

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2021 TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 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(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 1st Vice Chair (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	E	P	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(A)
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(A)	P	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(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P(A)
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder; K. Cruz)	-	-	P	P	P	-	-	P(A)	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel, S. Vienna)	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	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	-
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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis, L. Samuels)	P(A)	-	P	P	-	-	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)

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

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

Linda Gonzales	District 1 Supervisor's Office	Yuri Anderson	District 4 Supervisor's Office
Barbara Meister	Monterey Bay Aquarium	William Tarp	Tarp Properties
Brenda Aguilar-Guerrero	Special TAMC Counsel		

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 Cromeenes/Hawthorne/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 March 24, 2021.

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

3.1.3 Received a list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Federal Land Access Program Grant Application:

1. Adopted Resolution 2021-03 authorizing the Executive Director to apply for funding and execute agreements with the Federal Highway Administration for Federal Lands Access Program grant funds for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project; and
2. Authorized an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 in Measure X funding as the grant match.

3.2.2 Approved Resolution 2021-02 designating the Transportation Agency's allocation of \$453,830 for FY 2020/21 Low Carbon Transit Operation funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for electric bus charging infrastructure, and zero emission bus purchase and fleet-wide transition to renewable diesel and authorizing the Executive Director to execute agreements necessary to transfer funds to Monterey Salinas Transit.

3.2.3 Regarding Local Access Fund Administrator:

1. Approved the Transportation Agency submitting application to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator for access fees to improve the accessibility of transportation for persons with disabilities in Monterey County; and
2. Adopted Resolution 2021-04 authorizing the Agency to serve as the Local Access Fund Administrator for Monterey County, if approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

- 3.2.4** Approved the appointment of Mr. Sloan Campi to serve as Monterey-Salinas Transit's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy:
1. Determined that approval of the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21102, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility plans);
 2. Approved the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, the Transportation Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, and the Transportation Impacts and Mitigation Needs Assessment.
- 3.3.2** Received update on state and federal legislative activities and Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

Chair Smith encouraged the Board to review the attachments, including the talking points from the March legislative visit.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved Resolution 2021-02 designating the Transportation Agency's allocation of \$453,830 for FY 2020/21 Low Carbon Transit Operation funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for electric bus charging infrastructure, and zero emission bus purchase and fleet-wide transition to renewable diesel and authorizing the Executive Director to execute agreements necessary to transfer funds to Monterey Salinas Transit.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the County of Monterey to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Moss Landing Trail Project in the amount of \$980,733.32;
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.
- 3.4.3** Received update on the quarterly Measure X revenue forecasts.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project - Union Pacific Railroad Capacity Model Reimbursement Agreement:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a reimbursement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to conduct a capacity analysis for the Monterey County Rail Extension Kick-Start project, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;
 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.
- 3.5.2** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #1:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$386,730, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,573,945, to complete the design work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
 2. Authorized the use of reserves or state funds budgeted to this project that may become available;
 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.

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- 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 April 7, 2021
 - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of April 5, 2021
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of April 7, 2021
 - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of April 1, 2021
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for April 2021.
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4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board presented the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter Award to Ariana Green.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, was selected by her colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for January 1 – March 31, 2021. Agency employees recognized Ariana Green for having a great attitude, for her professionalism, and for her hard work. Most notably, they congratulated her for assisting in securing over \$12 million in funding for the Safe Routes to Schools Upper Broadway Avenue improvements in Seaside, and for her collaboration with Cal State Monterey Bay on the “Play to Learn” safety kits.

5. PROCLAMATION FOR 2021 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The Board received Proclamation for 2021 National Public Works Week.

Director Debbie Hale reported on the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's proclamation of the week of May 16 through 22 as National Public Works Week. The Agency joins others from around California and the United States to pay tribute to public works planners, engineers, managers, administrative staff and operators in recognition of the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life. Director Hale noted that this gives us an opportunity to recognize public works professionals as first responders in our community.

