

FINAL MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Lou Calcagno. (Chair),
Steve Villegas (1st Vice Chair), Simón Salinas (2nd Vice Chair),
Frank Sollecito (Past Chair), Jane Parker (County representative),
Maria Orozco (City representative)*

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Villegas called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Orozco, Villegas, alternate Lopez for Salinas, and alternate Markey for Parker. Staff present: Bachman, Blankenship, Chen, Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: John Doughty, AMBAG; John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; and Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde and Fay, via telephone.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Orozco and second by Board alternate Markey the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve consent item 3.1 – 3.4 as follows:

- 3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 2, 2010. – Rodriguez
- 3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that Board of Directors approve evaluation form, procedure and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel.

Board alternate Markey expressed concerns with the evaluation form dimension: “non-political” (understands and works effectively in the political arena and unbiased, takes a reasonable and rational viewpoint based on facts and qualified opinions). Board Counsel Blankenship noted that it refers to within the Agency. Executive Director Hale noted that this list of dimensions was inherited a long time ago and is more historical. Board member Orozco noted that she has no problem with supporting the evaluation form.
- 3.3 **RECOMMENDED** that Board approve a service anniversary recognition program for Agency employees.

- 3.4 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.

END OF CONSENT

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

On a motion by Board member Villegas and second by Board alternate Markey the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive an update on state and federal legislative activities.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson introduced legislative consultants Paul Schlesinger and John Arriaga, who gave updates at the meeting.

Federal legislative consultant Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, attended the meeting via teleconference. He noted that time is short for Congress to take action on transportation bills this year. Progress on the highway and transit authorization bills are held up by the lack of a sufficient revenue stream. Mr. Schlesinger reported that TAMC requested authorization for the Commuter Rail Extension and the Monterey Peninsula Light Rail projects, and funds for the San Juan Road/ Highway 101 interchange and the Holman Highway projects. For the transportation appropriations bill, TAMC requested funds for the Highway 101/San Juan Road Interchange, Commuter Rail Extension, Highway 156 - Phase 1, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. He noted that the trail is the only project we requested that ended up in the House version of the appropriations bill, but that he would continue to make every effort to get funding through the bill for our other projects.

State legislative consultant John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the state budget and bills of interest. He reported that progress was made on the budget negotiations but the deficit was still estimated at \$17-19 billion so more work must be done. Mr. Arriaga also discussed some of the propositions on the November ballot.

5. CONTRACT BETWEEN TAMC AND AMBAG FOR RIDESHARE OUTREACH SERVICES:

On a motion by Board alternate Markey and second by Board member Orozco the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Board authorize Executive Director to sign a contract for the Transportation Agency to perform rideshare outreach services on behalf of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the contract between the Transportation Agency and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments would shift funding and responsibility to the Transportation Agency to conduct rideshare outreach services for Monterey County. This change would bring Monterey County in line with how rideshare services are provided in Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. He noted that the terms of the contract include AMBAG paying the Transportation Agency \$204,514 for rideshare outreach services for the remainder of FY 2010-11 and all of FY 2011-12. An option to renew the agreement for an additional year at \$115,319 is included in the contract. He also noted that the funding included in this contract would fund a new half time position at the Transportation Agency and cover other program costs such as marketing, media and printing. It is anticipated that the staff position would be made full time when funding from the Prunedale Improvement Program becomes available for public outreach to insure the traveling public is aware of construction schedules and potential delays due to construction.

6. CITY OF MONTEREY CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION:

RECEIVED report on City of Monterey consolidation discussion regarding AMBAG and TAMC.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported on the City of Monterey consolidation discussion regarding AMBAG and TAMC. She noted that the Monterey City Council voted to further discuss this issue. Chairman Calcagno noted that TAMC activities could possibly be consolidated with MST, but noted that AMBAG is a different structure since it is a three-county agency. Executive Director Hale noted that TAMC could perform the federal transportation functions that AMBAG currently does, but funding would have to be reconciled. Furthermore, AMBAG conducts many non-transportation activities. Board member Orozco noted that she was aware of this issue.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of August 25, 2010.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the August 25, 2010 draft agenda. Ms. Hale reported that the Board would receive updates on the implementation of the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority, state and federal legislative activities, the Triennial Transit Performance Audit and Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant program. She announced that the Board would be asked to approve the selection of on-call consultants for transportation engineering and project management services and the contract with CDS Net to provide call box call answering service for the existing 200 call boxes in Monterey County. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the Board would be asked to approve the Agency's participation in a regional application for the Strategic Growth Council's "Sustainable Communities Planning Grant".

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant