

**FINAL MINUTES**

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

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

**Wednesday, September 5, 2007**

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Huerta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Huerta, Rubio, Salinas, Calcagno, Alternate Lee for Potter, and Alternate Russell for Lutes. Staff present: Hale, Bachman, Goel, Morgan, Hoschouer, Rodriguez, and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: Eileen Goodwin by telephone.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by Board member Simón Salinas, and second by Board alternate Kathleen Lee, 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 August 1, 2007.
- 3.2 **APPROVED** out-of-state travel to Washington, D.C. for one Agency representative to meet with Federal Transit Administration staff in fall 2007.

*Board Chair Huerta abstained from the vote on item 3.1, because he was not in attendance at the August 1, 2007 meeting.*

4. **PROVIDED** input on Transportation Investment Plan and Regional Impact Fee.

Executive Director Hale reported the Agency Board has adopted a policy to pursue new local transportation revenues, including a potential transportation sales tax ballot measure. The Board has also directed that the Agency conduct an update to the nexus study for the proposed Regional Impact Fee. Prior to considering a sales tax item, the Agency must develop a Transportation Investment Plan. It is intended that the investment plan will be created through extensive public involvement. To date the Agency has conducted community meetings, a public opinion survey, and the first of a series of Community Leader workshops.

Ms. Hale gave an update on the three draft scenarios presented at the recent Community Leaders meeting. Safety and congestion relief only, balanced program and short program for the sales tax investment plan. The draft scenarios represent a first cut at an investment plan. Ms. Hale reported that using community and Board input, a draft investment plan will be created for further public review and input, before it is circulated to the cities and the County for adoption. The safety and congestion relief only scenario is a 20-year, ½ percent sales tax; 99% Roads, 1% Transit. This plan includes the Highway 101, San Juan Road interchange project. Board member Rubio expressed concerns that from the start this was a Caltrans project and this project takes away money from other projects. Board member Calcagno recommended that the Agency negotiate a higher percentage with the State.

The balanced program scenario is 20 years, ½ percent sales tax; 46% Environmental/Maintenance; 54% Safety/Congestion Relief, (\$388 million for safety and congestion relief projects) and does not include the Highway 68 commuter relief project widening from Toro Park to Corral de Tierra. The Committee recommended that if the Highway 68 commuter relief project is removed from the project list, that there must be an alternate route and East West improvements on Imjin Road. The Committee also discussed the timeframe (7 or 10 years as the proposed 20 years) of the program. Board member Rubio noted his support for 20 years and that it takes a long time to get the job done. Chair Huerta concurred with Mr. Rubio. The Chair requested that maps be provided to better understand the project areas. Ms. Hale replied that geographical maps would be made available.

Deputy Director Bachman gave an update on the regional impact fee nexus study. He reported that the policy on local revenues 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. The update will include 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. Mr. Bachman reported that the fees collected would be applied by zones using the AMBAG model, ITE trips, square footage and by dwelling type. A three-zone scenario is recommended by staff.

Board member Calcagno expressed concerns with the 5-zone scenario in that the North County fees would be much higher and South County fees lower. He noted that the South County cities are going to grow and they should pay their fair share of fees as everyone else, but agreed with the staff, that the 3-zone scenario was best. Board member Rubio also expressed that the growth in South County should result in appropriate fees and projects in that zone. South County improvements will focus on Highway 101 frontage roads and the Harris Road interchange.

Eileen Goodwin commented that the prior polls had confirmed support for the 20-year timeframe, but that could be retested. In conclusion, Ms. Goodwin noted that the community needs to understand the plan, timeline and numbers before we go on the ballot in November 2008, and she recommended a poll be taken prior to finalizing the plan.

5. **RECOMMEND** that the Board **APPROVE** revisions to Agency Bylaws and Board compensation and expense reimbursement policy subject to review by Agency Counsel.

On a motion by Board member Lou Calcagno, and second by Board member Simón Salinas, the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Board approve revisions to Agency Bylaws and Board compensation and expense reimbursement policy subject to review by Agency Counsel.

Rita Goel, Administrative Services Manager, reported the Transportation Agency Bylaws have been revised several times over the years. However, the Agency Counsel and management is proposing a more thorough update this time. Agency staff requested and received input from the Executive Committee on the key policy issues addressed in the Bylaws changes: Board Stipend, Congestion Management Program opt out, rights of Alternate members, Quorum definition, weighted vote rules, and State Transit Assistance distribution of funds.

Lee Blankenship, Agency Counsel, reported that he has met with staff and has done a preliminary review of the various parts of Bylaws revisions and Board compensation and expense reimbursement policy. He also noted that he would do a final review of the Bylaws revisions as a whole before they are presented to the Board for adoption.

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

**RECONVENE** in open session and reports that the actions taken.

The Committee has recommended that the Board review the evaluations of Executive Director Hale and Agency Counsel Blankenship in closed session at the September 26, 2007 Board meeting.

Board member Calcagno reported that the Executive Director has done an excellent job and provides a good image for the Agency. He also reported that Agency Counsel Blankenship is also doing a good job although the Committee doesn't work closely with Counsel. Agency Counsel Blankenship replied that his involvement with the Board is limited to meetings, but that he works more closely with Agency management and staff.

Board member Rubio commented that Counsel is doing an excellent job. Board member Salinas commented that both of the evaluations are very positive.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of September 26, 2007.

The Committee received a copy of the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of September 26, 2007.

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

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant