

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**  
**JOINT POWERS AGENCY**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021 TAMC BOARD MEETING**  
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>MAR 20</b>	<b>APR 20</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>JUN 20</b>	<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>SEP 20</b>	<b>OCT 20</b>	<b>DEC 20</b>	<b>JAN 21</b>	<b>FEB 21</b>
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, <b>Past Chair</b> (L. Gonzales; <del>J. Gomez</del> )	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 <b>County Rep</b> (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
W. Askew, Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Rios, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, <b>Chair</b> (D. Albert; A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Poduri, Pacific Grove, (B. Peake)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, <b>City Representative</b> (C. Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City ( <del>J. Blackwelder</del> ; K. Cruz)	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	-	-	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (A. Velazquez; O. Antillon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, <del>B. Patel, S. Vienna</del> )	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa, J. Olejnik, K. McClendon</del> )	P(A)	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, A. Clymo)	P	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	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis, L. Samuels</del> )	-	-	P(A)	-	P	P	-	-	P(A)	-

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

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D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	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. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	P	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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith 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. Board Member Mike LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Phillips/Adams/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

***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 January 27, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for January 2021 and credit card statement for the month of December 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of Contracts Awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2021 revised schedule of meetings for Agency Executive Committee which changes the meeting start time to 8:30 am.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2021-01 apportioning \$18,342,184 in Fiscal Year 2021-22 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit Agency, as specified.
- 3.2.2** Approved the appointment of Ms. Natalie Popovich to serve as the City of Pacific Grove's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** No items this month.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

- 3.4.1** Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Baseline Agreement, pending Agency Counsel approval, to receive grant funding for the State Route 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Safe Routes to School Education Contract:
1. Approved Renewal and Amendment #1 to the Safe Routes to School Education Contract with Ecology Action extending the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and adding an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; and
  2. Authorized 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.
- 3.4.3** Approved allocating \$35,000 of Regional Surface Transportation Program reserve funds for the North Fremont Gap Closure project in the City of Monterey.
- 3.4.4** Approved the Call Box Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2019 and 2019 - 2020.
- 3.4.5** Authorized the Executive Director to issue a letter to the County of Monterey in support of its Proclamation of a Local Emergency caused by the atmospheric river events that occurred from January 26, 2021 through February 5, 2021.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** Regarding Monterey Branch Line Recreational Use Handcar Lease Agreement:
1. Determined that approval of a Lease Agreement with the Museum of Handcar Technology LLC for a temporary use of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way for a demonstration project for a possible recreational enterprise during the summer or fall of 2021 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15306 (Information Collection);
  2. Approved the Lease Agreement;
  3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Lease Agreement; and
  4. Authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption on the Lease Agreement.

**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 February 3, 2021
  - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of February 1, 2021
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 3, 2021
  - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 4, 2021
  - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – Minutes will be included in March 2021.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for February 2021.

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#### 4. **UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency annually conducts outreach to identify unmet transit needs. This unmet need process is associated with Local Transportation Funds, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act. Ms. Jacobsen noted that the Transportation Agency will be accepting comments on unmet transit needs until April 30, 2021.

The Board held an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing:

Chair Smith opened public hearing on unmet transit needs.

There were no public comments.

Chair Smith Closed the public hearing.

Madilyn Jacobsen indicated that there will be another virtual hearing at the March 31, 2021 MST Mobility Advisory Committee meeting where comments will be accepted. In addition to the hearings, comments can be submitted by mail, by phone, by email and through the TAMC website through April 30, 2021. Ms. Jacobsen concluded that staff would present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June 2021.

#### 5. **DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN**

**M/S/C** Kerr/Chavez/unanimous

The Board authorized Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 21/22 budget and Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review; provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 21/22 through 23/24, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 21/22, and the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan; and directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the Integrated Funding Plan back to the Board on May 26, 2021 for approval.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reported authorization to submit the draft budget and work program for fiscal year 21/22 is necessary to meet Caltrans' review deadline. He noted that the purpose of the Agency's Overall Work Program describes the activities and tasks that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year and provides a snapshot of regional projects the basis for the 2021/22 budget. The Integrated Funding Plan provides a summary of regional projects and programs the Agency is currently working on. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County gets majority of its funding from state sources. The funding is usually specific to the project or program for which it is granted and cannot be used to cover expenditures of a different project or program.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. Direct program expenditures for outside consultants, contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery with continuous funding such as Freeway Service Patrol and Call Box are in the Agency's budget and the Overall Work Program. She noted that the big change in the budgeting process this fiscal year is direct program expenditures for regional projects such as Salinas Rail Extension and Measure X programs will only be listed in the Integrated Funding Plan. The two documents are intended to complement each other, but not necessarily add up. Agency staff time spent working on regional projects continues to be included in the Agency's budget.

Board Member Craig expressed concern with the \$225,000 in the budget for call boxes. Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that there is use on Highway 1 corridor.

Board Member Adams asked if there were enough call boxes on Highway 1. Director Hale noted that the call boxes were designed and installed 5 miles apart.

## **6. TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAY TO LEARN KITS**

The Board of Directors received report on Traffic Safety Play to Learn Kits.

Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC contracted with Monterey Youth Museum to develop 2,500 "Play To Learn Kits" containing engaging and educational activities for children and families to learn about safe routes to school, traffic safety, transportation design and mitigation and healthy living through active transportation. The Activity Book and Native Species Memory Game cards were designed and illustrated by CSU Monterey Bay students.

Blue Zones has contributed funding for an additional 400 kits to serve Los Padres Elementary School, the first Blue Zones certified school in Monterey County. The kits will be distributed countywide and prioritize families who lack adequate nighttime housing, have special needs students or are in quarantine. Ms. Green noted that this is a way to engage the youth and let them know about TAMC.

Board Members LeBarre, Untalon and Poduri expressed their excitement, and amazement of the kits and involvement with CSUMB and thanked Ariana for her presentation. Board Member Adams thanked MY Museum for a job well-done. Chair Smith recommended staff present this to the California Highway Patrol and Police stations to secure funding for additional kits.

The full Activity Book and Native Species Memory Game cards are available for free download and print on the Safe Routes to School website: <https://saferoutesmonterey.org>.

**7. CLOSED SESSION - REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS****CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board held a closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Committee will confer with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations regarding Agency owned property in the City of Marina adjacent to 8th Street and State Route 1.

**RECONVENED** in open session: Agency Counsel Hansen reported the Board met with staff and provided direction; no reportable action was taken.

Board Member Jose Rios recused himself from closed session.

**8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans, District 5** – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, reported the draft Active Transportation Plan is available for Public review and would welcome public input. He noted the district level plans will emphasize social equity, strengthening and reconnecting local networks and improving safety and access for people who walk, bicycle, and use transit. The Plan comment period is open through March 9, 2021, for more information go to [www.catplan.org](http://www.catplan.org). Mr. Eades reported that Caltrans Maintenance Crews have been busy during the storm, assisting with evacuations and debris removal. He announced Emergency repairs on Highway 1 at Rat Creek, where a debris flow washed out a 150-foot section estimated section in January forcing the closure of the roadway, will begin next week with an estimated reopening of the highway along the Big Sur Coast for early summer 2021. He announced the INFRA Federal Grants Program is accepting applications until the deadline March 19, 2021.

Board member Adams thanked Caltrans for the uplifting news on the emergency repairs on Highway 1 at Rat Creek, and offered any help needed by the District 5 office.

Board member Rios asked that due to the person trying to take his life jumping off a bridge in Gonzales if Caltrans offers fencing or deterrents from people accessing the bridge. He noted that the Highway 101 at the Alta Street off-ramp and northbound traffic at the Gloria Road off-ramp was shut down for about two hours. Mr. Eades replied that he had no details of the incident but will look into the matter and get back to Mr. Rios.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, announced that the Airport has started non-stop service to Seattle, and reported that the Airport is working hard to provide access to the regional residence in Monterey County. The Airport is planning a roadshow, visiting some of the cities in the county to provide outreach and awareness of what the Monterey Airport provides. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager & CEO, announced the Monterey-Salinas Transit Annual Report has been distributed, also noting this is available online for the first time. He encouraged the Board to take a 3-minute online survey, reimagine MST at MST.org. He noted that MST would be offering 1 of 5 \$100 certificates and pay \$25 for a focus group session.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – Richard Stedman reported the Diesel Engine Equipment Grant Replacement Program is accepting applications, due by March 19, 2021. He also announced The Monterey Bay Air Resources District is offering incentives between \$1,000 to \$3,500 to replace an old wood stove, fireplace insert or open hearth fireplace with a cleaner burning device. To reduce these pollutants from wood burning smoke, the Air Resources District in conjunction with California Climate Investments are providing incentives for homeowners who replace their wood burning home stoves with a cleaner burning alternative.

**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**

Director Hale reported that the Broadway Avenue Complete Streets Project in Seaside has been recommended for a \$12.04 Million Active Transportation Program Grant. The project was identified in the Seaside and Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School Complete Streets Plan adopted in February 2020. She thanked Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner, who assisted the City of Seaside with their application. She noted that it was a very competitive year for the Active Transportation Program, and the FORTAG project was not recommended for funding. She reported that staff will reach out to the project partners to discuss and pursue other funding opportunities. She also thanked all the cities and County for their support letters for the recently submitted Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan grant application. In conclusion, Director Hale reminded the Board to send in their Ethics Training Certification.

Board member Oglesby thanked Director Hale and staff for assistance in Seaside, and for the tour led by TAMC.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.