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<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>MAR 21</b>	<b>APR 21</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>JUN 21</b>	<b>JUL* 21</b>	<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>SEP 21</b>	<b>OCT* 21</b>	<b>OCT 21</b>
M. Twomey, AMBAG ( <del>H. Adamson</del> , B. Patel, <del>S. Vienna</del> )	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	A	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)	E	P(A)	P(A)	A	P
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District ( <del>A. Romero</del> , D. Frisbey, <del>A. Clymo</del> )	P	P	A	P	A	E	P	P	A	P(A)
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit ( <del>L. Rheinheimer</del> , M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P	A	P(A)
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	E	A	A	A	A
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis</del> , L. Samuels)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	E	A	A	A	P
<i>P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence *Special Meeting</i>										
<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>MAR 21</b>	<b>APR 21</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>JUN 21</b>	<b>JUL 21*</b>	<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>SEP 21</b>	<b>OCT 21*</b>	<b>OCT 21</b>
D. Bilse, Transportation Engineer		P	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
T. Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
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	E	P	P	E	P
A.Guthier, Asst. Transportation Planner										P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner							P	P	E	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
T. Muck, 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	E	P	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	A	E	A
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Colleen Courtney

District 5 Alternate

**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. Director Tim Gubbins of Caltrans District 5 led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment reported.

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**3. M/S/C CONSENT AGENDA**

Potter/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 September 22, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Approved the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board Special Meeting draft minutes of October 20, 2021.
- 3.1.3** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of September 2021 and credit card statements for the month of August 2021.
- 3.1.4** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.5** Regarding revised TAMC Contract Templates for Professional Services:
  - 1. Approved revised contract template for use in contracting for professional services.
  - 2. Authorized Executive Director to sign and file Exhibit 9-A and Exhibit 9-B for TAMC's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program.
- 3.1.6** Approved Resolution 2021-14 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute amendment No. 1 to the fiscal year 2021/22 Overall Work Program and Budget.
- 3.1.7** Approved a budget amendment replacing the Deputy Executive Director position with Director of Planning and Director of Programming and Project Delivery positions and set the salary schedule for the new positions the same as the current salary range as for the Director of Finance and Administration.
- 3.1.8** Received the call for nominations for the 20th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

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

- 3.2.1** No items this month.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** No items this month.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING****3.4.1** Regarding On-Call Corridor Advisor Services Request for Qualifications:

1. Approved the scope of services for the request for qualifications for on-call corridor advisor services, subject to legal counsel approval;
2. Authorized staff to publish the request for qualifications and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of services;
3. Approved the use of Measure X funds for on-call corridor advisor services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be used for projects that may include the State Route 156 Safety Improvements project, the State Route 68 Scenic Highway Improvement project, US 101 South of Salinas project, and other corridor projects as needed in Monterey County through June 30, 2026
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of each project the corridor advisor is contracted to provide services, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of services.

**3.4.2** Regarding RideAmigos Contract Extension:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into Amendment No. 2 to extend the contract with Right Click Solutions, Inc., dba RideAmigos an additional year to December 31, 2022, and for an additional amount of \$27,879 not to exceed \$147,879 to continue providing ridesharing and trip planning software for TAMC's Go831 Program;
2. Approved the use of \$27,879 of Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not decrease services or increase the Agency's net cost, pending approval by Agency counsel.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** Approved funds transfer agreement with Caltrans for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds allocated to Positive Train Control implementation on the Gilroy-Salinas rail corridor.

**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 October 6, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - final minutes of September 13, 2021, and draft minutes of October 4, 2021.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of October 6, 2021
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of October 7, 2021
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for October 2021.

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**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The TAMC Board of Directors presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Laurie Williamson. Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July-September 2020.

The Agency employees recognized Laurie for her professionalism, her positive attitude and her hard work overseeing construction of the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project Package 1. They also appreciate her management of the Freeway Service Patrol and SAFE call box programs and her work on Regional Wayfinding Programs Signs Project and the US 101 South of Salinas Project.

**5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & DRAFT 2022 PROGRAM****M/S/C**

Alejo/Kerr/unanimous

The TAMC Board of Directors received updates on state and federal legislative issues and after discussion the Board approved the draft 2022 legislative program for distribution to committees.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that each year, the Agency prepares a legislative program to guide its positions on state and federal proposals. The Executive Committee provided input on the draft 2022 legislative program. The draft, once released, will be circulated to committees for review and input, then a final version will be brought back to the Board for adoption in January.

Gus Khouri, Legislative advocate, reported that the legislative program helps get our priorities addressed. He reported on the final state legislative bill list and the end of the state legislative session, noting that many bills are now two-year bills.

Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, provided a recap on the federal legislative program.

**6. MONTEREY SALINAS TRANSIT (MST) COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on Monterey-Salinas Transit's draft Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Network Re-Design. The recently completed draft serves as a comprehensive effort to revamp the entire public transit system in Monterey County while facilitating MST's COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Michelle Overmeyer, MST Director of Planning & Innovation, reported that TAMC provides a substantial amount of funding to MST for operations and capital expenses through the Local Transportation Fund and various state and federal funding programs. The analysis presents three different funding scenarios for MST's recovery from the pandemic. Development of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis was funded by COVID-19 stimulus funds received by MST.

MST is considering significant changes to its bus network. Many transit agencies review their entire network every five to ten years, to make sure their services align with the community's needs. The

last time MST undertook such a comprehensive study was in the late 1990s. The existing network has many overlapping lines operating at very low frequencies. This means that it can take a very long time to get from destination A to B, even when those locations are nearby. Additionally, over the last 25 years, Monterey County has experienced major shifts in where people live and work and there is unmet demand for service in the City of Salinas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought more focus onto equity issues related to transit. MST is utilizing the Comprehensive Operational Analysis as an opportunity to facilitate MST's recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.

## **7. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The TAMC Board received an update and provided feedback on the funding proposal for the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported that to ensure efficient coordination among various fund sources, the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan identifies projects that are strong candidates for specific Senate Bill 1 grants, State Transportation Improvement Program funds, Measure X, and other matching funds, and can be brought to construction over the next five years. As a subset of that plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program specifies the region's proposed use of certain state funds to the California Transportation Commission.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a program of highway, local road, transit and active transportation projects that a region plans to fund with State and Federal revenue programmed by the California Transportation Commission in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The RTIP is developed biennially by the regions and is due to the Commission by December 15 of every odd numbered year.

Mr. Zeller noted in addition to the new funding listed for the Scenic State Route 68 and US 101 projects, staff is proposing to carry-over the existing funding that is programmed for the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project and Packages 2 and 3 of the Salinas Rail Extension project. Agency staff will revise the plan based on comments received and prepare a revised proposal. At the December Board meeting, Agency staff will bring the finalized proposal forward as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which is the document the Agency is required to submit to receive the County's share of State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

**8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans, District 5** – Tim Gubbins, Caltrans Director, announced that the Caltrans Clean California Initiative which is a statewide effort to remove trash on the highways. He announced there are \$250 stipends available for people who adopt a highway. For more general information on Clean California the website is at: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/about>. In conclusion, Mr. Gubbins reported Caltrans maintenance teams responded to a report of rockfall on Highway 1 this morning at Post Mile 0.25 in southern Monterey County, approximately two miles north of Ragged Point. This rockfall has resulted in full closure of Highway 1 at Ragged Point, just north of the Ragged Point Inn, which remains open. A full closure of southbound Highway 1 has been put in place at Gorda. Highway 1 remains open for local travel from Carmel to Gorda. Notification of the closure is being put in place at several locations along southbound Highway 1. Maintenance and geotechnical teams are on site and continue with their assessments of the area. In addition to rockfall on the road, there is concern about unsupported rock on the slopes immediately above the roadway. It is expected that the work area for machinery and equipment to address these conditions will need to cover the entire roadway.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported that the airport reached their goal, noting they have strong local boardings, with travel boardings back to 95%. He noted that the airport is waiting on “pins and needles” for passage of the infrastructure bill which has a substantial component for terminal construction and improvements that the Airport will use to make much-needed upgrades to the terminals and boarding areas. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo announced the airport has 6 electric vehicle charging stations.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Michelle Overmeyer, MST Director of Planning & Innovation, announced that MST is hosting the CalAct Conference in Monterey, noting Executive Director Sedoryk is attending the conference. MST is providing free rides to passengers with proof of Covid vaccination. She added that MST is struggling with the shortage of drivers and asked Board members to refer interested applicants to their website at [mst.org](http://mst.org). In conclusion, Ms. Overmeyer announced that MST held a ribbon-cutting for the King City South County Maintenance Facility.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – Dave Frisbey announced their Rebate Incentive Program for electric bicycles, noting there are \$1,000 rebates for the purchase of an electric bicycle, and noted there is \$50,000 set aside for low-income electric bicycle purchases. He also noted that the Air District is in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the electric vehicle incentive program, noting there is \$400,000 set aside for this program. In conclusion, he announced the Air District has been working tirelessly to secure funding for electric vehicle charging stations, particularly in low-income and rural communities.

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

None this month.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Muck expressed his appreciation for the Boards approval of the budget amendment replacing the Deputy Executive Director position with Director of Planning and Director of Programming and Project Delivery positions. Director Muck introduced new staff Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, from UC Santa Cruz. He announced TAMC Special Meetings will be held regarding AB361 on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Muck also announced the nominations of the Annual Excellence Awards, noting that the deadline to get your nominations submitted is December 3, 2021. In conclusion, Director Muck shared a picture of the TAMC Fort Ord property demolition. Board Members Askew and Dirksen thanked staff for the demolition.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Poduri suggested that a map of charging station locations in the region/county be available. Chair Smith noted that the City of Monterey has 20 charging stations in one of the city's garages. Executive Director Muck noted that staff can look at the planning efforts and public facilities.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Directors went into closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board conferred with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. TAMC v. Rodney Karl Neubert and Susan Greco-Neubert, et al., Court Number 20CV000457
2. TAMC v. Joyce M. Selby and Cheryl Latimer, et al., Court Number 20CV000456

**RECONVENED** in open session:

Counsel Hansen reported that the Board met in closed session and the Board provided authority for staff to pursue arbitration, no other reportable action was taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.