

Ex Officio Members:	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
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)	E	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	E	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	A
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis, L. Samuels)	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	E	A

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

TAMC STAFF	OCT 21	DEC 21	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21
D. Bilsle, Transportation Engineer					P	P	P	P	E	E
T. Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
D. Hale, 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
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner										P
M. Jacobsen, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	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	E	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Schlesinger
Gus Khouri

Alcalde & Fay
Khouri Consulting

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 Kimbley Craig led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Kerr/Lopez/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Item 3.4.2 was pulled for comment by Deputy Executive Director Muck.

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 June 23, 2021. and Special Meeting of July 28,2021.
- 3.1.2** 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 and Special Meeting of July 28,2021.
- 3.1.3** Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2021 and credit card statement for the month of May and June 2021.
- 3.1.4** Received a list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.5** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.6** Received the 2020/21 workforce data analysis for the Voluntary Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 3.1.7** Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 28, 29 and 30, 2021.
- 3.1.8** Adopted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Central Coast Coalition for federal legislative assistance and Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the MOU if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.
- 3.1.9** Adopted a Racial Equity Program for the Transportation Agency.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation:

1. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
2. Adopted Resolution 2021-10 allocating a total of \$22,334,739 in Transportation Development Act funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit, composed of \$18,341,184 in Local Transportation Funds and \$3,992,555 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

PLANNING

3.3.1 No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Funding Agreement with the County of Monterey, subject to Agency Counsel approval, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the Preliminary Engineering (including Environmental and Preliminary Design / Engineering) phase of the Blackie Road Extension project.

3.4.2 Regarding CSUMB Safe Routes to School Contract:

1. Authorized Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with California State University Monterey Bay for work on Safe Routes to School projects, programming and events through their Sustainable City Year program;
2. Approved the use of funds from the Agency's approved budget for this contract in an amount not-to exceed \$390,000 over five (5) years; 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.

Deputy Executive Director Muck noted that the CSUMB Safe Routes to School contract had minor changes from what is published in the agenda and Agency Counsel Hansen has reviewed all changes.

3.4.3 Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to allow the expenditure of \$312,000 of federal DEMO funds to complete the right-of-way process for the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project, subject to Agency Counsel approval.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Adopted the final Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 Approved the 2021 Strategic Expenditure Plan Update for the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of August 4, 2021
 - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of August 2, 2021
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of August 4, 2021
 - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of August 5, 2021
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for August 2021.
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4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board Presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Lynn Terry.

Lynn Terry, Accounting Assistant, has been selected by her colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for April 1 – June 30, 2021. Agency employees recognized Lynn for always being willing to help and being very flexible in the hours/days she works, her professionalism, diligence, and hard work, most notably for going into the office before we were vaccinated, as needed to keep payroll/ accounts payables and accounting related files up to date.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Alejo/LeBarre/unanimous

The Board received an update on state legislative activities and adopted positions on proposed legislation.

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, presented updates on the state legislative activities and reviewed recommended positions on proposed legislation. He reported that the legislature will conclude regular session on September 10. He noted the budget bills authorizing revenue for transportation infrastructure and funding to augment the Active Transportation Program (ATP), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and State and Local Climate Adaption would not be available unless additional legislation is enacted by October 10 related to the remaining \$4.2 billion Proposition 1A appropriation for high-speed rail. He noted that on June 11, Governor Newsom extended the Brown Act rules for meetings through September 30, noting that the biggest focus right now is the recall.

6. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**M/S/C** Adams/Kerr/unanimous

The Board received an update on federal legislative activities and endorsed the California coalition letter to the federal delegation.

Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, reported that the Senate infrastructure bill eliminated earmarks that had been in the House transportation authorization bill, which included \$2 million for the US 101 South of Salinas project. The next step is reconciliation between the Senate and the House versions of the bill. Board member Adams asked what is at risk. Mr. Schlesinger noted that the funding for the US 101 project is in serious jeopardy.

7. REGIONAL TELEWORK SURVEY RESULTS

The Board received presentation on the 2021 Regional Telework Survey results.

Tracy Burke-Vasquez, GO 831 Coordinator, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's Go 831 program staff worked with Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, the City of Santa Cruz, and Monterey Bay Economic Partnership to develop and administer a regional telework survey. The survey was distributed to employers at management level in the Tri-County region in April 2021. She noted that the results of the 2021 Regional Telework Survey were presented to the TAMC Board of Directors. 220 employers from the private and public sector responded, with the results revealing an overwhelming support for teleworking.

Key findings of the survey are:

- 76% of employers have adopted a telework policy.
- 81% of employers plan to continue to support teleworking while 17% are undecided.
- Almost half of respondents (42%) prefer that employees telework no more than 3 days per week.
- The top issues that employers and employees faced while teleworking are technical issues, video conference fatigue and inadequate access to Wi-Fi/broadband.
- The top benefits that employers and employees experience by teleworking are saving money by not driving as much, saving time by not traveling to in-person meetings and having more time with family/loved ones at home.
- Most employers manage teleworking employees by online meeting or phone calls (33%); or email activity (27%).
- More than half of employers (52%) reimburse employees for telework equipment, technology, or other expenses.
- 64% of respondents answered that use of office resources (water, waste, energy, etc.) has declined due to an increase in teleworking.

Ms. Burke noted that the survey results will be used to create a telework toolkit, including resources, templates and tips tailored to the needs identified in the survey. The toolkit will be accessible online and shared across the partners' networks and communication channels.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced that the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) is available for public comment through September 10, 2021. The ITSP provides direction to programs, districts, and partner agencies on the policies and strategies that should be considered when assessing the interregional transportation system and identifying improvements. The ITSP also provides policy direction for the development of the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

The Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning - Office of Multi-Modal System Planning welcomes your comments on improving interregional travel across California. Please send your comments to itsp@dot.ca.gov

[2021 DRAFT Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, August 2021 \(PDF\)](#)

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported as part of the GO831 Program, use the Monterey Airport to reduce trips to San Francisco and San Jose which reduces emissions. He noted that the Airport was very successful during the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Mr. Sabo reported that flights are performing at a steady level with over 84% of passengers coming from the Salinas Valley. The TSP pre-check-in is a very successful operation. He noted that the Airport safety project is moving forward. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Michelle Overmeyer, Director of Planning, announced that MST is hosting a Ribbon Cutting for the King City Maintenance Yard on October 11, 2021. She reported that MST will discontinuing Sunday free rides and the trolley service on Labor Day.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Steadman reported that the Rebate Incentive Program Rebates and incentives are based on where you live, the type of vehicle purchased or leased and household income. Some rebates and incentive programs are provided at point of purchase of the vehicle and others are provided after the vehicle is purchased. He also noted that low-income buyers' incentives double these rebates include hybrid vehicle purchases.

Board member Alejo noted that most of the charging stations are in North and South Salinas areas and asked that more charging stations be installed in the East Side of town. Mr. Steadman concurred with Boardmember Alejo and noted that there is funding available for disadvantaged low-income areas.

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

None this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced the Central Coast Charging Network Plan was awarded a Caltrans Grant for electric vehicle charging. Ms. Hale thanked the Board for adopting their support for the TAMC Racial Equity Plan, noting she is proud of our Agency for taking a leadership role. Ms. Hale announced that Board Member Poduri was invited to the Complete Streets Champions Institute with Smart Growth America. Mr. Poduri noted that he hopes to learn more about complete streets. Ms. Hale expressed her thanks to the team taking the lead on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. She thanked Board Member Kerr and Agency staff for going above and beyond at a recent Del Rey Oaks meeting on the project. Ms. Hale noted that she is stepping back as she will be retiring. Mayor Kerr expressed her gratitude, noting she concurred with Director Hale that the team went above and beyond at the meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

12. CLOSED SESSION

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

Reconvened in open session:

Agency Counsel Hansen reported the Board met in closed session and voted 13-0 to approve the employment agreement for the executive director candidate; this matter shall now go to the following meeting for adoption.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.