



<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, <del>Bhupendra Patel</del> , Paul Hierling)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 ( <del>Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik,</del> Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kelly McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P	A	A	P	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P(A)	P	P	A	A	A	P	P	P
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	A	A	P*	-

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence;  
A = absence; P\*= New Representative*

<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P(V)	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration									P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mary Adams (V)	Supervisor District 5	Kevin Drabinski (V)	Caltrans District 5
Eric Mora (V)	Supervisor District 4	Rachel Ortiz (V)	City of Greenfield
Ian Oglesby (V)	City of Seaside	Linda Gonzalez	Supervisor District 1

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/Lopez/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 February 22, 2023.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of February 2023 and credit card statements for the month of January 2023.
- 3.1.3** Approved the appointment of Rosemarie Barnard to serve as the alternate North County representative on the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES*****3.2.1** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - Easement Agreement:

- 1. Approved the real estate easement settlement agreement, pending legal counsel approval, with Ng, Lom & Ng for two parcels located at 815 Canyon Del Rey for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project for a not to exceed amount of \$65,400;
- 2. Approved the payment of property owner appraisal costs not-to-exceed \$5,000;
- 3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
- 4. Authorized the use of no more than \$15,000 from state funds budgeted to this project for a total settlement not-to-exceed amount of \$85,400.

- 3.2.2** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into Utility Agreements with Pacific Gas & Electric and Seaside County Sanitation District, pending legal counsel approval, for the relocation of utilities prior to the construction phase of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.
- 3.2.3** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans, pending legal counsel approval, for the construction phase of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.
- 3.2.4** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - California Avenue Segment:
1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to prepare design and right-of-way for the 1.8-mile California Avenue Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, subject to agency counsel approval;
  2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
  3. Approved the use of \$528,000 in State Active Transportation Program funds and \$800,000 in regional Measure X funds for a total amount not to exceed \$1,328,000.

**PLANNING**

- 3.3.1** Regarding Legislative Update:
1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
  2. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Salinas Valley Safe Routes to Schools Contract Amendment #1:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute Amendment #1 to the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan contract with Ecology Action, to extend the contract to December 31, 2024, and increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to add scope of work to provide safe routes to school steering committee facilitation services and create a Plan that is American Disabilities Act accessible for the period ending December 2024;
  2. Approved the use of Measure X and Caltrans Planning grant funds budgeted to this project; 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** Regarding On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Services Contract:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with GHD, Inc. subject to approval by Agency Council, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide on-call traffic engineering and ancillary services for the period ending June 31, 2026
  2. Approved the use of Measure X and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds budgeted to the various projects; 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.
- 3.4.2** Approved Resolution 2023-05 designating the Executive Director as the authorized officer to sign certificates of acceptance for any deed or grant conveying any interest in or easement upon real estate to TAMC for public purposes.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** No items this month.

**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 March 1, 2023
  - Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month.
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 1, 2023
  - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 2, 2023
  - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2023.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. SALINAS VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the participatory budgeting process.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan is funded through a \$664,127 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and \$126,501 of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds. Ms. Strause reported that the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in South County cities and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements. An important component of the Plan is a participatory budgeting process that is designed to fast-track funding and implementation of safe routes to school projects that are meaningful to community members.

Ms. Strause noted the first participatory budgeting planning process was in the City of Greenfield. The Greenfield Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, made up of residents, students, and community advocates, developed a list of projects for the community to vote on. The ballot included 21 street safety projects, three projects for each public school in the city. After reviewing the election results, the Greenfield Safe Routes to School Steering Committee recommended four projects for near-term implementation that include filling sidewalk gaps, crosswalks, curb ramps, high visibility signage, and flashing stop signs, to the Greenfield City Council, which voted to approve funding the recommended projects during their March 14, 2023, council meeting. The Participatory Budgeting process in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, and King City will occur this year.

5. **2023 PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES & COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

M/S/C

Potter/Lopez/unanimous

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved Programming Guidelines & Competitive Grants:

1. Approved programming \$3,600,000 of fair share formula Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds to the cities and County;
2. Approved setting aside \$1,800,000 (10%) of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the TAMC RSTP reserve;
3. Approved setting aside \$2,600,000 of RSTP funds to the Monterey County Rail Extension project;
4. Approved the 2023 Master Funding Agreement template allowing minor modifications as approved by agency council; and
5. Approved updated guidelines and application and released a call for projects to program \$10,750,000 of competitive Transportation Development Act 2% and RSTP funds.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Development Act 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian funds to local projects in formula share (fair share), TAMC set aside, and a competitive program. New in the 2024-2026 RSTP Program, \$2,600,000 is recommended for the Monterey County Rail Extension project and \$1,000,000 is recommended for a Quick-Build Project Pilot Program.

6. **HIGHWAY 1 ELKHORN SLOUGH RESILIENCY PROJECT**

M/S/C Church/Sandoval/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough resiliency project and authorized the Executive Director to pursue member designated funding for planning and environmental studies for the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough resiliency project, including rail line amendments, and provided direction to staff as to next steps.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, presented the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough resiliency project as a candidate for state funding for planning activities. She noted that a 2020 AMBAG study found that in the long term, constructing improvements to elevate the highway out of the sea level rise zone will help avoid disruptions to traffic and goods movement due to sea level rise flooding of the highway.

Alissa Guther, Assistant Transportation Planner, noted that submitting the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Resiliency Project as a candidate for state funding for planning activities will help prepare the project for future local, state, and federal grant opportunities.

Director Muck noted that the 2020 AMBAG study is the starting point for the planning effort, noting that in addition to transportation improvements, this project can also benefit the Elkhorn Slough ecosystem, and that Caltrans supports pursuing planning funds for the project.

Chair LeBarre and Board Member Potter commented that the Union Pacific-owned coast mainline rail corridor should be included in future planning activities.

Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport, asked if the City of Santa Cruz would be involved in the planning effort, noting delays at the bottleneck on Highway 1 is one reason why Santa Cruz County residents do not use the Monterey Airport.

Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit, commented that the Highway 1 bottleneck has made the bus service to Watsonville very unreliable and difficult to serve.

Heather Adamson, AMBAG, noted that Santa Cruz County participated in the 2020 resiliency study.



## 7.

**REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans District 5** – Kelly McClendon announced Caltrans District 5 reached a historic milestone with 83 total projects worth more than \$1 billion dollars in active construction to repair and improve transportation infrastructure throughout District 5. Caltrans rewarded \$225 million for local roadway and safety projects, including \$1.3 million for Highway Safety, and to install sidewalks, streetlights, and a radar sign to alert motorists of speed on San Juan Grade Road near Boronda and Van Buren.

Mr. McClendon reported Caltrans' preparation of storm resources includes placing additional staff and emergency contractors on standby; maintaining drainage systems during the storms to avoid blockages and overtopping of roadways; and initiating public outreach to provide up-to-date road information. Caltrans is asking the public to limit nonessential travel during the peak of the storm in affected areas, and to be extremely cautious, not driving around safety barriers, road closure signs or through flooded areas. He highlighted some of the closures, noting that Highway 1 on the Big Sur coast remains closed between Ragged Point in San Luis Obispo County and Deetjen's Inn in Monterey County due to slides and washouts from ongoing winter storm events. Crews have been able to create a one-lane opening for evacuation purposes on Highway 1 at a slide just south of the Torre Canyon Bridge. In conclusion, Mr. McClendon noted that Caltrans engineers will continue to monitor the bridges and surrounding roadway over the course of the next months, and additional information on traffic closures in support of this reconstruction work will be provided as it becomes available.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported the Airport continues to do well, noting people are using the airport. He noted that during the recent weather conditions, the airport never lost service, they had no cancellations or diversions, and their delays were due to inbound flights from other airports. Airport is trying hard to lobby the Federal Aviation Administration for funding to provide for a new terminal.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported MST participated in storm evacuations along with Santa Cruz Metro. He announced MST just had their Employee Appreciation Day, noting he handed out 100 certificates to their employees who worked above and beyond assisting during the evacuations. Mr. Sedoryk announced the MST SURF! busway project is now fully funded, as Monterey-Salinas Transit was selected to receive a \$14 million grant from the fiscal year 2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grant Program. An additional \$8.1 million of FY 23 funds was allocated to complete funding for the project as well for a total of over \$22 million. The program funds transit capital investments that include heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, and bus rapid transit. The MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit (SURF!) project was recommended by the Biden-Harris Administration to receive funding to support the construction of the six-mile dedicated busway along a former rail right-of-way parallel to California Highway 1.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – David Frisbey reported on the Diesel Engine Replacement Program, which provides funding to encourage replacement of older heavy-duty motors/engines operated in one or more of the Air District’s three counties: Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz. In 2018, MBARD received additional grant funding from the Air Resources Board for the Farmer, Community Air Protection Incentives, and NOx Remediation Measure programs. The types of equipment funded include irrigation pump engines, mobile agricultural equipment, fishing, and commercial marine vessels, and construction equipment. He announced they have nine-zero emission busses to deliver to three counties, noting there is a lot of demand for electric busses.

**8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

TAMC Board Chair LeBarre reported that he attended the CalCOG Regional Leadership Forum in Riverside on March 6-7; and Central Coast Legislative Day in Sacramento on March 15.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck congratulated Monterey-Salinas Transit for securing federal funds for their SURF! Busway project. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for approving the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough resiliency project as a possible state funds recipient project. Director Muck reminded the Board members to submit their Fair Political Practice Commission Form 700 due April 1. In conclusion, Director Muck announced the “Move It Monterey County” spring challenge starts April 1.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**13. TAMC BOARD PHOTO**

The TAMC Board photo was postponed to a later date.