

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: 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)*

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

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

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

TC: via teleconference; VC: via Zoom video conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed, with six members in attendance (as noted above).

Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Vasquez, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann; Gus Khouri, Legislative Analyst; and County Counsel Katherine Hansen

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None this month.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

M/S/C Adams/Lopez/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Adams and seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 3, 2020; and approve a cash incentive award of \$150 each for Dave Delfino, Stefania Castillo and Madilyn Jacobsen for excellent performance above and beyond their regular duties.

4. **COVID-19 PROTECTION PROTOCOLS AND BENEFIT**

M/S/C Huitt/Alejo/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Huitt, seconded by Committee Member Alejo, the committee voted 6-0 to approve an additional sell-back of 40.0 hours of accrued vacation.

Committee member Adams made a substitute motion to allow the 80 hours cash out, noting this is a wise decision and reduces the overall liability. This motion failed to obtain a second.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported an additional sell-back of 40.0 or 80.0 hours of accrued vacation is proposed since employees may be unable to take time-off due to the extra work/cancellation of vacation plans caused by the crisis. Based on a survey of employees, the short-term cost of the vacation sell-back is projected at \$10,997 for an additional up to 40.0 hours and \$21,994 for an additional up to 80.0 hours. However, permitting employees to sell back vacation time will actually save money over time by reducing the long-term liability on the Agency's balance sheet at current pay rates vs. higher pay rates in the future as this is money owed by law to the employee. Additionally, fringe benefits costs will not have to be paid on the hours sold back, resulting in additional Agency savings.

Chair Alejo expressed concern that at this time of the pandemic, it was not a good idea to propose a high sell back. Committee member Lopez concurred with Chair Alejo noting a lot of people were losing their jobs. Committee member Huitt expressed his support for a 40-hour cash out.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Adams/Huitt/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Adams, seconded by Committee Member Huitt, the committee voted 6-0 to receive update on state and federal legislative activities and Adopt positions on legislation on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Gus Khouri, Agency legislative consultant, reported that the Legislature has returned from a short summer recess. Mr. Khouri highlighted the following bills:

- **SB 1231** - TAMC-sponsored Route 156 salamander legislation – approved by the Assembly Water Parks Wildlife Committee on 8/4 – next it will be considered by the Appropriations Committee, then Assembly floor. Caltrans strongly supports. Goal is to get on the consent agenda in Appropriations.
- Requesting that the Committee take a position on two new bills, on behalf of Board due to timing:
 - **SB 288** – CEQA streamlining for active transportation and transit projects within existing rights of way. – Bay Area Council is the sponsor - **support**
 - **SB 1459** – SR 183 relinquishment – City of Salinas is the sponsor – **support**
- Requesting that the Committee change its position on two bills amended since the Agency’s prior position was approved:
 - **AB 2323** – amended – **previously supported, now recommend watch**
 - **SB 1351** – amended – previously threatened planning funds – now Author wants to accelerate funding for state highway transportation projects. Keep previous **“oppose unless amended”** position to assure that the bill holds harmless transit & competitive grant programs.
- SB 25 (Caballero) revived – supported previously, sent renewed support letter 7/16

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the following on the Federal Legislative update:

- Authorizations:
 - House Reso 2, Moving Forward Act – Federal transportation reauthorization proposal with funding for transportation, unlikely to get through Senate
 - Senate COVID bill – no funds for transit/transportation except airports

- Appropriations: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding legislation passed House Appropriations on July 8,2020
- Other: Senate bill “Build Local Hire Local” which would reinstate the ability to give a local firm preference is now stalled since introduction a year ago

6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA

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

- Employee of the Quarter presentation
- Revised Measure X Revenue Forecasts
- Adopt Resolution 2020-08, 2020 Competitive Grants Program of Projects
- Closed session on rail right of way acquisition

On the consent agenda, the Board will consider actions on several items including:

- Equal Employment Opportunity Plan Workforce Analysis
- COVID 19 Protection Protocols and Benefits
- Fort Ord Trail & Greenway Segment 1 Design Request for Proposals
- Federal Funds for Rural Transit
- Transportation Development Act & Unmet Transit Needs Analysis
- State Legislative Advocate Request for Qualifications
- Monterey Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation
- Round About Design Peer Review Contract Amendment
- Freeway Service Patrol Temporary Service Work Order Funding
- Request for Qualification Salinas Rail Negotiations

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.