

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	SEP 21	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21	DEC* 21	JAN* 22	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Josh Stratton)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 2nd Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	P	A	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Rep (Yuri Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	A	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Chair (Sarah Hardgrave , Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	A	A
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, 1st Vice Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, Past Chair (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, City Representative (Christie Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz)	A	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	A	P	A	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A

Ex Officio Members:	SEP 21	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21	DEC *21	JAN *22	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	A	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P	A	P(A)
Tim Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Scott Eades, Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales)	P(A)	A	P	A	P(A)	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (Alan Romero, David Frisbey, Amy Clymo)	P	A	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P	A	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	A	P(A)	A	A	A	A	P(A)	A	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB (Andre Lewis, Larry Samuels)	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(A)
<i>P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence</i> <i>*Special Meeting</i>										
TAMC STAFF	SEP 21	OCT 21*	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21	DEC* 21	JAN* 22	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
A. Guthrie, Asst. Transportation Planner			P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner					P	P	E	P	E	P
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	A	E	A	E	E	E	E	P	E	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	E	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting	Paul Schlesinger	Thorn Run Partners
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams 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. Chair Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Executive Director Muck requested moving the closed session to the end of the agenda, on a motion by Board Member LeBarre and seconded by Board Member Hawthorne the motion passed unanimously.

No public comment reported.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/Askew/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda excluding item 3.1.5 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 January 26, 2022.

3.1.2 Approved the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board Special Meeting draft minutes of February 9, 2022.

3.1.3 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of January 2022 and credit card statements for the month of December 2021.

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

3.1.5

M/S/C Oglesby/Alejo/unanimous

Approved revisions to the Administrative Policies.

Board member Poduri pulled this item for clarification on the Management Succession Plan regarding the Executive Director 60-day evaluation process.

3.1.6 Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved call for projects for the Local Access Fund Administrator Program.
- 3.2.2** Adopted Resolution 2022-01 apportioning \$20,600,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan Partner Contracts
 - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with the Monterey County Health Department for community engagement activities related to the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan in an amount not to exceed \$90,080 for the period beginning February 23, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024;
 - 2. Approved the use of Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School grant funding, and Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds as approved in the FY21/22 budget; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreements, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** No items this month.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Applications
 - 1. Authorized staff to apply for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant for the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Transit Station;
 - 2. Authorized staff to be a joint applicant with Monterey-Salinas Transit for a TIRCP grant for the SURF! Busway project; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.

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 February 2, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of February 7, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 2, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 3, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for February 2022.**4. UNMET TRANSIT NEED HEARING**

Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency annually conducts outreach to identify unmet transit needs. This unmet need process is associated with Local Transportation Funds, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act. Local Transportation Funds are generated through a quarter percent of the retail sales tax, which are returned to the county by the California State Board of Equalization and apportioned by the Transportation Agency to county jurisdictions through a population-based formula for public transit. Every city in the county allocates its annual fund apportionment to Monterey-Salinas Transit for public transit services. Prior to allocating these transit funds, the Agency is required to provide for a public hearing and outreach to identify unmet transit needs. The Transportation Development Act statutes require transportation planning agencies using transit funds for local street and road projects, to implement a public process, including a public hearing, to identify unmet transit needs of transit dependent or disadvantaged persons, and determine if unmet transit needs can be reasonably met. Because the Transportation Agency no longer allocates transit funds to local streets and roads, the Agency is no longer required to adopt a finding on unmet transit needs. However, the Agency continues to solicit public input on unmet transit needs.

M/S/C Kerr/Oglesby/unanimous

Chair Adams opened the public hearing on unmet transit needs

There were no public comments.

Chair Adams closed the public hearing.

The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process is April 30, 2022. Comments can be submitted at: <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/unmet-transit-needs>. Staff will present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June

5. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN**M/S/C** Kerr/Askew/unanimous**Draft Overall Work Program & Budget**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 22/23 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review;
2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 22/23 through 24/25, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 22/23, and the 2022 Integrated Funding Plan; and
3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the Integrated Funding Plan back to the Board on May 25, 2022 for approval.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported the annual Overall Work Program and Integrated Funding Plan describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year, and provides the basis for the 2022/23 budget. The budgeting process was changed last fiscal year so that regional projects such as Salinas Rail Extension and Measure X programs are now listed in the Integrated Funding Plan. The two documents are intended to complement each other, but not necessarily add up. Agency staff time spent working on regional projects continues to be included in the Agency's budget. Direct expenses for these regional projects are only included in the Integrated Funding Plan. Mr. Zeller noted the draft plan will be submitted to Caltrans, who reviews the document and provides comments on the state funded activities in the plan. Agency staff then incorporates comments from Caltrans, as well as comments received from the Transportation Agency Board, into a final proposed Overall Work Program to be presented to the Board of Directors in May for adoption in conjunction with the fiscal year 2022/23 budget.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the annual Transportation Agency for Monterey County Overall Work Program describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year and provides the basis for the 2022/23 budget. She noted that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. Direct program expenditures for outside consultants, contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery with continuous funding such as Freeway Service Patrol and Call Box are in the Agency's budget and the Overall Work Program. Operating: The proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 operating expenditure budget is \$3,630,869 a net decrease over fiscal year 2021-2022 of \$179,565.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – John Olejnik, announced that Governor Newsom appointed Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency. He also announced Governor Newsom announced a statewide clean California projects Caltrans is funding more than \$311 million in beautification projects statewide, 12 projects in District 5, and the following 4 projects in Monterey County: Castroville historic main street landmark restoration; Castroville pedestrian overcrossing beautification project; King City Highway beautification and Canal Street pedestrian enhancements; Salinas Alisal Vibrancy neighborhood beautification. In conclusion, Mr. Olejnik noted Caltrans released their District 5 Active Transportation Plan.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported good news, the Airport continues to keep major airlines, which is a big benefit with non-stop service. He noted that passenger counts are up, with some cancellations due to lack of pilots. He noted that the airport is expecting the federal infrastructure bill will have a substantial component for terminal construction and improvements that the Airport will use to make much-needed upgrades to the terminals and boarding areas.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced MST adopted the Comprehensive Operational Analysis to restructure of MST routes where demand is the highest and most needed. MST also approved a contract to continue the service with MV Transportation providing their paratransit rides service.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District - David Frisbey encouraged everyone to consider the district's rebate incentive program for new and used electric vehicles for low-income participants. He announced the fast-charging station in Soledad should be completed within 30 days. In conclusion, Mr. Frisbey announced the Biden administration is expected to reinstate California's authority to set stricter tail pipe emissions rules.

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

None this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the Salinas Package 1 Rail Station won two awards: from American Council of Engineering Companies a 2022 Engineering Excellence Honor Award and from APWA Monterey Bay Chapter a Project of the Year Award for Transportation projects greater than \$5 million and less than \$25 million. He noted that the Highway 156-Castroville Blvd Interchange project met a major milestone with the 100% design package getting submitted for review. This is one of the final steps in getting the project ready for construction. Great work by the whole team including Doug Bilse, TAMC staff and Mike Lew from Caltrans. In conclusion, Director Muck announced the "Move it Monterey County Challenge" from April 18 to May 31 to encourage active and healthy travel this Spring. Participants can walk, bike, take the bus and carpool to be eligible for prizes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

10. EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director Todd Muck.

The Board reconvened in open session

Agency Counsel Hansen reported that the Board met, and no reportable actions were taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.