



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

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

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

Linda Gonzales

District 1 Supervisor's Office

Eric Petersen

Salinas resident

**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 Angela Untalon led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/Lopez/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:  
Staff pulled items 3.3.4 and 3.5.2 for comment.

***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 April 28, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for April 2021 and credit card statement for the month of March 2021.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Alvarez Technology Group - Manage IT Services Contract Amendment #2:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Alvarez Technology Group for the Agency's managed IT services contract to increase the budget by \$25,600 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$176,200 over the remaining term of the agreement ending December 31, 2024 to cover additional cybersecurity services, pending Agency Counsel approval;
  2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
  3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
  4. 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.
- 3.1.5** Accepted the Agency's Financial Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

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

**3.2.1** Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Operations:

1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$684,885 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes; and
2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application in the amount of \$1,810,666 for bus operations under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) through the Section 5311 program; and
3. Approved Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$209,820 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 84: Soledad-Paso Robles; and
4. Adopted Resolution 2021-06 and Resolution 2021-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs; and
5. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

**3.2.2** Authorized Executive Director to sign 2021-2022 State Transit Assistance Program Eligibility for Transit Operators.

**3.2.3** Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointments

1. Approved the appointment of Pete Scudder to serve as Monterey County Supervisor District 2's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee; and
2. Approved the appointment of Gino Garcia to serve as the City of Monterey's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

***PLANNING***

**3.3.1** Regarding Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan Contract Amendment

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Salinas Safe Routes to School Contract with Ecology Action extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and adding an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$97,200 changing the total budget from \$690,000 to \$787,200; 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.

**3.3.2** Regarding Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) - Measure X Sales Tax Forecasting and Auditing Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) for the Agency's Measure X sales tax forecasting and auditing service to extend the term for an additional three years and increase the budget by \$27,000 for a new total contract budget of \$54,000;
2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. 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.

**3.3.3** Regarding Federal Legislative Advocate Contract

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Alcalde & Fay, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$201,850, to provide federal legislative advocacy services for the period from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024;
2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; and
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.

**3.3.4** Received update on state and federal legislative activities and adopted positions on proposed legislation.

Director Hale noted at the recent state Budget Subcommittee meeting they approved adding funding to the Active Transportation Program, which would fund three more projects in the region.

**3.3.5** Regarding Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

1. Authorized staff to submit Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements project; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

**3.4.1** Regarding MY Town Contract Extension

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the MY Town contract with Monterey Youth Museum extending the term of the Agreement from May 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022; 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.

**3.4.2** Regarding US 101 South of Salinas Expressway to Freeway Conversion Concept Analysis Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #1 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term of the contract to from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and increase the contract amount by \$29,935, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$551,448, to complete concept analysis design work;
2. Authorized the use of \$29,935 of Measure X funds budgeted to this purpose; and
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.

**3.4.3** Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Service Contracts:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contracts with California Towing and Transport for an amount not to exceed \$1,400,915.00 to provide services for the Freeway Service Patrol program, for the period ending June 30, 2025;
2. Approved the use of \$1,400,915.00 in State Freeway Service Patrol funds and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds budgeted 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 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.

### **RAIL PROGRAM**

#### **3.5.1** Regarding Monterey Branch Line Easement to Seaside County Sanitation District:

1. Approved the Sewer Easement Agreement with the Seaside County Sanitation District regarding a non-exclusive permanent and perpetual utility easement, subject to approval by Agency counsel;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Sewer Easement Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Sewer Easement Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Sewer Easement Agreement;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the grant of a non-exclusive utility easement over a portion of the Monterey Branch Line between Holly Street and Del Monte Boulevard with the Seaside County Sanitation District; 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.

#### **3.5.2** Received update on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study and Approved making the draft study available for public review.

Director Hale announced an online Open House will be available for public comments until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **3.5.3** Approved Resolution 2021-08 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Master Agreement for State Funded Transit Projects with Caltrans for funding for Monterey County rail projects, which will replace the prior Master Agreement that expires July 11, 2021, and subsequent funding allocation specific Program Supplements, pending approval by Agency Counsel.

### **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 May 5, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of May 3, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 5, 2021
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 6, 2021
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.

#### **3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2021.

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**4. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN & 3-YEAR BUDGET FY 21/22****M/S/C** Kerr/Chavez/unanimous

The Board approved Resolution 2021-05 adopting the three-year budget for fiscal years 21/22 through 23/24 and the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 21/22 and approved the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Todd Muck, Executive Deputy Director, reported this final overall work program contains only minor changes made in response to comments by Caltrans and to reflect the budget modifications since the Board adopted the draft budget in February. In response to a question from Mr. Sabo, he noted that the project priorities in the Integrated Funding Plan were identified in prior versions of the plan by the TAMC Board, using criteria developed as part of the Measure X program, including project readiness.

Rita Goel, Finance & Administration Director, stated that there were some minor changes since the Board approved the February draft budget. She highlighted the changes noted in the staff report.

**5. POST COVID-19 TRANSITION**

The Board received an update and provided comments on the proposed Post COVID-19 transition plan.

Director Debbie Hale reported that in April 2020 the Transportation Agency adopted a protocol that included adding protective equipment to the office and set policies for social distancing to protect staff, Board and committee members from contracting COVID-19 through Agency activities. As the County of Monterey progresses into the lower tiers of COVID-19 classification, an update to the protocol will be needed. The Governor has stated that in-person meetings may resume after June 15, 2021 and yet given the large size of the TAMC Board, it may be difficult to find a meeting venue that will allow for proper distancing of attendees. Based on input from the Executive Committee, staff has started to research meeting venues that may already have the technology needed to hold hybrid in-person/remote meetings.

Director Hale noted that staff is proposing to continue to meet remotely for June meetings and to start the transition to in-person or hybrid meetings, as appropriate, in August (no regular meetings are scheduled for July).

Board members provided various opinions regarding the benefits of virtual meetings and the desire to see one another in person. Board member Craig noted that some cities have had issues with Zoom meetings, one being that the same person will call in multiple times with public comments. Some board members expressed the need for caution given the unknown protection that the vaccine has against certain disease variants; others expressed concern that they not infect their unvaccinated children. It

was agreed that if the Board meets in person in the future that some protocols should remain in place, and that individuals or the public should be allowed to participate remotely. It was noted that public participation has increased at some virtual meetings over in-person meetings.

Legal Counsel Hansen noted that she had heard that the Governor was unlikely to rescind the Executive Order allowing for remote meetings without having replacement legislation allowing for the flexibility of hybrid (in person-virtual) meetings (*since the meeting, the Governor has confirmed the Executive Order will stay in place until there is replacement legislation*).

Based on Board member comments, Director Hale responded that staff will be: evaluating possible hybrid meeting locations to start in August, proposing that committee meetings continue online through the end of 2021, and, seeking Board participation in a voluntary survey regarding this issue.

## 6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

**Caltrans, District 5** – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is hosting a series of workshops in August for the SB 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines, noting this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the Program. Mr. Eades also announced that at their May meeting the CTC allocated more than \$924 million to projects to improve critical transportation infrastructure throughout the state. Nearly half of this investment -- \$458 million -- comes from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, announced that flights are performing at a steady level. He announced that the Airport now has non-stop service to Seattle, Dallas, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. Mr. Sabo also announced that there are new non-stop 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. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager, announced that MST has started testing out their contactless credit card payment system, with over 1000 swipes in the last 2 weeks. She also announced MST is re-introducing Line 75 from Fort Ord to the Presidio. Daily Monterey Peninsula trolley service will begin in July and continue through September 2021. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer announced, with sadness, a mass shooting occurred that morning at the San Jose Valley Transportation Authority maintenance facility.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – Richard Stedman, announced May is Clean Air Month, which is observed in May each year across the United States. He also announced that the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Emissions Reduction Grants Workshop will be held on June 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., discussing how to improve air quality in priority neighborhoods. He noted that the Air District is in the process of expanding their electric vehicle incentive program to electric bicycle purchases.

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

Board member LeBarre reported that, although it was remote and therefore at no cost to the agency, he represented the Transportation Agency at the CalCOG meeting on May 14, 2021.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale announced TAMC is now a certified Blue Zones Workplace, to provide employees a safer, healthier environment. This designation is consistent with the Agency's focus on making our transportation system safer and healthier. She noted that TAMC has interviewed for a replacement Transportation Planner, and there are 3 strong candidates moving forward. Director Hale thanked Transportation Planner Madilyn Jacobsen for her work on preparing the Federal Lands Access Grant application for the Cal State Monterey Bay to the National Monument segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway. She announced several upcoming public workshops in the county for: the 183 Castroville Project on May 26th, the US 101 Business Plan on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Canyon Del Rey meeting on June 17th. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that the Greenfield Science Workshop was recognized in the Monterey County Weekly, indicating that this program receives funding from the local American Public Works Association chapter as well as the TAMC Safe Routes to School program. Board member LeBarre announced the Greenfield Science Center is offering free bicycle repairs classes for youth.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Dirksen reported that she has a video of the handcar operations in Marina on the TAMC Monterey Branch Line, and she would ask staff to distribute it to the Board of Directors.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m., in honor of those who were killed at the VTA maintenance facility shooting that morning.