

DRAFT 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)*

Thursday, November 5, 2008

*****9:00 a.m.*****

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members present: Potter, Calcagno, Huerta, Salinas, Sollecito and Villegas. Staff present: Bachman, Chen, Hale, Hoschouer, Myers, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: John Arriaga, JEA & Associates.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Villegas the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve the consent items as follows:

- 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 1, 2008.
- 3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve calendar year 2009 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

END OF CONSENT

4. **REVIEWED** and **DISCUSSED** results of November 4 election and transportation sales tax Measure Z.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported the unofficial election results of the transportation sales tax measure. She noted that Monterey County Measure Z failed to reach the 66.7% vote needed, only reaching 62%. She also reported the transportation sales taxes in the counties of Stanislaus and Santa Clara are too close to call. Ms. Hale noted that the Board, Campaign Committee and staff had done a great job. Board member Salinas noted that the economy was a big issue why Measure Z failed.

Agency Counsel Blankenship reported that the newspaper articles by members of TAMC were good and positive. He noted that the economy hurt Measure Z. Chairman Potter asked for the voter turnout. Agency Counsel Blankenship noted that the voter turnout was estimated at 75%.

In conclusion, Ms. Hale discussed what happens next, noting the Board would have to make hard choices on which projects to move forward. A strategic planning session to discuss funding strategies will be scheduled at a future date.

5. REVIEWED and COMMENTED on draft 2009 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the draft 2009 legislative program. Ms. Watson noted that priority highway projects that are fully funded are US 101 Prunedale Improvement, Highway 1 Salinas Road Interchange, and Airport Boulevard at US 101 Interchange. She also noted projects that are not fully funded are the State Route 156 widening, US 101 Corridor South of Salinas, and Route 68 Holman Highway Phase II projects.

Board member Calcagno stated that the US 101-San Juan Road (Red barn) is a problem due to tourism and discussed whether the County and City of Monterey should use the Transient Occupancy Tax dollars for this project. Vice Chairman Sollecito replied that the City of Monterey has discussed this issue.

In conclusion, Ms. Watson noted that the final legislative program would go to the Board of Directors in December for approval. Chair Potter asked for a briefing at an upcoming Rail Policy Committee on the implications of the High Speed Rail bond for TAMC's rail projects.

6. RECEIVED report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 3, 2008.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. She noted that she would provide a briefing on election results for Measure Z. Chairman Potter asked that staff provide a map showing precinct results. Ms. Hale announced that an Unmet Transit Needs Hearing would be held, noting that increasing the frequencies for MST's very crowded Line 23 may be raised. The report on the agricultural freight rail feasibility study was moved from consent to the regular January agenda, due to the interest of Board members who would not be attending in December.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session on: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b), the Executive Committee conferred with legal counsel regarding two items of significant exposure to litigation and **RECONVENED** in open session: Agency Counsel Blankenship reported that the Executive Committee met and provided direction to staff on how to proceed with the two items.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant