



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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members are: John Phillips(Chair), Robert Huitt(1st Vice Chair), Luis Alejo (2nd Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (Past Chair), Simon Salinas (County Representative), Ed Smith (City Representative)

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018
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.

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 March 7, 2018.

-Rodriguez

3.2 APPROVE out-of-state travel for one staff to the American Public Transportation

Association (APTA) Rail Conference in Denver, Colorado in June 2018.

- Watson

Transportation Agency rules require the Executive Committee to approve out-of-state travel requests not preauthorized in the Agency budget. The APTA Rail Conference is an opportunity to get up-to-date information on initiating and providing rail service.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CLOSED SESSION

Public Employment pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Executive Committee will confer concerning employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director. (Enclosure sent separately)

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

-Goel

5. RECEIVE update on federal legislative issues.

- Watson

At the deadline of March 23, 2018, the President signed a bipartisan omnibus spending plan for fiscal year 2018, keeping the government funded until September 2018.

6. RECEIVE report on draft agenda for April 25, 2018 TAMC Board meeting.

- Hale

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING May 2, 2018.

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
Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Subject: **Executive draft minutes of March 2018**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Executive Committee draft minutes of March 7, 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Executive draft minutes of March 2018

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 are: Alejandro Chavez (Chair),
John Phillips (1st Vice Chair), Robert Huitt (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
Luis Alejo (County representative), Ed Smith (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Huitt, Phillip, Smith, Salinas and alternate Gonzales for Alejo. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Murillo, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present: County Counsel Susan Blich, Agency Legislative Analyst Gus Khouri, and Wendy Askew.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee member Salinas and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda.
Committee alternate member Gonzales arrived after the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

END OF CONSENT

4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

On a motion by Committee member Smith and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 5-0 to recommend that the Board adopt positions on proposed ballot measures.

Agency Legislative Analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on the state legislative activities, and highlighted the draft bill list. He reported that 2017 was a productive year for transportation legislation. Mr. Khouri noted that there is an effort to repeal SB 1 that has until May 21 to gather signatures to qualify for the November ballot. Mr. Khouri reported that he will focus on gathering support for TAMC's grant applications for SB 1 funds, noting a priority for the state is to fund "shovel-ready" projects. He noted that thanks to SB 1, the State Transportation Improvement Program is fully funded, and that STIP funds will help in getting the competitive funding award for the Imjin Parkway project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency's support for Propositions 68 and 69 is on record.

5. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that President Trump's federal infrastructure proposal includes drastic cuts for transportation and rail. The proposals rely on local, state and private funding for infrastructure projects. The proposal reverses the historic funding agreement between the US Government and states and localities, requiring an 80% match to federal funds instead of the historical 20% match. The Administration's FY 2019 budget proposal calls for deep cuts in public transportation programs funded out of the General Fund. The one positive element of President Trump's infrastructure proposal is environmental compliance streamlining to allow the stricter California Environmental Quality Act to be conducted in lieu of National Environmental Policy Act requirements.

6. MEASURE X SENIOR DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, presented on the outreach and application review process for the Measure X Senior and Disable Transportation grant program. She noted that the five applicants that applied were awarded funding. She provided an overview of the grantees' scope of work and their geographic service areas.

7. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Executive Director Hale reviewed some of the highlights of the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 28, 2018. She reported on some of the items on the regular agenda:

- Rail Extension to Monterey County Project
- Measure X funding project update

Consent Agenda:

- State and Federal Legislative updates
- Fort Ord Dunes State Park Easement may move to a later meeting
- Agreement for Sales Tax auditing revenue capture

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Hale noted that she had conferred with Chair Phillips that controversial issues on the TAMC agenda be discussed with him and then at the Executive Committee meeting if needed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Subject: **Out of State Travel**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE out-of-state travel for one staff to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Conference in Denver, Colorado in June 2018.

SUMMARY:

Transportation Agency rules require the Executive Committee to approve out-of-state travel requests not preauthorized in the Agency budget. The APTA Rail Conference is an opportunity to get up-to-date information on initiating and providing rail service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Rail Conference would cost \$825 (by the early-bird deadline of April 27) or \$875 (after April 27). Frontier Airlines has direct flights from San Jose for under \$300 as of March 13. The conference hotel rate is \$269 per night plus tax, and the state meal reimbursement maximum totals \$46 per day, based on actual receipts. The total financial impact of registration and travel would be no more than \$2,500. Registration, staff time and all travel related expenses will be covered by planning funds designated for travel and training in the budget.

DISCUSSION:

The 2018 Rail Conference is scheduled for June 11-13, 2018, in Denver, CO. Workshops and technical sessions cover timely issues of widespread interest in operations, technology, safety, security, planning, finance, capital projects, and the technical aspects of providing all modes of rail service: urban, commuter, high-speed, and intercity. This conference features the industry's premier products and services showcase to learn more about advances in railroad and rail transit markets.

Agency staff attended the 2017 APTA Rail Conference and found it extremely useful, attending such sessions as Large and Small Capital Investment Project case studies; USDOT update; Intercity

Passenger Rail and High Speed Rail updates; and transit ballot measures. In addition to information gleaned during the sessions, the conference provided a great opportunity to network with rail professionals from across the country and the globe.

Administrative Policy No. 3 Official Travel requires Executive Committee approval for out-of-state travel not included in the Agency Budget Resolution.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Subject: **Closed Session-Public Employee Appointment-Executive Director**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employment pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Executive Committee will confer concerning employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director. (Enclosure sent separately)

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

DISCUSSION:



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Subject: **Federal Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on federal legislative issues.

SUMMARY:

At the deadline of March 23, 2018, the President signed a bipartisan omnibus spending plan for fiscal year 2018, keeping the government funded until September 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Full funding of fiscal year 2018 transportation programs and priorities will help TAMC to plan for federally funded projects and consider grant applications for priority projects.

DISCUSSION:

On March 23, 2018, the President signed a \$1.3 trillion omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2018 that included increased funding for transportation. The bill includes \$47.5 billion for the Federal Highways Administration, \$13.5 billion for the Federal Transit Administration and \$3.1 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration.

Specific transportation grant programs of interest to TAMC include:

1. The Capital Investment Grants program received \$2.65 billion and the bill included language to ensure the future of the program. The program allocated:
 - o \$1.51 billion for New Starts
 - o \$715.7 million for Core Capacity
 - o \$401 million for Small Starts
2. Amtrak received \$1.94 billion in funding, with \$650 million for Northeast Corridor grants and \$1.29 billion for National Network grants.

3. Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants (CRISI) received \$592.5 million, including \$250 million for Positive Train Control (PTC) projects.
4. Rail Restoration and Enhancement program received \$20 million.
5. Rail Federal-State partnership for State of Good Repair received \$250 million.
6. TIGER grants are set at \$1.5 billion, and bill language explicitly mentions public transportation as one of the intended recipients. The grants were \$500 million last year and went primarily to road projects (only about 3.6% of the 2017 TIGER funds were for public transit projects, compared to 20% in previous cycles).