

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom

Draft Minutes of Thursday, November 3, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (R. Culver)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	N	P	P	P	P
J. Guertin, Del Rey Oaks			-	-		P	O	-	-	-	-
P. Dobbins Gonzales (vacant)	E	P	P	P		-		P	-	P	P
D. Pike, Greenfield (T. Nisich)	P(A)	P	P/P(A)	P		P	M	P	P	-	P
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	P	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Garcia, Monterey Vice Chair (A. Renny, F. Roveri)	P	P	P	P	P	P	T	P	P	P	P
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (J. Halabi)	P	P	P	P		P	I	P	P	P	P
A. Easterling, Salinas (vacant)	P	P	P	P		P	N	P	P	-	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (V. Norgaard)	P	P	P	-	P	P	G	P	P		P
N. Patel, Seaside (P. Grogan /L. Llantero)	P(A)	P		P		-		P	P	P	P
O. Espinoza, Soledad (L. Gomez)	P	P	P	-	P	-		-	P	-	-
C. Alinio, MCPW, Chair (E. Saavedra)	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	E
M. Taylor, AMBAG (P. Hierling)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
J. Xiao, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P	E	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
S. Campi, CSUMB	P	P		P	P			-	P	P	E
T. Bell, MBARD				-	-	-		-	P	P	P
Emma Patel, MST (M. Deal M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P		P	P	P	P

STAFF	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	NOV 22
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P		E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning			P		P	P		E	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	-		E	-	-	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator			P			-		P	P	-	-
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P	P	P	P		E	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transportation Planner	P		P		P	-		P	-	-	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	P					-		P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashely Paulsworth
Vince Dang, MST
Roy Abboud, Caltrans

Taylor Fagan, City of Sand City
Darlen Mendez, Caltrans

1. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Marissa Garcia, Monterey County, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Hurtado/Dobbins / unanimous

3.1 **APPROVED** the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for October 6, 2022, with a minor correction.

3.2 **RECEIVED** the call for nominations for the 21st Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2023 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Christina Watson, Director of Planning reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. Ms. Watson noted that the program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency. In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues and the final program will come back to the Board at the January 2023 meeting for adoption.

5. MONTEREY COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner introduced Ashley Paulsworth. Ms. Paulsworth reported that a Climate Action Plan is a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change, which fulfills requirements set out in the County's 2010 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report. She noted that County residents and interested parties have the opportunity to weigh in on the strategies that will be put forth in the action plan.

Doug Bilse expressed the state's emphasis to avoid roadway widenings and recommended the update include ways to improve traffic flow without widening roads (e.g., roundabouts), but may not significantly reduce vehicle-miles traveled (VMT).

Committee member Daniel Gho, City of Pacific Grove requested a copy of the presentation.

Executive Director Todd Muck asked how they plan to coordinate the responses received from other locations. Ashley Paulsworth responded that AMBAG will take into account input received through the public engagement and community workshops and then separate the input into themes with an emphasis on impacts and costs.

Committee member Robert Harary, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea thanked Ashley and the group for the assistance. He noted that having an adopted action plan will help gain city council support.

6. CALTRANS STRATEGIC INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CSIS)

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer introduced Roy Abboud from Caltrans. Mr. Abboud reported that the Caltrans Strategic Investment Strategy (CSIS) is a bridge between Statewide goals and policies with criteria and goals of State and Federal competitive funding sources. Mr. Abboud noted that Caltrans uses the CSIS to make strategic decisions on which projects best align with programs such as the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. He noted that Caltrans acts as the lead applicant for several federal and state grant programs and uses the CSIS to identify and select projects to be submitted. In conclusion Mr. Abboud reported that this could potentially impact the availability of State funds for the region's priority related to safety and congestion-relief transportation projects.

7. 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, opened the discussion with the Committee on selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022. Mr. Bilse commented that The Committee bylaws state that the chairmanship is changed during the first quarter of every year. The new Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for the 2022 calendar year. During the discussion, Octavio asked if a consultant that represents a city could be nominated for these positions. Staff will respond to this request.

M / S / C: McMinn / Easterling/ unanimous

Motion: Nominating Marissa Garcia as Chair for 2023.

Staff will bring back the nomination of the 2023 Vice Chair at the January 2023 meeting and will reach out to South County representatives.

8. 2023 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that the proposed 2023 schedule follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Thursday of the month starting at 9:30 a.m. He noted the meetings will continue to be held via Zoom under the Governor's declared state of emergency. Mr. Bilse noted that it is expected to be lifted early next year and the TAC meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room starting in March 2023. The February TAC meeting provides a good opportunity to hold a meeting at the TAMC office so that potential issues can be worked out. In conclusion, Mr. Bilse mentioned that it will be possible to make the in-person meetings accessible for remote participation, but there are significant limitations called out according to the revised rules for remote participation. For example, a quorum of TAC voting members must attend in person at one location, while other members may attend remotely. Committee members needing to participate remotely may need to get prior approval from the Committee. He noted that Committee Members remote participation is limited to 20% of the meetings, meaning no more than 2 Committee meetings can be attended remotely by a committee member, per year.

M / S / C: Harary /Gho/ unanimous

The Committee approved the proposed 2023 schedule.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marissa Garcia, City of Monterey announced the new Public Works Director Andrea Renny.

Vince, Monterey-Salinas Transit announced that service will change drastically on December 10th, and for more essential information visit the URL for better bus network at mst.org/bbn

Joanna Xiao announced that Two Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) Application Guide virtual workshops are scheduled on November 9 and 10, 2022 and Transportation Agency staff emailed the information to committee members.

Patrick Dobbins announced the next APWA General Meeting is on November 16 at Stonies Taphouse. He also announced that the Chapter is holding a holiday luncheon on December 14 at Woody's Restaurant at the Monterey Regional Airport. He will have Transportation Agency staff email the committee with more details.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer announced that there is no TAC meeting in December 2022. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.