

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),
Simon Salinas (County representative), Jyl Lutes (City representative)*

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **Call to Order:** Ralph Rubio (Past-Past Chair), called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Huerta (9:50), Rubio, Salinas, Alternate Lee for Potter, Alternate Gowin for Calcagno and Alternate Russell for Lutes. Staff present: Hale, Blankenship, Bachman, Goel, Morgan, and Hoschouer. Others present: Paul Congo.
2. **Public Comments:** None.
3. **Consent Agenda:** On a motion by Board member Simon Salinas and second by Rob Russell, 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 January 12, 2006.
 - 3.2 Three-Year Budget (FY07/08 – FY09/10)
 1. **RECOMMENDED** that the Board **AUTHORIZE** Executive Director to submit enclosed draft fiscal year 07/08 budget to federal and state funding agencies for initial review; and
 2. **RECOMMEND** that the Board **PROVIDE** direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 07/08 through 09/10, and
 3. **DIRECT** Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget back to the Board on May 23, 2007 for approval.
 - 3.3 **RECEIVED** mid-year progress report on Executive Director's goals and objectives for fiscal year 2006/07.

4. **RECEIVED** report on 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation and **PROVIDED** feedback on the list of candidate projects – Executive Director Debbie Hale reviewed the draft STIP Augmentation proposal. Hale explained that the County was eligible for up to \$28.1 million in new funding for improvement projects and that much of that money would be needed for cost increases to existing programmed projects. Hale also pointed out that the program of projects includes the two infrastructure bond projects that made the Caltrans short list, the Salinas Road/Highway 1 interchange and San Juan Road at the Red Barn interchange, and thus is tentative pending the California Transportation Commission project selection in late February. Hale noted that the federal money had not been earmarked for the Prunedale Improvement Project, but that there would be an additional opportunity later in the year. Rubio asked why the San Juan project moved ahead of the Rte 156 project for bond funds. Hale explained that the Rte 156 project does not meet the CTC criteria for project delivery by 2012. Alternate Lee asked the reason for the project cost increases. Morgan responded that cost increases for asphalt and concrete have been rising significantly statewide.
5. **RECEIVED** and **COMMENTED** on cost estimates and alternatives for televising Transportation Agency Board Meetings - Hoschouer presented two options for televising Agency board meetings. The first option presented involved purchasing and installing permanent cameras at the Nutter Conference Room at a cost of \$20,000, with an annual operating fee of \$4,800. Hoschouer explained that a second option would be to contract to have cameras and operators come to each meeting at an annual cost of \$13,100. Paul Congo of Access Monterey Peninsula explained that the installed equipment would have a life of 3 to 5 years because of technology advancements. He also explained that the State rules for cable franchises were changing. The committee members expressed concern over the costs of a permanent installation in view of the equipment becoming obsolete in a few years, and concern over the effect of the new State cable rules. Salinas moved, and Alternate Lee seconded a motion to take to the Board the second option, and to return to the committee in six months with a report. The motion passed 5-0.
6. **RECOMMENDED** that the Board **AUTHORIZE** Executive Director to submit the enclosed draft fiscal year 2007/08 Work Program to Federal and State funding agencies for initial review – Deputy Executive Director Bachman presented the Draft 2007-08 Work Program. He explained that the Work Program must be submitted each year in support of the State and Federal planning funds received by the Agency. Bachman explained that a difference between the work plan this year compared to last year is that the September 2005 Board goals were not verbatim repeated because they were outdated since they were oriented to the Spring 2006 sales tax election, but that the essence of the goals was followed in creating the work plan. He further explained that the Board would have the opportunity to review and update the goals at the Board Study Session planned for

its meeting in March. Bachman went on to point out that the work plan includes the preparation of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan, and with that a new Transportation Expenditure Plan. Rubio asked why the goals hadn't been updated earlier. Executive Director Hale explained that there are four new Board members this year and the March study session was planned as the opportunity to update goals. Bachman pointed out that the work plan would incorporate the updated goals and return to the Board for adoption in May. The committee recommended that staff inform the Board members of the study session as soon as possible and at the February Board meeting to encourage them to set aside the time. Staff was also asked to distribute the goals and objectives ahead of time to allow more focused discussion at the study session. Salinas moved and Rubio seconded to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 2007/08 Work Program to Federal and State funding agencies. The motion passed 6-0.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of February 28, 2007 – Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. Hale highlighted the item for an update on the Regional Taxi study and explained that the purpose of the study was to develop a Taxi Authority that would streamline the taxi licensing and inspection process in the Peninsula area, resulting in better service. Hale pointed out that this project was initiated at the request of the cities. Bachman highlighted the item to distribute Transportation Development act funds to Soledad. Bachman explained that Soledad had not been receiving streets and roads funds because the city had not been fully operating its transit service due to labor problems. Bachman indicated that Soledad had requested disbursement of the funds proportional to the amount of time that the service had been in operation and that staff thought that was reasonable. Alternate Lee asked for a copy of the letter sent to Wayne Tanda of the County and Carl Sedoryk of MSWT regarding the Local Transportation Fund distribution in the unincorporated county. She also asked for a copy of the presentation on the Highway 68 CHOMP projects.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Bachman, P.E., Deputy Executive Director