schedule) beginning at 3:00 pm on New Year’s Eve, December 31, 2018.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman announced the Salinas Valley Sustainability Fair and Electric Vehicle Test Drive on January 19, 2019, 3:00 pm, at Salinas City Hall. He reported six new electric vehicle charging stations in the Prunedale Shopping Center are now fully operational.

California State University Monterey Bay – No report

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

None this month.

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale reported:

- Grant Leonard is departing TAMC and has accepted a planning job with the County of Monterey; she noted that Grant has been a tremendous asset to the agency, and that TAMC is fortunate that he will continue to manage the Pajaro to Prunedale study until it is completed.
- TAMC staff is coordinating with FORA on the funding of regional projects as the Authority transitions towards its legislative expiration in 2020. A transition agreement between TAMC and FORA will likely be forthcoming in 2019.
- The Bicycle Secure Program has released its applications for funding for bicycle racks, bicycle shelters, skateboard racks and bicycle repair stations. Applications due February 1, 2019.
- TAMC is accepting applications for its annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The awards honor Monterey County residents, businesses, employees, individuals, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system and will be presented at the January 23, 2010 Board meeting.
- The TAMC office will close for the holidays from December 24th through January 1st.
- The Executive Committee will be held on January 9, 2019.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Phillips expressed his thanks to all Board members and staff during his year as Transportation Agency Chair.

Board member Craig encouraged board members to go paperless on TAMC agenda packets.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.