

## FINAL MINUTES

### **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Members are: Lou Calcagno. (Chair),  
Steve Villegas (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Simón Salinas (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Frank Sollecito (Past Chair), Jane Parker (County representative),  
Maria Orozco (City representative)*

**Wednesday, November 3, 2010**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Calcagno called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Orozco, Parker, Salinas and Villegas. Staff present: Bachman, Blankenship, Goel, Hale, Myers, Rodriguez and Watson.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Salinas the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve consent item 3.1 – 3.2 as follows:

- 3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 6, 2010.
- 3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve calendar year 2011 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

**END OF CONSENT**

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### **4. THREE YEAR OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 11/12, 12/13, AND 13/14:**

The Committee received report and provided comment on the three-year operating budget for fiscal years 11/12, 12/13, and 13/14.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Executive Committee and Board would review the three-year draft budget in January/February 2011. Staff would send it to the federal and state authorities for approval and then bring it back to the Board for final adoption in May 2011. She noted that the budget is divided between an operating and a direct program budget. The operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials, supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program

expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific projects, and grants. Revenue and expenditure assumptions presented today were primarily for the operating budget. Ms. Goel noted that the Agency has a nine-month funding reserve does not anticipate using it until the second or third budget year. The revenue assumptions were similar to FY 10-11 with a slight reduction in planning funds. This reduction could be offset with some carry forward funding and more billing of staff time to projects and grants. Expenditure assumptions include the possible addition of a half-time position for rideshare activities, no cost of living allowance and continuation of merit increases. CalPERS contributions are going up and staff would look at ways of off-setting this with a reduction in TAMC-paid 457B deferred compensation contributions if necessary. Also, a cap on the health benefit cafeteria plan allowance will be set as of 2012 to control future medical costs. Risks to the budget assumptions continue to be cuts in state and federal planning funds, particularly on a long-term basis.

**5. DRAFT 2011 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM:**

The Committee reviewed and commented on the draft 2011 Legislative Program.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. She highlighted the recent election results and impacts on the proposed legislative program. Since Proposition 26, which will require a two-thirds majority to pass any local fees or taxes, passed, it will likely be more difficult to achieve state legislative goal 4S, to “work with a coalition of California transportation entities to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures from the 2/3 supermajority to a simple majority, 55% or 60% majority vote”. The committee directed staff to amend the language to “monitor proposals”, and Board member Salinas asked that staff have Agency legislative consultant Arriaga monitor the potential for this effort.

Ms. Watson also discussed the impact of the failure of Proposition 23, which would have overturned the state climate change legislation (AB 32), on the federal legislative Goal 5F to support federal climate change legislation so that the state does not have to “go it alone”. The committee directed staff to amend the federal legislative program language to emphasize the need for any new federal laws to be consistent with state laws, to make Goal 5F less controversial.

Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that Caltrans would like us to continue to support their efforts to allow non-profits to manage habitat mitigation properties for state transportation projects (state legislative goal 8S); for example, the Elkhorn Slough Foundation could manage lands purchased as mitigation for the Salinas Road and San Juan Road interchange projects. The committee directed staff to work with Assemblymember Bill Monning and Senator Sam Blakeslee on this effort.

**6. AMBAG RIDESHARE AGREEMENT:**

The Committee received report on AMBAG rideshare agreement.

Executive Director Hale reported that TAMC is in the process of negotiating with AMBAG the funding for an additional half-time position at TAMC to assist in the transition of the rideshare program to our Agency. She noted that there are two CMAQ grants that will expire in June 2012, and June 2015 that should provide sufficient funding for this position as well as half of the Caltrans-funded public outreach position, and a continued level of staffing at AMBAG. There is a concern that at least one of the grants be fully expended by its deadline less than 18 months from now. AMBAG's Executive Committee has provided conceptual approval for the first half-time allocation and staffs are working to reach agreement on the remaining allocation of funding. The Agency is not going to hire until these funding issues are resolved.

Board member Orozco noted that the rideshare program is very important. Chair Calcagno and Boardmember Salinas expressed their support for the agricultural vanpool program.

**7. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.**

**RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.**

Board Chair Calcagno reported that the Committee met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section §54957 received and discussed the Executive Director and Legal Counsel performance appraisals, which will be presented to the Board in December.

8. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 27, 2010.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the October 27, 2010 draft agenda. Ms. Hale reported that the key issue on the agenda is the closed session, noting the Executive Director and the Legal Counsel performance evaluation and the real estate negotiations would be first on the agenda. She also noted that an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing would be held and the election of 2010 officers, to be presented by the nominating committee (Board members Armenta and Sollecito). The Board will also receive an update on the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Network. The Board will be asked to adopt resolution of appreciation for David Murray of Caltrans. Chairman Calcagno requested that out-going board members be recognized for their service at the December Board meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant