

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Jerry Edelen (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Lou Calcagno (Past Chair), Jane Parker (County representative),  
Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

**Wednesday, June 1, 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 9:03 a.m. Board members present: Calcagno, Edelen, Orozco, Parker and alternate Chris Lopez for Salinas and alternate James Serrano for Craig. Staff present: Bachman, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez, and Zeller. Others present: Henry Gowin, District 2 and via-phone Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board member Edelen 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 May 4, 2011.
- 3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.54: Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, effective for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Committee member Parker asked that staff highlight the “operating expenditure reserve” on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54.

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. DISCUSSED & APPROVED** direction to staff on the Strategic Planning Session follow up.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that the Strategic Planning Session held on May 22, 2011 was very productive.

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, reported (via-conference call) that the three modules discussed at the Planning Session were funding, project priorities and roles. She noted that on the funding aspect the board expressed interest in investigating an event tax to events held at Laguna Seca, Pebble Beach, etc. She gave a general overview of the rest of the planning session including a summary of other Board feedback including the results of the project priorities expressed through the dots as well as an overview of the TAMC role vis a vis MST, Caltrans and AMBAG.

Board member Calcagno noted that the event tax is essential and visitors should pay their share. Director Hale commented that staff is going to do an analysis on different tax revenues and compare with the sales tax.

Director Hale noted that staff is also going to review the finances and re-tier the project list. She also noted that staff is reviewing the duties of TAMC against MST and AMBAG duties. Board member Edelen noted that TAMC staff should also take a look at programs that can be eliminated such as the Freeway Service Patrol and the Call Box programs. Board member Calcagno concurred noting that staff also takes a look at merging Board meetings and staff time. Board member Parker expressed concern with merging programs that are protected by having separate entities. Board Chair Orozco noted that more and more companies are merging, noting it comes with a challenge, but is do- able.

Board member Calcagno asked that staff take a look at the duties of MST and TAMC, and what duties can be merged. He also suggested that the Board hire an outside consultant to review and assist in the merge. Agency Counsel Blankenship noted that MST and TAMC are agencies created by state law for separate purposes and may require some legislative work. Director Hale noted that TAMC does not have the resources to explore both AMBAG and MST's duties concurrently and asked the Committee for direction on which of the two they wanted staff to review. The Committee directed staff to review the duties between AMBAG and TAMC.

Board member Parker commented that the Strategic Planning Session was well organized.

5. **DISCUSSED and RECOMMENDED** that the Board **APPROVE** revisions to Agency Bylaws.

On a motion by Board member Calcagno and second by Board member Edelen the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommend that the Board approve revisions to Agency bylaws.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Transportation Agency is proposing to update its Bylaws. She noted that the minor changes added are adding the City of Watsonville as an ex-officio member, the language designating Monterey Salinas Transit's Mobility Advisory Committee as Monterey County's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council and changing the election of officers to take place every year in January at the beginning of the Agency's meeting as directed by the Executive Committee. Agency Counsel Blankenship noted that he would work with Ms. Goel on the appropriate language to change the election from December to January.

6. **PROVIDED** direction on continuing Agreement with County Counsel for legal services for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

On a motion by Board member Parker and second by Board alternate Serrano the committee voted 6 – 0 to continue agreement with the County of Monterey and use the services of Lee Blankenship as a retired annuitant employed by the County.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County currently has an agreement with the County of Monterey to provide legal services to the Agency Board. The current County Counsel assigned to the Agency is Lee Blankenship, who is retiring from the County of Monterey at the end of June 2011. In order to best provide the Agency with legal services, staff is proposing to continue the agreement with the County of Monterey and use the services of Lee Blankenship as a retired annuitant.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of June 22, 2011.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the June 22, 2011 draft agenda. She reported that the primary items on the agenda are the follow up on the Strategic Planning Session, noting that there are two separate issues: Funding/Project Priorities and Institutional Roles. She also noted that the Board would be asked to adopt the finding on unmet transit needs in Monterey County in Fiscal Year 2011-12, and to approve the Local Transportation Fund allocations to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for Fiscal Year 2011-12. She highlighted the consent agenda, noting that the Board would be asked to approve the updated weighted vote table, revisions to the Administrative Policies, and to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations. She also noted that the Board would be asked to accept the State of California Transportation Development Act Compliance and Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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