

FINAL 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 are: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Huitt, Parker and Potter (arrived during closed session). Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee Member Armenta and seconded by Committee Member Huitt the committee voted 5– 0 to approve the consent agenda, with Supervisor Potter absent.
 - 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 2, 2015.

END OF CONSENT

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Chair Craig reported that the committee reviewed the Executive Director & Legal Counsel evaluations and there is nothing to report. Chair Craig will meet with the Executive Director and Legal Counsel to discuss their evaluations.

5. The Committee received a verbal update on state and federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on state bills of interest to the Agency. She reported that the bill (Senate Bill 705) that would allow us to bring a 3/8-cent sales tax increase for transportation to Monterey County voters in November 2016 has been through both houses and waiting on signature from the Governor by October 11, 2015. She noted that a final bill list and year-end report would be on the October Board agenda.

Ms. Watson reported that the federal transportation authorization bill expires on October 29, and the appropriations bill was extended to December 11. Executive Director Hale reported she would be in Washington, DC at the invitation of Congressman Sam Farr for a Travel and Transportation Caucus meeting with Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx on October 21, and would attend meetings on the need for a transportation authorization measure after that.

6. The Committee received the second evaluation of the legislative analyst/advocate; and provided direction on the next steps for state legislative assistance.

Executive Director Hale reported that, per direction from the Board of Directors, a second evaluation was done for the state legislative analyst/advocate contract. She reported that, based on the evaluation, staff presents two options for the Executive Committee's consideration: Option 1, to extend the current consultant contract to January 30, 2016, release the legislative advocate contract for bid, and select a consultant at the January 2016 Board meeting. Option 2 is to extend the current consultant contract to June 30, 2017.

After discussing the evaluation and options suggested by staff, the Committee recommended extending the current consultant contract to June 2017, recognizing that the current consultant has a strong relationship with TAMC Board members, is frequently in town, and has a long-term relationship with the Agency. The Committee recommended reducing the current contract amount from \$30,000 per year to \$25,000 per year, based on consultant's reviews, the limited budget for such expenses and the potential need for special assistance as occurred in the current year.

The Committee also recommended setting aside \$10,000 for assistance with special transportation-related legislation that the Agency may need to pursue. Allocation of this reserve would be brought to the Executive Committee for consideration and appropriate documents would be prepared. The Committee also requested a follow-up meeting with JEA & Associates and a City and County representative from the Executive Committee.

7. The Committee received oral report from counsel on Transportation Agency for Monterey County's Employee Incentive Program.

Kay Reimann, Agency counsel, reported that TAMC's current incentive program is legal and she will provide the Board of Directors more detail in a written memo.

8. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 28, 2015:

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda, she noted that a closed session will be held regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel. The Board will also receive an update on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan and the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan, and an update on upcoming construction of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout. On the consent agenda the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 2015-17 amending the unmet transit needs finding for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. In addition, the Board will receive the state and federal legislative update.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.


Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant