

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of October 24, 2007 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

	OCT 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 2nd Vice Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Smith, Supr. Dist. 4 (C. Link)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	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	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	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)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	E	P	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(A)	P	-	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala , W. Reichmuth)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
S. Miller, Pacific Grove (R. Huitt)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	E	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	P	E	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)	E	P	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
M. Rodriguez, Watsonville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (D. Quetin, D. Fairchild)	P	E	-	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	E
R. Devoe, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (D. Petrak)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P(A)	P

TAMC STAFF	OCT 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 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
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
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	E
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
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner					P	P	P	E	P	P	E
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	P	E	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
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Paul Congo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Michael Martinez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Alex	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jeff Pereira	Mayor of King City	Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee
John Pipkin	City of Marina	Derek Kantau	City of Marina

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed. The Chair, John P. Huerta, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and Supervisor Potter led the pledge of allegiance.

1.1 CLOSED SESSION

9:25 a.m.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

9:42 a.m.

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

Chair Huerta reported that the Board evaluated the Executive Director and Legal Counsel, and noted that someone would report back to them at a future date.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, reported that in 1982 the Prunedale Bypass committee was formed to address safety congestion in the Prunedale corridor. She presented a letter from Henry Mello, that he had presented to the CTC on May 3, 1984, highlighting the urgency of construction of the Prunedale Bypass. The highway will not improve with age, but it will only deteriorate further and fatalities will only increase. Ms. Matt thanked Caltrans, Board of Supervisors, TAMC Board elected officials past and present, the public who supported them and particularly members of her committee for their diligence and dedication for bringing the PIP to fruition. It is indeed an important milestone. In conclusion, she asked that the Agency continue working towards a solution and keep hope alive!

Vee Thomas, North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee, reported that she supported “keeping the bypass alive.” She noted that truck traffic in Prunedale area is horrendous. There has been an increase in speeding vehicles and trucks speeds up to 65 to 75 miles per hour, since the highway speed was increased. In conclusion she noted that the California Highway Patrol is not doing enough to slow down the trucks.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Hale highlighted the Consent Agenda. She noted due to the bylaws change the consent agenda item 3, was moved before item 1.1, allowing the alternate members to sit in for the closed session.

M/S/C Armenta/Wilmot/unanimous
Abstained: Kelly Morgan

Approved Consent Agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved draft minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) meeting of September 26, 2007.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for September 2007 and credit card statements for the month of August 2007.
- 3.1.3** Approved enclosed Request for Proposal to solicit an auditor to prepare annual Transportation Development Act compliance and audit reports for five years beginning fiscal year 2007-2008 through fiscal year 2011-2012, and direct staff to release the enclosed Request for Proposal to potential independent audit firms.
- 3.1.4** Approved proposed revisions to Agency Bylaws and Board compensation and expense reimbursement policy as announced at the September Board meeting. All changes to Bylaws are the same as announced last month, except Sections 14 and 15 regarding funding programs have been deleted and will be added to the Administrative Policies.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding the Bicycle Protection Program Contract Award:

- 1. Approved contract agreement with Palmer Group LLC to provide gauntlet racks with 3-loop square, inverted U-racks square with crossbar and bicycle lockers in the amount of \$24,348; and
- 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contracts and changes to the contract agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
- 3. Authorized the use of \$24,348 from AB 2766 grant received from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District for the contract.

3.2.2 Regarding the 2008 Bike Week Advertising Campaign:

1. Approved scope of work for consultant assistance to prepare an advertisement campaign for 2008 Monterey County Bike Week; and
2. Directed staff to release a Request for Proposal to potential advertisement agencies; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the winning advertising agency or team with the funding allowed in the Bike Week budget.

3.2.3 Received information on the Bicycle Transportation Account program.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Bicycle Transportation Account Program funds city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The Bicycle Transportation Account will provide \$7.2 million statewide to city and county agencies for projects. The California Department of Transportation is currently accepting applications. Applications are due to District Local assistance offices Monday, December 3, 2007.

3.2.4 Adopted amendments to the 2005 General Bikeways Plan.

3.2.5 Regarding the Monterey-Salinas Transit 5311 Discretionary Grant Application:

1. Approved resolution 2007-24 authorizing the federal funding under FTA Section 5311 Discretionary Subsidy Funding with the California Department of Transportation;
2. Ratified Executive Director's signature to the Certifications and Assurances for Monterey-Salinas Transit's Section 5311 Discretionary Subsidy grant application; and
3. Requested that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments amend the Transportation Improvement Program to include this project.

3.2.6 Regarding the Monterey-Salinas Transit 5311(f) Discretionary Grant Application:

1. Approved the attached resolution authorizing the federal funding under FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program with California Department of Transportation;
2. Ratified Executive Director's signature to the Certifications and Assurances for Monterey-Salinas Transit's Section 5311(f) grant application, and
3. Requested that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments amend the Transportation Improvement Plan to include this project.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Authorized the Executive Director to send a letter to Caltrans in support of the scenic highway designation for the Highway 1 corridor.

Executive Director Hale noted that the Transportation Agency extends its support for designating the Highway 1 corridor between the Cities of Carmel and Marina as a scenic highway. All who travel this corridor value the viewshed from Highway 1 through this area. The Board recognizes the value of the designation for obtaining funding from the federal scenic byways account.

Board member Miller asked if there was an impact on the big box stores. Ms. Hale replied that viewshed proposed does not affect development.

Board member Rubio noted that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority underwent a 2-year discussion in regard to the scenic corridor on Highway 1 design guidelines in respect to the height of buildings and what types of signs are allowed on buildings. They decided on certain buffer zones along Highway 1 to allow for some consume of these structures through the use of trees, limiting the removal of trees along the Caltrans right of way.

Board member Wilmot noted that the scenic view going through the City of Marina was nice. He asked what the federal byway funds are, and how can they be used. Ms. Hale replied that by way funds are used for beautification and can only be use on designated corridors.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the requests by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to allocate \$ 71,812 and by the County of Monterey to allocate \$ 3,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 02/03, 04/05/06 and 07/08/09 cycles.

3.4.2 **Regarding the Transportation Excellence Awards Call for Nominations:**

1. Received information on the sixth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
2. Approved budget for awards ceremony.

Executive Director Hale encouraged the Board members to distribute nomination forms and nominate projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County. The deadline for nominations is December 7, 2007. The awards ceremony will take place before the regular January 23, 2008 board meeting.

- 3.4.3** Authorized Executive Director to execute the Charter for Development and Implementation of a Corridor System Management Plan for State Highway 1 among Caltrans, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

RAIL PROGRAM

None this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.6.1** Accepted the minutes from the following TAMC committees:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft minutes for meeting of October 3, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Executive Committee – Draft minutes of October 3, 2007
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft minutes of October 8, 2007
 - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft minutes of October 11, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting due to no quorum on October 4, 2007

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Kristen Hoschouer, Transportation Planner, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2007.

The Agency employees recognized Ms. Hoschouer for her great work on public outreach activities, including scheduling the “Your Town” television/radio appearances, coordinating the Community Leaders luncheons and putting the Agency Board meetings on television.

Rita Goel, Administrative Services Manager, was also selected as the Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2007. Ms. Goel will be recognized at the December 5, 2007 Board meeting due to her absence.

5. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

M/S/C Rubio/Potter/unanimous

1. The Board received an update on the regional development impact fee program; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Kimley-Horn to provide additional impact fee modeling and related services in an amount not to exceed \$54,000, subject to approval by agency counsel; provide an outline of detailed scope of work, and
3. Authorized the use of up to \$54,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Program Interest funding for the contract amendment.

Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner, reported that the 3 key issues that staff is addressing in preparation of finalizing the regional impact fee program are: coordination meetings with Monterey-Salinas Transit on defining transit capital improvements to receive funding from the program; the confirmation of the zone structure in the Salinas area with the affected member agencies; and investigation of potential additional projects in the South County.

Mr. Zeller noted the need to execute a contract amendment with Kimley-Horn in order to accommodate the requests by the Cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City to explore the possible inclusion of up to six additional South County projects in the fee program that was not originally budgeted in the consultant contract. The estimated cost will not exceed \$15,000. This work must be initiated promptly to meet the Development Impact Fee Program adoption schedule.

Board member Miller asked for clarification on the need for the \$15,000 contract amendment, and asked who pays for it? Executive Director Hale replied that TAMC would pay for the amendment.

Board member Rubio asked that an outline of additional scope of work be added to the original contract file. Mr. Zeller replied that staff would look at the scope of work. Executive Director Hale apologized for not including the scope of work as it was not known prior to the agenda and noted that information would be provided at a future date.

In addition, Mr. Zeller reported that the impact fee consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, is also requesting a supplemental increase to the budget for previously performed work in addition to the original scope that was necessary to complete the update to the Development Impact Fee Nexus Study. Staff is coordinating with the consultant to identify the actual fair-value for the work performed. Staff requests authorization of a maximum amount of \$39,000 to ensure prompt payment for services and the continued, sustained effort to complete the study update on schedule. An appropriation of \$54,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program Interest is requested to fund the scope changes to the Nexus Study. The final value to amend the contract for full services may be substantially less.

Agency Counsel, Lee Blankenship reported that he would review and approve the contract changes. He also noted that the \$15,000 contract amendment comes from the TAMC budget. Specific projects would be paid out of the developer fee program using the 3-zone structure, sharing all of the improvements different levels and apportions.

Board member Edelen suggested that at some time in the future the Agency conduct an analysis regarding hiring an in-house analyst. Chair Huerta concurred with Board member Edelen. He also asked that the consultants come forward and attend the Board meetings.

Executive Director Hale replied that staff is not pleased with this request for extra funds. She would be happy to invite a representative from Kimley-Horn and Associates to the next meeting. Staff agreed to take another look at the “staff vs. consultant issue”, but certain projects such as this do not require ongoing staff expertise, just temporary assistance.

6. UPDATE ON THE DRAFT SALES TAX INVESTMENT PLAN

M/S/C Potter/Armenta/unanimous

The Board received an update on the draft sales tax investment plan.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Transportation Agency staff has been working with member jurisdictions and community groups to refine the preliminary draft scenario for the Sales Tax Investment Plan. She noted that she was pleased to see a lot of interest in the plan.

Ms. Hale also reported that the Transportation Agency staff and members of the Executive Committee met with Monterey County Hospitality Association and Monterey County Farm Bureau to resolve their concerns with the draft scenario proposed for the Sales Tax Investment Plan. The Monterey County Hospitality Association was interested in the Highway 101 and 156-interchange project and the Farm Bureau expressed concern about funding for the Caltrain project. Ms. Hale noted that the Agency would work to fund the Caltrain project with other sources of funding.

Transportation Agency staff will continue to work with member jurisdictions and community groups to refine the preliminary draft scenario for the Sales Tax Investment Plan and report on the discussions at the Board meeting. A draft Sales Tax Investment Plan with a preferred scenario will be developed for public comment and the Transportation Agency Board's consideration at the December 5th Board meeting. Ms. Hale noted that the fee program and sales tax program work together.

Board member Wilmot commented that the Del Monte Avenue safety improvement project in the sales tax and fee program is a local project. He noted that once you reach 12th Street, you are out of City of Marina. He asked that the project be re-characterized as a Marina to Monterey project. He also asked if every city is benefiting from the sales tax or just paying taxes. Ms. Hale replied that staff would be glad to re-characterize the project.

Board member Reichmuth thanked Ms. Hale for her comments. He noted that this is truly a regional project. The Lighthouse Corridor and Del Monte project should be combined to one project, because they work together.

Board member Russell expressed concern with the absence of the Caltrain project. He asked where will the Caltrain funding come from. Mr. Russell was also concerned with the absence of the US 101 main line improvements through the Salinas area. He noted that a small portion of funding for the US 101 mainline project is included in the cities traffic impact fee and the city is looking for additional funding for these improvements.

Board member Miller commented that he supported the list of projects. Mr. Miller noted that a lot of his constituents love the concept of Caltrain. The Caltrain is not only good for commuters, but has a long-range positive impact.

Board member Wilmot reported that the City of Marina is opposed to the Del Monte at Sloat widening project. He noted the building of hotels and jobs, but no housing. Traffic is a regional problem produced by jobs that were produced without housing and there should be a local solution.

Board member Potter commented that rail is why people move to a community. He noted that there are other funding opportunities and with City of Salinas' creativity, we could all come together and make this work.

Board member Calcagno reported that the agricultural concerns are that the county roads are not maintained over the years. He suggested that the county funds, be designated for rural roads and the county should have to match the ½ cent sales tax from their general funds to ensure the county roads are maintained.

Board member Salinas suggested that the measure have an oversight committee with members including the Farm Bureau and the Hospitality Association. Board member Calcagno agreed with Mr. Salinas, and noted that the groups of who should be part of the oversight committee should be specified. Ms. Hale replied that an oversight committee is important.

In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that she has asked that if these changes are made, the Farm Bureau and Hospitality group should write a letter of support of the sales tax plan. The south county mayors have already indicated their support in the event the plan is changed to address their concerns, as proposed by staff.

Chair Huerta asked for a timeline for the plan. Ms. Hale replied that staff would prepare a timeline for plan adoption and dates of project delivery and will also prepare the draft language for the expenditure plan.

Public comments

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, cautioned the Agency Board of opposition groups. She noted if we don't get relief on the 101 corridor, those groups might come forth.

Executive Director Hale reported that the largest project in the region is already funded without the sales tax: the safety improvements on the US 101 corridor, a \$280 million project. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled in 2009.

7. **APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Board appointed County Supervisor Armenta and Peninsula City representative Kelly Morgan as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on December 5, 2007 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 3, 2008 Board meeting.

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

Chair Huerta reported that he, Board member Potter, Agency staff Hale, and Bachman attended the Focus on the Future, Self Help Counties Coalition conference on October 21st – 23rd in San Francisco. He noted that the event was informative and successful. Mr. Huerta announced that the next Focus on the Future, Self Help Counties Coalition conference would be held in Monterey County at the Marriott Hotel in Monterey. Board member Potter noted that it was a good investment of time, particularly networking with people who have secured their own sales taxes for transportation.

Board member Armenta recommended that the Board schedule a working study training session to discuss specific detail tasks in early spring or sooner. He expressed the need to develop a pro-active strategy to gain a higher level of interest and motivation for the Board and the community.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans – District Director Rich Krumholz announced that the Highway 183 pavement rehabilitation project from Monterey Street to North of Market is near completion, to be completed in November 2007. He thanked the public for their patience. Mr. Krumholz reported that the Prunedale Improvement Project was scheduled to begin construction in 2009. He noted that this was the biggest project in Caltrans District 5 history. He also noted that the Salinas Road interchange project will begin construction in 2009. Historically these are the top two accident locations in the county. Caltrans has secured \$37 billion of corridor mobility bond funds for this project. Mr. Krumholz reported that he had met with Peter Douglas, Executive Director of the Coastal Commission on October 23, 2007. The meeting was very productive, they discussed what the project is, the purpose and the urgency for retaining the corridor mobility funding on the project. In conclusion, he reported that Trade Corridor Improvement funds is a \$2 billion part of the bond program statewide. He mentioned that the San Juan interchange project would be a good candidate for these trade corridor funds and asked that we keep focus on this project. The California Transportation Commission will adopt the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program in the spring of 2008. The State Transportation Improvement Program combined with State Highway Maintenance (SHOPP) program provides the major portion of the state's transportation infrastructure program. The State Transportation Improvement Program will add an additional \$1.4 billion funding capacity, available in the two outer years of the five-year program.

Public comment

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans for repairing the metering light at Highway 156 and 101. Ms. Matt asked for the status of the \$9 million federal funds for the Prunedale Improvement Project. Ms. Hale replied that the Federal Transportation Appropriation bill has not come up for a vote or been signed by the president-both steps that are not automatic. She noted that staff continues to work on it, and will propose using our state funds to fill the gap if efforts to secure the federal dollars fail.

- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – Ralph Rubio reported that AMBAG celebrated a successful 25th annual Rideshare Week on October 1 – 5, 2007, in collaboration with San Benito County funded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. He noted that Rideshare Week encourages commuter to use transportation alternatives as a way of helping to relieve our congested streets and highways, improve air quality, and save energy and commute costs. In conclusion, Mr. Rubio announced that there was a 34% rideshare increase and that a resident of Monterey County won a trip around the world.
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Peninsula Airport District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) – Carl Sedoryk reported that he and Board member Armenta had attended the Board of American Public Transportation Association annual conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. On the agenda was the next re-authorization bill coming up in 2009. MST will be lobbying for in 2008 for re-authorization of transportation funding at the federal level in the next six years, pending bankruptcy of the highway trust fund unless something is

done with the gasoline taxes. These are serious issues on the horizon for federal funds.

Mr. Sedoryk reported that he had learned from the Best Industry Practices partners of MST Transit Oriented Development that scientists had released a report that if one person of a single 2-car family uses transit it can reduce their carbon footprint by 20% (for more information go to apta.com.) In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk announced that the south county cities are doing their share to reduce carbon footprint. MST Line 23 had an increase of 106% in passengers over the passed year. He noted that MST continues to work with Agency staff and the south county cities to increase trips from King City to Salinas.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale made an addendum to the AMBAG report and announced that the staff of the Transportation Agency and AMBAG had a Rideshare Week challenge. She noted that the Agency staff shared more rides and won the challenge. Ms. Hale reported that the Agency staff has spent a lot of time lobbying for state bond funding. She thanked Board members Rubio, Calcagno, Salinas, Potter and Chair Huerta for their participation. Ms. Hale noted that TAMC is working on scheduling a tour with the new Deputy Director for goods movement, who is from Carmel.

Ms. Hale noted that a sales tax public outreach workshop was a great idea that staff reports back on. She announced that the Transportation Agency bid farewell to Jeff Morgan, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer. Mr. Morgan started as an intern at the City of Monterey, then came to TAMC and progressed to a Junior Engineer, then to an Assistant Engineer, and finally an Associate Engineer. He coordinated with Caltrans on all of the highway projects, worked on the sales tax expenditure plan financial charts and oversaw the construction management of several projects including the Community Hospital project. Don Bachman will now be the lead person for that project. Jeff Morgan will pursue his career in the City of Santee. In conclusion, Ms. Hale reminded the Board that the next Board meeting will be held on December 5, 2007, and the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007, 3:45 p.m. at the TAMC office.

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

None.

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.