

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2021, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL* 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Past Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P	P(T)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, County Rep (P. Barba)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, 1st Vice Chair (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	E	P(A)	E	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Rios, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
B. White, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P(A)	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City, 2nd Vice Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
E. Smith, Monterey, Chair (D. Albert; A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Poduri, Pacific Grove, (B. Peake)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
K. Craig, Salinas, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder; K. Cruz)	P	P(A)	P	A	P	A	A	P	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (A. Velazquez)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P

Ex Officio Members:	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL* 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel, S. Vienna)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	A	P(A)	A	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, O. Monroy-Ochoa, J. Olejnik, K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)	A	P	A	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey, A. Clyme)	A	P	A	E	P	P	A	P(A)	A	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	A	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P	A	P(A)	A	A
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	E	A	A	A	A	A	A
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis, L. Samuels)	P(A)	A	A	E	A	A	A	P	A	A
<i>P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence *Special Meeting</i>										
TAMC STAFF	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21*	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21*	OCT 21	NOV* 21	DEC 21
D. Bilsé, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	P
T. Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner								P	P	P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner					P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner										P
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	E	P	P	E	P	A	E	A	E	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Director of Programming & Project Delivery Mike Zeller led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment reported.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Kerr/Poduri/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of October 27, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Approved the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board Special Meeting draft minutes of November 17, 2021.
- 3.1.3** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of September 2021 and credit card statements for the month of October 2021.
- 3.1.4** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.5** Approved calendar year 2022 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.6** Appointed Board members Ed Smith and Cristina Medina Dirksen as Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 26, 2022 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 26, 2022 Board meeting.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** No items this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Authorized staff to release the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan for public review.

3.3.2 Regarding Federal Legislative Advocate Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Thorn Run Partners, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$201,850, to provide federal legislative advocacy services for the period from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024;
2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Approved Resolution 2021-15 adopting the Monterey County 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

3.4.2 Regarding Regional Wayfinding Programs Signs Construction Contract:

1. Approved the project plans and specifications;
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, subject to approval by Agency Counsel and Caltrans Audits and Investigations, to execute a contract with Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs in an amount not to exceed \$456,990, with an anticipated completion date of December 2022, for construction of the Regional Wayfinding Program Signs project throughout Monterey County;
3. Authorized the use of funds from the approved project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$456,990, and \$68,550 as a contingency fund for change orders; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract amount or term.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Construction Management - MNS Engineers Contract Amendment #3:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #3 with MNS Engineers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the contract timeline from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022, to correspond with the anticipated final design schedule for Packages 2 and 3;
 2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.
- 3.5.2** Regarding Monterey County Rail Extension Property Acquisition Legal Services - Meyers Nave Contract Amendment #3:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #3 with Meyers Nave to extend the contract timeline from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022, to correspond with the anticipated legal services required for finalizing the property acquisitions for Package 2;
 2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

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 November 3, 2021
 - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of November 1, 2021.
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 3, 2021
 - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 4, 2021
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – draft minutes of October 19, 2021.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2021.
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4. GO831 PROGRAM AND AMBASSADOR ACADEMY

The Board received information about revisions to the Go831 program and website and the introduction of the new Go831 Ambassador Academy.

Tracy Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator, reported that TAMC staff created a smart commute training program, the Go831 Ambassador Academy, to help employees and employers implement smart commute programs. Ms. Burke noted that the goal of the Go831 Ambassador Academy is to create and maintain a group of local business ambassador liaisons. Go831 Ambassadors will learn how to utilize locally available resources to help employees use smart commute methods.

Chair Smith noted that this is a great opportunity to make an impact in Monterey County.

5. SALINAS COMMUTER RAIL STATION PACKAGE 1 NOTICE OF COMPLETION

M/S/C Potter/LeBarre/unanimous

The TAMC Board of Directors received an update and authorized the Executive Director to accept the Salinas Commuter Rail Station Package 1 construction project and file a Notice of Completion for work performed by Monterey Peninsula Engineers under contract no. 6803.4.SAL.21.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the Transportation Agency advertised the Salinas Commuter Rail Station Package 1 Project on December 11, 2018, and opened bids on March 19, 2019. On April 24, 2019, the TAMC Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineers, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, in the amount of \$7,487,989, and approved the use of \$1,123,200 in contingency funds. The project was funded by an allocation of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, which have an expenditure deadline of December 6, 2021. The contract work was completed on March 4, 2021, ahead of schedule and under budget.

Chair Smith expressed his excitement to see construction kick off, and any project under budget is well done.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy District Director, announced that the Camp Roberts rest area is closed for remodeling. He announced there are \$250 stipends available for people who adopt a highway through the Caltrans Clean California Initiative, a statewide effort to remove trash on the highways. For more information on Clean California, see : <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/about>

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported that the airport had a great turnout during the Thanksgiving holiday. He noted that the airport opened a new art program sponsored by the Farm Bureau with the topic “How Monterey County feeds the world”.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – No report this month.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District- Richard Stedman announced an electric fast charging station will be installed in Soledad. He encouraged everyone to consider the District’s rebate incentive program for new and used electric vehicles.

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

None this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck welcomed new TAMC staff Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, hired on November 8, 2021. Director Muck announced that a 2.3-mile segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project connecting Marina to the Fort Ord National Monument was shortlisted for a \$5.66 million federal lands access program grant. TAMC staff will work with the Federal Highway Administration to further develop the segment to finalize the grant award. Director Muck also noted the \$1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021. More information will be available in upcoming months on how this historic federal investment will benefit Monterey County’s residents, businesses and visitors. Director Muck reminded the Board to get their nominations in by December 3 for the Excellence Awards, and he noted that the Measure X annual reports are due by December 31. In conclusion, Director Muck announced the TAMC Board special meetings regarding AB361 are scheduled on December 15, and January 12 at 8:30 a.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Smith noted that he and Cristina Medina Dirksen are the nominating committee for next year’s appointments, he invited the board members to please let them know if they’re interested.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.