

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Past Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 1st Vice Chair (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	E	P	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, 2nd Vice Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	P	-	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P	-
E. Smith, Monterey, Chair (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, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder; K. Cruz)	-	-	-	P	P	P	-	-	P(A)	P
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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

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

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

TAMC STAFF	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 20
D. Bilse, Transportation Engineer										P
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	P	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

Grant Leonard
Gus Khouri

Castroville resident
Agency Legislative Consultant

Josh Stratton

District 2 Supervisor's Office

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 Alejandro Chavez led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Adams/Potter/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 February 24, 2021.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for February 2021 and credit card statement for the month of January 2021.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Program Regional Funding Agreement:

1. Approved the Wayfinding Regional Funding Agreement template;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a Wayfinding Funding Agreement with the participating Jurisdictions; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the Intent of the Wayfinding Regional Funding Agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved purpose of the agreement.

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 Received update on the draft Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the scope of work for the request for proposals for Freeway Service Patrol, subject to legal counsel approval;
2. 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;
3. Approved the use of State Funds, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for Freeway Service Patrol; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the program, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of work.

3.4.2 Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Seaside to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the following projects:
 - ATP Grant Application Assistance - Broadway Ave Corridor in the amount of \$9,435;
 - Engineering and Traffic Survey in the amount of \$75,000;
 - Pavement Management Program Update in the amount of \$50,000; and
 - Pavement Rehabilitation - Design and Construction in the amount of \$70,286.24
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

3.4.3 Regarding On-Call Property Clean-up Services Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the scope of work for the request for proposals for on-call property clean-up services, subject to legal counsel approval;
2. 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;
3. Approved the use of Right-of-Way Lease Revenue funds for on-call property clean-up services; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the program, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of work.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 No items this month.

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 March 3, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of February 1, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 3, 2021
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 4, 2021
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – draft minutes March 2021.

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2021.

4. FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

M/S/C Kerr/Askew/unanimous

Approved the programming of federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 funds that are distributed through the State Transportation Improvement Program to the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard improvement project.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that projections show that TAMC will receive \$2.2 million to \$4.5 million in federal stimulus funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. To receive these funds in next fiscal year, the California Transportation Commission is asking for Agencies to submit their programming request by mid-April 2021.

The State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project cost is \$55.2 million, including \$29.5 million in construction costs. The project has a certain portion of Measure X and Regional Development Impact fee funds that are more flexible than the federal funds, and the project is already federalized. Shifting these new federal funds to the SR 156 project would allow these local funds to be available to other eligible regional projects.

Public comments:

Grant Leonard, Castroville resident, thanked the Board and staff for their commitment to the Highway 156 project.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, BILL POSITIONS AND FEDERAL EARMARKS

The Board took the following actions on the State and Federal Legislative activities:

M/S/C LeBarre/Kerr/unanimous

1. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

M/S/C Adams/Hawthorne/unanimous

2. Authorized staff to publish a Request for Qualifications to hire a federal advocate to assist in securing federal funding for Agency priority projects.

M/S/C Potter/Oglesby/unanimous

3. Approved staff recommendation to submit the following priority projects to Congressman Jimmy Panetta for Community Project Funding:
 - a) US 101 South of Salinas (appropriations legislation)
 - b) State Route 68 Salinas-Monterey (reauthorization legislation)

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, reported on Governor Newsom's draft 2021-22 State Budget and the Governor's proposed climate action plan. Mr. Khouri reviewed the draft state bill list and recommended positions on certain bills.

Board member Untalon asked that Senate Bill 735 (Rubio), which would install traffic speed cameras near schools, be added to the matrix. Mr. Khouri said he would add the bill to the list.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reviewed federal legislative activities. Ms. Watson recommended support of two federal initiatives, the E-BIKE Act and the Complete Streets Act. Ms. Watson noted that Congress is reinstating federally-directed funding (i.e., earmarks), now called "Community Project Funding", and discussed the eligible projects and requested direction as to prioritizing projects for potential federal funding. Ms. Watson asked the Board for authorization to issue with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for federal legislative assistance to support the Community Project Funding requests.

6. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, reported the draft Active Transportation Plan was released on March 2, 2021, is available for public review, and Caltrans would welcome public input. Mr. Eades reported that Caltrans' maintenance crews have been busy with emergency repairs on Highway 1 at Rat Creek, where a debris flow washed out a 150-foot section in January, forcing the closure of the roadway. He noted that the estimated reopening of this highway closure along the Big Sur Coast is early summer 2021.

Board member Adams thanked Caltrans for their continued efforts and the uplifting news on the emergency repairs on Highway 1 at Rat Creek.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that flights are performing at a steady level. He announced that the Airport has non-stop service to Seattle, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. Mr. Sabo also announced new non-stop services: starting in May there will be flights to Portland by Allegiant Air; and beginning in June there will be flights to Ontario and Orange County. The Airport will be providing COVID testing in their parking lot as a public service to the community. Soon, the Airport will begin taxiway improvements and a new terminal. Woody's Restaurant is open and has an excellent menu. The Airport is gradually phasing in sustainable aviation fuel in order to reduce 80% carbon emissions over time. 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 that Monterey-Salinas Transit drivers have been vaccinated with the help of Supervisors Alejo and Askew to expand bus driver eligibility. He announced MST is offering their passengers a \$10 voucher with show of proof of vaccination. He also announced the SURF! Bus Rapid Transit project draft environmental document has been released under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document can be viewed and comments can be made at MST.org.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman reported that last week the Air District allocated \$1.7 million in AB 2766 grants (funded by the local \$4 per vehicle registration surcharge fee) towards projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions, clean air management programs and electric vehicles. He announced that the Air District has a \$150 rebate incentive for the purchase of an electric bicycle.

7. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

Board member LeBarre reported on the CALCOG meeting he attended on March 23, noting the focus was on transportation resilience and equity.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale introduced TAMC's newly hired Transportation Engineer Doug Bilse, who was most recently the traffic engineer for the City of Camarillo and worked for TAMC in the past. She also announced TAMC is hiring for a Transportation Planner and asked that the Board forward the job announcement to interested parties. Director Hale announced that the California Transportation Commission is voting today on the City of Seaside's \$12 million Active Transportation Program grant for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements on Upper Broadway, noting this is very exciting news for the transformation of downtown Seaside. In conclusion, Ms. Hale reminded the Board that the Fair Political Practice Form 700s should be mailed to the TAMC offices and are due on April 1, 2021. Staff agreed to send the forms with a reminder to Board members.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board member LeBarre thanked TAMC staff Ariana Green and Maria Montiel for helping to provide 30 Traffic Safety Learn Play Kits to the children at San Lucas School.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: Executive Director Employment contract

Public Employment pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Board of Directors will confer concerning employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.