

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, August 1, 2007

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 1st Vice Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Board members present: Rubio, Salinas, Calcagno, Potter, and Alternate Russell for Lutes. Staff present: Bachman, Hale, Muck and Rodriguez. Others present: Alternate Claudia Link, District 4 and John Arriaga, JEA & Associates.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by Board member Calcagno and second by Simón Salinas, 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 May 2, 2007.
- 3.2 **RECEIVED** report on rates and uses of local transient occupancy taxes in Monterey County, and preliminary information on commercial trucking weight fees collected for state highway projects.
- 3.3 **RECOMMENDED** Board approved draft scope of work for environmental review of local transportation sales tax expenditure plan and development impact fee program; and **RECOMMENDED** Board authorize the Executive Director to release the request for proposals.

4. **RECEIVED** an update on state budget and legislation to transportation issues.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the budget and critical interest to the Agency. He reported that the state budget is one month overdue. The California Transportation Committee is waiting to decide how they are going to proceed with the STIP Augmentation projects until the budget is passed. Mr. Arriaga reported that transit is taking a \$1.2 billion cut. Regarding legislation we are working to amend SB375 to provide parity for rural counties without adopted regional blueprint plans.

Board member Rubio commented that AMBAG is currently in the process of creating a land use-transportation blueprint plan for the region.

5. **PROVIDED** direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 08/09, 09/10, and 10/11.

Executive Director Hale reported that the draft Agency budget for the 3-year period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012 will be prepared by staff for review and comment by the Executive Committee in January 2008. Staff is recommending deferring including potential new revenue from the November 2008 sales tax measure, should it pass, until the fiscal year 09/10 budget. Preparing a budget with potential sales tax revenue and expenditures for fiscal years 08-09, 09-10, and 10-11 would involve extra time and effort for the Agency's staff. Also, as April 2009, is more than one and half years away, the projected budget would be subject to many changes. Staff recommends that the budget be prepared without the additional sales tax revenue.

Ms. Hale stated staff has been in discussions with Monterey Salinas Transit regarding the sharing of a percent of any future growth in the Local Transportation Fund. Staff recommends including an assumption of sharing in the percentage growth of the fund, subject to an agreement with Monterey Salinas Transit. The approved three-year budget for fiscal year 07/08, 08/09 and 09/10 did not have any expenditure for Public Outreach in 08/09 and 09/10. Staff recommends budgeting money for this in 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11. Activities would include the preparation, printing and distribution of an annual report and other miscellaneous Public Outreach activities.

Vice Chair Potter stated that the three-year public outreach budget is appropriate.

6. **PROVIDED** direction on a Board member stipend policy.

On a motion by Board member, Simón Salinas and second by Board member Ralph Rubio, the committee voted 5 – 0 to take to the member stipend policy to the Board of Directors.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Agency's operating budget for fiscal year 2007-08 has \$12,000 for payment of a stipend to Board members. The total compensation for meetings attended would not exceed \$100/calendar month. If adopted, the stipend would apply only to regular Board members who are not on the staff of an appointing agency and for meetings actually attended. Ms. Hale asked the committee for their comments.

Board member Rubio commented that the Transportation Agency is the only regional agency that does not pay a stipend. Board members should be compensated for taking time from their jobs to attend the meetings. Vice Chair Potter concurred with Rubio.

7. **RECEIVED** report on Status of Transportation Expenditure Plan and Regional Impact Fee Update.

Deputy Director Bachman reported that the adopted Agency Budget provides for the Expenditure Plan development and consultant work on the regional impact fee Nexus Study update. The expenditure plan will describe the effect of increasing local transportation revenues with a one-half cent sales tax that is expected to raise about \$25 million per year. The Agency Board has adopted a policy to pursue new local transportation revenues, including a potential transportation sales tax ballot measure. Prior to considering a sales tax item, the Agency must develop a Transportation Expenditure Plan. It is intended that the expenditure plan will be created through extensive public involvement. The schedule calls for presentation of a draft Expenditure Plan to the Board in September 2007, and adoption of the final plan in early 2008.

Mr. Bachman also reported that the policy on local revenues also includes a proposed regional transportation development impact fee. The original Nexus Study for the impact fee was completed in 2006. That study is being updated to reflect the current status of transportation project needs, and to address concerns raised by South Monterey County jurisdictions. In response to their concerns, the update will include an analysis of zones to calculate fees by geographic sub-region, utilize the most recently adopted city general plans and land use assumptions, and reevaluate commercial trip generation rates. The Agency will be meeting to discuss the regional impact fees with the south county city managers.

Mr. Bachman gave an update on the Agency-proposed regional fee and project list. The Committee at first expressed concerns with the US-101 San Juan Road interchange project but then acknowledged the need to produce local matching funds to attract state money.

Board member Calcagno commented that the Harris Road/Eastside Connector project should be identified as the East Side bypass project. This bypass would connect through Crazy Horse, Old Stage and Harris Road. Vice Chair Potter asked that the East Side bypass project be agendized on the TAMC Executive Committee agenda in September for further discussion.

Vice Chair Potter concluded that the Agency is heading in the right direction. He asked that an update on the status of transportation expenditure plan and regional impact fee be agendized regularly.

8. RECEIVED report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of August 22, 2007.

Executive Director Hale highlighted the August 22, 2007, agenda. Committee member Simón Salinas asked if the Monterey Peninsula regional taxi study included accessible taxi service, brought up by Alma Almanza at the Board meeting. Executive Director Hale replied that accessible taxi service was included in the study. She also suggested that Ms. Almanza or a staff member from Central Coast Center for Independent Living be invited to attend the task force meetings. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the county is now participating in the taxi study and that the Airport District is reconsidering.

Deputy Director Bachman reported that in order to best oversee the development of the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project, staff is proposing to amend the Apex Strategies contract to include project delivery assistance. Tony Harris former Caltrans Chief Deputy Director, of Planning Company Associates will perform the additional work.

The Committee agreed to put the status of Transportation Expenditure Plan and Regional Impact Fee on the Transportation Agency consent agenda as an information item.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or comments from Executive Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future agendas.

Executive Director Hale announced the Community Leaders Luncheon on August 30, 2007, 11:30 a.m. at the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 1st Vice Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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