

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of August 22, 2007 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

	AUG 06	SEP 06	OCT 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 2nd Vice Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
J. Smith, Supr. Dist. 4 (C. Link)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 1 st Vice Chair (K. Lee)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (J. Russell)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales	P(A)	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	P	P	-	P	P	-	E	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield –Chair (Y. Teneyuque)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Wilmot, Marina (I. Mettee-McCutchon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P (A)	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Miller, Pacific Grove (R. Huitt)	<i>P</i>	P(A)	<i>P</i>	-	P	P	P	<i>P</i>	P(A)	E	P
J. Lutes, Salinas (R. Russell , J. Serrano)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
K. Morgan, Sand City (S. Matarazzo)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	P	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
M. Rodriguez, Watsonville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Fapp, D. Murray, M. McCumsey)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (D. Quetin, D. Fairchild)	P	E	P	E	-	-	P	P	P	-	P
R. Devoe, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (D. Petrak)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	

TAMC STAFF	AUG 06	SEP 06	OCT 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07
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	P	P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director				P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
K. Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner								P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Administrative Services Mgr.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant								P	P	P	P
J. Morgan, Associate Trans. Plan. Engr.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner							P	P	P	E	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Derrick Mills	Sound consultant	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Sig Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Nick Papadakis	AMBAG
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Chris Orman	North County Fire Chief
Carole Dawson	City of Seaside	Tuan Nguyen	URS Corporation
Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee	Celia Martinez	City of Pacific Grove

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed. The Chair, John P. Huerta, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Hale highlighted the Consent Agenda.

M/S/C Potter/Armenta/unanimous

Approved Consent Agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved draft minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) meeting of June 27, 2007.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2007 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2007.
- 3.1.3** Received report from staff on the three-year budget assumptions for fiscal years 08/09, 09/10, and 10/11 as recommended by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.4** Regarding the Connections Communications Services contract amendment:
1. Approved the use of \$8,910 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call answering service; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment not to exceed \$8,910 with Connections Communications Services for two years of call answering service; and
 3. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the standard contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding the Monterey Peninsula Regional Taxi Study:
1. Approved the contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates to prepare a Monterey Peninsula Regional Taxi Study in the amount of \$50,000 contingent upon approval of the interagency Memorandum of Understanding for the taxi study by all study participants; and
 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.
- Executive Director Hale reported that the Airport District voted to participate in the taxi study, and the Monterey County staff will take it to their Board for approval on August 28, 2007.
- 3.2.2** Regarding the Transportation Development Act Application for Fiscal Year 2007/08:
1. Approved Resolution 2007-13 amending fiscal year 2007-2008 State Transit Assistance Funds allocation for Monterey-Salinas Transit and local transit services;
 2. Approved Resolution 2007-14 amending fiscal year 2007-2008 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocation for Monterey-Salinas Transit, County of Monterey, and South Monterey County transit services; and
 3. Approved Resolution 2007-15 amending fiscal year 2007-2008 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocation for Article 8 streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and Congestion Management contributions.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received executive summary of Christina Watson’s paper “Factors in the Success or Failure of Countywide Local Transportation Sales Tax Measures in California”.

Executive Director Hale reported that Senior Transportation Planner Watson received her Master of Science in Transportation Management degree with the completion of a capstone paper on local transportation sales taxes.

- 3.3.2** Regarding the scope of work for the environmental review of the local transportation sales tax expenditure plan and development impact fee program:
1. Approved draft scope of work for environmental review of local transportation sales tax expenditure plan and development impact fee program; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to release the request for proposals.
- 3.3.3** Received report on Status of Transportation Investment Plan and Regional Impact Fee update.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the requests by the County of Monterey to allocate \$ 105,000 and by the City of Salinas to allocate \$ 1,292,954 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the 07/08/09 cycle.
- 3.4.2** Regarding the Apex Strategies project delivery assistance contract amendment:
1. Approved contract amendment #7 with Apex Strategies to provide strategic project delivery assistance services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000; and
 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 \$50,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Improvement Interest funds for the contract amendment.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding the High Speed Rail Project:
1. Received report on possible alignments and impacts of the California High-Speed Rail Project on Monterey County rail and rapid bus projects; and
 2. Endorsed southern/ Pacheco pass route.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.6.1** Accepted the minutes from the following TAMC committees:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft minutes for meeting of August 1, 2007. (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Executive Committee – Draft minutes of August 1, 2007
 - Rail Policy Committee – No Meeting in July or August.
 - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting in July or August.
 - Technical Advisory Committee – No Meeting in July or August.

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for April through June 2007. The Agency employees recognized Ms. Chen for her dedication, diligence, persistence, professionalism, and hard work that Kaki applies to all of her projects, most notably for coordinating a successful Bike Week 2007.

5. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SR 68 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF MONTEREY PENINSULA PROJECT PHASE 1 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

M/S/C Wilmot/Sollecito/unanimous

1. Adopted resolution 2007-19 awarding the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with the selected contractor to perform the construction in an amount not-to-exceed the amount specified in the resolution; and,
2. Authorized the Executive Director to issue future change orders up to 20% of the total contract cost.

Jeff Morgan, Associate Transportation Engineer, reported that the Agency issued the notice inviting bids for the SR 68 Community Hospital Intersection Project on July 23, 2007, and bids were not opened until August 16, 2007. The construction contract was awarded to Granite Construction Company as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The bid amount was within budget at \$817,817. The \$1.2 million construction phase is anticipated to be fully funded through Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, City of Monterey funds, Hospital mitigation funds that were collected by the City, and from County of Monterey Development impact fees.

Board member Potter asked if there would be lane closures during commute peak hours. Mr. Morgan replied that Highway 68 would remain open in both directions during commute time traffic and there would be access into the Community Hospital 24 hours a day.

Board member Sollecito thanked Mr. Morgan, TAMC staff, Community Hospital and the County for moving forward on this project in a timely fashion.

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked that alternative routes be publicized.

6. ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS' REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING

The Board received an update on the "blueprint planning" activities by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Nick Papadakis, Executive Director of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, gave an update on the recent "blueprint planning" activities of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. Mr. Papadakis reported that the blueprint plans would provide the opportunity for the Monterey Bay area regions and jurisdictions to evaluate, make adjustments to land uses to incorporate the State's blueprint planning principles and provide a foundation for updating regional population and employment forecasts.

Board member Wilmot asked if AMBAG supported the blueprint-planning program and if AMBAG was going to encourage the jurisdictions to participate. Mr. Papadakis replied that AMBAG supported voluntary participation and does not support mandatory participation, and that the AMBAG Board has not directed staff to encourage the blueprint-planning program.

7. **OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN CALIFORNIA**

The Board held a workshop on transportation funding programs in California and effects on Monterey County. Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an overview of how federal, state and local transportation funds are collected and distributed in California and the following:

- Money spent on transportation statewide
- Key state fund sources
- Money spent on transportation in Monterey County
- Who decides how the money is spent, and
- Funding shortfall.

Board alternate Gerbrandt complimented Todd for his presentation and commented that it was difficult to keep track of all the funding and where the tax dollars are going.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, commented that the presentation was excellent. He noted that since 1990 the federal excise tax has been at 18.4 cents and doesn't increase as gas price increases. Federal earmarks are decreasing overtime; \$438 million was given to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for distribution. The FTA will distribute the funds between 5 cities: Miami, San Francisco, New York, "This is a troubling trend".

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans Director, concurred that the presentation was excellent. Mr. Krumholz reported that the state budget had been approved, and that it protects fiscal year 07/08 funding shortfall across the board. The State, Caltrans, and the Transportation Agency, should focus on projects that are common priority, such as the Salinas Road interchange, Highways 101 and 156. He noted that it is critical to retain the \$37 million CMIA funds for the Salinas Road interchange project and keep the project moving as schedule.

Chair Huerta asked that the presentation be made available to the cities. Board member Kleber commented that King City would benefit from the presentation. Executive Director replied that the presentation could be used during TAMC Board new member orientations and portions may be added to the fee and sales tax presentations.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, commended Mr. Muck for his presentation and asked for permission to disseminate the information to the public.

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

None.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans – Rich Krumholz reported that the state budget had been approved, and the Prop 42 funds were protected in the budget. He mentioned that Highway 1 was broadcasted on the “Today Show” as one of the top ten classic coastal drives in the world. Mr. Krumholz reported that the Highway 183 pavement rehabilitation from Monterey Street to North of Market continues. Mr. Krumholz concluded by announcing the San Juan Road Interchange project public information meeting/open house on August 28, 2007, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Aromas School 365 Vega Street, Aromas.

Board member Potter complimented Caltrans on the litter pick up efforts on the Peninsula highway medians during the weekend car event.

Public Comment:

Vee Thomas, North Monterey County Mothers, asked that Caltrans look into the access issues and safety history of the intersection of McGuffie Road and Hwy. 156 West in the Prunedale area. Mr. Krumholz replied that Caltrans is looking at the whole corridor and Caltrans would report its findings to the Board at a future date.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked Caltrans to look into the existing metering light on the northbound on-ramp from Hwy. 156 to U.S 101 north. She asked why the ramp meter light isn't working or turned on. Mr. Krumholz replied that Caltrans would look into the operation of the metering light and report back to the Board at a future date.

- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – Mark Griffin thanked the Board for allowing AMBAG to present information on blueprint planning. He announced that the forecast modeling meeting would be held on August 23, 2007, 1:30 p.m. at the Moss Landing Harbor.
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – Debbie Hale reported that the Agency gave a presentation on Transit Oriented Development, the Monterey Branch Line and alternative analysis to provide bus rapid transit or light rail access to that area and through the inter modal corridor along 8th and 9th Street area in the former Fort Ord.
- ❑ Monterey Peninsula Airport District – None.
- ❑ Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Jean Getchell reported that the \$1.4 million AB2766 funds would be awarded at the September Air District Board meeting. She announced on November 29, 2007 the Air District Board would host a free open house and luncheon on the newly redesigned urbanized development and air quality. She encouraged the cities and county to attend.
- ❑ Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) – Carl Sedoryk reported that MST had a record ridership of 5 million passengers boarding the MST Rides and fixed route busses in this fiscal year June 2007. He also reported that the state budget diverted \$2 million in new funds available for transit from MST. As a result MST will continue to have shelter issues. The Marina Transit Station project is on time and the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 21, 2007.

Board member Kleber thanked MST for the changes made on the bus route, line 23 that provides transit service from Salinas to King City on weekdays and weekends.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced that the State Budget has passed and that the STIP funds may be impacted for transit. These funds are used to buy new MST busses and for the Monterey Branch Line. Results will be known after the CTC meeting in September. She also noted that the budget impasse did not go long enough to impact the TAMC operating budget. Ms. Hale announced that the Transportation Agency is going green. The Agency has just completed a Pacific Gas and Electric energy audit, and has switched to biodegradable plates, napkins, and cups. The Agency will continue to look at ways to become green certified. In conclusion, Ms. Hale announced the Community Leaders Luncheon on August 30, 2007, 11:30 a.m. at the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

Chair Huerta announced the 13th Annual Day of Workers event to support the agricultural workers on Sunday, August 26, 2007, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Greenfield.

Gary Gerbrandt announced the Old Town Soledad Beautification Association is hosting the 4th Annual Wind and Wine Festival on Saturday, August 25, 2007, 11:00 a.m. on Front Street in Soledad and invited everyone to attend.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.