

FINAL MINUTES

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

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

Wednesday, February 20, 2009

*****2:30 p.m.*****

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Board members present: Potter, Calcagno, Kleber, Salinas, and Villegas. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Myers, Rodriguez and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: Walter Grant, Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.; Clif Price, City of Soledad; Juan Mesa, Granite Construction; and Enrique Saavedra, Monterey County Public Works.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 4, 2009.

END OF CONSENT

4. **RECEIVED** report on project priorities for Federal Stimulus Funding and recommended that the Board approve the project list.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Calcagno and second by Board member Potter, the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommended that the Board approve the project list.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that on January 28th the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors authorized a call for projects to quickly program the potential federal infrastructure stimulus funds allocated to Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer, reported that TAMC staff sent a letter to the cities and county requesting their applications. He noted that the TAMC Technical Advisory Committee requested the process be changed from a purely competitive selection process to a two-tiered selection process. For the first tier, jurisdictions will be granted a project as long as it meets the screening criteria and the dollar amount requested is equal to or less than the jurisdictions' population-based share of \$8.4 million. The second tier is competitive for any additional funds and may compete with eligible regional highway projects. Mr. Myers also noted in order to prioritize the projects the Technical Advisory Committee adopted the following ranking criteria: ready to go in 90-days, readiness, regional benefits, high volume of traffic, multimodal in nature, and amount of matching funds.

Public comment:

Clif Price, City of Soledad, asked staff what would happen if less money was granted and if staff has a process in place. Executive Director Hale replied that staff would re-evaluate the list and look at other funding options. She encouraged the cities and county to keep their projects moving forward if the Tier 1 list is approved.

Board member Potter noted that he appreciated the ranking system used on the list. Board Chairman Sollecito concurred with Board member Potter.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sollecito adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting will not be held on its regular date of March 4 but will be rescheduled to **March 18, 9:00 am** at TAMC offices due to a conflict with the County's budget workshop on that date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant