

**Agenda Item: 3.1**

**FINAL MINUTES**

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

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

**Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair 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, Chen, Cook, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez, Watson and Agency Counsel Blankenship.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 3.1 Approved enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of August 5, 2009. – Rodriguez
- 3.2 Approved out-of-state travel for Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner to attend the 511 Deployment Coalition Working Group meeting, with financial assistance from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, noted that she would be traveling to Philadelphia.

**END OF CONSENT**

4. **RECEIVED** presentation on the Transportation Development Act 2% Bicycle and Pedestrian grant program's draft expenditure plan and recommended approval of the draft Plan to the Transportation Agency Board.

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Kleber the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve the draft plan to the Transportation Agency Board provided that the design accommodates future improvements at the Highway 1/Dolan Road intersection.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the grant program provides funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects of regional significance. The last three-year grant cycle was adopted in August 2006, and ten projects were awarded a total of \$1.0 million. A new draft expenditure plan has been prepared to fill project funding shortfalls using future expected revenue for fiscal years 2009/10-2011/12 and expired grant money from previous cycles. She noted that the allocations from the previous cycle reached their expirations on June 30, 2009. An amount of \$861,489 is available. For any funds that are unused in the last cycle, or for projects that are not fully funded, staff recommends reprogramming funding to top regional priority projects that can be completed. The draft expenditure plan shows that the available Transportation Development Account 2% revenues can fund two major projects, including the Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail and Castroville undercrossing project.

Vice Chair Calcagno opposed the Moss Landing segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail, noting that a bicycle path in front of Dolan Road precludes intersection improvements. There needs to be an economic impact in the community. Executive Director Hale noted that the County is the lead on the Dolan Road project and staff will meet with them to address the issues and alternatives.

5. **PROVIDED** direction to staff on selection of independent counsel for a legal opinion on the Agency's apportionment of Local Transportation Funds to the County of Monterey.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency is responsible for apportioning and allocating Local Transportation funds to county jurisdictions based on population, pursuant to the Transportation Development Act. Based on the statutes, the Agency has historically included the Soledad prison populations, including the Salinas Valley State Prison, in the County of Monterey for purposes of allocating the funds. At the City of Soledad's request, the Board of Directors directed staff to obtain an independent legal opinion on the Agency's apportionment of Local Transportation Funds to the County of Monterey. Mr. Cook noted that revising the Agency's Local Transportation Fund apportionments to include the Salinas Valley State Prison population in the City of Soledad

will reduce the local funding available to the County of Monterey for streets and roads and transit projects and increase the funding available to the City of Soledad. Including this population in the City of Soledad's local fund apportionment would swing approximately \$100,000 annually away from the County of Monterey and to the City, depending on sales tax revenues received through the fund. He also noted that Berliner-Cohen has been selected to provide an outside opinion. Staff will present the legal opinion and allocations to the Board next month.

**6. RECEIVED** information and provided direction on Transportation Agency Budget issues.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported on the State Transportation Improvement Project funds. She noted that the state's estimates for the Agency's share of STIP planning money. The current year has already been programmed and the estimates to 2010-11 and 2011-12 remain as planned. Staff is looking at options over the next two years and to respond to the reduction. Ms. Hale noted that staff would return to the Committee in October to begin discussion on budget scenarios. The Agency currently has a 9-month reserve and staff's goal is to increase the reserve to 12 months.

Board member Salinas noted that the Agency should be conservative. Vice Chair Calcagno concurred.

**7. ADOPTED** positions on amended legislation in the bill list and on SB 802.

On a motion by Vice Chair Calcagno and second by Board member Salinas, the committee voted 6 – 0 adopt positions on amended legislation in the bill list and on SB 802.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that staff recommended the Executive Committee act in lieu of the Board due to legislative deadlines to change Agency position on: AB 1084 (Adams), "Local planning: development projects: fees" from "oppose" to "watch"; SB 406 (DeSaulnier), "Land use: environmental quality"; and SB 716 (Wolk), "Local transportation funds", from "watch" to "support". She noted staff recommends taking an "oppose" position on SB 802. This bill would significantly curtail an agency's ability to ensure that the provisions of their public works contracts are fully executed.

8. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of September 23, 2009.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft agenda. She reported that one of the big items going to the Board is the Monterey Branch Line alternative selection. Vice Chair Calcagno commented that he has been asked a lot of questions about the proposed train service along the Monterey Branch Line. He noted staff needs to have good arguments if they're going to move forward with the train project. Ms. Hale noted that staff has been working with the Hospitality Association and others and has alleviated their concerns about the project.

Ms. Hale noted that staff would be asking the Board to approve the draft project list for the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan update for environmental and public review purposes, and receive an overview of the 511 Traveler Information System.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Chair Sollecito left the meeting and designated Vice Chair Calcagno to serve as chair. Vice Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant