



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

****9:00 AM****

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1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 4. RECEIVE** update on State and federal legislative issues and **ADOPT** positions on proposed legislation.

- Watson

Staff and consultants will present updates on State and federal legislative activities and present positions on draft legislation recommended by the Executive Committee at their March 2 meeting.

5. Unsolicited Proposals for Monterey Branch Line Recreational Use

- 1. RECEIVE** information about unsolicited proposals from the Museum of Handcar Technology and the Mendocino Railway for interim uses of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City for a recreational enterprise in 2022;
- 2. RECEIVE** update on the feasibility of creating a lease agreement with the City of Marina for recreational use of the line; and
- 3. PROVIDE** direction to staff.

- Guther

The Museum of Handcar Technology submitted a new request for handcar operations on the Monterey Branch Line corridor in 2022. Subsequently, the Mendocino Railway company submitted an unsolicited proposal for use of the same section of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use of railbike operations. Neither entity offers a service that meets TAMC's mission, thus, per the adopted unsolicited proposals policy, refusal of both requests at any time during the process is possible.

During the March 2, 2022 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the options of initiating a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for recreational uses of the corridor as well as creating a lease agreement with the City of Marina to transfer coordination of the proposals and recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line to Marina staff. TAMC staff seeks Board input and direction.

6. **RECEIVE** reports from Transportation Providers:
 - Caltrans Director's Report and Project Update - Eades
 - Monterey Peninsula Airport - Sabo
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
 - Monterey Bay Air Resources District - Stedman

7. **Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.**

8. **Executive Director's Report.**

9. **Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.**

10. **ADJOURN**

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3. 1.1 APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of February 23, 2022.

- Rodriguez

- 3. 1.2 ACCEPT** the list of checks written for February 2022 and the credit card statement for the month of January 2022.

- Delfino

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

- 3. 1.3 RECEIVE** list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

- Goel

The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.

- 3. 1.4 ADOPT** 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.

- Hansen

It is recommended that the TAMC Board of Directors find, 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.

3. 1.5 APPROVE revisions to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations.

- Goel

The Agency Board first approved these policies and regulations in 2000, although periodic changes and additions have been made since then. The last comprehensive update was done in February 2020. Revisions are being proposed at this time to bring the policies up to date.

3. 1.6 Graphic Design for Public Outreach and Marketing Materials

1. **APPROVE** Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant graphic design work of the Transportation Agency's public outreach/marketing documents, subject to counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the RFQ, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of funds from the Agency's approved budget for this contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.

- Wright

The Transportation Agency is seeking to release a Request for Qualifications from qualified consultants for graphic design services of the Agency's outreach and marketing documents.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES - No items this agenda.

PLANNING - No items this agenda.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING - No items this agenda.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3. 5.1 ADOPT** Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Gilroy area rail improvements to support the Monterey County Rail Extension project.

- Watson

TAMC staff have been coordinating with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for improvements at the Gilroy train station to support the extension of passenger rail service from Gilroy to Salinas. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) lays out the responsibilities and commitments among the agencies to support this project through completion.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE - No items this agenda.

COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE

3. 7.1 ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of March 7, 2022
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 3, 2022
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - draft minutes of February 15 2022

- Rodriguez

3. 7.2 RECEIVE correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of March 2022.

- Rodriguez

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County Special meeting will be on
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

8:30 A.M.

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County regular meeting will be on
Wednesday, April 27, 2022

9:00 A.M.

Important Meeting Information

Remote Meetings: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhanced State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allowed local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. That order expired on September 30, 2021. Governor Newsom has now signed AB 361, and the TAMC Board of Directors approved a resolution to enact AB 361 on September 22, 2021. This legislation permits teleconferencing for Brown Act meetings during a state of emergency. Thus, TAMC meetings will convene remotely, until further notice. For remote meetings, the public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at: <https://zoom.us/download>. A link to simplified instruction for the use of the Zoom app is: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/>.

Remote Meeting Public Comment: Due to current circumstances, there may be limited

opportunity to provide verbal comments during remote meetings. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00pm the Monday before the meeting. Such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting. Members of the public participating by Zoom are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Chair.

Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
www.tamcmonterey.org
Office is closed an all employees are working remotely until further notice
TEL: 831-775-0903
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Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Board may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

Alternative Agenda Format and Auxiliary Aids: If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact Transportation Agency staff at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish language interpreters, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on State and federal legislative issues and **ADOPT** positions on proposed legislation.

SUMMARY:

Staff and consultants will present updates on State and federal legislative activities and present positions on draft legislation recommended by the Executive Committee at their March 2 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The legislative proposals may have a financial impact on TAMC if they are enacted.

DISCUSSION:

Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri will present an update on State legislative activities, while Agency legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger will present an update on federal legislative activities.

February 18 was the deadline for bill introduction. Bills of interest to TAMC were reviewed by the Executive Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee. Input from those committees is reflected in **Attachment 1**, the draft State bill list, with positions recommended by the Committees, as follows:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1638 (Kiley): "Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax" would suspend the gas tax for six months, which would dramatically decrease state transportation funds. The Executive Committee recommends an "oppose" position.
- AB 1778 (Cristina Garcia): "State transportation funding: freeway widening" would prohibit State funds or personnel time to be used on freeway widening projects in areas with high rates of pollution and poverty. The Executive Committee recommends an "oppose unless amended" position, with a recommendation to the author to make it a pilot program or consider offsets.
- AB 1944 (Lee): "Local government: open and public meetings" would amend the Brown Act to enable remote participation in meetings without requiring publicly posting the location of the remote participants. The Executive Committee recommends a "support" position.
- AB 2120 (Ward): "Transportation finance: federal funding: bridges" would direct federal bridge formula funding to local projects. The Executive Committee recommends a "support" position.
- AB 2438 (Friedman): "Transportation projects: alignment with State plans" would require all transportation funding align with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), which would put Measure X projects in jeopardy. The Executive Committee recommends an "oppose unless amended" position, with a

recommendation to the author to make it a district bill, as not all regions have the same flexibility to shift to alternative modes.

- AB 2622 (Mullin): "Sales and use taxes: exemptions: California hybrid and zero-emission truck and bus voucher incentive project: transit buses" would extend the tax exemption for zero-emission bus purchases to January 2034. The Executive Committee recommends a "support" position.
- AB 2805 (Bauer-Kahan): "Department of Fish and Game: advance mitigation and regional conservation investment strategies" would streamline the process of approving regional conservation investment strategy (RCIS) plans. TAMC adopted a RCIS in 2021 and staff recommends a "support" position.
- Senate Bill (SB) 922 (Wiener): "CEQA exemptions; transportation-related projects" would extend California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for bicycle and transit projects. MST asks that TAMC support this bill.
- SB 942 (Newman): "Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP): free or reduced fare transit program" would allow transit agencies to use LCTOP funds to subsidize free or reduced fares. The Executive Committee recommends a "support" position.

Attachment 2 is a State legislative report. Staff and consultants will present updates at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft bill list
- ▣ State update

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 1638 (Kiley) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax	1/12/2022 Introduced	This bill would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for 6 months. If enacted, this bill would drastically impact state funding for highways, local streets and roads, and public transportation given that the gas tax is the main source of funding for transportation infrastructure and voters have repeatedly supported protection of those funds.	OPPOSE Priority 1S
AB 1713 (Boerner Horvath) Vehicles: required stops: bicycles	1/26/2022 Introduced	This bill would, until January 1, 2026, require a person who is 18 years of age or older riding a bicycle, when approaching a stop sign at the entrance of an intersection, to yield the right-of-way to any vehicles that have either stopped at or entered the intersection, or that are approaching on the intersecting highway close enough to constitute an immediate hazard and continue to yield the right-of-way to those vehicles and pedestrians until reasonably safe to proceed. The bill would require other vehicles to yield the right-of-way to a bicycle that, having yielded as prescribed, has entered the intersection. The BPC didn't achieve consensus on the need for an age requirement, or what age would be appropriate. Staff recommends maintaining a watch position and learning more about the ramifications of the bill before taking a position.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 1778 (Cristina Garcia) State transportation funding: freeway widening	2/3/2022 Introduced	This bill would prohibit any state funds or personnel time from being used to fund or permit freeway widening projects in areas with high rates of pollution and poverty. The recommendation is to oppose unless amended to make this bill a pilot program or require seeking alternatives to pursue multi-modal options, zero-emission vehicle investments, or procurement of zero emission trucks through the corridor as offsets for projects that traverse an area of high pollution. In its current form, this bill may impact funding highway projects in Monterey County.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Priority 2S

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>AB 1909 (Friedman) Vehicles: bicycle omnibus</p>	<p>2/9/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would remove the prohibition of class 3 electric bicycles (electric bicycles that feature pedal assist and top off at 28 miles per hour) on a bicycle path or trail and would remove the authority of a local jurisdiction to prohibit class 1 (20 mph max speed and motor works only when pedaling) and class 2 (also 20 mph but has a throttle boost) electric bicycles on these facilities. The bill would instead authorize a local authority to prohibit the operation of a class 3 electric bicycle at a motor-assisted speed greater than 20 miles per hour. This bill extends the authorization for an electric bike to cross an intersection to a when a “WALK” sign is displayed unless a bicycle control signal is displayed. This bill would no longer require a bicycle to be licensed and requires a vehicle that is passing or overtaking a vehicle to move over to an adjacent lane of traffic if one is available, before passing or overtaking the bicycle. The BPC has concerns about the bill’s implications for local jurisdiction’s ability to regulate activity on their bike routes.</p>	<p align="center">Watch Priority 9S</p>
<p>AB 1919 (Holden) Transportation: free transit passes</p>	<p>2/9/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill is currently a spot bill stating the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to ensure all public-school pupils and all students attending the California State University, the University of California, and the California Community Colleges receive free and unlimited access to student transit passes.</p>	<p align="center">Watch Priority 3S</p>

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Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>AB 1944 (Lee) Local government: open and public meetings</p>	<p>2/10/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>The Ralph M. Brown Act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing if the legislative body provides notice of each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, and those locations are made accessible to the public, and posted to the agenda to allow for public participation. At least a quorum of the legislative body must participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency’s jurisdiction. Until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health. This bill would exempt the requirement for publicly posting the location of remote participation by a member of the local agency. It would require all open and public meetings of a legislative body that elects to use teleconferencing to provide a video stream accessible to members of the public and an option for members of the public to address the body remotely during the public comment period through an audio-visual or call-in option.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 15S</p>
<p>AB 1946 (Boerner Horvath) Electric bicycles: safety and training program</p>	<p>2/10/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would require Caltrans, in coordination with the Office of Traffic Safety, to develop, on or before September 1, 2023, statewide safety standards and training programs based on evidence-based practices for users of electric bicycles.</p>	<p>Watch Priority 9S</p>
<p>AB 2120 (Ward) Transportation finance: federal funding: bridges.</p>	<p>2/14/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>The bill would require that the division and allocation of federal Highway Infrastructure Program funds occur pursuant to a specified formula approved by the California Transportation Commission.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 9S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2237 (Friedman) Regional Transportation Plan: Active Transportation Program	2/16/2022 Introduced	This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council to convene key state agencies, metropolitan planning agencies, regional transportation agencies, and local governments to assist the council in completing its report on California Transportation Plan, sustainable communities strategies, and alternative planning strategies will influence the configuration of the statewide integrated multimodal transportation system, and a review of the potential impacts and opportunities for coordination of specified funding programs. The bill would require that the report be completed by July 1, 2024.	Watch Priority 14S
AB 2438 (Friedman) Transportation projects: Alignment with state plans	2/17/2022 Introduced	This bill would require all transportation projects funded at the local or state level to align with the California Transportation Plan and the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure adopted by the Transportation Agency. To the extent the bill imposes additional duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	OPPOSE unless amended Priority 2S
AB 2449 (Rubio, Blanca) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	2/17/2022 Introduced	This bill allows a local agency to meet virtually without posting each members location, if at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency’s jurisdiction. It also prohibits an agency from requiring public comments be submitted in advance. In the event of a disruption that prevents the broadcast of a meeting, the board must cease taking action on items until the dial-in or internet option is restored. Accommodations must also be made for persons with disabilities. This bill is different from AB 1944 in that: 1) it requires a quorum to be physically present at a singular meeting place accessible to the public, so only a few members could participate virtually; 2) prevents board action on items not broadcast; 3) requires accommodations for persons with disabilities.	Watch Priority 15S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2622 (Mullin) Sales and use taxes: exemptions: California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project: transit buses	2/18/2022 Introduced	This bill would extend, from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2034, the partial state sales and use tax exemption for zero-emission buses (ZEBs) purchased by California transit agencies.	SUPPORT Priority 13S
AB 2647 (Levine) Local government: open meetings	2/18/2022 Introduced	This bill requires a local agency to make those writings distributed to the members of the governing board available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency designates or post the writings on the local agency’s internet website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.	Watch Priority 15S
AB 2805 (Bauer-Kahan) Department of Fish and Game: advance mitigation and regional conservation investment strategies	2/18/2022 Introduced	This bill would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), any other public agency, or federally recognized tribe to propose a regional conservation investment strategy (RCIS). The bill makes changes to existing law to streamline the process of developing and approving an RCIS, including removing the cap on how many such strategies the CDFW can approve, clarifying that mitigation credit agreements can create multi-agency credits, and clarifying requirements to support mitigation credit agreements. TAMC adopted its RCIS in 2021. Staff recommends a support position.	SUPPORT Priority NA
SB 674 (Durazo) Public Contracts: workforce development: covered public contracts	9/9/21 Two-year bill	This bill would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to create the California Jobs Plan and the United States Jobs Plan, which requires private entities bidding on covered public contracts over \$10 million related to the procurement, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure, excluding contracts for road, bridge, or highway construction, to include as part of their application a form stating information about jobs created and retained.	Watch Priority 1S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 726 (Gonzalez) Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: transportation sustainability strategy	9/7/21 Two-year bill	This bill would require the California State Resources Board and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop a comprehensive transportation sustainability strategy. The bill would require the Board, as part of the 2027 update of the scoping plan, to set a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the transportation sector.	Watch Priority 1S
SB 771 (Becker) Sales and Use Tax Law: zero emissions vehicle exemption	5/26/21 Two-year bill	This bill would provide a state sales tax exemption on the purchase of an electric or a hybrid electric vehicle.	Watch Priority 1S
SB 873 (Newman) California Transportation Commission: state transportation improvement program: capital outlay support	1/24/2022 Introduced	This bill would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to make an allocation of capital outlay support resources by project phase, including preconstruction, for each project in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The bill would require the CTC to develop guidelines, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to implement these allocation procedures. The CTC would be required to establish a threshold for requiring a supplemental project allocation. Caltrans would be required to submit a supplemental project allocation request to the CTC for each project that experiences cost increases above the amounts in its allocation.	Watch Priority 2S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 922 (Wiener) CEQA exemptions; transportation-related projects</p>	<p>2/3/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would repeal the January 1, 2030, sunset date, to indefinitely continue an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for bicycle transportation plans for an urbanized area for restriping of streets and highways, bicycle parking and storage, signal timing to improve street and highway intersection operations, and related signage for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles. The bill repeals the January 1, 2023, to indefinitely continue a CEQA exemption for transit prioritization projects and projects for pedestrian and bicycle facilities or for the institution or increase of new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail services on public or highway rights-of-way. Provisions relating to projects valued at over \$100 million require additional consideration for displacement of disadvantaged communities and suggest anti-displacement strategies, designs, or actions for those projects for which at least 50% of the project or projects’ stops and stations are in an area at risk of residential displacement and will have a maximum of 15-minute peak headways. MST recommends a support position as it extends the CEQA exemption for transit projects.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 11S</p>
<p>SB 932 (Portantino) General plans: circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans</p>	<p>2/7/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>Commencing January 1, 2023, this bill would require the legislative body, upon any substantive revision of the circulation element, to ensure that a modified circulation element includes bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans. This bill would require a county or city to include in its modified circulation element a map of the high injury network within its boundaries and would further require a county or city to identify and prioritize safety improvements that may be implemented within 15 years that would address serious and injurious traffic collisions. This bill would increase or decrease the 15-year implementation period based on whether the measures introduced by a county or city work to reduce its percentage of traffic violence. Some members of the TAC expressed concerns about the bill, others support the bill’s concepts. Staff recommends a watch position until more information is available to adopt a position on the bill.</p>	<p>Watch Priority 14S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 942 (Newman) Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: free or reduced fare transit program	2/8/2022 Introduced	This bill would allow public transit agencies to use funds from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program to subsidize an ongoing free or reduced fare transit program. Sponsored by the California Transit Association.	SUPPORT Priority 3S
SB 1049 (Dodd) Transportation Resilience Program	2/15/2022 Introduced	This bill would establish the Transportation Resilience Program in the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to be funded in the annual Budget Act from 15% of the available federal National Highway Performance Program funds and 100% of the available federal Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation program funds. The bill would provide for funds to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for climate adaptation planning and resilience improvements, as defined, that address or mitigate the risk of recurring damage to, or closures of, the state highway system, other federal-aid roads, public transit facilities, and other surface transportation assets from extreme weather events, sea level rise, or other climate change-fueled natural hazards. The bill would establish specified eligibility criteria for projects to receive funding under the program and would require the CTC to prioritize projects that meet certain criteria.	Watch Priority N/A

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2022

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 1078 (Allen) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program</p>	<p>2/15/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would require the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), in consultation with the State Coastal Conservancy, to develop the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program for purposes of providing low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property located in specified communities, including low-income communities, as provided. The bill would require the OPC, before January 1, 2024, in consultation with other state planning and coastal management agencies, as provided, to adopt guidelines and eligibility criteria for the program. The bill would authorize specified local jurisdictions to apply for, and be awarded, a low-interest loan under the program from the conservancy, in consultation with the council, if the local jurisdiction develops and submits to the conservancy a vulnerable coastal property plan and completes all other requirements imposed by the OPC. The bill would require the conservancy, in consultation with the OPC to review the plans to determine whether they meet the required criteria and guidelines for vulnerable coastal properties to be eligible for participation in the program.</p>	<p align="center">Watch Priority N/A</p>
<p>SB 1217 (Allen) State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience</p>	<p>2/17/2022 Introduced</p>	<p>This bill would establish, until January 1, 2028, the State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience to provide guidance, on or before January 1, 2024, to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for approving new guidelines for sustainable communities strategies. The collaborative would consist of one representative each of CARB, the Transportation Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Strategic Growth Council, along with 10 public members representing various local and state organizations. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2025, CARB to update the guidelines for sustainable communities strategies to incorporate suggestions from the collaborative.</p>	<p align="center">Watch Priority N/A</p>



February 16, 2022

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, President, Khouri Consulting LLC

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MARCH**

General Update

Khouri Consulting is actively working with TAMC staff to monitor all bills in advance of the February 18 bill introduction deadline, as well as any two-year bills. Policy bill hearings will begin in mid to late March for new bills. These bills must progress to the Appropriations Committee of each house by April 29, if keyed fiscal, meaning a cost is associated from enactment, and May 6, if keyed non-fiscal, to move to the Floor. Bills that make it to fiscal committees must be heard by May 20 and be approved by May 27 off the floor of each house. Two-year bills, which are bills that have previously made it to the second house or are proposed constitutional amendments, are considered after May 31. Policy committees must complete their business by July 1, fiscal committees by August 12, and all business by the floor of each house by August 31, to be considered for signature by the Governor by September 30.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget Summary

On January 10, Governor Newsom released his proposed FY 2022-23 State Budget. The 2022-23 Budget, which contains \$213.1 billion in General Fund spending (\$286.4 billion with special funds) is projected to have a healthy one-time surplus of \$45.7 billion (\$28.7 billion higher than projected from FY 20-21 through FY 22-23), leaving roughly \$20 billion in unencumbered resources after obligations to education and the Rainy-Day Fund (Propositions 98 and 2, respectively, are fulfilled). For transportation, a budget package deal hinges upon exhaustion of the \$4.2 billion remaining in appropriation authority from Proposition 1A, the High-speed Rail

Bond Act of 2008, to allow for the Governor's proposed FY 22-23 investments transit and rail projects (\$3.25 billion, \$2 billion available statewide), grade separations (\$500 million), climate resiliency on the state highway system (\$400m), active transportation projects (\$500 million) and zero-emission vehicle infrastructure and incentives (\$3.9 billion, total of \$10 billion over six years). With the Congressional passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act last November, California will receive more than \$40 billion of new formula-based transportation funding over the next five years and billions of dollars in additional funding from new competitive grants.

The Governor proposes to "pause" the annual inflation adjustment to the per gallon fuel excise tax rate, scheduled for July 1, 2022. This mechanism was approved as part of SB 1 in 2017 to protect against inflation and has an impact on funding made available to fund maintenance and congestion management on highways and repairing local streets and roads. Former California State Transportation Agency David Kim, who stepped down on January 14, stated that this is only a pause and not a repeal, and that the purpose is to provide a relief to consumers at the pump with gas prices that have exceeded \$5 per gallon. If enacted, this action would decrease fuel tax revenues by \$523 million in FY 2022-23, but the amount would be backfilled by the State Highway Account. There is no mechanism to regulate price adjustments by the petroleum industry.

The legislature will commence the budget subcommittee process in the coming weeks to discuss the Governor's proposed FY 22-23 budget, leaving items open and delaying action until the release of the May Revision. Per the Constitution, the legislature must send a balanced budget to the Governor by June 15. The budget must be signed by the Governor by June 30 and goes into effect on July 1, the start of the 2022-23 fiscal year.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **Monterey Branch Line Recreational Use Unsolicited Proposal**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Unsolicited Proposals for Monterey Branch Line Recreational Use

1. **RECEIVE** information about unsolicited proposals from the Museum of Handcar Technology and the Mendocino Railway for interim uses of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City for a recreational enterprise in 2022;
2. **RECEIVE** update on the feasibility of creating a lease agreement with the City of Marina for recreational use of the line; and
3. **PROVIDE** direction to staff.

SUMMARY:

The Museum of Handcar Technology submitted a new request for handcar operations on the Monterey Branch Line corridor in 2022. Subsequently, the Mendocino Railway company submitted an unsolicited proposal for use of the same section of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use of railbike operations. Neither entity offers a service that meets TAMC’s mission, thus, per the adopted unsolicited proposals policy, refusal of both requests at any time during the process is possible.

During the March 2, 2022 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the options of initiating a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for recreational uses of the corridor as well as creating a lease agreement with the City of Marina to transfer coordination of the proposals and recreational use of the Monterey Branch Line to Marina staff. TAMC staff seeks Board input and direction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For the 2019-20 work on the Museum of Handcar Technology proposal, developing and executing the reimbursement agreement and lease agreement, TAMC expended approximately \$17,500 on planner time and legal costs, including the filing of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation. Of that amount, the Museum of Handcar Technology reimbursed TAMC a total of \$6,130.56 in 2020, leaving TAMC to pay about \$11,370 in Agency reserve funds to cover those costs.

The 2021 lease agreement included a \$15,000 deposit for staff time. In fiscal year 2020-2021, \$11,140.82 was expended to support the 2021 trial run, of which \$7,350.89 was funded through the deposit and \$3,789.93 from TAMC funds. During fiscal year 2021-2022, TAMC spent \$4,824.86 of the deposit funds for the first two quarters until December 2021. The total expenditures from 2021 on then total \$15,965.68, which is \$965.68 over the deposit amount.

If the Board of Directors directs staff to proceed with activities related to publishing a request for proposals for a recreational use of the corridor, staff estimates that planner and legal costs are likely to exceed \$15,000. CEQA documentation is expected to be more extensive for long-term use of the corridor. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) indicated that long-term use would require TAMC to apply for a CPUC permit to make any changes to the rail line. Proceeding with any recreational proposal would involve an additional set of costs, including potential liability and insurance costs, although every effort would be made to transfer such costs to the operator.

DISCUSSION:

On February 24, 2021, the Board of Directors approved a lease agreement with the Museum of Handcar Technology for a trial use of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use. The agreement was executed, and the handcars had a successful trial in the summer of 2021. The lease agreement expired on September 30, 2021. The Museum of Handcar Technology's proposed 2022 operations would run approximately three and a half (3.5) miles from the Palm Avenue/ Marina Drive intersection in Marina, under the Highway 1 overcrossing and over the bike path, to the balloon spur tracks in the Fort Ord Dunes State Park, with a request to include a lease for an additional two and a half (2.5) miles towards Sand City. The project proponents are requesting to place a 45-foot-long cargo container to store handcars and a 20-foot-long container for support item storage on the tracks within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way near Palm Avenue in Marina. They propose to have employees and customers park on TAMC property off Marina Drive. They would make upgrades to the tracks needed to support their operations. Changes to their operations as compared to the trial run in 2021 include permanently modifying the bicycle path that connects across the rail tracks from Beach Range Road to the Caltrans coastal trail; having a year long, month to month lease; possibly extending operations to Sand City; and adding fencing around the area where they will base their operations.

In January 2022, Mendocino Railway submitted an unsolicited conceptual proposal for use of the Monterey Branch Line rail corridor for railbike operations. Their proposal is similar to the handcar operations, with a different kind of technology (the handcars are operated by hand, while the railbikes are operated by foot). The railbike proposal requests a long-term agreement for use of the corridor from Marina to Sand City, including a base at Marina with a container using electricity to charge batteries and store bikes. The proposal also includes permanent alterations to the bicycle path that connects across the rail tracks from Beach Range Road to the Caltrans coast trail, and bike turntables at either end that can be installed or removed within a day. The railbike proposal includes other concepts such as a train car station for administration operations at Palm Avenue.

Because TAMC has received two unsolicited proposals for what is essentially the same project concept, it is not possible to engage with one or the other without a full competitive process. Since recreational uses are not within the mission or goals of the Agency, it is reasonable for the Board of Directors to direct staff to reject both proposals. The other option is for the Board to direct staff to proceed with a competitive procurement for recreational use of the rail line corridor. A third option, leasing the portion of the Monterey Branch Line to be used for recreational purposes to the City of Marina, is possible but contingent on cooperation and coordination with City of Marina staff.

Several activities would need to take place in either the RFP or lease option. As the property owner, the Agency would be required to participate as a Responsible Agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). TAMC would also likely be responsible for coordinating on a permit from the California Public Utilities Commission, in cooperation with the winning vendor for the operations. Recovery of TAMC staff expenses could be incorporated into the lease terms.

The project proponent would be responsible for obtaining all reviews and permits, including, as necessary: County and City of Marina use permits (branch line is in the County, parking is in the City), and Coastal Commission review and permits.

Staff seeks Board direction whether to reject both proposals without further action, initiate lease discussions with City

of Marina staff, or draft a Request for Proposals for recreational use of the corridor. Terms for a lease, or a Request for Proposals package, would be brought back to a future Board of Directors meeting for authorization to proceed.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Museum of Handcar Technology Conceptual Proposal](#)
2. [Mendocino Railway Conceptual Proposal](#)
3. [Mendocino Railway Railbike Presentation](#)



PROJECT UPDATE – MONTEREY COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 23, 2022 TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY AGENCY MEETING

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS									
	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1.	North District Crosswalk Enhancements (1G760)	Various locations throughout Monterey and Santa Cruz (SRs 1, 9, 68, 129, 152, 183)	Electrical/ Signs/ Flashing Beacons/ Markings/ Pavements	Fall 2021 /Spring 2022	\$1 million	Minor	Mike Lew (RJ)	Alfaro Communications Construction Inc., Compton, CA	Contract was accepted on 8/10/2021.
2.	TMS Detection Repair (1H990)	Various locations throughout District 5 (SRs 1, 17, 68, 156, 101) (PM Various)	Replace failed TMS Detection	Winter 2021/22	\$3 million	SB1 SHOPP	Nick Heisdorf	Traffic Loops Crackfilling Anaheim, CA	Construction suspended due to material shortage. Remaining work is approximately 20 workdays and is expected to resume at end of March.
3.	Highway 1 Replace Culvert Near Limekiln Creek (0Q500)	Near Lucia south of Limekiln Bridge (PM 20.4)	Replace culvert and repair erosion	Winter 2021	\$850,000	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Serafix Engineering Contractor	Construction complete in November 2021. Project is in closeout process.
4.	Highway 1 Little Sur Retaining Wall (1K050)	Between Little Sur River and North of Big Sur (PM 55.9/55.9)	Construct earth retaining system	Fall 2022	\$2 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Gordon Ball Inc.	Project delivery was accelerated from May 2022 to RTL in June 2021, 11 months ahead of schedule. Construction underway.
5.	Highway 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rehab (1H460)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (PM 63.0)	Electrochemical Chloride Extraction (ECE) of bridge structure	Summer 2021- Summer 2023	\$8.6 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Future Contractors and Engineers, Irvine, CA	Contract approval was achieved July 20, 2021. Construction was halted by Monterey County Coastal Commission, MCCC. Stop work order lifted in November 2021, north west side temporary electrical poles removed, and connections are undergrounded.



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6.	Highway 68 Pacific Grove CAPM (1H000)	From Forest Avenue to the SR 1/68 Junction (PM 1.1/L4.3)	Pavement preservation	Winter 2022	\$6 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Granite Rock Company.	Construction underway.
7.	US 101 King City Combined Projects (1F75U4)	Near King City from South of Wild Horse Road to Teague Avenue (PM 36.9/47.7)	Pavement Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit with widening and median barrier	Spring 2019 - Summer 2023	\$77.7 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel (TL)	OHL, USA, Irvine, CA	Construction underway. Lanes have been reduced to 1 lane each direction from First Street to north of Jolon Road. The work is in its fourth stage. This work consists of the No. 2 lane and ramps.
8.	US 101 Salinas Rehabilitation (1C890)	East Market Street overcrossing to just south of Russell/Espinosa Road (PM 87.31/R91.5)	Roadway rehabilitation	Spring 2019 – Summer 2021	\$37 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel (TL)	Granite Rock Company, Watsonville, CA	Major construction is complete. Waiting for contractor to complete punch item work.
9.	US 101 Monterey-San Benito Co Roadside Safety Improvements (1F900)	In Monterey and San Benito Counties North Gonzales to SCL Line (PM 73.0/96.8)	Roadside safety improvements	Fall 2021 - Spring 2022	\$4.5 million	SHOPP	Terry Thompson (CM Patrick Dussell)	Teichert, Salinas, CA	Construction Contract Acceptance on 12/14/21. Project is in closeout process.
10.	US 101 North Soledad OH Deck Replacement (0F970)	North Soledad Bridge (PM 62.2/62.9)	Bridge deck rehabilitation	Spring 2022 – Spring 2023	\$5.0 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Project team is working on accelerated schedule to start construction by 3/30/2022. RTL reached on 12/3/2021. HQ is working on Award process.



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11.	US 101 Camp Roberts SRRA Infrastructure Upgrade (1H020)	Northbound and southbound at the Camp Roberts Rest Area (PM R2.9/R5.3)	Safety roadside rest area infrastructure upgrade	Winter 2021	\$5.5 million	SHOPP	Barak Miles	Newton Construction	Project contractor awarded and approved.
12.	US 101 San Antonio River Bridge-Seismic Retrofit (1F820)	Near King City at the San Antonio River Bridge (PM R6.7)	Seismic retrofit 2 bridges	Fall 2022	\$6.3 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	Whitaker Construction Group, Inc. Paso Robles, CA	Major construction is complete. Landscape establishment to continue to 9/30/22.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT									
	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
13.	Highway 1 Orient Express Tieback Wall (1K010)	Near Lucia south of Big Creek Bridge (27.5/27.7)	Construct tieback wall, restore roadway and facilities, place Water Pollution Control BMPs, and erosion control	Spring/Summer 2023	\$6.2 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PA&ED	The schedule was moved out to further identify biological and cultural concerns within the project limits. PA&ED: Moved to 9/1/22
14.	Highway 1 Castro Canyon Bridge Rail Upgrade (1H490)	At Castro Canyon Bridge (PM 43.1)	Replace bridge rail	Spring/Summer 2023	\$3 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PS&E	Project is now in the Design phase. Presentation to LUAC has been completed and revisions being processed.
15.	Highway 1 Coastlands Wall Permanent Restoration (1M460)	Near Big Sur at 1.0 Miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (PM -44.5/44.45)	Permanent Restoration/Tieback retaining wall	Spring/Summer 2022	\$1.7 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PS&E	Construction funding was approved via vote at December 2021 CTC meeting. Project was advertised 1/28/22, bid opening is expected 3/7/22.
16.	Highway 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1H800)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (PM 62.97)	Bridge rail rehabilitation	Fall 2023	\$3 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PS&E	Project is “long lead” with a longer than normal environmental study period needed to develop a context sensitive solution for the bridge rail with historic structures were completed in May 2021. Project is in Design phase and CA Type 86H rail third and final crash test completed 12/8/21. 6 th and final ADAC community meetings are complete with the recommendation to use CA Type 86H rail and not Texas C412 rail.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT									
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17.	Highway 68 Hwy 68 Curve Correction (1J460)	Near Pacific Grove West of Community Hospital Entrance (PM 0/0)	Improve superelevation, widen shoulders, install rumble strip	Fall 2023	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PS&E	Project is in the design phase.
18.	Highway 68 Route 68 Drainage Improvements (1J880)	From west of Sunset Dr to Toro Park (PM 0.2/15.7)	Drainage improvement, replace lighting, and install count stations	Winter 2024	\$5 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PA&ED	PA&ED has begun. Target completion of Environmental phase is June 2022.
19.	Highway 68 Pacific Grove ADA Pathway (1H220)	From 17 Mile Drive to Congress Avenue (PM 0.5/0.8)	Provide accessible pathway	Winter 2022	\$0.95 million	SHOPP	Mike Lew	PS&E	Project met RTL on 12/30/2021.
20.	US 101 Spence Rd Acceleration Lane (1M760)	South of Salinas at Spence Rd (PM 81.03)	Extend NB acceleration lane	Winter 2024	\$1 million	MINOR	Aaron Henkel	PS&E/RW	Project is in the Design phase. Working with TAMC on the co-agreement for construction capital.
21.	US 101 Market Street Northbound On-ramp Improvements (1H050)	Near Salinas from East Market Street to South of Sherwood Drive (PM 87.4/87.8)	Roadway and Retaining Wall	Fall 2022-Summer 2023	\$6.0 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	Design	Target RTL by 3/8/22. Construction is targeted for October 2022.



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22.	US 101 Prunedale Rehab (1H690)	Near Prunedale North of Boronda Road overcrossing to Monterey/San Benito County Line (PM R91.5/101.3)	Pavement rehabilitation	Winter 2022-Spring 2024	\$41.5 million	SB 1 SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PA&ED	Design Consultant and team are working towards 100% PS&E.
23.	Highway 156 Castroville Overhead (0A090)	On SR 156 between the SR 183/156 separation and Castroville Boulevard (PM R1.1/R2.1)	Replace Bridge Railing	Spring 2022 – Summer 2023	\$7.0 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Construction Contract Acceptance reached on 1/6/22.
24.	Highway 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange (31601)	Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 (R1.6/1.4)	Construct a new interchange	Fall 2022	\$24.0 million	STIP Measure X Federal Demo	Mike Lew	PS&E/RW	The Design Phase (PS&E) is well underway. The Project team is working on 95% plans submittal expected in the next month or two. Also, Environmental team continues to work on permits.
25.	Highway 183 Salinas to Castroville CAPM (1K430)	South of Old Cemetery Rd near Salinas south of Del Monte Ave at Castroville (PM 2.1/8.3)	Roadway rehabilitation, TMS elements, lighting, and sign panel replacement	Winter 2023	\$5.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PS&E/RW	Project is in the Design Phase.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT									
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26.	Highway 183 Castroville Improvement Project (1H650)	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St (PM R8.4/9.8)	Asset Management Pilot Project	Fall 2023- Summer 2025	\$20 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E	PS&E milestone reached on 12/22/21. 285 potholes to be completed. Brainstorming for public outreach meetings to ease impact to private parcel owners.
27.	Highway 218 Seaside ADA (1H230)	From Del Monte Road to Fremont Boulevard (PM R0.2/L0.9)	ADA compliant pedestrian access	Fall 2022	\$1.6 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E	Team is working towards RTL by 4/7/22. Waiting on utility relocation plans from PG&E

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PID	Project Initiation Document
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
SB	Senate Bill, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCL	Santa Clara County Line
SHOPP	Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
RTL	Ready To List
TMS	Traffic Management System



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: TAMC draft minutes of February 23, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of February 23, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ TAMC draft minutes of February 23, 2022

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. Guther, 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.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Dave Delfino, Finance Officer / Analyst
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: TAMC payments for the month of February 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT the list of checks written for February 2022 and the credit card statement for the month of January 2022.

SUMMARY:

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The checks processed this period total \$838,579.54 which, included checks written for February 2022 and payment of the January 2022 Platinum Plus Credit Card statement

DISCUSSION:

During the month of February 2022 normal operating checks were written, as well as a check for \$7,153.69 to Meyers Nave, A Professional Corp. for right of way legal services, a check for \$50,000.00 to Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for preliminary engineering review and a check for \$3,040.00 to BKF Engineers for surveying all for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project, a check for \$169,650.89 to Ecology Action and a check for \$50,146.83 to the Monterey Health Department for services for the Salinas Safe Routes to School and the ATP Every Child Projects, a check for \$8,490.96 to the City of Salinas for services for the Salinas Safe Routes to School Project, two checks totaling \$23,553.22 to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for services for the Rail Integration Study, a check for \$38,000.00 to the Federal Highways Administration for Federal review for the FLAP grant, a check for \$277,618.73 to Monterey Salinas Transit for demolition of buildings on the Fort Ord property, a check for \$3,160.00 to Smith & Enright Landscaping Inc. for weed abatement on the Salinas Rail property and a check for \$4,000.00 to Moss, Levy and Hartzheim for the 20/21 annual audit.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ❑ Checks February 2022
- ❑ Credit Card January 2022

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)

Union Bank Operating Account

February 2022

DATE	ITEM NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
02/01/2022	EFT CalPers Health Benefits	13,032.68		Employee Benefit
02/01/2022	EFT State of California		80,818.18	PPM 1st Qtr. 21/22
02/03/2022	20327 AAMCOM LLC	516.88		Call Box Answering Service
02/03/2022	20328 AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	6,074.06		Services for Rail Network Integration Study
02/03/2022	20329 Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	754.39		Computer Equipment Lease
02/03/2022	20330 Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	5,837.81		Computer Support / Lap Top Setups
02/03/2022	20331 AT & T (Carol Stream, Il.)	408.23		Telecommunications, Call Box and Rideshare - Phone Service
02/03/2022	20332 BKF Engineering	3,040.00		Surveying Services for Rail Property
02/03/2022	20333 Case Systems Inc.	3,964.80		SAFE Call Box - Maintenance
02/03/2022	20334 Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	8,602.90		Office Rent
02/03/2022	20335 De Lage Landen Financial Services	285.75		Office Copier Lease
02/03/2022	20336 Ecology Action	169,650.89		Services for SRTS Salinas and ATP SRTS Every Child
02/03/2022	20337 Meyers Nave, A Professional Corp.	7,153.69		Legal Services for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
02/03/2022	20338 Monterey County Health Dept.	50,146.83		Services for SRTS Salinas and ATP SRTS Every Child
02/03/2022	20339 Monterey County Weekly	213.50		Advertising for Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
02/03/2022	20340 Monterey Salinas Transit	165.75		Language Translation Service
02/03/2022	20341 Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	50,000.00		Engineering Design Review for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
02/03/2022	20342 The Maynard Group	357.03		Telecommunication Equipment
02/03/2022	20343 Verizon Wireless	59.51		Call Box - Phone Service
02/03/2022	20344 VSP	203.30		Employee Benefits
02/04/2022	20345 AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	17,479.16		Services for Rail Network Integration Study
02/04/2022	20346 City of Salinas	8,490.96		Services for SRTS Salinas
02/04/2022	EFT Payroll	43,433.63		Payroll
02/04/2022	EFT United States Treasury	9,839.84		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/04/2022	EFT EDD	4,005.29		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/04/2022	EFT EDD	170.84		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/04/2022	EFT Pers Retirement	8,724.57		Employee Benefits
02/04/2022	EFT Pers Retirement PEPR	1,934.71		Employee Benefits
02/04/2022	EFT CalPERS	7,357.17		Employee Benefits
02/07/2022	20347 Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	754.39		Computer Equipment Lease
02/07/2022	EFT Mike Zeller	2,750.00		Section 125 Reimbursement
02/07/2022	EFT Christina Watson	487.22		Section 125 Reimbursement
02/10/2022	EFT Federal Highways Administration	38,000.00		Federal Review of FLAT Grant
02/11/2022	DEP State of California		32,563.36	SAFE - Revenue December 2021
02/11/2022	DEP Cardinale, Haedrich, Canchola and Monterey Motors		8,527.38	Railroad Right of Way Rent
02/11/2022	DEP City of Marina		7,448.00	Local Agency Contribution 21/22
02/17/2022	20348 Oppidea, LLC	2,335.00		Accounting Services
02/17/2022	20349 APWA Monterey Bay Chapter	160.00		Monterey Chapter Awards Meeting
02/18/2022	20350 AAMCOM LLC	85.00		Call Box Answering Service

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
 Union Bank Operating Account
 February 2022**

DATE	ITEM NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
02/18/2022	20351 Business Card	4,388.89		Office and Project Supplies, Staff Travel & Professional Training
02/18/2022	20352 Case Systems Inc.	3,964.80		SAFE Call Box - Maintenance
02/18/2022	20353 Comcast	146.70		Telecommunication
02/18/2022	20354 Delta Dental	970.16		Employee Benefits
02/18/2022	20355 Department of Consumer Affairs	180.00		Employee License
02/18/2022	20356 Monterey Salinas Transit	277,618.73		Fort Ord Demolition Expenses
02/18/2022	20357 Moss, Levy & Hartzheim	4,000.00		Financial Audit
02/18/2022	20358 Pacific Gas & Electric	11.04		Branch Line Expense
02/18/2022	20359 Santa Barbara County Assoc. of Government	2,210.00		Central Coast Coalition Expenses
02/18/2022	20360 Smith & Enright Landscaping Inc.	3,160.00		Weed Abatement for Salinas Rail Property
02/18/2022	20361 Streamline	75.00		Web Service
02/18/2022	EFT Payroll	43,963.54		Payroll
02/18/2022	EFT United States Treasury	10,042.42		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/18/2022	EFT EDD	4,073.99		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/18/2022	EFT EDD	32.23		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/18/2022	EFT Pers Retirement	8,724.57		Employee Benefits
02/18/2022	EFT Pers Retirement PEPR	1,526.06		Employee Benefits
02/18/2022	EFT CalPERS	6,979.71		Employee Benefits
02/20/2022	EFT Graniterock		8,528.04	Railroad Right of Way Rent
02/25/2022	EFT Union Bank	35.92		Bank Service Charges
02/25/2022	EFT TAMC County Acct. 691		500,000.00	Funds Transfer From TAMC County Acct. 691
TOTAL		838,579.54	637,884.96	

Credit Card January 2022



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New Balance Total \$4,388.89
Minimum Payment Due **\$43.89**
Payment Due Date **03/03/22**

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, You may have to pay a fee based on the outstanding balance on the fee assessment date:
\$19.00 for balance less than \$100.01
\$29.00 for balance less than \$1,000.01
\$39.00 for balance less than \$5,000.01
\$49.00 for balance equal to or greater than \$5,000.01

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance.

Account Summary

Previous Balance \$3,536.48
Payments and Other Credits -\$3,536.48
Balance Transfer Activity \$0.00
Cash Advance Activity \$0.00
Purchases and Other Charges \$4,388.89
Fees Charged \$0.00
Finance Charge \$0.00
New Balance Total \$4,388.89

Credit Limit \$7,600
Credit Available \$3,211.11
Statement Closing Date 02/04/22
Days in Billing Cycle 31

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
Payments and Other Credits				
01/17	01/16	PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 3,536.48
TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD				-\$3,536.48
Purchases and Other Charges				
01/07	01/06	AMZN MKTP US*SW42W4IS3 AMZN.COM/BILLWA		196.40
01/07	01/06	DEVICE MAGIC INC RALEIGH NC		150.00
01/10	01/08	INTUIT *TSheets CL.INTUIT.COMCA		140.00
01/27	01/25	BOBCAT BICYCLES, INC SALINAS CA		3,839.50
01/27	01/27	MailChimp Atlanta GA		62.99
TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD				\$4,388.89

Account Number.
January 05, 2022 - February 04, 2022

New Balance Total \$4,388.89
Minimum Payment Due **\$43.89**
Payment Due Date **03/03/22**

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: Contracts Awarded under \$50,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

SUMMARY:

The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The revenue source for each specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or has been approved by a specific Agency Board action.

DISCUSSION:

The Procurement Policies of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County state that contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action. The policies also require the Executive Director to submit a report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.

The attached list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month to keep the Board informed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Contracts under \$50000.00

Contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action.

The Executive Director shall include a quarterly report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.

**Contracts Under \$50,000
(but greater than \$5,000)
Board Report date: March 2022**

Staff	Consulting Firm/ Agency	Contract Activity	Start Date	End Date	Contract amount	Work Element	Fund Source
Todd	JR Fencing	Ft Ord property fencing	3/11/22	6/30/22	\$24,075	6850	Ft Ord Demo



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Muck, Executive Director
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **AB 361 Findings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ADOPT 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.

SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the TAMC Board of Directors find, 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361. This legislation amends the Brown Act to allow meeting bodies subject to the Brown Act to meet via teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency in accordance with teleconference procedures established by AB 361 rather than under the Brown Act's more narrow standard rules for participation in a meeting by teleconference. AB 361 provides that if a state or local health official recommends social distancing, the TAMC Board of Directors may meet remotely after September 30, 2021, provided that within 30 days of the first meeting after September 30, and every 30 days thereafter, the Board of Directors finds that 1) the Governor's proclaimed state of emergency is still in effect; 2) the Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and 3) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

The Monterey County Health Officer has recommended social distancing measures for meetings of legislative bodies, and additionally, the TAMC Board of Directors passed a resolution also making these findings on September 22, 2021, so the Board of Directors and the Board's advisory committees have been able to meet remotely since September. In order to continue meeting, in addition to the resolution, the Board of Directors must continually make the findings outlined above every 30 days.

Accordingly, staff recommends making the appropriate findings. This action should occur within every 30 days, per AB 361, in order to keep meeting remotely; additional special meetings may be necessary for that purpose. These findings apply to the TAMC Board and all TAMC Board advisory committees.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **Human Resources Rules and Regulations Revisions**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE revisions to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations.

SUMMARY:

The Agency Board first approved these policies and regulations in 2000, although periodic changes and additions have been made since then. The last comprehensive update was done in February 2020. Revisions are being proposed at this time to bring the policies up to date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact of most of the proposed changes. The proposed revisions should help to minimize the Agencies potential financial liability as a result of better definition and risk management.

DISCUSSION:

The Human Resources Rules and Regulations contain basic personnel procedures governing such topics as job classifications, compensation, recruitment, appointments, promotions, probation, employee conduct, work schedule, overtime, employee benefits, paid and unpaid leave, training, employee benefits, performance review, disciplinary action, etc.

The original policies were approved when the Agency separated from the County of Monterey in July 2000. These documents were based on similar policies in place at the County of Monterey and with member agencies. The Agency Board has approved changes to the policies at different times since 2000 and the last major update was done in February 2020. Changes since 2020, recommended by staff and reviewed by Agency Counsel, have been presented in the revisions to either comply with legislative changes or to give better definition to the rules and regulations previously in the policies.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- The newly created positions of Director of Planning and Director of Programming and Project Delivery have been added.
- A section on Preparation of Time sheets has been added.

In addition, updates have been made to comply with legislative changes, to reflect any Board-approved benefit changes and to better define the rules and regulations that apply to existing policies.

The revised policies are included as a Web Attachment. Staff recommends the approval of revisions to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Human Resources Rules and Regulations](#)



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **Graphic Design for Public Outreach Materials - Request for Qualifications**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Graphic Design for Public Outreach and Marketing Materials

1. **APPROVE** Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant graphic design work of the Transportation Agency's public outreach/marketing documents, subject to counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the RFQ, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of funds from the Agency's approved budget for this contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency is seeking to release a Request for Qualifications from qualified consultants for graphic design services of the Agency's outreach and marketing documents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost for the on-call consultant for graphic design and production services is \$90,000 over a three-year period. Funding for the graphic design consultant assistance is incorporated in the Transportation Agency's budget within individual work elements.

DISCUSSION:

The mission of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is to proactively fund and plan a transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality and economic activities by investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors.

The Transportation Agency has a responsibility to provide information to the public on its projects, plans and programs, and to invite participation and foster public understanding of its activities. Throughout the year, materials such as brochures, pamphlets and flyers are utilized to inform the public about the progress of regional transportation projects, including Measure X projects and programs. These materials, as well as the Agency's Annual Report mailed to Monterey County residents every spring, require a graphic designer who is able to prepare documents that are eye-catching, informative and easy to read.

The Transportation Agency executed a contract with Boots Roads Group, Inc. to serve as the agency's on-call graphic designer for a period of three years, effective July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023. In December 2021, Boots Road Group, Inc. notified the agency that the business was going to shut down on June 30, 2022. As a result, Transportation Agency staff is seeking another consultant to serve as the agency's on-call graphic design consultant with graphic

design, social media, photography, and video experience to create the TAMC Annual Report and develop marketing collateral and support materials to be used on multiple agency platforms. The consultant, as directed through Task Orders, will provide these services for three years, effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025. A scope of work will be provided to the consultant for each particular Task Order, which could include marketing assistance for the branding of transportation projects or graphic design of flyers, pamphlets and mailers. Each task order will have a not-to-exceed cost estimate based upon the fixed fee schedule.

Approval of the Request for Qualifications for the Graphic Design Consultant for a three-year period is requested, pending counsel approval. The scope of work and proposed schedule of activities is attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Graphic Design Consultant Scope of Work and Schedule

Graphic Design Consultant SCOPE OF WORK

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Monterey County's Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is a state designated agency responsible for planning and financial programming of transportation projects. The Transportation Agency has a responsibility to provide information on its projects, plans and activities to the public, invite participation and foster public understanding of its function.

The Transportation Agency is seeking a consultant to provide creative development of marketing collateral and support material to be used on multiple Agency platforms. The Agency is seeking a consultant with graphic design, social media, photography & video experience, to provide, as directed through Task Orders by TAMC, tasks which could include the following:

- 1) Annual Report: The first conceptual meeting for the annual report occurs in December, followed by the design, production, printing and mailing of the report during the months of December – May of each year.
- 2) Project & Program flyers, brochures, postcards, one-page summary sheets and other collateral materials
- 3) Coordination of production services for marketing collateral and support materials
- 4) Coordination of print services
- 5) Logo Designs
- 6) Project specific graphics designs
- 7) Project Photos
- 8) Development of content to be used on Agency's website/social media platforms and other website expertise as needed
- 9) Development of short videos of Agency's projects/programs

A scope of work will be provided to the selected consultant(s) for each particular project, which could entail marketing assistance for branding of transportation projects, logo design, and graphic design for flyers, pamphlets, and mailers.

The consultant will, in turn, provide a not-to-exceed cost estimate based upon the fixed rate schedule included in their submittal and then execute a task order with the Transportation Agency. The scope of each project will include obtaining approvals and completing all paperwork necessary to comply with all local, state, and federal requirements.

TAMC intends to recommend budgeting approximately \$90,000 dollars toward the cost of these graphic design and production services for the three-year period of the Agreement.

2022 Graphic Design RFQ Schedule

Date	Action
Wednesday, March 23	TAMC Board Request to Release the RFQ
Monday, March 28	Release the RFQ
Thursday, April 21	Electronic Proposal Due
Thursday, May 5	Rank & Review RFQ Proposals
Tues./Wed., May 17-18	Optional Interviews
Thursday, June 2	Notice of Intent Letters Sent
Wednesday, June 22	TAMC Board of Directors approves consultant contract
Friday, July 1, 2022	Contract goes into effect
Monday, June 30, 2025	Contract expires



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **Monterey County Rail Extension project - MOU with City of Gilroy and VTA**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ADOPT Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Gilroy area rail improvements to support the Monterey County Rail Extension project.

SUMMARY:

TAMC staff have been coordinating with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for improvements at the Gilroy train station to support the extension of passenger rail service from Gilroy to Salinas. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) lays out the responsibilities and commitments among the agencies to support this project through completion.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff time on the Monterey County Rail Extension project is included in the Agency budget. Having this MOU will assist the project in moving forward and the City has agreed not to assess the project development fees in this MOU, which can save the project unexpected expenses.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Rail Extension project Package 3 includes track and associated improvements around the existing Gilroy train station, which is the end of the line for the current Caltrain passenger rail service. In order to extend those trains southward to Salinas, the station track needs to be extended across 10th Street and Luchessa Avenue to connect with the Union Pacific mainline tracks. Other improvements include a relocated Caltrain equipment shed, railroad crossing enhancements, an improved sidewalk on 10th Street, and related stormwater improvements.

The City of Gilroy owns the streets and sidewalks, and will need to approve encroachment permits for TAMC's construction contractor to perform the work on City property. The City will also be accepting those improvements after construction, and maintaining the street, sidewalk, and stormwater facilities.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) owns the station area, parking lot, and Caltrain layover yard. VTA needs to approve license agreements for the construction contractor to perform the work on VTA property. VTA will also be accepting the improvements after construction, and maintaining the yard, station area, parking lot, and stormwater facilities.

TAMC is responsible for securing the funding, environmental clearance (complete), stakeholder coordination, utility relocation, and hiring the design team (HDR Engineering), right-of-way acquisition team (Bender Rosenthal and Nossaman), construction manager (MNS Engineers) and the construction team (to be selected once the project is at

100% design).

Attached online is the three-party draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for adoption.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Draft Memorandum of Understanding](#)



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: **Committee Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of March 7, 2022
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 3, 2022
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - draft minutes of February 15 2022

ATTACHMENTS:

- ❑ Executive Committee draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- ❑ Rail Policy Committee draft minutes of March 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members: Mary Adams (Chair), Michael LeBarre (1st Vice Chair),
 Chris Lopez (2nd Vice Chair), Ed Smith (Past Chair),
 Wendy Root Askew (County representative), Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

*** 8:30 a.m. ***

REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22
Mary Adams, Chair Supr. Dist. 5 (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Michael LeBarre, 1st Vice Chair King City (C. DeLeon)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chris Lopez, 2nd Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 2 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Ed Smith, Past Chair Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)
Wendy Root Askew, County Representative Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E	P (VC)	:P (VC)
Kimbley Craig, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. Committee member Askew left at 9:36 a.m., Committee member Lopez left at

Staff present: Goel, Guther, Muck, Rodriguez, Strause, Watson, Williamson, and Zeller.

Others present: Agency Counsel Katherine Hansen; Colleen Courtney, District 5 alternate; Yuri Anderson, District 4 alternate; Priscilla Barba, District 3 alternate; Cristina Medina Dirksen and Brian McCarthy, City of Marina; Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport, Thorn Run Partners; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting; Robert Jason Pinoli, David Rohal and Chris Hart, Sierra Railroad; Todd and Mason Clark, Museum of Handcar Technology; Tuka Gafari, Tina Nieta, Brian Jacobson, and Harry Nagel, public.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S/C

Askew/Lopez/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Askew, seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 2, 2022, with a correction noted by Committee Member Askew to update her district to 4 and her alternate name to Yuri Anderson.

4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported the Museum of Handcar Technology submitted a new request for recreational handcar operations on the Monterey Branch Line corridor in 2022. The Mendocino Railway company submitted a similar unsolicited proposal for use of the same section of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for recreational use of railbike operations. Neither entity offers a service that meets TAMC's mission, thus, per the adopted unsolicited proposals policy, the Executive Committee can refuse both requests at any time during the process. The Executive Committee can also direct staff to initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for recreational uses of the corridor. Staff seeks Committee input and direction.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that if the Executive Committee directs staff to proceed with activities related to publishing a request for proposals for a recreational use of the corridor, staff estimates that planner and legal costs are likely to exceed \$15,000. CEQA documentation is expected to be more extensive for long-term use of the corridor. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) indicated that long-term use would require TAMC to apply for a CPUC permit to make any changes to the rail line. Proceeding with any recreational proposal would involve an additional set of costs, including potential liability and insurance costs, although every effort would be made to transfer such costs to the operator.

On a motion by Committee Member Askew and seconded by Committee Alternate Cromeenes, the Committee directed staff to evaluate a potential lease of the corridor to the City of Marina and, if such a lease is not possible, to recommend the Board approve a Request for Proposals for a limited-time recreational use of the corridor that protects the SURF! bus project and seeks to be cost-neutral to TAMC.

After discussion from the Executive Committee and the public, the Committee agreed that staff first investigate leasing the TAMC property to the City of Marina to publish a Request for Proposals for a recreational use. Cristina Medina Dirksen, City of Marina Council Member, expressed her support along with Committee Member Askew for continued recreational use of the tracks, if the future SURF! busway project is protected.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state and legislative activities and took the following action:

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre, seconded by Committee Alternate Cromeenes, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt positions on state legislation.

Agency legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger presented an update on federal legislative activities. Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on state legislative activities and recommended positions on certain bills. He reviewed the revised proposed bill list and noted the recommended positions to support, oppose or watch.

6. RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS

The Executive Committee discussed how to conduct future TAMC Board of Directors and committee meetings.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom allows the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committees to meet remotely under AB361, noting the state of emergency declaration could be lifted soon and staff needs to be prepared to return to in-person or hybrid meetings.

The Committee agreed that the option for virtual or hybrid meetings would be the best way to go, so long as it is permitted under state law. Staff will look at location options and hybrid capabilities.

7. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 23, 2022.

After Executive Committee discussion, direction was provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Legislative Update
- Lease Monterey Branch Line corridor to Marina or Request for Proposals for a recreational use

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of March 7, 2022
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21	JAN 22	FEB 22	MAR 22
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	E	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	O	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		E	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	M	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	M	P(A)	P(A)	E
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	A	A	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P(A)	E	A	A	P
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P	P	E	T	E	P	A	P	T	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	P	P	P	I	P	A	P	P	I	A	A	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	G	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	A
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	A	P	P		P	A	A	P		A	P	A
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair	P	P	P		P	P	A	E		P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	A	A	A		A	P	P	A		A	A	A
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	E		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator	P	A	P		A	A	A	A		A	A	A
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	A	A		A	A	A	P		P	P	P
A. Guther Assis. Transp. Planner								P		P	P	P

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1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Benson Kwong Caltrans Headquarters Jeffrey Public

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Anderson/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the February 7, 2022 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SURF! BUSWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer, presented on the proposed SURF! Busway that is a 6-mile bus-only corridor parallel to State Route 1 to be constructed along the Monterey branch line rail right-of-way. Mr. Bipse noted that the community engagement opportunities will be ongoing through the next year. The project expects to go out to bid for the construction in 2024 and start operation in 2027.

Committee Member Medina-Dirksen asked for more information on the community engagement and what efforts are used to outreach to people with disabilities. Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, replied that the plan is to reach out to community groups and churches. The MST Mobility Center will help with outreach to persons with disabilities. Starting in late April, outreach efforts will include onsite pop-ups, engagement opportunities, and an online engagement tool through Social Pinpoint. MST continues to work with City of Marina staff and will have another site visit.

Executive Director Todd Muck noted that all transportation projects must be state of the art for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

5. **SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Monterey County Rail Extension Project won awards for the construction of Package 1, the parking and circulation improvements at the Salinas train station.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the City of Salinas on the logistics to transfer ownership of the completed project to the City of Salinas. Mr. Zeller noted CTC deferred the approval of the property transfer to the May CTC meeting.

Mr. Zeller reported that the Agency is pursuing the acquisition of five privately-owned parcels for the layover facility for Package 2. He noted that the TAMC Board approved the contract with Bender Rosenthal to assist with Union Pacific Railroad property acquisition.

Ms. Watson reported that the design plans are at 90% and aim to have 100% plans in August. Staff will bring a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gilroy and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for improvements at the Gilroy train station to the March 23 Board for adoption.

6. **COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) reelected Dave Potter as their chair at their meeting on February 25, 2022.

Committee Member Potter noted that he has chaired the CRCC for over 24-years and wants to intensify the group's lobbying efforts for rail.

7. RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The Committee discussed how to conduct future Committee meetings.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that it is recommended that the Committee discuss how and where to conduct future in-person meetings, in light of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, allowing the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committee to meet remotely, is expected to be lifted at some point this year.

Committee Member Craig noted she supports the flexibility allowed by virtual meetings but would like to meet in person for controversial topics.

Committee Member Medina-Dirksen asked for best practices be sent out to committee members for being present in a meeting.

Chair LeBarre reported that it sounds like we are okay to stay remote until August then likely hybrid from the TAMC conference room.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Potter suggested a discussion for lobbying efforts to discuss at a future meeting date.

Committee Member Craig noted that she will be in D.C. next week and would be happy to meet with Mr. Potter and Paul Schlesinger, TAMC's legislative analyst, while she is there.

Chair LeBarre noted that the City of King City was happy to hear that Union Pacific responded back from Amtrak's request for additional Coast Star light train stops. They sent a letter saying they are open to a new station in King City.

9. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: March 23, 2022
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of March 2022.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [March 3, 2022 letter from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck to Mitch Weiss, California Transportation Commission RE: Interregional Transportation Improvement Program- King City Rail Platform \(Project #9890\) and Rail Funding-Support](#)
- [March 8, 2022 letter from CRCC Chair Dave Potter to Administrator Amit Bose RE: Docket No. FRA-2022-0006: Corridor Identification and Development Program](#)
- [March 9, 2022 letter from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck to Administrator Amit Bose RE: Docket No. FRA-2022-0006: Corridor Identification and Developer Program](#)