

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of December 5, 2007 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

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

TAMC STAFF	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	DEC 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	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	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	E	P
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant					P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner				P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	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
Bill Reichmuth	City of Monterey	Ron Lundquist	MCPWD
John Arriaga	JEA & Associates	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Patricia Lopez	MCPWD	Derek Kantau	City of Marina
Michael Powers	City of King City	Jan Mitchell	Prunedale Neighbors
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Chris Orman	North County Fire Department
Sig Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Michael Cling	Salinas resident	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Sabino Lopez	CCA
Hans Jongens	Salinas resident	Tony Madrigal	CCA
Mark Holman	Haven Falls	Jennifer Hernandez	
Chris Terry	Haven Falls	Chris Robson	Haven Falls

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed. Vice Chair Dave Potter called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and Board Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee made the following corrections to the October 25, 2007 minutes: Page 16 under public comment change bringing the PIP to "coalition" to bringing the PIP to "fruition" and on page 23 under Dell Matt's comment change "metering light on San Miguel" to "metering light at Highway 156 and 101."

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Hale highlighted the Consent Agenda.

M/S/C Miller/Wilmot/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 October 24, 2007 with the following corrections: Page 16 under public comment change bringing the PIP to “coalition” to bringing the PIP to “fruition” and on page 23 under Dell Matt’s comment change “light on San Miguel” to “light at Highway 156 and 101.”
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for October 2007 and credit card statements for the month of September 2007.
- 3.1.3 Approved calendar year 2008 schedule of meetings for Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.4 Announced proposed revisions to Section 12 of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s bylaws to allow 5 voting members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency, to constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Received Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant program update, and approved return of Salinas Downtown Hotel/Condominium project award funds to future grant allocation.
- 3.2.2 Recommended Board approve City of Monterey allocation request for \$200,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities funds.
- 3.2.3 Appointed Fort Ord Reuse Authority to serve as a voting member on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.
- 3.2.4 Regarding the Triennial Transit Performance Audit: – Cook
 - 1. Approved contract with Moore & Associates, Valencia, California in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, subject to approval by agency Counsel, to complete the triennial performance audit reports for the three year period ending June 30, 2007; and
 - 2. Authorized the TAMC Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract that do not affect the not-to-exceed amount.
- 3.2.5 Received information on the State legislated Safe Routes to School Grant Application submitted by Transportation Agency Staff.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Received report on 2007 federal legislative activities.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Approved the requests by the City of Soledad to allocate \$ 231,327 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 07/08/09 cycle.
- 3.4.2 Ratified the Executive Director’s approval of contract amendment No.1 with the California Highway Patrol regarding a new reimbursement policy.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1 Received report on Federal Transit Administration Small Starts listening session.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.6.1 Accepted the minutes from the following TAMC committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft November 5, 2007
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 8, 2007
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft
November 8, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft November 1, 2007
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Rita Goel, Administrative Services Manager, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2007.

The Agency employees recognized Ms. Goel for her professionalism, hard work and dedication, most notably her efforts to complete the current year budget for the agency.

5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

M/S/C Rubio/Armenta/unanimous

FY 2008-09 Unmet Transit Needs:

1. Received presentation on the unmet transit needs process;
2. Opened public hearing;
3. Received public comments;
4. Closed public hearing; and
5. Directed staff to consult with local transit operators, affected jurisdictions, community agencies, and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and return to the Board April 2008 with an analysis of the Unmet Transit Needs presented and a recommended finding on Unmet Transit Needs for fiscal year 2008-09.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported California state law requires the Transportation Agency to make a finding on Unmet Transit Needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds to any jurisdiction for local planning or street and road purposes. He noted that unmet public transit needs that are identified as reasonable to meet must be funded before affected jurisdictions can apply for Local Transportation Funds for street and road purposes. Salinas and Monterey Peninsula cities use 100% of these funds to support public transit with no remainder available for streets and roads purposes; therefore, the requirement for public hearings on unmet transit needs does not apply to Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula.

Board member Armenta asked that information on transportation for the homeless and teen mothers be brought back to the Board in April 2008.

6. **DRAFT SALES TAX INVESTMENT PLAN PROJECT LIST AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DOCUMENT**

M/S/C Gerbrandt/Russell/unanimous

1. The Board received briefing on status of sales tax measure and financial safeguards;
2. Approved sales tax investment plan project list;
3. Adopted resolution 2007-26 approving the Environmental Impact Report Addendum for the sales tax plan and regional traffic impact fee program; and,
4. Directed staff to prepare a detailed investment plan for Transportation Agency Board adoption.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approved a balanced program of projects to be funded by a 25-year, ½ cent sales tax slated for the November 2008 ballot. This Transportation Investment Plan will guide the expenditure of more than \$980 Million dollars in a proposed transportation sales tax over the next 25 years. The transportation sales tax, when combined with the developer fees and state and federal funds, will fund a \$1.8 billion program of safety, maintenance, congestion relief and alternative transportation projects in Monterey County.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that an addendum to the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan Environmental Impact Report has been prepared to provide California Environmental Quality Act analysis for the projects proposed in the sales tax investment plan and the development impact fee program. A 25-year, ½ cent sales tax is forecasted to generate \$980 million over the life of the tax. The development impact fee program will generate an estimated \$333 million. Existing local, state and federal sources are estimated to add an additional \$482 million; resulting in a total of almost \$1.8 billion dollar for transportation projects over the 25-year Investment Plan. While rail service is no longer included in the plan, Transportation Agency and Monterey-Salinas Transit staff have reached agreement to assure that Caltrain operations will be funded out of existing transit monies. Peter Shellenberger of Public Financial Management confirmed that the plan is a strong plan with prudent financial assumptions.

Transportation Agency staff will prepare the detailed investment plan language for Board adoption in early 2008. The investment plan must be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors as well as a majority of the cities representing the majority of the population before it can be placed on the November 2008 ballot.

Board comments:

Board member Miller asked where the 25-year term comes from. Mr. Muck replied that the 25-year period was required to include the interchange at US 101/156. Executive Director Hale noted that the proposed change was brought verbally to the Board in October at that time since the numbers had not yet been run the extended 25-year timeframe.

Board member Edelen commented that most important is being a self-help county, and able to apply to the State for matching funds.

Public comments:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked if the financial climate improves, at what point can the Prunedale Bypass or East Side Bypass project be re-introduced if it is not in the 25 year plan.

Jan Mitchell, Prunedale Neighbor's Group, and Prunedale Preservation Alliance, shared some comments she received via e-mail on July 5, 2007 from a tax payer/voter who was contacted at random by a firm conducting the last survey for the Transportation Agency concerning transportation issues. Ms. Mitchell gave the Board a copy of the e-mail.

Hans Jongens, Salinas resident, commented that the Davis Road Bypass project was a bad project. This project will take a lot of Salinas Valley farmland. He noted that the way to fix the problem is by widening Highway 183 to a 4-lane highway, merging on to Highway 1 when traveling to the Peninsula. In conclusion, Mr. Jongens noted that he was opposed to the ½ cent sales tax proposed.

Vee Thomas, North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee, asked if Caltrans is planning to take the new automobile car lot business property on Highway 156 and 101. She noted that Caltrans has contacted the owner inquiring about the property and the adjacent house. Ms. Thomas noted that 25 years is a tremendously long tax plan. Ms. Thomas also noted that the Prunedale Improvement Project is not listed and asked if it was already fully funded. She expressed concern that the Highway 101 corridor is very congested and asked what are we going to do with the rest of Highway 101 to get traffic flow to the Red Barn.

John Fair, President and CEO of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce reported that the Salinas Chamber supports the ½ cent sales tax. He noted that this tax is necessary; we will no longer be able to stay physically and commercially viable in this county/region without the ability to pay for our transportation improvements. Mr. Fair added that there needs to be a region wide developer fee in place, because developers need to pay their own way.

Board alternate Russell commented that he appreciated TAMC for balancing various interests. He noted that Salinas City Council supports the sales tax.

Board alternate Gerbrandt complimented Agency staff on behalf of Mayor Ortiz. He noted that the projects in south county were handled professionally.

Board member Rubio expressed his appreciation for Agency staff and his support for the sales tax and regional development fee plan. He noted that the Cities on the Peninsula give all of their Local Transportation Funds to transit and are not able to use these funds for road repair.

Board member Miller expressed his support for the sales tax package, but noted his concern for the extension of the plan from 20 to 25 years.

Board member Sharp also expressed her support for the sales tax plan.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that the \$280 million for the Highway 101 Prunedale corridor safety and operational improvements was fully funded and that is why it is not included in the plan. This project is the largest project in Monterey County history and has been the region's top priority for many years. Ms. Hale noted that staff and the Board have worked hard with all of the regions to assure each region gets its fair share of funds. The Highway 156 project benefits linking the valley and the Peninsula and is one of the biggest projects in congestion relief program.

The Highway 101 corridor projects (from San Juan Road to South County frontage roads) make up the largest set of projects in the program.

Vice Chair Potter asked that Ms. Matt follow up with Ms. Hale on her comments.

7. DRAFT 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST

M/S/C Sollecito/Russell/unanimous

The Board reviewed and commented on the draft project list for inclusion in the draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Board raised questions about the \$5.4 million proposed for the Spreckels Boulevard/Portola Drive bike path and bridge project. Vice Chair Potter requested that information on this project be brought back to the Board with more details in January 2008.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the California Transportation Commission's 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program fund estimate identifies up to \$38.5 million in transportation funding for the Monterey County region. The State Transportation Improvement Program is a 5-year listing of projects that is updated every 2 years. Every even numbered year the 5-year period covered by the State Transportation Improvement Program is shifted forward two years. The 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program will cover the Fiscal Year 2008/09 to 2012/13 periods.

Board alternate Russell asked if the Prunedale Improvement Project was not included on the list because it is already fully funded. Staff replied in the affirmative. He also asked if the Caltrain Extension in Pajaro, Castroville or the Salinas terminus was eligible for this source of funds and the MST bus shelters and pullouts. Mr. Muck replied that all of projects are eligible. The issue is the small target of \$7.5 million and that TAMC is already asking for more than this amount. The Agency proposal focuses on the shortfalls of existing project costs, increasing costs and matching inter-regional funds.

8. 2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND FINAL 2008 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

M/S/C Sollecito/Link/unanimous

1. The Board received report on 2007 state legislative activities,
2. Approved support letter for Valley Transportation Authority project for trade corridor funds, and
3. Adopted final 2008 Legislative Program including Item 3S (d): Support efforts to lower the voter threshold for local sales tax measures from the current two-thirds to a majority or 55% vote for first-time self-help counties.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the status of key bills of interest to the Transportation Agency. The enacted State 2007-08 budget fully funded Proposition 42 this year and included \$13.86 billion for transportation capital and operations projects. The 2008 TAMC Legislative Program is once again focused on maintaining and augmenting transportation funding on a state and federal level.

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

Vice Chair Dave Potter reported that he had met with coordinators and representatives from around the state at the Intercity Rail Agency conference in Los Angeles the week of November 24, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a platform to use at the state level to advocate for rail funding in California. He noted that rail has grown immensely, and that 20% of the national Amtrak ridership is in California. Mr. Potter took part in a rail promotion video made for coordinators and representatives in California to use to advocate for rail service and funding. On February 21, 2008 he will meet in Sacramento to work with the Legislature on capital investments for successful rail service. Mr. Potter noted that there was a strong pitch for Amtrak to advocate for the re-authorization at the national level. In conclusion, Chair Potter asked that the Agency write a letter noting support for Amtrak and the importance of rail.

