

FINAL MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
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, May 6, 2009

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Kleber, Salinas, Sollecito, Villegas, and alternate Lee for Potter. Staff present: Bachman, Cook, Goel, Hale, Myers, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: James Serrano, City of Salinas; Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit; Carmel residents, Bonnie Gillooly, John Dillard, and Joe Krings.

Agency Counsel Blankenship announced that there was an item of urgency that needed to be placed on the May 6, 2009 Executive Committee agenda. The item is a request for a support letter for Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter to represent the Central California Coast on the California Coastal Commission.

On a motion by Board member Kleber and second by Board member Calcagno the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommended adding the request for a support letter for Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter to represent the Central California Coast on the California Coastal Commission on the acting agenda as item 7.5.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 3.1** Approved enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meetings of March 18, 2009, and April 1, 2009. – Rodriguez

END OF CONSENT

4. DISCUSSED Assembly Bill 644 (Caballero): Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act.

Carl Sedoryk, CEO Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported AB 644 (Caballero) would allow Monterey-Salinas Transit to become a transit district, which would enable them to seek bond funding for projects or raise local tax revenues, subject to voter approval, for operations and other purposes. He noted concerns from the South County cities regarding their representation as equal voting members on the MST District Board and noted that MST agrees that the bill be amended for that purpose.

Executive Director Hale noted that on April 1st the Executive Committee voted to recommend the Board adopt a support position on Assembly Bill 644, if amended to reflect the bill stipulate that the proposed MST District Board be composed of a representative from each of the incorporated cities in the county and the county.

Vice Chairman Calcagno expressed concerns of the incorporated population only having one vote. Mr. Sedoryk noted that all of the represented jurisdictions have one vote.

5. RECOMMENDED that the Board of Directors adopt an unmet transit finding for Fiscal Year 2009-10 that:

- Within Monterey County, additional service on Monterey-Salinas Transit Line 23 service is reasonable to meet;
- Ninety-minute headway service is feasible to implement in September, 2009 to serve the unmet transit need; and
- Additional improvements to South Monterey County transit services, including hourly weekday service on Line 23, scheduling of express trips, and conversion to higher capacity 60-ft vehicles, will be implemented if supported by a comprehensive operational analysis of South Monterey County transit services in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

On a motion by Board member Salinas and a second by Board member Calcagno the recommendation was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that State law requires the Transportation Agency to make a finding on Unmet Transit Needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds to any jurisdiction for streets and roads projects or other eligible purposes. Staff is recommending that additional service on Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Line 23 between King City and Salinas is reasonable to meet, and has met with MST and the South County jurisdictions to reach agreement on a proposal for implementing the service. The proposal discussed included implementation

of 90-minute service in September and preparation of South County transit study.

Board member Kleber questioned why the study wasn't done before implementing the service, noting it's contrary to the Agency's philosophy.

Mr. Sedoryk reported that there is specific data showing overcrowding and persons standing on MST's Line 23 bus, noting that this presents a safety risk that would be alleviated by the additional service. Board member Salinas concurred with the liability issues, expressing that the Agency should act now to add service and address the safety issues. Mr. Sedoryk also noted that the transit study would address a broader scope than just Line 23 service, to include coordination and integration of South Monterey County dial-a-ride services with MST Line 23 service.

Board member Calcagno questioned why a conversion to 60-foot vehicles wasn't being considered. Mr. Sedoryk responded that MST's facilities and other local transit infrastructure cannot accommodate these vehicles yet and that more coordination was needed with local jurisdictions to plan for this conversion. Staff agreed to amend the unmet transit needs finding to include consideration of the higher-capacity 60-foot vehicles in the transit study to be completed in 2009-10 pursuant to the recommended unmet transit needs finding.

6. **RECOMMENDED** that the Board **APPROVE** Resolution 2009-05 adopting the fiscal year 09/10 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 10/11 and 11/12.

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Villegas the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommend that the Board approve Resolution 2009-05 adopting the fiscal year 09/10 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 10/11 and 11/12.

Deputy Executive Director Bachman noted that the overall work program will be updated to reflect the Agency's goals and objectives.

7. **RECEIVED** report on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project.

Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project was released for agency and public review on April 1st. The end of the review period is May 18th. He announced that a public hearing, approval of the Final Environmental Impact Report, and adoption of the preferred project alternative is scheduled for the Transportation Agency Board's June 24th meeting. In addition to the original 12-foot wide paved path, the Draft Environmental Impact Report includes alternatives for a narrower path and a

shorter path. With implementation of the mitigation measures included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report there would be no significant and unavoidable impacts. In conclusion, Mr. Muck noted the Final Environmental Impact Report, responding to comments received on the draft report, would be prepared for approval at the Board's June 24th meeting. A public hearing and adoption of the preferred project alternative are also scheduled for the Boards' June 24th meeting.

Board member Calcagno expressed concerns of possible litigation costs and noted that staff be prepared to make a recommendation. Board alternate Lee noted that staff tries to be very careful and considers safety issues and neighborhood concerns. Board member Calcagno also recommended that an additional public hearing be held at the May 27th TAMC Board meeting.

Public comments

John Dillard, Joe Krings and Bonnie Gillooly, Carmel residents, expressed their appreciation of staff's options for the trail and for addressing their concerns.

- 7.1** **APPROVE** letter of Support for Supervisor Dave Potter's reappointment to the California Coastal Commission.

On a motion by Board member Calcagno and second by Board member Salinas the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve a letter of support for Supervisor Dave Potter's reappointment to the California Coastal Commission.

- 8.** **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of May 27, 2009. Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. She noted that there would be two public hearings one for the unmet transit needs finding for fiscal year 2009-10, and another for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail. She also reported that staff would like to add an item to the regular agenda at a future date the City/County show and tell. She noted that this would allow the jurisdictions to be familiar with each other's projects and issues.

- 9.** **ADJOURNMENT:**
Chairman Sollecito adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant