

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

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MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2023 TAMC BOARD MEETING

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA 93901, Cinnamon Conference Room

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2nd Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	DEC 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	E	P	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P(A)	P*	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 1st Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Representative (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Past Chair (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea 2nd Vice Chair (Jeff Baron)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	A	P	P	A	E	P*	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	P	P	P(V)	A	E	E	E	E
Michael LeBarre, King City, Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber , Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	E	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P(A)	P	P(A)	A	P(V)	P	P(A)	A	P	A
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Fernando Cabrera, Don Wilcox)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Schlesinger	Thorn Run Partners	Joanna Xiao (V)	Caltrans District 5
Jim Davenport	Thorn Run Partners	Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER; TAMC BOARD PHOTO

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. The Chair led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Items 3.41 and 3.42 were pulled for discussion.

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 May 24, 2023.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of May 2023 and credit card statements for the month of April 2023.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Approved the appointment of Greg Hamer to serve as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Representative, Dale Agron to serve as the Sierra Club's Habitat Preservation Representative, and Diana Jimenez to serve as the Latino Organization Alternate Representative.
- 3.1.6** Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

3.2.2 Regarding Traffic Garden Striping Request for Proposals

1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to layout and stripe 13 traffic gardens across Monterey County, 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 regional Measure X funds allocated to the Safe Routes to Schools Program, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Pavement Management Program - NCE Contract Amendment #2:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with Nichols Consulting Engineers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term by one year and to increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$5,638, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$513,332, for additional budget analysis and funding scenarios for King City;
2. Authorized the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, 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.

3.3.2 Regarding Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency Grant Application:

Adopted Resolution No 2023-10 to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to:

1. Submit grant applications to the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) and the Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP);
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 the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Reserve account for an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and
4. Enter into agreements with partnering agencies as needed to implement the project.

3.3.3 Regarding Safe Streets for All Grant Application:

1. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to submit a grant application to the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Program, and, 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; and
2. Authorized the use of \$160,000 of Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) Reserve funds as a match for the grant.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Potter/Poduri/unanimous

M/S/C Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway Canyon Del Rey - Construction Request for Bids

1. Approved the draft Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions for construction of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway ("Project"), pending approval of State funding for construction, subject to Agency Counsel approval;
2. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to publish the final bid documents and any addenda, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; and
3. Approved the use of construction funds from the approved Project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$14.1 million, pending approval of the allocation by the California Transportation Commission at their June 28 - 29, 2023 meeting.

Board member Smith expressed his excitement and celebration for the \$14 million project!

3.4.2 Potter/Poduri/unanimous
M/S/C Regarding FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Management Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for construction management for the Canyon Del Rey 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 Regional Measure X funds allocated to the construction of the project, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

Board member Donaldson commented on two issues before going to bid: he asked whether staff considered installing a bike rack at the Safeway on Canyon Del Rey and creating a sidewalk on Carlton Drive; he expressed concerns with people walking through the vegetated area. Mike Zeller replied that low fencing to detour pedestrians around the vegetated area may be considered, but a sidewalk is not considered at this time.

Director Muck noted that these two issues of concern can delay the project but noted that staff is working with the consultants.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 No items this month.

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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 June 7, 2023
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting this month
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of June 1, 2023
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**M/S/C** Smith/Oglesby/unanimous

Received update on state and federal legislative activities and adopted positions on legislation, as follows:

- AB 7 (Friedman): "Transportation: planning: project selection processes": Oppose unless amended
- AB 825 (Bryan): "Vehicles: bicycles on sidewalks": Oppose

Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on state legislative activities and Agency legislative analysts Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport presented an update on federal legislative activities.

5. MEASURE X SENIOR & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION CYCLE 3**M/S/C** Oglesby/Potter/unanimous

Approved Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 3 Award Recommendations:

1. Received presentation on Cycle 3 Award recommendations.
2. Adopted Resolution 2023-09, setting restrictions on, and programming, Cycle 3 Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2025/26 as follows:
 - i. \$345,504 to Partnership for Children
 - ii. \$705,263 to Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County,
 - iii. \$227,820 to Alliance on Aging,
 - iv. \$142,644 to Blind & Visually Impaired Center, and
 - v. \$78,770 to Kernes Memorial Pool;
3. Approved an extension to the deadline for Kernes Memorial Pool to use their Cycle 2 funding by one year, from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024, due to impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director or his designee to execute Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Grant agreements, subject to Agency counsel approval.

Aaron Hernandez highlighted that the purpose of the Measure X Senior & Disabled Program is to:

1. Increase transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to support their ability to live independently in their homes and communities.
2. Fund non-profit transportation to support seniors and persons with disabilities.
3. Provide the following benefits:
 - Give seniors more transportation options,
 - Support independent travel by people with disabilities, and

- Provide safer and more reliable senior transportation services.

Board member Church asked that staff provide detailed breakdown of the scoring and Oglesby asked for an analysis of whether the funds are fairly distributed throughout the county next year.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, commented that these services are services that MST cannot provide with their current funding.

6.

BROADBAND FOR ALL PROGRAM

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan.

Maria Kelly from TeleworX provided a presentation on the Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan. Her presentation included a review of how this project is being coordinated with other efforts (e.g., Broadband for All Action Plan, Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative, State Digital Equity Plan).

The Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan is expected to support future State and Federal grant applications to fund infrastructure and digital equity program implementation. Digital equity is a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy. Improving access to the broadband network is essential to achieving digital equity, especially those representing unserved and underserved communities, because it is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

Under Governor Newsom's directive, the Broadband Council completed the Broadband for All Action Plan to ensure that all Californians have access to high-speed internet that is affordable, are provided with the devices, and training needed to connect to the broadband network.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Kelly McClendon highlighted Caltrans District 5 construction, road closures and repairs:

- **Big Sur Coast Slides:** The current estimate for reopening the highway at Paul's Slide is still several months. A refreshed estimate for a reopening date at Paul's Slide will be made in mid-July. The current estimate for reopening the Highway 1 at Paul's Slide is several months.
- Highway 198 in Monterey County fully reopened on Friday June 2, after repairs are completed to a washout of the roadway caused by damage from winter storms.
- Highway 68 update:
 - A highway improvement project on Highway 68 (Holman Highway) continues with overnight paving work this week.
 - Overnight paving work is expected to continue between Stuart Ave. and Sunset Dr. for the next week with heavy machinery and multiple crews, resulting in localized and intermittent noise during overnight hours.
 - It is necessary to complete the paving work during overnight hours to avoid major travel disruptions during daytime hours. No work will be conducted on weekends. Additionally, no work will be scheduled over the long July Fourth weekend.
 - The project is expected to be completed by the end of July 2023.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport is doing well, with cancellations due to incoming flights. He noted that the airport is always trying to get new flights, also noting that Seattle flights are successful. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo announced he is resigning from the Airport District and moving out of the area. Board member Potter thanked Mr. Sabo for his 17 years of service.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced on June 10, MST held a Transit Family Fair at the Marina Transit Exchange, where people learned more about the SURF! project and Transit Oriented Development. He announced that MST staff recently received a proclamation for the heroes who assisted in emergency services, getting people out of harm's way in Pajaro during the flood.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey reported that the Monterey Bay Air Resources District is offering \$2,000 Incentives for electric vehicle purchases and double incentive rebates for low-income applicants.

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- California Transportation Commission approved time extensions for construction for the rail project and Highway 156 Castroville Interchange Project. Director Muck noted there was a lot of work with the CTC staff to get these extensions.
- Imjin Parkway Improvement Project kick-off will be held on July 15, 1:30 p.m., at the Shell station in Marina.
- Highway 68 Scenic Route open house will be held on July 19, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Hospitality Pavilion, Laguna Seca Raceway.
- TAMC is hiring for two Transportation Planners; filing deadline is July 6, 2023, 12 p.m.
- No TAMC meetings in July.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

2nd Vice Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.