6. MEASURE X THIRD YEAR (FY19/2020) AUDIT RESULTS

Received presentation on the Measure X Third Year Audit (FY19/2020) results and the Measure X Annual Report.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that one of the responsibilities of the Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee is to conduct independent audits of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds and to prepare and present annual reports regarding the administration of the program. She noted that the Measure X Annual Report is included in the TAMC Annual Report, which is printed and mailed to all Monterey County residents annually. The audit subcommittee of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee conducted the third year audit (FY 19/2020) and prepared the annual report.

Barbara Meister, Monterey Bay Aquarium representative and Chair of the Measure X Oversight Committee, expressed her pride in the operations of the committee and the fact that all cities submitted their audit reports on time and nearly all were complete and in compliance. She noted that Sand City was the only city that did not meet their maintenance of effort requirement. As a result, the city's Measure X funds will be held until they were in compliance.

Board member Hawthorne asked what the city needed to do meet their maintenance of effort. Mike Zeller noted that staff has been in contact with the city staff about the issue and how to remediate. He indicated that he would follow-up with Board member Hawthorne to provide more information. In conclusion, Ms. Wright encouraged Board members to remind their constituents that the road repairs that are going on in their community are courtesy of voter-approved Measure X funds.

7. DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**M/S/C**

LeBarre/Kerr/unanimous

Received information on Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure and Authorized the Executive Director to submit comments on the plan and its potential impact on the delivery of the region's priority projects.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, noted that on March 10, 2021, the California State Transportation Agency unveiled the draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), which details how the state recommends investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety, and equity. The draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure builds on executive orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019 and 2020 targeted at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transportation in order to meet the state's ambitious climate goals. She reviewed the benefits and concerns with the plan and asked for the Board's support for sending a comment letter.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced Governor Newsom attended the Caltrans opening of the roadway to travel Highway 1 at Rat Creek, which opened two months ahead of schedule. Caltrans' maintenance crews have been busy with this emergency, where a debris flow washed out a 150-foot section in January, forcing the closure of the roadway. He also noted the Federal Highway Administration announced that in 2019, the most recent year for which data are available, 842 people died in highway work-zone crashes compared to 757 the year before. The 11.2-percent increase is the largest percentage increase in highway work zone fatalities since 2006.

Board member Adams thanked Caltrans for an amazing job on the work at Rat Creek.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the Airport is gradually phasing in sustainable aviation fuel in order to reduce 80% carbon emissions over time. He announced that flights are performing at a steady level, up 10% in March. He announced that the Airport now 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 Board is considering renaming the Airport the Monterey-Carmel Regional Airport. They will be replacing the carpet and displaying a new art exhibit focusing on agriculture provided by the Art Association of Monterey County. Woody's Restaurant is open and has an excellent menu. 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 since Monterey County has moved into the orange tier Monterey-Salinas Transit ridership has increased 20%. He reported that the construction of the MST facility in King City is moving along, 4-months ahead of schedule. He announced MST is offering free day passes to their passengers with show of proof of vaccination card. MST is testing out their contactless credit card payment system - the first in transit agency California. He also announced the SURF! Bus Rapid Transit project draft environmental document has been released under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A public hearing will be held at the MST meeting on May 10th. The document can be viewed, and comments can be made at MST.org.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report this month.

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

None this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale reported that Congressman Panetta selected the US 101 South of Salinas project as one of five projects proposed for funding in the federal authorization bill. Director Hale announced the RideShare Challenge Spring into Action! Promotion and encouraged Board members to visit the TAMC Instagram page and like and share a photo supporting healthy transportation. She announced that a Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway public workshop will be held in late May. In conclusion, Ms. Hale expressed her sincere condolences for the passing of Ernest Chung. He was kind, gentle and persistent in his work on the PARK IT! Program aimed at removing vehicles from Highway 1 and promoting a shuttle service to the Point Lobos State Reserve.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

No report this month.

12. 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 Hansen reported the Board met with staff and provided direction; no reportable action was taken.

Public comment:

William Tarp read two letters into record that were submitted to the Board regarding the Neubert & Tarp compensation related to the acquisition of their Market Street property.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, the Board of Directors will confer concerning public employment appointment.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.