

DRAFT 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, January 6, 2010

*****9:01 a.m.*****

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Calcagno called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Parker, Salinas, Sollecito and Villegas. Staff present: Bachman, Hoschouer, Montiel, Muck, Myers, Rodriguez, Zeller and Agency Counsel Blankenship. Others present: Henry Gowin, Aide to Supervisor Calcagno and William Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport District.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman announced that Executive Director Debbie Hale had an accident on her bike resulting in a broken clavicle. He noted that Maria Montiel would be attending the Executive meeting for training purposes. He also noted that pages 10 – 12 in the agendas were out of order.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Sollecito the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve consent items 3.1 and 3.3 as follows:

 - 3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of November 4, 2009. – Rodriguez
 - 3.3 **APPROVED** appointment of Board member Huerta as Transportation Agency second alternate to the California Association of Councils of Government. – Bachman.

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Sollecito the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve consent item 3.2 as follows:

3.2 APPROVED recommendations for the eighth annual Transportation Excellence Awards. – Hoschouer

Board member Jane Parker pulled this item for clarification on how awardees were selected for the 2009 Excellence Awards.

END OF CONSENT

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Villegas the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive and provide direction as follows:

4. RECEIVED report and provided **DIRECTION** on projects proposed for inclusion in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the draft Project list for the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the Transportation Agency staff has been pursuing redirecting the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account savings from Salinas Road to the Artichoke Avenue project in Castroville. California Transportation Commission staff recently proposed changing the type of state bond funds allocated to the US 101 - San Juan Road Interchange from Trade Corridors Improvement Fund to Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. Accepting this change will only be beneficial to the Transportation Agency if the \$17.9 million non-state match required for the current Trade Corridors Improvement Funds bond funds would be eliminated or significantly reduced when swapped for Corridor Mobility Improvement Account bond funds.

Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman mentioned that the CMIA funds we received for the San Juan Road interchange requires a dollar-to-dollar match. The problem with the state is they are over programmed. Todd Muck noted that we still don't know if we will receive the funds for 2012. Board member Parker asked if we could get a commitment in hand for the CMIA funds.

Deputy Executive Director noted that this request will be proposed to the California Transportation Commission and noted if we don't get a positive recommendation will take back to the Executive Committee for further direction. Chairman Calcagno noted that staff makes sure we don't lose the funds.

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Salinas the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive the following update:

5. **RECEIVED** update on the Salinas Ag – Industrial Business Park Project.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported on the Salinas Ag – Industrial Business Park project. He noted that the proposed development of a 257-acre area located adjacent to the southern city limits of Salinas, bordered by Abbott Street and Harris Road, with a mix of major and minor agricultural processing uses. The traffic study and Draft Environmental Impact Report identified a significant increase in traffic directly related to the build-out of the development. Of the estimated 16, 219 daily vehicle trips generated by the development, 5,839 would be truck trips, which heavily rely on access to and from US-101 Abbott Street, Sanborn Road and Airport Boulevard. Mr. Zeller reported that Agency staff, along with Caltrans and the County of Monterey, has been meeting with the City of Salinas and representatives of the development to discuss the appropriate levels of mitigation necessary to alleviate the development's impacts. The agreements reached from these discussions were formalized in a letter from the City of Salinas to Caltrans that outlined the additional mitigations the development would be responsible for at the following locations: 1) US-101 / Sanborn Road; 2) US-101 / Airport Boulevard; and 3) Abbott Street metering light at southbound US-101 on-ramp.

In addition to these improvements, the development will be responsible for payment of the City of Salinas' Traffic Fee Ordinance as mitigation for project-specific impacts, as well as the Regional Development Impact Fee as mitigation for cumulative impacts. The estimated fair-share payment in regional fees for this development is approximately \$3 million, after credit for overlap with fees paid to the City of Salinas. As part of these cumulative mitigations, the Transportation Agency supports a proposal by City of Salinas staff for the project applicant to complete a feasibility study and conceptual design for the first phase of the US-101 South County Frontage Road and US-101 / Harris Road Interchange projects.

Chairman Calcagno mentioned that it's confusing having three different fees. He noted that the Transportation Agency, City of Salinas and County should work together to create one group fee.

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Parker the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive a report on the following:

6. **DISCUSSED** the basic concept of the 2009 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the 2009 Transportation Agency Annual Report would focus on increasing awareness of the Transportation Agency's presence in Monterey County while building a reputation of trust and fiscal responsibility. She noted it will highlight federal stimulus money spent in Monterey County and how many jobs it was created. It will continue to focus on the theme that we're doing the best with what we have and will continue to do an effective job with the resources that will continue to be available. In conclusion, Kristen Hoschouer reported that the total cost for the annual report is \$80,000, which includes design, printing, and postage. An outline of the Annual report will be included in the January TAMC Board of Directors Agenda. A draft annual report will be brought back to the Executive Committee in March for review.

Chair Calcagno noted that \$80,000 wouldn't look nice for the Transportation Agency since the Monterey County has had lots of budget constraints. Kristen Hoschouer replied that the Annual report is a key public awareness tool informing the residents of Monterey County what the Transportation Agency does.

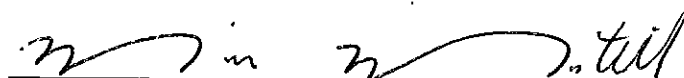
7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 2, 2009.

Deputy Executive Director Bachman reviewed the draft agenda. Mr. Bachman reported that the Carmel Hill and River Bike Trail bid opening would be held on Friday, January 8, 2010. An update would be provided at the TAMC Board meeting. He noted that a closed session would be held concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station. Staff will take the annual TAMC Board photo. In conclusion Don Bachman noted that the Excellence Awards are timed for 10:00 a.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant