

DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

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A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik , K. McClendon)	P(A)	P	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, A. Clymo)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P	-	-	-	P(A)	-	P	P	-	-

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; - unnoticed absence

TAMC STAFF	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	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	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Hansen
Lisa Rheinheimer

County Counsel
Monterey-Salinas Transit

Grant Leonard North County resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Alejo led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Grant Leonard, North County resident, thanked Senator Monning for the Senate Bill 1231, which will allow agencies to adopt a program to protect the salamander as part of the construction of the Highway 156 West improvements. He also thanked the California Transportation Commission for the recommended \$20 million to fund the new interchange on Highway 156 at Castroville Boulevard. Mr. Leonard asked if the \$20 million will cover most of the \$29.5 million needed to build this project. Over \$2.5 million will come from Measure X and asked if the remainder funds will stay on the corridor.

Director Hale replied that the Highway 156 interchange at Castroville Boulevard is now fully funded; any remaining Measure X funds dedicated to that project can be reprogrammed according the process in the ordinance, which requires approval by a majority of the Measure X Committee and the TAMC Board.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Phillips/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Director Hale pulled item 3.1.4 for a change noting that the recommendation is to appoint Board members Luis Alejo and Angela Untalon as the ad hoc TAMC officers' Nominating Committee.

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 28, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2020 and credit card statement for the month of September 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of Contracts Awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Appointed Board members Alejo and Untalon as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 27, 2021 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 27, 2022 Board meeting.
- 3.1.5** Approved calendar year 2021 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

- 3.1.6** Approved Resolution 2020-14 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute amendment No. 1 to the fiscal year 2020/21 Overall Work Program and Budget to incorporate state planning funds carried over from fiscal year 2019/20 and updates information for existing approved funding for the Monterey County Resource Conservation Investment Strategy.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved the appointment of Dr. Celine Pinet to serve as the City of Del Rey Oaks' primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Central Coast Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordination:
1. Approved Resolution 2020-12 authorizing the Agency's participation in the joint submission of a grant application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Program, with the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Ventura counties for the Central Coast Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordination project;
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to complete negotiations, and execute necessary agreements and amendments, pending legal counsel approval, if the Central Coast Coalition is awarded the grant; and
 3. Authorized an amount not-to-exceed \$6,700 from TAMC's Rural Planning Assistance funds, as TAMC's share of the grant match requirements.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan:
1. Approved Resolution 2020-13 authorizing the Agency's participation in a joint Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant with the Monterey County Health Department and Ecology Action for the development of the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan; and
 2. Authorized the use of Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,000 as the grant match.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance - Contract Amendment:
1. Approved Amendment #1 to the contract with Kimley-Horn Associates extending the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance for Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development; and
 2. 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.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #8:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #8 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,869,148, to complete the design work for Package 1 at the Salinas train station, and to extend the deadline by six months from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021;
2. Authorized the use of state funds budgeted to this project;
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; and
4. Approved sole source finding.

3.5.2 Regarding Salinas Rail Project - Union Pacific Railroad Reimbursement Agreement:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute reimbursement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to reviewing Monterey County Rail Extension Kick-Start designs, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000;
2. Authorized the use of Regional Surface Transportation Planning funds for this purpose; 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 contract term or amount.

3.5.3 Regarding Monterey Branch Line Easement to State Parks:

1. Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of California regarding a non-exclusive utility easement for the Fort Ord Dunes State Park;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Memorandum of Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Memorandum of Agreement;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the grant of a non-exclusive utility easement over that portion of the 1st Street Undercrossing within the TAMC rail right-of-way with the State of California for utility purposes for the Fort Ord Dunes State Park in the amount of Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$922.00); and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the non-exclusive utility easement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or significantly change the approved easement term or amount.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of November 4, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of November 2, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 4, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 4, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee - draft minutes of November 10, 2020

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for December 2020.

4. DECLARATION OF APPRECIATION FOR SENATOR BILL MONNING

The Board presented a declaration of Appreciation of Senator William W. Monning for his service on behalf of Monterey County transportation.

Bill Monning has served two terms as State Senator, after serving two terms as Assembly Member, representing Monterey County in Sacramento. His term ends on November 30, 2020. This Declaration of Appreciation celebrates the work that Senator Monning has done on behalf of transportation in Monterey County, including his recent authorship of Senate Bill 1231.

Chair Alejo thanked and commended his friend and advocate for Monterey County for his leadership, for moving forward local projects, and for carrying Senate Bill 1231 to improve safety on the Highway 156 corridor. Several other Board members joined the Chair in commending Senator Monning for his service.

Senator Monning thanked the Board, noting the ability to serve is an honor.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & DRAFT 2021 PROGRAM**M/S/C** Potter/Kerr/unanimously

The Board adopted Certificates of Appreciation for outgoing Board members in recognition of their years of service on the Transportation Agency. The Board thanked and applauded outgoing Board members: Pacific Grove City Councilmember Robert Huitt, Supervisor Jane Parker, Gonzales Mayor Maria Orozco, and Salinas Councilmember Scott Davis.

Due to retirements and election results, certain representatives will be leaving the Transportation Agency Board in 2021. This last meeting of the year provides an opportunity for the Board and staff to thank these members for their services in support of regional transportation improvements over the years. Several members of the Board thanked these outgoing members for their service.

6. PRESENTATION ON THE CALTRANS US 101 BUSINESS PLAN

The Board received a presentation from Caltrans on US 101 Business Plan development process and provided input.

Rich Deal, TAMC Transportation Engineer, introduced the item. He noted that Caltrans District 5 is creating the US 101 Business Plan in collaboration with the US 101 Central Coast Coalition. The US 101 Central Coast Coalition was formed to raise awareness of the US 101 Corridor through three counties within the boundaries of Caltrans District 5. The goal of the Business Plan is to encourage infrastructure investment in the US 101 corridor. The Plan follows the model of the Central Valley's State Route 99 Business Plan, which received \$1 billion in bonds in 2006. The Business Plan will provide the data, strategy, and community support needed to secure financial investment in the US 101 corridor, and it will provide a medium to communicate with policymakers, partners, and the public.

Caltrans District 5 project lead, Kelly McClendon, presented the timeline and process for development of the US 101 Business Plan and asked for Board member input. He noted that US 101 Business Plan provides a roadmap to achieving the corridor's goals, by identifying priority corridor needs and determining how well various improvements will serve the corridor. A financial element will identify the total funding need for the US 101 corridor and explores potential funding sources.

7. FORT ORD BUILDING DEMOLITION - JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH MST**M/S/C**

Parker/Smith/unanimous

Fort Ord Building Demolition Joint Procurement Agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement not to exceed \$1,303,498 with Monterey-Salinas Transit for the joint procurement and sharing of costs for the demolition of properties owned by the agencies located in the former Fort Ord, pending legal counsel approval;
2. Approved the use of \$1,303,498 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.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency owns 12.1 acres of property in the former Fort Ord in the vicinity of Highway 1 and 8th Street. Seven buildings built by the Army between 1941 and 1953 are located on the property. Prior to its sunset, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority secured a bond for base-wide building removal. The Agency is seeking to coordinate the building demolition procurement with Monterey-Salinas Transit to secure cost savings.

Upon the closure of Fort Ord, the Army left behind approximately 1,600 buildings, ranging in age from the early 1900s to the late 1980s. These buildings have become dilapidated over time, contain various forms of hazardous materials and are frequently targeted sites for vandalism and illegal dumping in close proximity to various occupied buildings. The Fort Ord Reuse Authority issued bonds to fund the building removal program prior to its dissolution. At closing, the bonds resulted in proceeds of \$30.7 million. Under the building removal funding agreement approved by the Board in April 22, 2020, the Transportation Agency received 7.0% (or \$1.3 million) of the proceeds after expenses and set-asides. The Transportation Agency may use these bond proceeds only for building removal costs and may not use the funds for administrative costs.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, thanked the TAMC staff who worked on this agreement. Chair Alejo commented this is a good example of the Transportation Agency's partnership with MST.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, the District 5 Director for Planning, Local Assistance and Sustainability, expressed his appreciation for the work that Senator Monning has done on behalf of transportation in Monterey County, including his recent authorship of the successful Senate Bill 1231. He also thanked the California Transportation Commission for the recommended \$20 million to fund the new interchange on Highway 156 and Castroville Boulevard.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the Airport is working hard to expand the number of flights out of Monterey. Passenger flights have increased, and the Airport had tremendous traffic during the Thanksgiving holiday. He reported that Alaska Airlines is providing two same-day flights to San Diego and the Los Angeles and Denver flights are doing well. He also noted that fares are starting to increase and encouraged Board members to book flights early. Mr. Sabo announced that the Airbus has suspended service to San Jose. In conclusion, he noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager & CEO, MST announced that the District was recently recognized by the California Transit Association’s Small Operators Committee as the 2020 recipient of the Transit Innovation & Resiliency Award. The award honors an organization’s outstanding innovation, program, or service demonstrating innovative concepts, effective problem-solving techniques, or promotion of a positive image of transit in the community that benefits Small Operators, in particular, or public transit in general. He also announced Robert Weber, Chief Operating Officer, has retired to become the General Manager for a new transit agency in Sedona, Arizona. Monterey-Salinas Transit will operate limited schedules for the upcoming holidays. For more information, visit mst.org or call 1-888-MST-BUS1 (1-888-678-2871) toll free.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report this month.

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month due to shelter-in-place.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale announced the farewell's to retiree's Rich Deal, Transportation Engineer, since 2017 was the project manager and advocate for the award-winning Holman Highway roundabout, which transformed the acceptance of roundabouts in the County and inspired the Highway 68 Scenic Corridor of roundabouts, and to Agency Counsel Katherine Reimann who has been with us since July 2012, noting she has helped us through the Caltrans Audit, Procurement Policies and legal agreements on Measure X.

She also reported that the Transportation Excellence Awards will be held on January 27, 2021, please submit your nominations before December 4, 2020 for:

- Individual or Group Awards
- Programs, and
- Projects

The ribbon-cutting for the Salinas Rail Station improvements has been moved to January 2021; this will be a COVID-sensitive event with limited attendance. TAMC office closure: December 24th through January 3rd 2021.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into closed session Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. TAMC v. Rodney Karl Neubert and Susan Greco-Neubert, et al., Court Number 20CV000457
2. TAMC v. The Baillie Family Limited Partnership, et al., Court Number 20CV000455
3. TAMC v. Joyce M. Selby and Cheryl Latimer, et al., Court Number 20CV000456

RECONVENED in open session:

Agency Counsel Reimann announced that no reportable action was taken.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.