

FINAL MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: John P. Huerta, Jr. (Chair),
Dave Potter (1st Vice Chair), Lou Calcagno (2nd Vice Chair),
Ralph Rubio (Past-Past Chair),
Simón Salinas (County representative), Jyl Lutes (City representative)*

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **Call to Order:** Huerta called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Board members present: Huerta, Rubio, Salinas, Calcagno, Alternate Lee for Potter, and Alternate Russell for Lutes. Staff present: Hale, Blankenship, Bachman, Goel, Watson, Muck and Rodriguez. Others present: John Arriaga, James Serrano, and Jan Mitchell.

2. **Public Comments:** None.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

On a motion by Board member Simón Salinas and second by Ralph Rubio, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent items as follows:

3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the meeting of the Executive Committee on March 7, 2007.

3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that the Agency approve a project study report request to Caltrans for improvements to Highway 156 and access to Oak Hills.

4. **RECEIVED report on 2007 state legislative bill matrix, and on a motion by Board member Lou Calcagno and second by Simón Salinas, the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend the Board of Directors approve support and oppose positions as reflected in the bill matrix.**

John Arriaga, JEA Associates, gave an overview of the draft 2007 legislative matrix and recommended positions on key legislation.

The Committee discussed the issue of speed trap laws and speed limits on Highway 101 in Prunedale and Highway 1 in Moss Landing, and decided not to pursue legislation on this issue. Board member Calcagno asked that a letter be sent to Congressman Farr regarding the desire for federal legislation on this issue.

5. **RECEIVED an oral report on upcoming Transportation Agency meetings with California Transportation Commissioners and State and Federal Legislators.** Executive Director Hale announced that there will be meetings with Congressman Sam Farr, Assembly Member Anna Caballero, Commissioners Carl Guardino, Bob Alvarado, and Jim Earp regarding Agency priority projects and funding strategies.
6. **REVIEWED and COMMENTED on revised Agency goals and objectives.** Deputy Director Bachman presented the revised Agency goals and objectives. Mr. Bachman explained that a clear set of goals and objectives will assure that the Agency's work program and budgetary resources are properly focused on the activities of highest priority for the agency. Staff updated the goals and objectives to reflect the present direction of the Agency, in particular the Board's direction to prepare for a potential transportation sales tax measure in November 2008. There was concurrence to mention agriculture and hospitality revenues in a general, rather than a specific, sense. Chair Huerta requested a report on Transient Occupancy Taxes, rates and truck weight fees by cities and county and where they are distributed. Chair Huerta also asked to add the pursuit of state bond funds to the goals.
7. **RECEIVED report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 25, 2007 – Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda.** Ms. Hale highlighted the April 25, 2007, agenda and announced that TAMC is fully staffed. Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, a former employee, is coming back after leaving the agency to reside in Orange County and Maria Montiel was hired as the Agency's Administrative Assistant. Both will start officially on April 23, 2007.
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or comments from Executive Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future agendas.** Board member Calcagno requested that TAMC staff schedule a meeting with Supervisor Potter, the Coastal Commission and County staff to discuss the Salinas Road/ Highway 1 project and Local Coastal Plan amendment.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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