

## FINAL MINUTES

### TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**Wednesday, October 6, 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 (arrived after the Consent Agenda), Parker, Sollecito, Villegas, alternate Dunham for Salinas. Staff present: Bachman, Blankenship, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; and David Meyerson, Office of Senator Blakeslee.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board alternate Dunham the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve consent item 3.1 – 3.2 as follows:

3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of August 4, 2010.

3.2 **RECEIVED** the call for nominations for the ninth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**END OF CONSENT**

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4. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

On a motion by Board member Villegas and second by Board member Sollecito, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive a report on 2010 state legislative activities and discussed issues for the draft 2011 legislative program.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson introduced State legislative consultant John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, who gave an update on the state budget and bills of interest. He introduced David Meyerson of Senator Sam Blakeslee's office to the Committee, and noted that he is the process of arranging for Senator Blakeslee to meet with the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Arriaga highlighted two bills of interest to the agency. The Governor vetoed AB 1791 by Assembly Member Monning, related to redevelopment on the former Fort Ord. The Agency supported this bill at the request of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. The bill would have facilitated development of the undeveloped areas of the former Fort Ord and bring in developer fees for transportation projects. Director Hale asked if the Governor's veto of this bill affected the TAMC property. Ms. Watson replied that it would not affect the Agency's property as the property was previously developed. The Governor signed SB 972 by Senator Wolk, related to indemnity for design professionals. The Agency opposed this bill, which will hold design professionals contracted by public agencies harmless except for claims that arise out of negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct. Agency Counsel Blankenship noted that this new law will affect contracts with design professionals that are entered into or amended after January 1, 2011.

Mr. Arriaga discussed the status of the state budget, which is now the latest in California history. He noted that the Governor would be unveiling the new budget proposal on Thursday October 7, in order to take it up for a vote of the legislature. He summarized the key points of the budget proposal and noted that it would not be affecting transportation, local government or redevelopment agencies.

Mr. Arriaga stated that new polls show stronger public support for Proposition 22, which prohibits the state from taking funds used for transportation or local government projects and services. The Agency took a support position on this proposition in January. Board alternate Dunham requested polling numbers on both Propositions 22 and 23 for the October 27 Board meeting.

Ms. Watson presented a list of concepts for the state part of the 2011 legislative program, which will be circulated as a draft after the October Board meeting. Ms. Hale noted that the program would be adopted by the Board in December or January. Committee members provided direction in support of the plastic bag ban and other legislation related to minimizing litter on the highways and roads.

**5. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

On a motion by Board member Sollecito and second by Board member Villegas, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive a report on 2010 federal legislative activities, and discussed issues for the draft 2011 Legislative Program.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that staff submitted requests for authorization funding last year but there is still no authorization bill, pending resolution of a funding source. She reported that staff also sent in appropriations requests this year, and Congressman Farr supported all of the Agency's requests but only the funding for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail project made it into the House bill. She noted that both Senators Boxer and Feinstein supported funding for the US 101/ San Juan Road interchange project, but that there were no earmarks in the Senate bill for Monterey County. Ms. Watson said that the federal government is now operating under a continuing resolution and that it is possible they would not adopt a transportation appropriations bill at all, meaning that transportation programs would continue at the same funding level as last year, without earmarks. Ms. Watson also reported that the Agency requested funding for the San Juan Road interchange project via the TIGER II grant program, and expected to hear the decision on that grant program sometime in October.

Ms. Watson presented a list of concepts for the federal part of the 2011 legislative program, and there was discussion about the Highway 156 widening project. Director Hale noted that she would be heading a delegation visit to Washington, DC in early 2011 to include hospitality industry representatives, but that getting federal funds for the Highway 156 project depends heavily on establishing a local fund source.

**6. APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

The Committee appointed Board members Sollecito and Armenta as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to the Board of Directors on December 1, 2010 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 7, 2011 Board meeting.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 27, 2010.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the October 27, 2010 draft agenda. Ms. Hale reported that the Board would receive a presentation on the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Network, although it might be postponed to the December meeting if the closed session was going to be a long item. She reported the Board would receive an update on the Carmel Hill and River Trail project, noting that the opening ceremony was a well-attended event. The Board will be asked to approve the bid for the Beach Range Road construction contract. A closed session will be held regarding real estate negotiations. Ms. Hale announced a call for nominations for the ninth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County, noting that staff will nominate the US 101 Prunedale team. Ms. Hale noted that the Board will be asked to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and a contract amendment with JEA & Associates to provide professional advice and services relating to the Coast Daylight project. Ms. Hale also noted that the contract with both Caltrans and the Association of Monterey Bay Governments are planned to be on the agenda. These funds will pay for the new position that will perform public outreach on the US 101 Prunedale Improvements and will shift oversight of Monterey County ridesharing activities from AMBAG to the Transportation Agency.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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