

FINAL MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Maria Orozco (Chair),
Simón Salinas (1st Vice Chair), Jerry Edelen (2nd Vice Chair),
Lou Calcagno (Past Chair), Jane Parker (County representative),
Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Board members present: Craig, Edelen, Orozco, alternate Markey for Parker, alternate Lopez for Salinas and alternate Gowin for Calcagno. Staff present: Bachman, Hale, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: via phone: John Arriaga, JEA & Associates.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Board member Edelen and second by Board member Craig the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve consent item 3.1 – 3.2 as follows:

3.1 APPROVED enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 2, 2011.

3.2 APPROVED out-of-state travel for agency staff member to attend the American Public Works Association's Sustainability in Public Works Conference.

Alternate Markey requested that staff send information on the sustainability conference to special district managers with encouragement to attend or view electronic information.

END OF CONSENT

4. **RECEIVED** an update on state legislative activities; **RECOMMENDED** that the Board approve positions on state legislation; and **APPROVED** a “support” position on AB 892 and an “oppose” position on SB 468 in lieu of the Board.

On a motion by Board alternate Gowin and second by Board member Edelen the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommend that the Board approve positions on state legislation and took immediate action on Assembly Bill (AB) 892 and Senate Bill (SB) 468.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the state legislative activities and budgetary activities. He noted that a hearing on the TAMC-sponsored bill, AB 484, was being held today. This bill clarifies that funds set aside for the long-term management of mitigation lands conveyed to a nonprofit organization may also be conveyed to the nonprofit, and authorizes the nonprofit to hold, manage, invest and disburse the funds for management and stewardship of the lands or easement for which the funds were set aside. In addition to the recommended positions on the bill track in the agenda packet, Mr. Arriaga also recommended the Board take a “support” position on AB 890. This bill would exempt from CEQA a roadway improvement project that is undertaken by a city or county within the existing right-of-way.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, requested the Committee take immediate action in lieu of the Board due to the timing of hearing dates on two bills: to support AB 892, which would extend the NEPA delegation authority for Caltrans indefinitely, and to oppose SB 468, which would impose requirements on Caltrans with respect to proposed capacity-increasing state highway projects in the coastal zone.

5. **DISCUSSED** Regional Development Impact Fee: Salinas Proposal Status.

Don Bachman, Executive Deputy Director, updated the Committee on the regional development impact fee. He noted that the Agency and City of Salinas have met to discuss the request by Salinas to suspend the impact fees in the infill development. The City of Salinas and Agency staff has agreed to use the model used by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for trip reduction rates. The Committee asked that all details including loss of funds and cash flow be presented to the Board in April. Executive Director Hale noted that the analysis was done countywide. She noted that staff would provide information to the Board on the “whole picture” regarding how infill would reduce regional trips.

Board member Craig thanked the Committee for the legal documentation and noted that the City of Salinas is prepared to go along with the same model SANDAG uses to reduce fees. Board member Edelen asked that staff emphasize the same procedure will apply to other jurisdictions. Executive Deputy Director Bachman replied that the proposal would be rolled out to everyone. Chair Orozco noted this sounded like a good and fair process.

6. RECEIVED report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 27, 2011.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the April 27, 2011 draft agenda. She reported that the primary items on the agenda are the regional impact fee in infill areas and an update on state legislative activities. Director Hale highlighted the consent agenda and noted that the Board would receive the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Regional project list, noting the Agency received an application for replacement RIDES program paratransit vehicles from Monterey-Salinas Transit.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant