

**FINAL MINUTES**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 09, 2008**

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Calcagno called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Board members present: Salinas, Huerta, Alternates Lee for Potter, Russell for Lutes and Reichmuth for Sollecito. Dave Potter attended the meeting via teleconference. Staff present: Hale, Bachman, Goel, Hoschouer, Muck, Zeller and Rodriguez. Others present: Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by Board member Simón Salinas, and second by Board member John Huerta, 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 November 5, 2007.
- 3.2 **APPROVED** “sustained superior performance” step increase from Step 5 to Step 6 for Donald P. Bachman, effective December 3, 2007.
- 3.3 **APPROVED** recommendations for the sixth annual Transportation Excellence Awards.

*Staff pulled this item, noting the addition of the State Route 146 Bypass Study Group to the groups receiving Excellence Awards.*

*The Committee asked that Jyl Lutes and Ralph Rubio be recognized as out-going Executive Committee members. Committee member Calcagno acknowledged Rob Russell, City of Salinas, for being an asset to the Committee. He noted that Mr. Russell is very knowledgeable.*

**4. REVIEWED AND COMMENTED** on the draft of Sales Tax Investment Plan document and public outreach effort.

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, reported on the Expenditure Investment Plan for transportation sales taxes in Monterey County. She noted that the outline is what the voters will be voting on. The final approved outline will be the language on the November ballot. The outline will go to the Board for review this month. She also noted that staff is currently working on the Annual report. The Annual report, if approved by the Board, should be ready for distribution by February or March.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Calcagno noted that the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital is proposing a property sales tax for the November ballot. He noted that he is trying to persuade them to go in June 2008. Counsel Blankenship noted if two proposed taxes were placed on the ballot at the same time, neither of them would pass.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, gave an overview of the investment plan. He reported that the investment plan for transportation sales taxes in Monterey County would guide the investment of nearly \$1 billion in new revenues over the next 25 years. The plan provides a balance between transit and road improvements for a diverse region with multiple transportation needs. The goals of this investment plan are to make traveling safer, reduce traffic congestion, improve the condition of our local roads and provide meaningful alternatives to driving alone. The funding is divided into three basic programs to reach these goals: 50% for Safety and Congestion Relief, 25% for Local Road and Street Maintenance and 25% for Alternatives to Driving. In conclusion, Mr. Muck asked the Committee to review the investment plan and provide comments before the Board meeting on January 23, 2008.

John Huerta, Past Chair, reported that he supported the plan, but had concerns regarding the part of the taxpayer safeguards that gives the ability to change the programs or projects in the plan. Debbie Hale, Executive Director, noted that staff has met with the Tax Payers Association. She noted that any proposed changes to the plan, are subject to a 2/3 vote of the voting Board members.

Alternate Bill Reichmuth concurred with Huerta and noted that we need to tighten the safeguards. Mr. Muck replied that the investment plan includes strong taxpayer safeguards to ensure that the projects and programs approved by the voters are funded and delivered over its 25-year lifetime.

Eileen Goodwin discussed the Agency video. She noted that the video would be used as an orientation for people. The Committee reviewed a clip of the video and provided input. Past Chair Huerta asked if the video was going to be available in Spanish. He also suggested including footage of a local laborer in the video. Debbie Hale replied that TAMC would get a cost estimate for a Spanish language version.

Lou Calcagno asked if there is a way to construct the video in a manner where other parties can legally use it. Ms. Hale noted that she would consult Counsel to see if TAMC can sell the footage.

**5. RECEIVED** update and **PROVIDED** input on the draft regional development impact fee program.

Deputy Director Bachman gave an update on the Regional Development Impact Fee program. He reported that the updated regional development impact fee program would generate \$318 million in revenues out to 2030 as one source of funding for sixteen regionally-significant projects. He noted that a key revision to the Nexus Study for a Regional Development Impact Fee is that fees are assessed by benefit zones. Mr. Bachman reported that the significant change in the latest fee estimate is the inclusion of an interchange project in each south county City as directed by the Board.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Calcagno noted that Caltrans wants an improved overpass in Chualar. This is a major project. The current overpass was never constructed for large trucks. He recommended that staff follow up with the County. Deputy Director Bachman reported that it is included in the south county frontage roads project.

Alternate Bill Reichmuth asked how the JPA is created, who builds and designs the projects. Deputy Bachman replied that this is in large part/overlap of the investment plan and projects would be implemented by the sponsor agencies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Calcagno asked if we had a benchmark of how the fees compared to the other counties. Ms. Hale noted that staff would call other agencies and have the information available when the document is circulated.

In conclusion, Deputy Director Bachman reported that the current schedule for implementing the draft regional development impact fee program is to seek approval by the cities and County after Board action in January 2008, with final adoption taking place in Spring 2008.

6. **REVIEWED** options related to appointment of city representative to Executive Committee; and **RECOMMENDED** next steps.

The Committee recommended that Executive Director Hale work with the City of Salinas and King City and coordinate with the Nominating Committee for a recommendation to the Board on a City representative to the Executive Committee.

Alternate Russell reported that at the Salinas Council meeting the night before the Executive meeting, the Salinas City Council appointed Councilmember Steve Villegas to represent the City on the Agency Board, replacing Councilmember Jyl Lutes.

The Committee discussed various options for the city representative on the Executive Committee.

- 6.1 The Committee reviewed the revised calendar year 2008 Executive Committee schedule of meetings. The Executive Committee will contact Ms. Rodriguez if there are any conflicts with the proposed revised schedule of meetings. The schedule will go to the Board for approval on January 23, 2008.
7. **RECEIVED** report and a copy of the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of January 23, 2008. – Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. She noted that staff is still working on the draft regional transportation improvement program. Staff is evaluating the Salinas River /Spreckels bike bridge issues and will continue to meet with the County and Caltrans to resolve it.
8. **CLOSED SESSION:**  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director.
- RECONVENE** in open session and report any actions taken.  
TAMC Counsel Blankenship reported that there was no action taken and that this item be continued to February 11, 2008, in closed session.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant