

**FINAL MINUTES**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
TAMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*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, September 14, 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 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Edelen, Orozco, Parker, Salinas and alternates Russell for Craig and Gowin for Calcagno. Staff present: Bachman, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Lee Blankenship, Legal Counsel; and Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, via phone.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of August 3, 2011.

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. RECEIVED** an update on federal legislative issues.

Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde and Fay, gave an update on federal legislative issues. He reported that the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill has been extended seven times to date, the House passed another six-month extension yesterday, and the bill is now going to the Senate, fast-tracked for approval by Friday. The authorization bill includes an extension to the highway gas tax, which would otherwise expire on September 30. Meanwhile, both the Senate and the House have drafted reauthorization bills: Senator Boxer's Environment and Public Works committee has a two-year bill that requires raising revenues; Congressman Mica's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has a six-year bill that assumes no new transportation revenues, resulting in a one-third cut to transportation funding compared to the current transportation law.

Mr. Schlesinger also reported that the House passed a transportation appropriations bill last week, which contains no earmarks, and reflects a 35% cut to highway funding. The appropriations bill governs transportation spending for federal fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012), and must be passed by September 30, 2011 to take effect.

Mr. Schlesinger noted that all spending bills are in limbo pending resolution of the federal budget deal, and may end up being continuing resolutions. Currently, the so-called "Super-committee" is working to find a way to cut \$1.2-1.5 trillion over 10 years, and transportation may be at risk; however, if there is no agreement by Thanksgiving, they will have to make across-the-board cuts, and transportation could be on the chopping block then, too. Meanwhile, the President's Jobs Bill proposal includes \$50 billion for transportation and \$10 billion for the National Infrastructure Bank. This bill is controversial and likely to change as it goes through Congress.

Finally, Mr. Schlesinger reported on the TIGER III grant program, for which TAMC is applying for the US 101 San Juan Road interchange project, in full awareness of the very high level of competition for these funds.

**5. CLOSED SESSION:** The Executive Committee entered into closed session on the following matter: Pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Executive Committee will provide a performance evaluation for the Executive Director.

**The Committee reconvened in open session:**

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the Executive Committee met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section §54957, and no action was taken.

6. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of September 28, 2011.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the September 28, 2011 draft agenda. She reported that the primary items on the agenda are the updates on the state and federal legislative activities, and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments report. She highlighted the consent agenda, noting that the Board would be asked to approve entering into a consultant contract to update the US 101 South County Frontage Roads project study report so that the project can apply for funding in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant