

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

TAMC STAFF	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 25	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23
E. Belding, TAMC Intern										E
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	P(V)
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P(V)
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration										P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Supervisor District 1 Office	Colleen Courtney	Supervisor District 5 Office
Paul Schlesinger	Thorn Run Partners	Monica Hale	
Robin Lee		Gary Cursio	
Larry Hirahara	Salinas resident		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

The Board welcomes new appointed representatives Scott Donaldson and Ex Officio Sloan Campi.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C

Potter/Oglesby/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 January 25, 2023.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of January 2023 and credit card statements for the month of December 2022.

3.1.3 Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

3.1.4 Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Adopted Resolution 2023-01 apportioning \$20,700,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PLANNING

3.3.1 No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Adopted Resolution No 2023-04 to authorize the Executive Director to 1) submit a grant application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Program Climate Adaptation Program; 2) if awarded the grant, take required actions to receive the grant, complete negotiations, execute necessary agreements and relevant amendments to receive the grant, and execute amendments to the agreement as necessary; 3) set aside matching funding for the grant via Rural Planning Assistance carry-over or undesignated Agency Reserve, in an amount to be finalized when the awarded grant is amended into the Agency budget; and 4) enter into agreements with partnering agencies as needed to implement the project.

3.4.2 Adopted Resolution No 2023-03 to authorize the Executive Director to 1) submit a grant application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Program Climate Adaptation Program; 2) if awarded the grant, take required actions to receive the grant, complete negotiations, execute necessary agreements and relevant amendments to receive the grant, and execute amendments to the agreement as necessary; 3) set aside matching funding for the grant via Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds, in an amount to be finalized when the awarded grant is amended into the Agency budget; and 4) enter into agreements with partnering agencies as needed to implement the project.

3.4.3 Regarding SURF! Busway - Measure X Funding Agreement Amendment 1:

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Measure X regional funding agreement between the Transportation Agency and the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for the SURF! Busway project, pending legal counsel approval; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the amendment.

Public comment:

Chair LeBarre highlighted a letter to the Board of Directors from Michael Salerno, Spokesman, Keep Fort Ord Wild: Keep Fort Ord Wild (KFOW) regarding Agenda Item 3.4.3 -- SURF! Busway- Measure X Funding Agreement Amendment 1.

3.4.4 Regarding Safe Routes to School Education Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #3 with Ecology Action, extending the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023, retroactively approving a contract effective date of January 1, 2023 and adding an additional \$200,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$920,000;
2. Approved the use of Measure X 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.

Chair LeBarre commented on Safe Routes to School noting a lot of parents and community are pleased with the work done by Ecology Action.

3.4.5 Adopted the Second Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.**3.4.6** Ratified the Executive Director executing an Amendment to a Cooperative Agreement Amendment with Caltrans to add \$1 million in federal earmark funds to the funding plan and reduce the Measure X amount to \$317,000 while maintaining the previously approved amount of \$1,317,000 as a match to the \$2,989,000 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) minor funds for operational improvements along northbound US 101 in Monterey County.***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 February 1, 2023
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of February 6, 2023
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 1, 2023
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of February 2, 2023
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – Meeting on February 21, 2023.

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for February 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA**4. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported the annual Unmet Transit Needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). Local Transportation Funds are generated through a quarter percent of the retail sales tax, which are returned to the county by the California State Board of Equalization and apportioned by the Transportation Agency to county jurisdictions through a population-based formula for public transit.

The formation of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and past unmet transit needs findings dictate how the Transportation Agency allocates Local Transportation Funds. As Monterey-Salinas Transit District members, every city in the county allocates its annual fund apportionment to Monterey-Salinas Transit for public transit services.

The Transportation Agency has designated the Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee as the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for Monterey County to advise TAMC on unmet transit needs pursuant to the Transportation Development act. The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process is April 30, 2023.

The Board of Directors held an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing

1. Received a presentation on the unmet transit needs process;
2. Opened the public hearing on unmet transit needs;
3. Received the following public comments:

Robin Lee requested consideration of a Class IV Bikeway on Davis Road so families can ride safely.

Larry Hirhara, Salinas citizen expressed the need for better access to China Town on Sherwood and Rossi.

4. Closed the public hearing.

Board Comments:

Board Member Poduri commented that Monterey Salinas Transit made changes to routes in Pacific Grove through the Better Bus Network and would like to see those routes restored in future. Mr. Poduri asked about the 15% threshold requirement as an unmet transit need. Aaron Hernandez said he will check and get back to him.

Sloan Campi, CSUMB, reported that CSUMB made a submission in last years' unmet transit needs hearing asking for shuttle service covering areas MST is unable to serve, and asked if the unmet transit need can address this need. Aaron Hernandez replied there has been ongoing discussion on whether CSUMB is eligible to receive LTF funding. Aaron added that there may be other funding sources available to help fund CSUMB's shuttle service. Carl Sedoryk, MST, replied to Mr. Campi asking for MST to be included in these discussions.

5. RALPH M. BROWN ACT UPDATE

M/S/C

Adams/Chavez/unanimous

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors discussed options for meetings in 2023 and adopted a policy that hybrid meetings will follow the traditional Brown Act rules to ensure a quorum.

Agency Counsel Brayer reported on options for the Agency Board and Committee meetings to resume in-person meetings, following the rules for hybrid remote/in-person participation pursuant to the Brown Act. Staff has worked to identify meeting rooms that can be used for Board and Committee meetings to enable hybrid options for all meetings.

Counsel Brayer noted that remote participation under the traditional Brown Act is allowed so long as the agenda is posted at all in-person locations, and all those locations are accessible to the public, and the meeting location is posted on the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Executive Director Todd Muck confirmed that the Brown Act rules do not apply to ex-officio non-voting members, who can participate via videoconference from any location that does not need to be noticed on the agenda.

6. BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN LAWS

The Board received an update on the laws enacted in 2022 that impact mobility.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported several Assembly Bills and Senate Bills were enacted in 2022 that change existing laws, revise the vehicle code, or enable new local ordinances that potentially effect mobility. Some of the most important changes resulted from AB 1909, or the OmniBike Bill, that changes several sections of the vehicle code to clarify that the rules for automobiles should not always apply to bikes.

Executive Director Muck commented staff would bring a discussion on micro mobility to a future Board meeting.

7. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND INTEGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY**M/S/C**

Oglesby/Potter/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Draft Overall Work Program & Budget; and

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 23/24 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review; and
2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 23/24 through 25/26, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 23/24, and the 2023 Integrated Funding Strategy; and
3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the 2023 Integrated Funding Strategy back to the Board on May 24, 2023 for approval.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reviewed the annual Overall Work Program, which describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. After the draft Overall Work Plan is approved, staff will submit it to Caltrans for feedback. Agency staff then incorporates comments from Caltrans into to a final proposed Overall Work Program to be presented to the Board in May with the fiscal year 2023/24 budget.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment, noting staff is including a 4% cost of living increase to stay competitive with other special district agencies. Direct program expenditures are for outside consultants, contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery with continuous funding such as Freeway Service Patrol and Call Boxes.

Board member Medina asked if there was a written policy or cap on the reserve account. Director Muck noted that there is no written policy, but staff will bring this back to the Board for discussion at a future date.

8. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT**M/S/C** Alejo/Sandoval/unanimous

The TAMC Board of Directors provided Agency staff direction to nominate a segment of the Pajaro to Prunedale G12 project for federal appropriations funding. Project nominations are due in March. The funding must be for federally eligible projects that can obligate the funding by 2027 and spend it by 2031.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported Community Project Funding, also known as Congressionally Directed Spending, could bring in critical federal funding for priority projects. In the 2023 appropriations bill, Representative Panetta and Senator Padilla secured \$1 million for the US 101 South of Salinas auxiliary lane project. Ms. Watson noted that the recommended project is the Pajaro to Prunedale - G12. The G12 corridor is 10.5 miles in length and extends south along Porter Drive and Salinas Road from the Santa Cruz County/City of Watsonville limits, then east on Elkhorn Road and Hall Road, then south again on San Miguel Canyon Road, terminating at US 101 in Prunedale.

Transportation Agency and the County of Monterey prepared a corridor study to evaluate improvements to address safety and congested traffic conditions experienced along the generally north-south travel corridor in north Monterey County. The corridor study evaluated six project areas. For segment 6, Salinas Road and Pajaro, the study estimated the project to cost \$1.9 million. This project is located adjacent to the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station project site. It is also the boundary between Rep. Panetta and Rep. Lofgren's new districts, so TAMC could request support from both Representatives for this project.

The other project considered but was determined not eligible for funding at this time is the King City multimodal train station project.

Board member Alejo expressed his gratitude for recommending this important corridor in Pajaro and focusing on a disadvantaged region.

9.

REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Brandy Rider announced Scott Eades has been selected as the new Caltrans District 5 Director. Mr. Eades has established a history of building strong internal and external partnerships and brings nearly 30 years' experience working in transportation planning, engineering, and project/program management to this role. Since August 2020, Mr. Eades has served as the Deputy Director for Transportation Planning, Local Assistance, and Sustainability in District 5.

Ms. Rider announced that Caltrans has approximately \$100 million in Clean California grants, noting this is a new round of funding open to cities, counties and other government entities, The submittal time frame for applications is April 28, 2023. In conclusion, Ms. Rider reported Caltrans has sold two of the state-owned lots in the Monterey County U.S.101 corridor.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported this is a slow time of year. 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 have extremely low cancellations, and their delays were due to inbound flights from other airports. American Airlines added two-flights to Dallas Ft. Worth, using bigger airplanes, offering 126 seats, first class cargo and auto land capability.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported reduced fares for all routes will be the same—you can ride up to 2 hours systemwide for only \$2. Discount fare is \$1 for up to 2 hours systemwide. Mr. Sedoryk announced beginning January 30th, MST is offering free rides to college students. In conclusion, he reported MST bus riders can now get around anywhere MST travels by tapping a Visa or Mastercard debit, credit, or prepaid card or payment-enabled device, removing the need to stand in line to purchase a separate transit card, load a special app, or handle cash while boarding.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report this month.

10.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No report this month.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck introduced TAMC newly appointed Director of Finance & Administration Jeff Kise. He congratulated Scott Eades on his appointment as Caltrans District 5 Director. In conclusion, Director Muck reported on February 10th, the Coastal Commission approved a local coastal plan amendment regarding SR 156, noting we have a few more hurdles before the final approval scheduled for March 23.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS. Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning the acquisition of property for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - Canyon Del Rey segment.

Property: Plumas Avenue, Seaside, California 93955

Agency negotiators: Michael Zeller, Todd Muck, Lindsey Van Parys, John Almazan

Negotiating parties: Pacific Gas and Electric

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

RECONVENED in open session and report any actions taken.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session:

Agency Counsel Brayer reported no reportable actions taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.