

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, January 5, 2011

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Salinas called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Craig, Edelen, Parker, and Salinas. Staff present: Bachman, Goel, Hale, Myers, Rodriguez, Watson and Zeller. Others present: James Serrano and Rob Russell of City of Salinas.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Calcagno 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 November 3, 2010.

3.2 **APPROVED** recommendations for the ninth annual Transportation Excellence Awards.

END OF CONSENT

4. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM:

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Calcagno the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend the Board adoption of the final 2011 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, highlighted the changes made to the draft 2011 Legislative Program. She noted that the changes reflected the concerns of the Committee and Board of Directors. The draft version was circulated to all of the Agency committees for review and comment. Ms. Watson noted the following changes made on the state issues: item 4S was changed to “monitor proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures from the 2/3 supermajority to a simple majority, 55% or 60% majority vote”. Item 6S was changed to “Support legislation that reduces the cost of litter removal from transportation facilities, including the plastic bag ban, and seek funding for litter removal efforts”. She also highlighted the language change made on the federal issues: Item 5F was changed to “Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California’s state requirements, support local economies, and do not adversely affect transportation projects”.

5. FEDERAL HIGHWAY PLANNING FUNDS:

The Committee provided guidance to staff on the agreement with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments sharing of Federal Highway Planning funds. The Committee directed Executive Director Hale to write a response letter to AMBAG with the comments and concerns addressed by the Executive Committee and requesting the assignment of responsibilities and the allocation of funds remain the same.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance and Administration, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission currently have an agreement to share in the Federal Highway Planning funds received by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. She noted that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is considering proposing changes to the formulas by which the funds are shared. If this happens funds would be taken from TAMC. Currently, AMBAG expends 50% of the federal planning funds and Santa Cruz RTC and TAMC share the balance with some bonus for population. In the current fiscal year, TAMC has been allocated just over \$278,000.

Executive Director Debbie Hale asked the Committee if they would like TAMC to continue working on the activities funded with federal planning monies: Budget and Work program, public involvement program, elderly/disabled and ADA, Regional Transportation Plan update and the Regional Transportation Improvement program. She noted that all of these activities are federal and state requirements. Committee member Calcagno noted that the Transportation Agency should continue these duties and not shift funding to AMBAG. Committee member Edelen concurred with Calcagno noting TAMC should continue the duties and maintain the funds.

Supervisor Parker suggested staff schedule a meeting between the Executive Committees of AMBAG, SCCRTC and TAMC to discuss these issues.

6. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT:

The Committee provided input on the basic concept of the 2010 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency 2010 Annual Report will address Agency accomplishments for 2010 and goals for 2011. It will focus on projects that are currently under construction, nearing construction and in the pipeline for implementation. She received Committee support for continuing to mail the report to residents throughout the County, which will occur during the month of April.

Board member Calcagno suggested that the report a low-key position on the Monterey Branch Line project. Board member Edelen asked that staff highlight the continued need for funding. He also asked that Agency counsel review the annual report prior to its release. Board member Parker asked that the report to highlight the funds allocated to MST for increased service on South County Line 23, and new CSUMB Otter Trolley.

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

Executive Director Hale reviewed the January 26, 2011 draft agenda. She reported that the primary item on the agenda is the Excellence Awards ceremony. She noted that the Board would also receive an update on the AMBAG regional land use-transportation blueprint plan. The Committee directed staff to move the adoption of the final 2011 Legislative Program to consent and asked that staff give an update on the real estate property acquisition. Ms. Hale also noted that the Board would also consider an item to provide discounts to the regional development impact fee for projects in redevelopment and infill areas, in response to a request from the City of Salinas to suspend the fees. Board member Craig asked that the request for suspension also be considered. Board member Parker asked that the Agency take a careful approach on suspending the fees and asked that an analysis showing the implications be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant