

TAMC STAFF	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	May 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Cheung, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E
E. Rodriguez, Senior Adm. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
M. Zeller, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Randy Deshazo	AMBAG	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dave Murray	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Paul Powers	Salinas resident	Jessica Martinez	Office of Supervisor Armenta
Lupe Galaviz	Soledad resident	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Alejandro Chavez	City of Soledad		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Agency Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Calcagno called the meeting to order.

1.1 CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session on the following matters:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code section §54957, Positions: Executive Director and Legal Counsel; and Real Estate Negotiations pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station.

Property: 20 New Street
 Agency negotiator: Don Bachman
 Negotiating parties: Paul Powers, III
 Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The Committee reconvened in open session:

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the TAMC Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Codes section §54957 and §54956.8; The Board directed Chairman Calcagno to meet with Executive Director Hale and Legal Counsel Blankenship to discuss their evaluations. The Board also received and discussed the real estate negotiations; confer with and provided direction to the real property negotiators concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station.

Board member Matarazzo recused himself from the real property acquisition item and left the room during the discussion, since he owns property in the vicinity.

1.2 COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION-ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

M/S/C Rubio/Potter/unanimous

Board member Matarazzo recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to a conflict of interest and left the room.

1. Approved the real estate acquisition agreement with Powers RV for one parcel for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the amount of \$1,938,000, to be deposited in escrow with progress payments made to reimburse the seller for hazardous materials clean up and the remainder to be released from escrow upon approval of the clean up by the County of Monterey and the Transportation Agency representatives;
2. Approved payment of closing costs and other related expenses not to exceed the amount of \$25,000;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
4. Authorized the use of no more than \$1,963,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the purchase and escrow, to be reimbursed by Caltrans from state funding budgeted for this project.

Don Bachman reported that Agency negotiators had reached a tentative agreement with the owners of Powers RV to purchase a property for the Commuter Rail Extension project layover facility in Salinas. He noted that the Federal Transportation Administration has allowed TAMC to purchase this property in advance due to the declaration of financial hardship on the part of the owner. There are some hazardous materials on the site that must be cleaned up before final acquisition can be completed. The negotiations have resulted in an agreement with the seller being responsible for cleaning up the hazardous materials on the property prior to payment for the property. He also reported that the property owner is eligible for relocation assistance, which is not part of the agreement and will be handled separately. He highlighted the language changes to the draft agreement in regard to the clean up process: on approval of the clean-up plan by the County and TAMC based upon Board direction, Agency staff will release from escrow periodic payments to the property owner/seller based upon actual expenses incurred on the clean-up of the property. Payments will not be limited to the cost estimate of \$219,000; but will be the actual amount needed to complete the clean up to the County's and TAMC's satisfaction. Escrow will close and the remaining funds will be transferred after the property is certified by the County as clean.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Huerta/Parker/unanimous

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of October 27, 2010.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October and credit card statements for the month of September 2010 2010.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Accepted State of California Transportation Development Act Compliance and Audit Report for City of Soledad for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

- 3.1.5** Approved calendar year 2011 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District effective through March of 2013 for the Agency's Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Plan;and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes as necessary that do not affect the funding amount secured.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Triennial Transit Performance Audit Contract:
1. Approved contract with Moore & Associates of Valencia, California subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to complete the triennial performance audit reports for the three year period ending June 30, 2010 pursuant to the Transportation Development Act;and
 2. Authorized the TAMC Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract that do not affect the not-to-exceed amount.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Central Coast US 101 Partnership Agreement:
1. Approved agreement with Caltrans and the regional transportation agencies for Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties to advocate the US 101 Corridor improvements throughout the Central Coast.
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement, subject to approval of Agency Counsel.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Network:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District effective through January 29, 2012 for the Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station project;
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234 to identify Local 234 as the Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station project implementer and the Agency as administrator; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the two agreements as necessary that do not affect the funding amount secured.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Authorized the Executive Director to sign a cooperative agreement for the Transportation Agency to perform Public Outreach Program services on behalf of Caltrans, subject to approval as to form by the Transportation Agency's counsel.
- 3.4.2** Approved reprogramming State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement funds to the Mark Thomas Dr. Sidewalk and Bike Lanes project in the City of Monterey.
- 3.4.3** Received Draft State Route 1 Corridor System Management Plan.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Commuter Rail Extension Project Management Services Contract:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with Harris & Associates to perform project management assistance services on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$415,000.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$415,000 from funding budgeted for this project for the contract amendment.

3.5.2 Regarding Commuter Rail Contract for Right-Of-Way Engineering:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with RBF Consulting to perform right-of-way engineering services on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County not to exceed the amount of \$116,816;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$116,816 from funding already programmed to the project for the contract.

3.5.3 At the request by staff, this item was pulled from the agenda.

Regarding Monterey Branch Line Contract for Independent Ridership Review and Economic Analysis:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with Warner Transportation Consulting and Economic Development Research Group to perform an independent ridership review and economic analysis for the Monterey Branch Line project not to exceed the amount of \$50,000;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of no more that \$50,000 from funding already programmed to the project for the contract.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

3.7.1

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft November 3, 2010
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 3, 2010
(On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft November 1, 2010 (On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft November 11, 2010
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft November 4, 2010 (On line at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Chairman Calcagno presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing Transportation Agency Board members Gerbrandt, Ortiz, Rubio, Sharp and Villegas in recognition of their dedicated service on the TAMC Board. Chairman Calcagno noted that they would all be missed.

5. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DAVE MURRAY**

Executive Director Hale presented a certificate of appreciation to Dave Murray for his dedicated service to the Transportation Agency during his service at Caltrans. She noted that Mr. Murray had been with Caltrans for 34 years and was instrumental in supporting the countywide impact fee program.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Mr. Murray for his many years of service.

6. **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Don Bachman as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2010.

The Agency employees recognized Don Bachman for having a great attitude, for his professionalism, diligence, knowledge and hard work, most notably for handling every difficult task with composure and skill.

7. **UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board received a report and held a public hearing on the unmet transit needs process. Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that State law requires the Transportation Agency annually to seek public input and adopt a finding on unmet transit needs in Monterey County. In the past, Local Transportation Funds not used to meet unmet transit needs were available for local road and street improvements. Next fiscal year, it is anticipated that all available Local Transportation Funds will be used to meet existing transit needs. The Agency's annual Local Transportation Fund estimate will be available in February 2011.

Board Chairman Calcagno opened the public hearing:

Ray Norton, Las Palmas resident, reported that his son needs MST-RIDES service for transportation to and from his jobs. Mr. Norton noted that they purchased a home in the Las Palmas II community on River Road, which is outside of the MST RIDES service area (more than 1 mile from the bus fixed route bus route) and were later informed that RIDES service was not available to this community. Mr. Norton requested that the need for ride services to Las Palmas II be identified, as an unmet transit need.

Board member Delgado asked if the Cachagua unmet needs were resolved and if Las Palmas RIDES service would be evaluated in a similar manner. Mr. Cook noted that staff worked with MST staff to evaluate public transit service to this area, and determined that fixed route public transit service to this location was not reasonable to meet. He also noted that a vanpool service was available to the residents in Cachagua and that staff is currently working to implement a vanpool to address the community's needs. Mr. Cook noted that service to Las Palmas would be evaluated in a similar manner.

Board member Huitt requested for more information on transportation needs for seniors. Mr. Cook reported that staff is working with MST to meet the growing need, but that transportation continues to be identified as the top issue facing Monterey County seniors by the Social Services Transportation

Advisory Council, the Monterey County Area Agency on Aging and Alliance on Aging.

Board alternate Gerbrandt commented that public transportation for the 2,900 Soledad Prison and Dole employees continues to be an unmet transit need. John Doughty, AMBAG Executive Director, commented that vanpool services could be provided for Soledad prison employees and those meetings have been held to discuss vanpool services.

Board member Armenta requested that a comprehensive report on unmet transit needs should be provided by staff. Mr. Armenta also commented that transportation for students attending community colleges, prison employees and Dole employees should be evaluated as potential unmet transit needs.

Board member Huerta noted that the vanpool program providing transportation for farm workers has been successful and should continue to be supported.

Chairman Calcagno closed the public hearing.

The Board directed staff to continue to consult with Monterey-Salinas Transit on the issues raised by Board members and the public and report back to the Board with a finding on unmet transit needs in early 2011.

8. ELECTION RECAP

The Board received a report on 2010 election results.

Executive Director Hale reported on the financial implications of the 2010 election. She noted that on a state level the key issues are the passage of Propositions 22 and 26. Prop 22 is the measure that protects local funding from further state raids, including taking funds used for transportation or local government projects and services. The Agency took an early support position on this measure. She noted that Proposition 26 changes the voter threshold to a 2/3 vote for approval of fees with an important exception being development impact fees including the Transportation Agency's countywide regional traffic impact fee program. She reported that federal earmarks for priority transportation projects is still under debate, but has been proposed for removal by the Republican Congressional Delegation. At the state level our region has new members representing us, so staff will be briefing them on our issues and needs and will continue our very successful relationships with our state and federal delegations.

9. ELECTION OF 2011 OFFICERS

M/S/C Armenta/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a report from Nominating Committee, County Supervisor Fernando Armenta and Monterey City Councilmember Frank Sollecito.

For the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 7, 2011 Board meeting, the Transportation Agency Board of Directors elected:

- Maria Orozco, Chair
- Simon Salinas, 1st Vice Chair, and
- Jerry Edelen, 2nd Vice Chair of the Board

and elected the following Board members as voting members of the Executive Committee:

- Maria Orozco, Chair
- Simon Salinas, 1st Vice Chair
- Jerry Edelen 2nd Vice Chair
- Lou Calcagno, immediate past Chair
- Kimbley Craig, City representative; and,
- Jane Parker, County representative.

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the close of Agency's December meeting.

Executive Director Hale congratulated the board members who were elected and gave a farewell and thanks to Board members Gerbrandt, Ortiz, Rubio, Sharp and Villegas for their services. Chairman Calcagno thanked the Nominating Committee for its work.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

None this month.

11. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- **Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, District 5 Director, reported on: PIP, PID and Praise! She announced that the bids opened for the Prunedale Improvement Project. The apparent low bidder was a team of Granite Construction and MCM and the bid opened at the amount of \$72 million. She congratulated the Agency and Caltrans for their partnership in bringing this key project, one step closer to construction. Ms. Loe noted that the Project Initiation Document is a program the state manages to determine the scope, cost and schedule for new projects. This program was one of the targets of the 2010 budget act that was reduced significantly. Caltrans expects to only have enough funding to use this program to initiate the state highway maintenance and operations (SHOPP) program projects, which will leave out a number of regional and locally originated projects. She indicated that Caltrans will talk with the agency on how to proceed. She thanked the Board for recognizing Dave Murray on his 34 years with Caltrans, noting he is one of the key persons who has strengthened our relationship in Monterey County.

Board member Salinas thanked Caltrans for the installation of the American Disability Act ramps in south county on Walnut and Elm Avenue. He noted that the pedestrians and wheelchair bound persons are very appreciative of the ramps.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Monterey Peninsula Airport continues to hold its own with passenger counts remaining the same as last year. He noted that their board has had no success in trying to get new air service to Seattle, Sacramento and San Diego. He announced that the Monterey Peninsula Airport does not use the full body scanners. Mr. Sabo reported that the Airport Board is in the process of changing board members and expressed his gratitude in being part of the TAMC Board. He encouraged the Board to use the Monterey Peninsula Airport when traveling.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced that ridership has increased 5% over than last year, due to the increase on Line 23, service to South County, and increased service to the Naval Post Graduate School. He noted that beginning on December 4th service time changes will occur and encouraged everyone to look at their MST schedules. He announced that there is new weekend service to and from the Defense Language Institute to the Dunes Shopping Center in Marina. Mr. Sedoryk announced that starting on January 24th there will be new service from Salinas Valley communities to Fort Hunter Liggett, with connecting service to Paso Robles. In conclusion, he noted Monterey-Salinas Transit is proposing fare structure revisions for its existing transit services. MST will hold a series of public hearings to receive and solicit comments from customers on the proposed fare revisions. The District is looking at ways to have passengers who travel shorter distances pay less and passengers who travel longer distances pay more. He noted that a public hearing would be held at various locations. For more information go to the MST website: www.mst.org.

11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale congratulated the new board members and welcomed alternate Jessica Martinez, representing District 1 County Supervisor Fernando Armenta. She noted that she would be scheduling meetings with the new board members for a TAMC orientation. She noted that the Project Initiation Document budget cut is a huge issue for the Agency and locals who are working on new projects especially those that are in the pipeline that are already moving forward. She noted that if there is not a Project Study Report signed off on a project, the project sponsor will have to pay Caltrans to review the documents to make improvements to the state highway, noting, this is unacceptable. In conclusion, Ms. Hale announced that the TAMC office would be lightly staffed during the holidays, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. Board alternate Gerbrandt asked that Ms. Hale meet with the new mayor of Soledad Fred. Ledesma to discuss the freight rail study. Ms. Hale noted that she would schedule a meeting with Mayor Ledesma.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

Board member Armenta announced that effective December 2, 2010, Jessica Martinez is his alternate replacing the honorable Soledad City council member Alejandro Chavez for the TAMC Board. Board member Edelen noted that he has been a member of the Board for 10 years, and that the Board is losing the finest members of the decade. Board member Huerta concurred and thanked the outgoing members for their service.

Board member Delgado thanked TAMC staff for their outreach on the light rail and noted that the visual simulation presentation at CSUMB was great. He indicated that as the public is learning more details the project acceptance is increasing.

Board Chairman Calcagno thanked the Board and noted that he was pleased to have been the TAMC Chair for a second term and to work with the Agency. He declared that the Agency had a successful year, noting the Salinas Road interchange and Airport Boulevard are currently under construction and that bids had been opened for the Prunedale Improvement Project. In conclusion, he welcomed Maria Orozco as the new Chair for 2011.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.