

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Held At
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

DRAFT Minutes of Thursday, October 3, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	P(A)		C	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks	P		A				A		A		
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	P	P	N	P		P(A)	N	P	N	P/A	P
R. Mullane, Greenfield			C	P(A)			C		C		
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	P	P	E	P	P		E	P	E	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina, Chair (E. Delos Santos)		P	L	P	P	P	L	P	L	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri)	P(A)	P(A)	L	P(A)	P(A)	P	L	P(A)	L		P
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P(A)	E		P
A. Easterling, Salinas, Vice Chair (J. Serrano)	P(A)	P	D	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (F. Meuer)				P(A)	P	P		P		P	P
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)	P			P(A)		P					P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (B. Slama, E. Waggoner)											
E. Saavedra, MCPW (R. Martinez)	P(A)	P		P	P(A)	P(A)				P	P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development											
S. Vienna, AMBAG (H. Adamson)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P	P					
O. Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P			P(A)	P	P				P	P
M. McCluney, CSUMB	P(A)										
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
J. Brinkmann, FORA (P. Said)	P										
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)	P	P		P(A)	P	P		P			P(A)

STAFF	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19
D. Hale, Exec. Director			C	P	P						P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	P	A	P	P	P		P		P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P		N	P	P	P		P		P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner			C								
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner			E							P	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator			L					P			
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	E	P		P		P			P
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner			D		P	P		P			
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P			P							
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer				P	P	P		P			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Will Conden, AMBAG

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Brian McMinn, City of Marina, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Dobbins/Easterling/unanimous

3.1 APPROVE the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of September 5, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS REVIEW GROUP

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, requested volunteers from Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members to serve on a working group to review and propose updates to the Committee bylaws.

Mr. Deal noted that A TAC member noticed several inconsistencies in the Technical Advisory Committee bylaws and requested a review. This request is to seek volunteers to form a working group to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for edits and changes to the full Technical Advisory Committee.

The following Committee members volunteered:

- Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales
- Brian McMinn, City of Marina
- Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey

5. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, presented on the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process and timeline.

Ms. Jacobsen presented that the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, updated every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay Area, AMBAG incorporates the financial assumptions and project lists included in the Regional Transportation Plans for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long-range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the plan. Public participation is sought after in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for each of the project steps, and as adopted by AMBAG through the Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan.

Octavio Hurtado, City of King, asked where are the projects coming from? Todd Muck, Deputy Director, responded that TAMC will provide a list of all the projects that the jurisdictions have submitted previously to review and update as needed.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked if we're looking to apply for grants, do those projects need be listed? Todd Muck responded, yes, those projects should be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, asked if the process would be for jurisdictions to look at the projects and let TAMC know what needs to be changed? Todd Muck responded yes.

6. SAFE STREETS PILOT PROGRAM

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the proposed Safe Streets Pilot Program.

Ms. Jacobsen presented that TAMC staff is proposing to create a Safe Streets Pilot Program whose goal would be to demonstrate the ability of maintenance projects, such as repaving, to serve as a platform for enhancing bicycle and pedestrian safety in Monterey County.

Under the program, TAMC staff would work with each community to identify an eligible repaving project and work with that community's public works and engineering departments on a "Safe Street" design. TAMC would provide incentive funding, up to a certain amount, for the project to include the bicycle and/or pedestrian safety features.

While communities would be encouraged to propose a pilot project based on their road maintenance schedule, Transportation Agency staff suggests focusing the grant funding on streets and roads that:

- Provide access to a school, community center, or park;
- Are identified for bicycle or pedestrian improvements in TAMC's Active Transportation Plan and/or existing city-level bicycle or pedestrian plans; and/or,
- Provide access to transit.

Michelle Overmeyer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, asked how long the pilot program would last? Madilyn Jacobsen responded that the goal is to complete at least one project before the next Regional Surface Transportation Program grant cycle.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked what size project are you targeting? Todd Muck, Deputy Director, responded that we're trying to incentivize adding extra bike and pedestrian safety to projects that you're already doing, that maybe you thought you couldn't afford.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, asked if the funding could be used for design? Todd Muck responded that if a city has an intersection, for example, that you would like to look at different design options, we could do that.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, asked if there are strings attached with the funding? Todd Muck responded that there are no restrictions within the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, but that this program is designed to be over and above what a jurisdiction was already doing, not to replace existing funding.

Andrea Renny, City of Monterey, asked that since there is limited funding, should there be a cap on the awards? Todd Muck responded that it's a good topic for discussion as we see how many requested are submitted and for how much.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, replied that it would be helpful to show Council the funding is committed for a project. Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, noted that TAMC staff should provide a form for jurisdictions to submit, and asked what is the timeline? Todd Muck responded that staff will prepare a form and that submittals by the end of October would give time to bring approvals to the December TAMC Board.

7. REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, presented on the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.

Mr. Zeller presented that in September, 2016 the State created a pilot program for the development of Regional Conservation Investment Strategies. This program was modified in 2017 to expand its reach to transportation infrastructure agencies. The Transportation Agency recently received a \$375,810 grant from the Caltrans Adaptation Planning grant program to develop the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy. The Transportation Agency is matching this grant with Measure X funds from the Habitat Management / Advance Mitigation program. The receipt of these grant funds leverages the Measure X funds over seven times.

The Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (or Strategy) will assess the vulnerability of species and habitat to climate change related stressors and pressures (temperature shift, precipitation change, drought, and wildfire, among others); develop conservation strategies to improve resiliency from the identified stressors. Conservation actions identified in the Strategy may be then be turned into mitigation credits that can streamline project delivery and result in superior species conservation.

The draft Strategy is anticipated to be available for public review in spring 2020. Once finalized, the Strategy may facilitate advance mitigation planning where environmental mitigation can be achieved in advance of project impacts, resulting in conservation actions that have greater benefit and expedited project delivery.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, announced that the County is beginning a full-depth reclamation project by Arroyo Seco / US-101 to the foothills, and River Road from Gonzales River Road.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, announced that Ciclovía is this Sunday on East Alisal.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, announced that the American Public Works Association meeting is November 20th.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, announced that the Downtown Complete Streets project will be going to Council for approval.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.