

FINAL MINUTES

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

*Members are: Dave Potter. (Chair),
Frank Sollecito (1st Vice Chair), Lou Calcagno (2nd Vice Chair),
John P. Huerta, Jr (Past Chair),
Simón Salinas (County representative), Steve Villegas (City representative)*

Monday, March 10, 2008

3:30 p.m.

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. Board members present: Salinas, Calcagno, Alternate Reichmuth for Sollecito, and Alternate Serrano for Villegas. Staff present: Hale, Bachman, Muck, Zeller, Rodriguez and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: Vanessa Vallarta, City of Salinas Attorney; Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, Jan Mitchell, Prunedale Neighbors and Dawn Withers, Editor of The Salinas Californian.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by alternate Reichmuth, and second by Board member 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 February 11, 2008, noting that Agency Counsel Blankenship was in attendance. The February 25, 2008 meeting minutes will be available for approval at the next meeting.
- 3.2 **APPROVED** “sustained superior performance” step increase from Step 5 to 6 for Elouise Rodriguez, effective March 10, 2008.
- 3.3 **APPROVED** the Executive Director’s participation in the national American Public Works Association Transportation Committee, should her nomination be accepted; and **APPROVED** the out-of-state travel for the Executive Director to attend the national American Public Works Association Congress in New Orleans, LA, in August, 2008.

4. PROVIDED direction on the relationship of the impact fee program to the sales tax.

Chairman Potter reported that he and Board member Salinas had met with Salinas Mayor Donohue and Monterey Mayor Della Sala last week to discuss this issue. He noted that Mayor Donohue is going to meet with his Council and City Manager to discuss and get clarification on this issue. He also noted that Mayor Donohue was very committed and very interested in resolving this issue. Chairman Potter indicated that there was no new recommendation until the issues are resolved with the City of Salinas and directed staff to proceed to the Board with the same report given to the Executive Committee. Board members Salinas and Calcagno concurred with Chairman Potter.

5. RECEIVED update and PROVIDED direction on sales tax plan and public outreach effort.

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, reported that there is confusion on the message being sent. What's coming across to the community leaders is that the sales tax is not moving forward. She noted that whether the sales tax and fee program are linked or not linked the Board needs to be united and move forward. Ms. Goodwin reported that a poll will be conducted in the spring and she would report back to the Committee in April. In conclusion, she noted that the Board has done a great job.

Executive Director Hale reported good news, she noted that folks are reaching out and excited about the measure.

6. RECEIVED report and a copy of the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of March 26, 2008.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. She presented a letter from LAFCO of Monterey County, regarding LAFCO funding contributions on behalf of the Special Districts Association. Ms. Hale asked the Committee if the letter should be agendaized. Chairman Potter directed staff not to put the letter on the agenda. Board member Calcagno agreed.

Chairman Potter directed staff to reword the fee item for the TAMC Board to specify the policy issues under discussion rather than the legal documents to be approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant