

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Jim Cullem | Harris & Associates | Mike Gallant | MST |
| Mike Lohman | Mark Thomas & Company | Mark Wiener | Carmel-by-the-Sea |

Chairman Clif Price, 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

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Harvath/Dawson/unanimous
Approved consent items 3.1 and 3.3.
Item 3.2 was pulled for discussion.

3.1 Approved minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of June 5, 2008.

3.2 *This item was pulled for discussion.*

M/S/C Lopez/Dawson/unanimous
Recommended the TAMC board approve selection of on-call consultants for engineering and project management services.

Committee member Carol Dawson requested that more firms be added to the on-call consultant list. Principal Transportation Planner Todd Muck responded that the last round only had four firms, six are included this time, and that federal requirements are that there must be a reasonable assumption that each firm will receive work throughout the two-year cycle. Better accounting of when and how often each firm is used this cycle and more firms can be added, if warranted, next cycle.

3.3 Received the California consensus principles for the federal transportation reauthorization act.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. ASSOCIATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ENGINEER HANK MYERS

The Committee welcomed Transportation Agency's new employee Associate Transportation Planning Engineer Hank Myers.

Mr. Myers started working for the Agency on July 21, 2008. He has close to 30 years experience as a civil engineer. His most recent employment was with the City of Monterey as an Associate Civil Engineer.

5. TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

M/S/C Deal/Nichols/unanimous

The Committee approved a 12-month extension for Cynara Court and 9-month extension for Marina Transit Center.

The Committee received update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant program; and recommended the Board approve a 12-month extension of the deadline to receive a building permit to October 25, 2009 for the County's \$100,000 grant for the Castroville "Cynara Court" project and reallocate the City of Marina's \$300,000 grant for the Marina Transit Center project to a future round of grant allocations. Hunter Harvath, Monterey-Salinas Transit, indicated that progress was being made to select a developer and enter into an agreement to construct the project; the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board has given their staff six months to complete the agreement and Mr. Harvath requested that the grant at least be extended that long as it was a key component of the overall funding package. Committee Chairman Price stated that he did not want to pull funding while progress was being made. The Committee agreed that allowing a nine-month extension to allow time for Monterey-Salinas Transit staff to complete the development agreement would be sufficient and requested that Mr. Harvath return in six months to provide a status report.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, enacted the Transportation for Livable Communities program in 2003 in recognition of the fact that increasing the supply of affordable housing in existing communities close to transit reduces the demand on regional road and freeway networks and increases transit ridership.

6. TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX INVESTMENT PLAN

The Committee received an update on Transportation Sales Tax Investment Plan.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported Transportation Agency has been working with its member agencies and community stakeholders over the past two years to prepare a plan that will provide adequate funding for critical transportation projects throughout the county.

7. BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS PLANNED FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

The Committee received information on the Bus Rapid Transit Projects planned for Monterey County.

Hunter Harvath, Monterey-Salinas Transit, presented Monterey-Salinas Transit plans for five bus rapid transit lines in Monterey County. This project compliments the Monterey Branch Line. A regional study is being completed with Santa Cruz Metro and funding from the Air District and UC Santa Cruz, and will be used to apply for federal Small Starts Program funding. Small Starts funding requires 3,000 daily riders – Monterey-Salinas Transit is forecasting the service will have 4,000. Intelligent transportation system components are already in place for the service along the route ('smart' signals through the corridor) and signals in Seaside will be upgraded to be compatible with the service.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Announcements and/or comments from Technical Advisory Committee members on matters that they wish to put on future Committee agendas.

Todd Muck announced that the New Transportation Agency bike maps are available.

Committee Chairman Price requested the reallocation of funds should be brought to the committee for review and comment at a future date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Clif Price adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.