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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Members are: Luis Alejo, Chair; Ed Smith, 1st Vice Chair; Mary Adams, 2nd Vice Chair; Robert Huitt, Past Chair; Chris Lopez, County Representative; Michael LeBarre, City Representative \*\*Luis Alejo will be joining the meeting via teleconference from 7237 S. 40th Lane Phoenix, Arizona\*\**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

**Transportation Agency Conference Room**

**55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

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

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

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### **3. 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.

#### **3.1 APPROVE** the Executive Committee draft minutes of February 5, 2020.

**- Rodriguez**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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4. **RECEIVE** update on legislative activities.

- Watson/Hale

*Staff will present a draft bill list and an update on state and federal legislative activities.*

5. **RECEIVE** report on draft TAMC Board meeting agenda of March 25, 2020.

- Muck

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

**Next Executive Committee meeting is:  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

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 inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS - No items this month.**



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Executive Committee  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2020  
**Subject:** **Executive Draft Minutes of February 5, 2020**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the Executive Committee draft minutes of February 5, 2020.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▣ Executive Committee Draft Minutes of February 5, 2020

**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: Luis Alejo (Chair),  
 Ed Smith (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Mary Adams (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
 Robert Huitt (Past Chair),  
 Chris Lopez (County representative), Michael LeBarre (City representative)*

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>APR 19</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JUN 19</b>	<b>AUG 19</b>	<b>SEP 19</b>	<b>OCT 19</b>	<b>NOV 19</b>	<b>JAN 20</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>
Luis Alejo, <b>Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P (TC)
Michael LeBarre, <b>City Representative</b> King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robert Huitt, <b>Past Chair</b> Pacific Grove (D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, <b>County Representative</b> Supr. Dist. 2										P
Mary Adams, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 5 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Ed Smith, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice</b> Monterey (A. Renny)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

*TC: via teleconference*

*\*: new member*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson

Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann

Via teleconference: Chair Luis Alejo and Gus Khouri, Legislative Analyst.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 3.1** On a motion by Committee Member Adams seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 8, 2020.

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on legislative activities.

Gus Khouri, Agency's Legislative Consultant, reported that the California Transportation Commission selected Mitch Weiss as Executive Director, Paul Van Konynenburg as Chair, and Hilary Norton as Vice Chair. Executive Director Hale noted that she is pleased with Mr. Weiss' appointment as Executive Director, noting he will provide consistency and responsiveness. Mr. Khouri reported that Senator Monning will author the bill related to the State Route 156 project and the fully protected endangered species the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander. Mr. Khouri noted the Central Coast Coalition was planning a legislative lobby day in Sacramento on February 19, and he would be scheduling meetings with the legislative delegation for TAMC representatives.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the House Democrats announced a transportation reauthorization proposal called "Moving Forward" that would fund \$760 billion in transportation and infrastructure projects, pending the source of funding to be identified by the House Ways and Means committee. Executive Director Hale noted she would be in Washington, DC next week and would report back on any news at the March Executive Committee meeting.

## **5. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

On a motion by Committee Member Huitt and seconded by Committee Member LeBarre, the committee voted 6 -0 to recommend that the Board authorize Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 20/21 budget and Overall Work Program to state funding agencies for initial review, and recommend that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 20/21 through 22/23, and the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 20/21; and recommend that the Board Direct the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget and one-year Overall Work Program back to the Board on May 27, 2020 for approval.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft 20/21 budget. She reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two parts: operating and direct programs. The operating expenditures includes salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. The direct program expenditures include specific project delivery, outside consultants and contracts. She noted that the Agency expects to have enough revenues and reserves to cover operations and the planned activities in the proposed Overall Work Program. Ms. Goel reported that the next steps in the process are to present the draft budget and Overall Work Program to the Board of Directors in February and to bring the final budget and Overall Work Program to the Executive Committee in May for review and the Board of Directors for adoption on May 27, 2020.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director reported how the Overall Work Program and Budget reflect each other, noting that there is a lot of on-going projects this year and not too many new projects. Mr. Muck noted a summary of the Overall Work Program is included in the Executive Committee agenda. The Work Program describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

**6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR February 26, 2020**

Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of February 26, 2020. After Executive Committee discussion, the following items will be considered on the regular agenda:

- Blue Zones well-being improvement project presentation
- Seaside and Marina Safe Routes to School Plan
- Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing
- State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard project update
- Monterey Branch Line recreational use Hand Car lease agreement

On the consent agenda, the Board will consider actions related to:

- Draft Overall Work Program and Budget
- Human Resources Rules and Regulations revisions
- Local Transportation Fund Apportionments
- Regional Traffic Counts Program agreement
- 2020 Programming Guidelines and Grants
- Measure X Funding Agreement – Imjin Road Widening

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None this month.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



**Memorandum**

**To:** Executive Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2020  
**Subject:** **Legislative Update**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on legislative activities.

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will present a draft bill list and an update on state and federal legislative activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

A few of the bills on the draft bill list could have financial impacts on Monterey County. Senate Bill (SB) 1231 (Monning) would facilitate the construction of improvements on State Route 156 at Castroville that would mean that the funds already invested in that project would not be lost. SB 795 (Beall) is a reintroduction of SB 5 (Beall) which TAMC supported in 2019 due to its investment in affordable housing, transit-oriented development, and "strong neighborhoods". A few bills would help implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Attached** are a state update from Agency legislative consultant Gus Khouri and a draft bill list. Of key interest is the introduction of legislation by Senator Monning (**web attachment**) that will enable the State Route 156/ Castroville Boulevard to move forward with construction.

On February 19, 2020, staff and Board members participated in the Central Coast Coalition legislative day in Sacramento (itinerary **attached**). Participants will provide a verbal report at the meeting.

From February 10-13, Executive Director Debbie Hale attended meetings with the American Public Works Association in Washington, DC. She will report on those meetings at the Committee meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▢ State legislative report - Khouri
- ▢ State bill list
- ▢ Central Coast Legislative Day Itinerary

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Senate Bill 1231 \(Monning\): Endangered species: take: Santa Cruz long-toed salamander](#)





February 25, 2020

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
FROM: Gus Khouri, Principal  
Khour Consulting LLC

**RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FEBRUARY**

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On February 19, TAMC officials and staff participated in the Central Coast Coalition’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Day, arranged by Khouri Consulting. The Coalition is comprised of the five Central Coast Counties from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara. TAMC Chair Luis Alejo, First Vice Chair Ed Smith, Rail Policy Committee Vice Chair Dave Potter, Executive Director Debbie Hale, and Principal Transportation Planner Christina Watson were all in attendance.

The focus of this trip was on meeting with state agencies to discuss Senate Bill 1 grant priorities, transit farebox recovery relief to maintain service, and seeking funding for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing multi-modal options, such as passenger rail. The group met with California State Transportation Agency Secretary David Kim, California Transportation Commission Executive Director Mitchell Weiss, High Speed Rail Authority Chief Financial Officer Brian Annis, Caltrans Deputy Executive Director Jim Davis and District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

**TAMC-Sponsored Legislation**

Senator Bill Monning will author Senate Bill 1231, on behalf of TAMC, to improve safety through the State Route 156 (SR 156) corridor. SR 156 is a major thoroughfare used by residents, commuters, tourists, and commercial trucks traveling to and from the Monterey Peninsula. More than 32,000 vehicles travel along SR 156 each weekday and even more travel along this corridor on weekends. 378 collisions were reported on SR 156 from 2005 to 2010, a rate that was 20% higher than the state average. From 2013 to 2018, there were 127 collisions with 2 fatalities and close to 200 injuries, 13 of those injuries being serious.

TAMC will be seeking to leverage Measure X dollars with prospective state grant funding through the SB 1 Cycle 2 competitive grant programs to eliminate collisions and fatalities through Castroville by widening lanes and building and interchange project. SB 1231 allows for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a permit for the incidental take of the Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander, which would allow for the safety improvements and enhanced mitigation for the species to occur.

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2020**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Bill Summary</b>	<b>Recommended Position</b>
<b>AB 1839 (Bonta)</b> <b>California New Green Deal</b>	1/6/2020 Introduced	This bill is a spot bill that intends to create the California Green New Deal Council with a membership appointed by the Governor. The bill would require the California Green New Deal Council to submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022.	<b>WATCH</b> <b>Priority 12S</b>
<b>AB 1908 (Chen)</b> <b>Homeless Encampment and Litter</b>	1/8/2020 Introduced	This bill would require Caltrans to clean up homeless encampments and litter within its right-of-way and expedited and coordinated access to housing and supportive services.	<b>WATCH</b> <b>Priority NA</b>
<b>AB 2012 (Chu)</b> <b>Free Senior Transit Passes: Eligibility for Transit Funding</b>	2/14/20 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require transit agencies to offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would require those free senior transit passes to count as full price fares for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs.	<b>SUPPORT</b> <b>Priority 10S</b>
<b>AB 2121 (Friedman)</b> <b>Traffic safety</b>	2/20/2020 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. The bill would also require the California Traffic Safety Program to include a traffic safety monitoring program that identifies and addresses locations with pedestrian- and bicyclist-related crashes. It would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes. The bill implements Vision Zero to allow for reducing speed limits and eliminating bicycle and pedestrian fatalities.	<b>SUPPORT</b> <b>Priority 7S</b>
<b>AB 2145 (Ting)</b> <b>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</b>	2/10/2020 Introduced	Spot bill related to the electric vehicle charging infrastructure approval process employed by the Public Utilities Commission, to help ensure that by 2030 California will install enough electric vehicle charging ports to meet the demand for charging infrastructure.	<b>WATCH</b> <b>Priority 11S</b>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2020**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Bill Summary</b>	<b>Recommended Position</b>
<b>AB 2262 (Berman)</b>  <b>Zero-emission vehicle readiness plan</b>	2/14/2020  Assembly Transportation and Natural Resources	This bill would require each sustainable communities strategy to also include a zero-emission vehicle readiness plan. By imposing new requirements on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	<b>WATCH</b>  <b>Priority 11S</b>
<b>SB 757 (Allen)</b>  <b>State Highways: Relinquishments</b>	1/23/2020  Assembly Rules	This bill would allow for the California Transportation Commission, rather than the legislature, to oversee the process for requests to relinquish portions of the state highway system to local jurisdictions.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  <b>Priority 13S</b>
<b>SB 795 (Beall)</b>  <b>Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment</b>	1/15/2020  Referred to Senate Governance and Finance; Housing; and Education	This bill would establish the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, to authorize a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority, transit village development district, or a combination of those entities, to apply for funding for eligible projects include, among other things, construction of workforce and affordable housing, certain transit-oriented development, and “projects promoting strong neighborhoods.” The source of funding for this program is from a county’s transfer of the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). SB 795 is being sponsored by the California State Building & Construction Trades Council. TAMC supported its predecessor, SB 5, and sent a support letter as the language was identical.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  <b>Priority 12S</b>  <b>Letter sent 1/24/20</b>
<b>SB 1231 (Monning)</b>  <b>SR 156 Corridor Safety and Endangered Species Mitigation</b>	2/20/2020  Introduced	This bill would allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander ( <i>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</i> ) resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 (SR 156) corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. The purpose of this bill is to allow TAMC to implement safety improvements to eliminate collisions and fatalities along the SR 156 corridor while allowing for enhanced mitigation for an endangered species.	<b>SPONSOR</b>  <b>Priority 4S</b>



## **Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day Itinerary February 19, 2020**

<b>8:30 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Pre-Briefing w/ Gus Khouri</b> State Capitol, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Cafeteria
<b>9:30 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>David Kim, Secretary, CalSTA</b> State Capitol, Room 125 <b>Topics: Protecting Funding (#1), SB 1 Cycle 2 projects (#2), Multimodal Investments (#3), GHG reduction investments (#4)</b>
<b>10:15 am – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Brian Annis, Chief Financial Officer, High-Speed Rail Authority</b> State Capitol, Room 125 <b>Topics: Multimodal investments (#3)</b>
<b>11:00 am – 11:45 am</b>	<b>Jim Davis, Chief Deputy Director; Tim Gubbins, District 5 Director; Caltrans</b> Caltrans Director's Conference Room, 1120 N Street <b>Topics: SB 1 Cycle 2 projects (#2), TDA, permit streamlining</b>
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Box Lunch w/ California Transportation Commission</b> <b>Mitchell Weiss, Executive Director</b> CTC Conference Room, 1120 N Street <b>Topics: Protecting Funding (#1), SB 1 Cycle 2 projects (#2), Multimodal investments (#3), GHG reduction investments (#4)</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Andy Cook, Office Chief, Rail Planning and Operations</b> <b>Shannon Simonds, Bay Area and Central Coast Liaison, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transit</b> 1120 N Street, Room 3500
<b>3:00 pm – 3:20 pm</b>	<b>Assembly Member Mark Stone, Aide Sean Porter</b> State Capitol Building, Room 3146
<b>3:45 pm – 4:15 pm</b>	<b>Senator Bill Monning, Aide Trevor Taylor</b> State Capitol Building, Room 4040 Re: SR 156 legislation