

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held At The
Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas
Final Minutes of April 5, 2007

	JUN 06	JUL 06	AUG 06	SEP 06	OCT 06	NOV 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07
N. Schmidt – Carmel-by-the-Sea	-	-	-	P	P	P	C	P	C	P
M. Ventimiglia – Del Rey Oaks	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	A	-
Rene Mendez - Gonzales (C. Lopez)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	E	N	-
Vacant – Greenfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	C	-
O. Hurtado – King City	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-
N. Hudson – Marina (M. Wu , E. Caraker)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P (A)	P	L	P	L	P(A)
R. Deal – Monterey (J. Guertin, Wm. Reichmuth , A. Renny)	P	-	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	L	P	L	P(A)
C. Martinez – Pacific Grove (J. Biggs)	P	E	P	P	-	P	E	P	E	-
R. Russell – Salinas (J. Serrano)	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P (A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	D	P(A)
S. Matarazzo – Sand City (M. Bittner)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-		-		
T. O'Halloran – Seaside (L. Lantero , C. Dawson)	P	P(A)	P	E	P	P		P		P(A)
Clif Price, Vice Chair–Soledad (P. Argueta)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	-	P (A)	P(A)		P		P
E. Saavedra, Chair, MCPW (T. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)		P		P
C. Holm- Planning, Mtry Cnty (L. Lawrence)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-
M. Griffin – AMBAG	P	P	-	-	P	P		P		P
D. Murray – Caltrans (M. McCumsey, C. Hilbrants)	-	P(A)	P(VC)	P(VC)	-	-		PA (VC)		P(A)
J. Getchell – MBUAPCD (D. Fairchild)	-	-	-	-	-	-		P(A)		
J. Feeney – FORA (J. Arnold)	-	P	P	P	P	-		-		
M. Archer – MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	-	P	P	P		P(A)		P
Christina Watson	-	E	P	-	P	-		-		-
Debbie Hale	P	P	P	E	P	E		P		-
Don Bachman										P
Elouise Rodriguez	P	P	P	P	E	P		P		E
Jeff Morgan	P	P	E	P	E	-		P		P
Mike Zeller	-	P	P	P	P	P		E		P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Trish Lopez	County Public Works	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
David Johnston	AMBAG		

Chair Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clif Price, City of Soledad, announced that a meeting was held with Caltrans to discuss a project study report that is underway for Front Street / Moranda Road.

Jeff Morgan, Transportation Agency staff, announced that two new planners have joined the Transportation Agency: Todd Muck, Principal Planner, and Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner. Mr. Morgan announced that the Transportation Agency would be holding a Community Meeting on April 5, 2007, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Salinas Community Center.

Don Bachman, Deputy Director, announced that an Open House for the Sanctuary Scenic Trail would be held on May 3, 2007, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Castroville Library. Also, the 13th Annual Monterey County Bike Week will be from May 12th to May 18th.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Serrano/Griffin/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of February 1, 2007.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **2006 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AUGMENTATION**

The Committee received update on the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation and infrastructure bond funds.

Jeff Morgan reported that Monterey County is eligible for \$28.1 million in State Transportation Improvement Program augmentation funding. The proposed project list, provided to the Committee as a handout, was approved by the Transportation Agency Board for submittal to the California Transportation Commission, and was submitted on Monday, April 2, 2007.

Mr. Morgan further reported that the California Transportation Commission staff requested the Transportation Agency's projects be prioritized, which staff organized as follows: priority one projects received funding through construction, priority two projects received funding for rail and transit operations, and priority three projects received funding for new phases. No new projects were funded under this proposal. Mr. Morgan also highlighted four changes that were made to the list from prior presentations to the Committee: Planning, Programming, and Monitoring funds were reduced, Airport Boulevard received an additional \$1 million, Davis Road funding increased to \$585,000, and the Monterey Branch Line received an additional \$100,000 in funding.

5. **2005 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT**

The Committee reviewed projects currently listed in the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan and provided the Transportation Agency with updated project information and information on any new projects that need to be amended into the Regional Transportation Plan by April 10, 2007.

Jeff Morgan requested that local jurisdictions review the Regional Transportation Plan project list for any known projects that will be developed within the next few years, prior to the full Regional Transportation Plan update, but are not currently in the project list. The Carmel Hill Trail was provided as an example.

The deadline for notification of changes was set for April 10, 2007, with Board approval planned for April 25, 2007 and submittal to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments in May.

6. **AMBAG's CENTRAL COAST ORTHO FLIGHT**

The Committee received information on AMBAG's central coast ortho flight.

David Johnston, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, reported on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' attempt to organize a central coast ortho flight program to collect imagery at a reduced cost to participating agencies. The total number of participants determines the overall cost, with over thirty agencies already expressing interest. Interested agencies can contact David and download the application form from <ftp.ambag.org>. The flights are scheduled to take place in July and August.

7. **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE NEXUS STUDY UPDATE**

The Committee received update on the progress of the Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study and the outcomes of recent task force meetings.

Mike Zeller, Transportation Agency, reported on the progress and recent task force meetings for the Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study update. Key discussions from the last task force meeting involved determining escaped versus captured projects from 2000 to 2007 in the baseline, including on-site Fort Ord projects in the 2030 projections, and clarifying the role of transit. The consultant continues to work on these issues as well as prepare the established deliverables for the next meeting (overall project list and revised baseline modeling efforts). The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2007 at 9 a.m.

Enrique Saavedra requested that the item be brought back for discussion at the May 3, 2007 Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Jeff Morgan informed the Committee that all materials and information would be sent out to the Committee.

8. **ASSOCIATING OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS' REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING**

The Committee received update on regional land use – transportation blueprint planning activities by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Mark Griffin, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, reported on the progress of the blueprint planning activities. The process was underway with the acquisition of GIS data from the cities and a Forecasting Technical Advisory Committee meeting, which discussed revising the forecasting data for the region. The horizon year for the model will be extended to 2035 under this process with the next Forecasting Technical Advisory Committee meeting set for April 19th.

Jim Cullem, Harris & Associates, recommended using and explaining the population growth rate prior to discussing total growth so Board members will have a better understanding of how forecasts are calculated.

9. **PROGRAMMING REMAINING CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AIR QUALITY FUNDING**

M/S/C Serrano/Price/unanimous

The Committee recommended the Transportation Agency Board approve the following list of projects with the inclusion of the Monterey County vans and the Salinas Downtown Shuttle.

Chair Saavedra clarified the motion by indicating that the two projects would be added and Monterey-Salinas Transit's \$1,040,000 portion for replacement buses would be reduced by \$326,242.

- AMBAG, Commute Alternatives (Ridesharing) – 1 year - \$200,000 Funding
- AMBAG, Commute Alternatives (Ridesharing) – 2nd year - \$200,000 Funding
- City of Monterey, Pacific St. Intersections Improvements - \$200,000 Funding
- TAMC, Carmel Hill Bike Path - \$540,000 Funding
- MST, Marina DART Service - \$422,500 Funding
- MST, Replacement Support/Service Vehicles - \$320,000 Funding
- MST, Replacements Buses - \$320,000 Funding
- MST, Replacements Buses - \$713,758
- *Monterey County vans \$50,000*
- *Salinas Downtown Shuttle \$276,242*

TOTAL: \$3,242,500

Don Bachman, Transportation Agency, reported that the Congestion Management Air Quality grant program funding has been reduced and that new money will not accrue to Monterey County for two years. The Obligation Authority for Monterey County for fiscal year 2006-07, as assigned by the Regional Surface Transportation Program, is \$47,000.

According to Caltrans, there is a possibility for a redistribution of the Obligation Authority this summer, which would free up a possible \$2.6 million in funding. Transportation Agency staff presented a list of potential projects that would obligate all available Congestion Management Air Quality funds for projects ready this summer, with \$320,000 guaranteed for Monterey-Salinas Transit's replacement buses.

Mary Archer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, explained that the transit agency's service vehicles are not functioning and require replacement. Monterey-Salinas Transit is considering the purchase of diesel and hybrid vehicles, where the hybrid vehicles would be eligible for funding under the Congestion Management Air Quality program. Ms. Archer went on to explain that the Marina DART Service is a dial-a-ride service that would fill in and help determine the demand for traditional fixed-route service; many social service agencies in the area have expressed interest in this program.

Trish Lopez, County of Monterey, reported that the vehicles used for the County's vanpool program may need replacement and inquired about the possibility of including the purchase of new vehicles in the Congestion Management Air Quality programming. Jim Cullem responded that opportunities exist under the State Procurement program for cities and the County to purchase vehicles at low interest rates.

James Serrano, City of Salinas, reported on the progress of implementing the Salinas Downtown Shuttle. The funds originally available for the project are no longer available and Mr. Serrano requested that this project be included in the proposed project list, where the requested funding would support the program for one year. After that time, there is a possibility for the program to be funded through a public-private partnership. Mark McCumsey, Caltrans, asked if the project will be viable in future years. Don Bachman asked, considering that the Congestion Management Air Quality program may not fully fund the project, if additional funds exist for the project to be only partially funded.