

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

Meeting of Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 Abbott Street
Salinas, California
9:00 A.M.

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1. **QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER.** Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.
If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Any person may address the Transportation Agency Board at this time. Presentations should not exceed three minutes, should be directed to an item **NOT** on today's agenda, and should be within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Agency Board. *Though it is not required, the Transportation Agency Board appreciates your cooperation in completing a speaker request form available on the table at the entrance to the meeting room. Please give the completed form to the Transportation Agency Administrative Assistant. If you have handouts, please provide **30 copies** for the entire Board before the meeting starts or email to Agency Administrative Assistant 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

APPROVE the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be considered for discussion and action after the Consent Agenda. **Pages 13 - 94**

4. **RECEIVE** report by EMC Research on results of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Priorities and Preferences Survey. – Leonard/Bernstein **Pages 95 - 98**

In April 2014, the TAMC Board approved a contract with EMC Research to perform annual surveys on preferences for funding transportation projects for the next three years. TAMC staff worked with EMC Research to put together the questionnaire for the first survey, which was conducted between May 14 and May 23, 2014. Ruth Bernstein, a principal with EMC Research, will present the results of the survey.

5. **State Route 156 Improvement Project Cooperative Agreement –**
Ajise/Muck **Pages 99 - 100**

1. **RECEIVE** update on State Route 156 improvement project and;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans outlining agency roles and responsibilities while considering a public-private partnership for the project.

The State Route 156 Improvement Project Cooperative Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the Transportation Agency and Caltrans in a joint effort to determine where to pursue the project as a public-private partnership.

6. **2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.** – Zeller
Pages 101 - 107

1. **ADOPT** Resolution 2014-10 to adopt CEQA findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program related to the Environmental Impact Report certified by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan; and
2. **ADOPT** Resolution 2014-11 to adopt the 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

The Transportation Agency must adopt a Regional Transportation Plan to provide a basis for allocating state and federal funding to transportation projects in Monterey County. The Agency has prepared the plan in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to be consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by AMBAG for the Monterey Bay Area.

7. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law. **No Enclosure**
8. Reports from transportation providers: **Pages 108 - 110**
 - Caltrans Director's Report – Project Update –Gubbins
 - Monterey Peninsula Airport District– Sabo
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit– Sedoryk
9. Executive Director's Report **No Enclosure**
10. Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.
11. **ADJOURN**

Please send any items for the August 27, 2014 Transportation Agency agenda to Senior Administrative Assistant Elouise Rodriguez by 12 noon, Thursday, August 14, 2014.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: there is no July TAMC Board meeting

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Wednesday, August 27, 2014

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9:00 A.M.

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BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 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.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 **APPROVE** minutes of the Transportation Agency For Monterey County (TAMC) Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency of May 28, 2014 – Rodriguez **Pages 13 - 20**

3.1.2 **ACCEPT** the list of checks written for May 2014 and credit card statements for the month of April 2014. – Delfino **Pages 21 - 28**

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

3.1.3 **RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff. – Muck **Pages 29 - 30**

Agency staff occasionally attends conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.

3.1.4 **APPROVE** revisions to the Administrative Policies. – Goel **Pages 31 - 32**

The Agency Board first approved these policies in 2000, though periodic changes and additions have been made since then. The first comprehensive update was done in December 2005. Updates were also done in February 2008, September 2009 and June 2011. Some additional revisions are being proposed at this time to bring the policies up to date.

- 3.1.5 **APPROVE** attached updated Agency weighted vote table.
– Goel **Pages 33 - 35**

In accord with Agency Bylaws, staff revised the weighted vote table based on the most current population estimate prepared by the California Department of Finance. Staff revises the weighted vote table annually when the new population estimates are available.

- 3.1.6 **APPROVE** Resolution 2014-07 for Employer Paid Member Contributions, which requires full-time employees of the agency to pay a portion of their employee contributions towards retirement benefits.
– Goel **Pages 36 - 38**

The California Public Employees Retirement System requires this resolution to permit Transportation Agency for Monterey County employees to pay a portion of their member contributions towards retirement benefits. The new resolution will amend and replace the current Resolution 2013-09, which states that the agency pays 6% of the 7% employee contribution, and will lessen the agency's contribution from 6% to 4.5%.

- 3.1.7 **APPROVE** evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel as recommended by the Executive Committee. – Goel **Pages 39 - 44**

The Agency Bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel.

- 3.1.8 **APPROVE** closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 22, 23, and 26, 2014. – Goel **Page 45**

Transportation Agency for Monterey County generally has minimal staff in the office during the period between Christmas and New Year's Day. Many of the agencies that staff works with are also either closed or operate with minimal staff during the holiday period noted above. Closing the office will benefit the Agency financially.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Local Transportation Fund Allocations and Unmet Transit Needs – Delfino Pages 46 - 53

1. **ADOPT** Resolution 2014-08 finding that within Monterey County there are unmet transit needs, including unmet needs that are reasonable to meet; and
2. **ADOPT** Resolution 2014-09 allocating Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

The Transportation Agency annually seeks public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds for public transit. Staff has coordinated with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to evaluate the comments received through January 31, 2014 and has determined that service to Preston Park in Marina, and service to San Lucas as unmet transit needs that that are reasonable to meet.

3.2.2 APPROVE appointment of Bernard Green to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Marina. – Green **Pages 54 - 56**

The Board appoints members of the public to the Committee on an as-needed basis to advise staff on bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues and make recommendations to the Board.

PLANNING

3.3.1 APPROVE letter to the City of Salinas commenting on the Draft Salinas General Plan Economic Development Element. – Green **Pages 57 - 59**

The City of Salinas has developed a draft General Plan Economic Development Element which provides a vision for economic growth, identifies challenges and establishes strategies to achieve goals, policies and projects over the next 30 to 35 years. The City of Salinas is seeking input on the draft Economic Development Element from stakeholders and the community.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan – Green Pages 60 -61

1. **RECEIVE** an update on the Multimodal Corridor Plan; and
2. **SUPPORT** the recommended multimodal corridor alignment.

The multimodal corridor conceptual plan will preserve a multimodal corridor that will connect Marina to Salinas. This project will focus on accommodating bus rapid transit (BRT) and will also consider the transportation modes of walking, bicycling and driving. The recommended multimodal corridor alignment was developed with input from partner agencies and members of the community.

3.4.2 State Route 156 Public-Private Partnership Legal Services –Muck Pages 62 –64

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a contract with Nossaman, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000, to provide Public Private Partnership legal services for the State Route 156 West Corridor Project, for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Congestion Management Program or Agency reserve funds not yet budgeted to this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

The Agency released a Request for Qualifications for the public-private partnership legal services in May 2014. Four statements of qualifications were submitted. Nossaman, LLP was the highest ranked firm with extensive experience supporting public agencies in the public private partnership process.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Salinas Rail Extension Right of Way Legal Contract

– Zeller

Pages 65 - 69

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a contract with Meyers Nave, subject to approval by Caltrans Division of Audits and Investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to provide legal services for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds budgeted to this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

The Agency released a Request for Qualifications for the Salinas Rail Extension Right of Way Legal Contract in March 2014. Three statements of qualifications were submitted.

3.5.2 Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Contract

– Watson

Pages 70 - 85

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., subject to approval by Caltrans Division of Audits and Investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$2,191,997, to provide design services for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds budgeted to this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

TAMC released a Request for Proposals for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase in November 2013. Five proposals were submitted. On March 3, 2014, the Rail Policy Committee recommended Board approval of HDR Engineering, Inc., and on March 26, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with HDR Engineering for this work.

- 3.5.3 **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute updated leases with Sam Linder Monterey LLC and P & S Real Estate Co. – Delfino

Pages 86 - 87

Sam Linder Monterey LLC and P & S Real Estate Co wish to continue leasing the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way they presently occupy. It is in the Agency's best economic interest to continue this business relationship with these companies.

- 3.6.1 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**
No Items this Agenda

- 3.7.1 **ACCEPT** minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

Pages 88 - 94

- Executive Committee – Draft June 4, 2014
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft June 4, 2014 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft June 2, 2014
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft June 5, 2014 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

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- C1 May 12, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Senator Feinstein, re: Please co-sponsor S. 2004, the Safe Streets Act
- C2 May 12, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Senator Boxer, re: Please co-sponsor S. 2004, the Safe Streets Act
- C3 May 12, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Congressman Farr, re: Please co-sponsor H.R. 2468, the Safe Streets Act of 2013
- C4 May 20, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Mike Weaver, Chair, The Highway 68 Coalition re: Request for CEQA Environmental Review of the Draft 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan
- C5 May 27, 2014 article in The Californian, “Highway 1 – Salinas Road named ‘Interchange project of the Year’
- C6 May 29, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Mike Weaver, Chair, The Highway 68 Coalition re: Public Records Act Request – Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Program
- C7 June 2, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Assembly Member Perea, re: Support for AB 2728: Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service
- C8 June 2, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Senator DeSaulnier, re: Support for SJR 24: Federal Highway Trust Fund
- C9 June 2, 2014 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Senator DeSaulnier, re: Support for SB 1418: Vehicle weight fees: transportation bond debt service
- C10 June 6, 2014 article in The Monterey County Herald, “Key spots for roundabout intersections under study”
- C11 June 9, 2014 letter from the Central Coast Coalition representatives to Senator Mark Leno and Assembly Member Nancy Skinner, re: Cap and Trade Funding in the 2014/15 Budget