Vice Chair Dave Potter passed the Chair to 2nd Vice Chair Lou Calcagno at 10:49 a.m.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans –Dave Murray announced that Highway 183 rehabilitation pavement project is moving forward and estimated completion date is late December 2007.

Rob Russell, Salinas alternate, thanked Caltrans for a good project.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans for replacing the dead trees on the San Miguel Canyon fly over. She noted that it looks better and prevents erosion.

- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – Ralph Rubio reported that there is no AMBAG meeting in December. He asked the Board to support the 2nd phase of the Blueprint Application.
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – Debbie Hale reported that Transportation Agency staff coordinated with the County, Monterey-Salinas Transit and FORA on the legislative program that the Board adopted. This program will help maximize regional transportation funding coming to the region.
- ❑ Monterey Peninsula Airport District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Jean Getchell reported that the Air District held an urbanize workshop on November 29, 2007. The workshop was well attended by the public agencies and consultant representatives of development companies. She noted that on December 12, 2007 revisions to the Smoke Management Plan are going to their Agency Board. This plan would allow for more permissive burn days and less concentration of smoke. This is good for farmers and ranchers in the southern Salinas Valley. In conclusion, Ms. Getchell announced that there would be no meeting in January 2008.
- ❑ Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) – Carl Sedoryk reported that due to ridership doubling in the last year, Monterey-Salinas Transit would increase service of Line 23, by discontinuing Line 53, (service from King City to the Monterey Peninsula) in late January. He noted if you are affected by this change call the rideshare program at AMBAG 831-422-POOL.

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked about transit service for employees of the prisons and Dole. Mr. Sedoryk replied that there is an on-going comprehensive South County transit plan underway at this time.

Board member Wilmot noted that the Monterey-Salinas Transit on-call service in the City of Marina has had positive responses. Mr. Sedoryk noted that the on-call service provides transit in the City of Marina and directly to the Marina Dunes Shopping Center.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced the Excellence Awards ceremony would be held at the January 23, 2008 Board meeting at the Salinas Community Center, 940 N. Main Street, Salinas. She also announced that the Agency is recruiting a Transportation Engineer to replace Jeff Morgan. She noted that the Transportation Agency office would remain open during the holidays, except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day. Ms. Hale reported that the Agency would be having community meetings at various locations. She noted that Haven Hills was filming at this meeting for the Transportation Agency video, and that the Executive Committee will review the draft video.

In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted the loss of Board member and Supervisor Jerry Smith; and Bike Committee Chair, and Velo Club member Tony Crivello.

Board member Edelen thanked the Agency staff for the Happy Holidays card signed by all of staff.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS ON MATTERS THAT THEY WISH TO PUT ON FUTURE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY AGENDAS

2nd Vice Chair Calcagno asked that a community workshop/meeting be held in north county at the Prunedale Grange Hall.

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

13. ELECTION OF 2008 OFFICERS

M/S/C Armenta/Gerbrandt/unanimous

1. The Board received a report from Nominating Committee and elected Dave Potter as Chair, Frank Sollecito as 1st Vice Chair, Lou Calcagno as 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 3, 2008 Board meeting; and,
2. Received report from Nominating Committee and elected Dave Potter as Chair, Frank Sollecito as 1st Vice Chair, Lou Calcagno as 2nd Vice Chair, John Huerta as Past Chair, Simon Salinas as the County Representative of the Executive Committee, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 3, 2008 Board meeting and deferred the election of the City Representative to the January Board meeting.

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the close of Agency's December meeting. The Board officers consist of the Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair. The Executive Committee includes the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, the immediate past Chair, and a City and a County voting Board member.

Board member Miller expressed concern that the City Representative does not attend the Board meetings. By general consent, the Board of Directors asked staff to bring the issue of the appointment of the City Representative to the Executive Committee, and if necessary the Nominating Committee, for review and recommendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

2nd Vice Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting in memory of Jerry Smith, Supervisor District 4 and Tony Crivello, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Chair, at 11:11 a.m.