

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2019 TAMC BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE
Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 ABBOTT STREET, SALINAS

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, 1st Vice Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, Past Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Barrpn)	E	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. LIntell)	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	-	P	-	P	P*	P	P	P(A)	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 2nd Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	E	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (C.Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	E	-	P(A)	-	-	-	P	P	P	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Lee , O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik, K, McClendon)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey)	P(A)	P	-	P	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport District	P	-	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (H. Harvath; L. Rheinheimer)	P	P	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	-	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	E	P	-	P	P*	-	P	-	P	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P(A)	P (A)	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)

TAMC STAFF	AUG 18	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Green, Assoc. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/Sr. Adm.	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	David Cardoza	Access Monterey Peninsula
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
John Olejnik	Caltrans District 5	Norm Groot	Monterey County Farm Bureau
Gary Cursio	Monterey Co. Hospitality Assoc	Cathy Alameda	Monterey County resident
Sig & Dell Matt	Prunedale residents	Laura Giudici Mills	Monterey County resident
Irene Garcia	Monterey County resident	John Huerta Jr.	Greenfield resident
Henry Gonzales	Monterey County Agriculture Commissioner	Grant Leonard	North Monterey County resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Clerk of the Board Rodriguez confirmed a quorum was established. Board member Jane Parker led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda with the exclusion of item 3.3.1: Executive Director Hale pulled this item for comment.

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 May 22, 2019.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for May 2019 and credit card statements for the month of April 2019.

- 3.1.3** Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Agreement for Accounting Services:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract Amendment #1 with Oppidea LLC in an amount not to exceed \$28,020 per year for three additional years in order to provide accounting services for the period ending December 2022;
 2. Approved the use of \$28,020 per year for the extended term of the Agreement in funds budgeted for this purpose; and
 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;
- 3.1.5** Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.
- 3.1.6** Authorized the Executive Director to transfer an amount equal to the balance of the City of Gonzales Alta Street Rehabilitation project loan as of June 30, 2019 from the Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Account to the Transportation Agency reserve.
- 3.1.7** Accepted State of California Transportation Development Act Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.
- 3.1.8** Adopted amended Resolution 2019-05 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.
- 3.1.9** Regarding Khouri Contract Amendment 2:
1. Approved contract amendment #2 with Khouri Consulting to extend the time of the contract by four months to October 31, 2019 for \$3,000 per month;
 2. Approve the use of Agency funds budgeted for legislative activities; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** No items this month.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** State Legislative Update:
M/S/C Chavez/Kerr/unanimous
 The Board received an update on state legislative activities and adopted positions on legislation, including the amendment of SB277 to "support if amended" if the percentage changes from 10% to 15% funding for small self- help counties.

- 3.3.2** Regarding Regional Transportation Plan Environmental Impact Report Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement not to exceed \$62,000 with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the preparation of 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities/ Regional Transportation Plan Environmental Impact Report;
 2. Approved the use of \$60,000 in funds budgeted to this project; and
 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.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Received the current list of the representatives appointed to serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Contract Amendment:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Alta Planning + Design, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the contract by a total amount of \$282,478 from \$1,084,008 to \$1,366,486 to provide additional environmental review and preliminary design services;
 2. Approved the use of Measure X funds budgeted to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project;
 3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
 4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.
- 3.4.3** Regarding Every Child Grant Partner Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a fund transfer agreement with the Monterey County Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,167,173;
 2. Authorized the use of "Every Child: Community-Supported Safe Routes to School" project Active Transportation Program grant funding, and Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds as approved in the FY 19/20 budget; and
 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.
- 3.4.4** Regarding Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan:
1. Received the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan;
 2. Released the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan for a 45-day public comment review period; and
 3. Scheduled a public hearing for the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan at the August Transportation Agency Board of Directors Meeting.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding the Salinas Rail Project Storm Drain Reimbursement Agreement Extension:
1. Approved and Authorized Executive Director to extend the agreement with the City of Salinas to reimburse for storm drain relocation work associated with the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center project by six months, to December 31, 2019, with no increase in budget;
 2. 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 term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.5.2** Regarding Geocon Contract Amendment #1:
1. Approved the contract amendment #1 with Geocon Consultants, Inc. to extend the time of the contract by six months to December 31, 2019 with no increase in budget; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – June 5, 2019
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – June 5, 2019
 - Technical Advisory Committee – June 6, 2019
 - Rail Policy Committee – June 3, 2019
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for June 2019.
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4. PAJARO TO PRUNEDALE (G12 CORRIDOR) STUDY APPROVAL**M/S/C** Phillips/Smith/unanimous

The Board Approved the Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor Study as completed, authorized staff to support the County of Monterey on implementing the next stages of project development and grant funding for the Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor, and determined that approval of the Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor Study is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21102, CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility plans).

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, reported the purpose of the study is to identify improvements that will provide safer access to all modes of travel along this 10-mile corridor. In the corridor, 832 collisions and 11 fatalities have occurred during the last five years. The study evaluated current and future travel patterns from Highway 101/San Miguel Canyon Road Interchange in Prunedale to the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange, and from Werner Road to the end of Main Street in Pajaro. The study also explored the feasibility of affordable mid-term and long-term operational and safety improvements in context with other planned regional improvements.

Public Comment:

Residents Dell Matt, Ray Jensen, and business leaders from North County to South County attended the meeting to express their support for two potential safety improvement projects, the “Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor Study” and the “US 101 Improvements South of Salinas.” Each person who spoke urged the Board to do whatever they could to move these potential safety improvement projects forward.

Grant Leonard, north County resident and past project TAMC manager for the study, noted that it involved a strong partnership with Caltrans, TAMC and County of Monterey and encouraged these partners to continue to work together to implement these projects. He noted that there is a lot of public interest in this corridor and a lot of advocates for improving safety in the corridor.

Boardmember Comments:

Board member Phillips expressed his support for the study and emphasized the need to make the improvements in phases. He thanked staff for their work and agreed that it is important to move forward to improve the corridor as soon as possible. He added that the County is working on some interim traffic safety improvements now.

5. US 101 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS SOUTH OF SALINAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**M/S/C** Lopez/Kerr/unanimous

The Board approved the Request for Proposals Scope of Work for the US 101 Expressway to Freeway Conversion Concept Analysis, subject to counsel approval and authorized staff to publish the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and approved the use of funds.

Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the US 101 Expressway to Freeway Conversion Concept Analysis work will involve the development and review of various safety improvement concepts for the corridor using a robust public outreach process, data gathering and traffic modeling.

This solicitation will request proposals from qualified consulting firms to develop and model a range of viable concepts to reduce crashes on US 101. The public outreach process will create a community advisory group that includes landowners, growers, shippers, businesses, residents, and interested parties. The grass-roots citizens group, "US 101 South of Salinas Traffic Safety Alliance," will also be a key partner in the public outreach and concept development process. The result of the study will be a set of publicly supported project concepts to be environmentally reviewed in the next project phase.

Public comment:

Cathy Alameda, representing several farms and her husband, stated that it is becoming impossible to do business on the corridor because it is so dangerous. She encouraged Boardmembers to drive the corridor around 5:00 p.m. to see the need for this corridor to be improved.

Laura Guidici Mills, SOS US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance, read a letter in support of the study due to the high volume of persons injured in collisions on the US 101 corridor. She noted the most recent collision resulted in a fatality, and asked that concept analysis move forward.

John Huerta, Jr., former Mayor, and Art and Irene Huerta, Greenfield residents, expressed their support for the item. He noted that residents of south county would like to be involved in the study and the public process. Art Salvano expressed his support the projects that will be proposed on US 101, not only between Salinas to Chualar but also down to King City. Irene Garcia commented that she has a loved one who drives a big rig and he almost got killed because someone sideswiped him. She noted that they would like to participate in the corridor study so that her community can be part of the safety net.

Henry Gonzales, Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner, provided information and testimony supporting the request for proposals. He noted that Monterey County is 4th largest agriculture producing county in the nation, and trucks hauling these crops, and the 71,000 workers in agriculture in the county both contribute to traffic in the corridor, which makes the project very important.

Norm Groot, Executive Director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau and Measure X oversight committee, spoke in favor of the RFP, noting there are a lot of very close calls one during the day and one at night. He noted that the study will help to understand what the options are and how to address the safety concerns, but it is also important to move forward with improvements as soon as possible.

6. NAPOLITANO LEGISLATION REGARDING AVIATION FUEL SALES TAX

M/S/C Smith/LeBarre/unanimous

The Board agreed to table this item until staff determines the status of the Federal Aviation Administration bill and once it has been clarified bring back to the Board to determine the next move.

Executive Director Hale reported the Federal Aviation Administration adopted a new rule on aviation fuel taxes in 2014. Previously, all fuel excise taxes were required to be used for airport expenses, but sales taxes were exempt from this diversion. Now, the FAA is also applying that rule to sales taxes, including local transportation sales taxes, which could divert voter-approved funding from transportation projects (such as Measure X and Measure Q) or local city sales taxes. The Self-Help Counties coalition is opposing this new rule and seeking federal legislation to specify an exemption.

Bill Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Regional Airport, expressed his opposition to this bill and his concern that the ongoing stalemate with the State of California could jeopardize the airport's funding grants. He noted that the legislation died on the floor yesterday. Mr. Sabo requested that the agency take more time to evaluate this legislation.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, expressed his support for legislation clarifying that excise taxes remain with the airport but local sales taxes must be used for the purposes approved by the voters.

Board member Ogelsby commented that the airport district should be a part of this discussion at the TAMC Executive Committee. TAMC staff replied that an airport representative had been present at the committee's discussion of this recommendation.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Kelly McClendon announced that the Sustainable Highway 1 Workshop will take place at Rancho Canada at 5:30 p.m. this evening.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported the Airport District just acquired the Fenton & Keller land for future use, and is considering a change in the Golden Tee restaurant concessionaire.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, noted that almost a year ago the courts decided that California's pension reform did not deny collective bargaining rights for transit labor in California, but it was not until this past May that the US Department of Labor finally removed their objections and released overdue federal funding to MST. This money was used to purchase 5 new trolleys for service starting in July, and fund bus lines serving South County and North SLO county for another year.

He noted that MST is losing drivers to retirement and is putting into place a small service reduction to better match driver availability. In response to a question from Board member Kerr, Mr. Sedoryk replied that MST can restore the service cuts if they can hire and train 15 to 20 drivers. He added that there is a nationwide bus driver shortage.

Board member Oglesby asked MST to share information on how other cities can get trolley service.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Dave Frisbey announced that their AB 2766 public agency grant program is open for applications. He noted that this year the program will have about \$1 million extra for high scoring projects such as roundabouts, traffic signal coordination, and electric vehicle fleet conversions. He also announced the Monterey Bay Community Power and the Monterey Bay Air Resources District are teaming up to provide major incentives for electric vehicle purchases and leases this year through their Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Incentives Program. Applications are due the second week in July.

California State University Monterey Bay – No report

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

Board member Potter reported that on May 31, 2019, he, Michael LeBarre and Christina Watson attended the Coast Rail Coordinating Counsel in San Luis Obispo. Board Member LeBarre noted that it is a very effective governance unit. State's desire to incorporate all modes of travel is encouraging.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale thanked the MY Museum, TAMC staff Ariana Greene and Rich Deal for their work on the My Town Museum Exhibit at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, which during the month of August will provided a neighborhood playscape featuring a library, store, streets and other elements of vibrant and healthy communities. She noted that the exhibit offers unique opportunities to teach traffic safety skills to young children.

She announced the following workshops taking place this week:

Caltrans Highway 1 Big Sur Sustainability Plan

Wednesday June 26 – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Rancho Canada, Wedgewood Meeting Center
Merienda Ballroom, 4860 Carmel Valley Road

Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway EIR Scoping Meetings

Thursday June 27 – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside

Thursday June 27 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Marina Library, Seaside Circle, Marina

Blue Zones Community Health Workshop

Saturday, June 28 – 1:00 pm English presentation; **3:00 pm** Spanish presentation

Sherwood Hall, North Main Street, Salinas.

In conclusion, Director Hale noted that there will be no TAMC Committee meetings in July, except for the Measure X Transportation Oversight Committee (X-TOC).

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Huitt reminded the Board that they will be receiving the evaluation forms for the Executive Director and Agency Counsel by mail and asked that they send it back promptly to him.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.