

FINAL MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY 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, February 2, 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 9:07 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Edelen, Orozco, Parker, and Salinas. Staff present: Bachman, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez and Zeller. Others present: John Arriaga, JEA Associates.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Calcagno and second by Board member Edelen 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 January 5, 2011.
 - 3.2 **RECEIVED** report on Census Bureau urban area designation decision.

END OF CONSENT

4. DRAFT WORK PROGRAM FOR FY 2011-12:

On a motion by Board member Calcagno and second by Board member Parker the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Board authorize Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 2011-12 Work Program to Federal and State funding agencies for initial review.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, presented the draft work program for FY 2011-12. He reported that slight changes were made from the 2010-11 program. Mr. Bachman reported that plan is submitted to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), which prepares an annual Overall Work Program that incorporates the activities of AMBAG, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit System. He noted that the work program is then submitted to state and federal funding agencies.

In conclusion, Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman, noted next steps in the Overall Work Program process are to present the draft to the Board of Directors in February, make changes as directed by the Board, and then submit it to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for review by state and federal agencies. The draft overall work program will be updated according to input from those agencies and in May the final program will be provided, along with the 2011-2012 budget, to the Executive Committee for review and the Board of Directors for adoption.

5. THREE-YEAR BUDGET (FY 11/12 – FY 13/14):

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Edelen the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend that the Board authorize Executive Director to submit enclosed draft fiscal year 11/12 budget to federal and state funding agencies for initial review, and recommend that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 11/12 through 13/14, and direct Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget back to the Board on May 25, 2011 for approval.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 11/12 through 13/14. She noted that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials, supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc.

Ms. Goel noted that the proposed fiscal year 2011-2012 operating expenditure budget is \$2,530,818, a net increase over fiscal year 2010-2011 of \$13,926. These increased operating costs are funded with additional revenues from project grants. She also noted that the proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is \$41,352,625 a net increase over fiscal year 10/11 of \$6,444,200. These increased direct program costs are funded with federal, state and local grants.

Executive Committee requested that a 10-year graph of past operating and direct program budgets be added and requested staff to check with other Special Districts in how they handle the IRS treatment of the board stipend payments. Staff also indicated that they are following PERS pension costs closely to assure that they are adequately addressed in the next several years.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET:

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Salinas the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive report on state legislative and budgetary activities.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the state legislative and budgetary activities. He noted under Governor Brown's proposed budget, he proposes to reenact the 17.3-cent excise tax increase to replace the sales tax on gasoline and the increase on diesel fuel. He noted that the gas tax swap would provide more funds for transportation. He also noted the so-called "gas tax swap" was approved by the legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger in March 2010, but would be nullified by November 2011 if the legislature doesn't reenact the measure with a 2/3 majority, due to the passage of Proposition 26 in November 2010.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of January 19, 2011.

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Calcagno the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of February 23, 2011.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the February 23, 2011 draft agenda. She reported that the primary items on the agenda are the Overall Work Program FY 2011-12 and Three-Year Budget (FY 2011/12 – 2013/14).

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant