

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of September 26, 2007 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

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

TAMC STAFF	SEP 06	OCT 06	DEC 06	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 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
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
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	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	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	Trish Lopez	MCPWD
Carole Dawson	City of Seaside	Paul Congo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Sig Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Michael Martinez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Alex	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed. The Chair, John P. Huerta, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:09 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 Rubio/Salinas/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 August 22, 2007.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for August 2007 and credit card statements for the month of July 2007.
- 3.1.3** Announced proposed revisions to Agency Bylaws and Board compensation and expense reimbursement policy as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Executive Director Hale reported the Bylaws changes included a \$50 stipend for Board members who are not on the staff of their appointing agency for attendance at Board and one Agency committee meeting per month, and does not apply to Board alternates and ex officio members. She noted moving State Transit Assistance and Local Transportation distribution of funds from the Bylaws to policies due to changes in state law. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the Agency would opt out of the Congestion Management Program. The intent of the Agency is to retain the local agency Congestion Management Program contributions to perform continuing activities, such as traffic monitoring and long range planning.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding the Triennial Transit Performance Audit:
 - 1. Approved scope of work for consultant assistance, pending Counsel approval, to perform a triennial transit performance audit for the three-year period ending June 30, 2007 as required by state law; and
 - 2. Directed staff to release the Request for Proposals to potential consultants.
- 3.2.2** Received information on the California State-legislated Safe Routes to School program.

Executive Director Hale reported that the California State-legislated Safe Routes to School Program funds projects that reduce injuries and fatalities to schoolchildren and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students. Applications for projects are due to the local California Department of Transportation District on Friday, November 16, 2007.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the winning consultant bid within the not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 for the Environmental Review of the Local Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan and Development Impact Fee Program.
- 3.3.2** Adopted resolution 2007-21 declaring October 1-5, 2007 Rideshare Week in Monterey County.

Executive Director Hale announced that Rideshare Week promotes alternative forms of transportation that reduce air pollution, relieve traffic congestion, and reduce transportation costs and parking needs.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved City of Salinas allocation request for \$200,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities funds.
- 3.4.2** Approved resolution 2007-23 awarding the contract for the SR68 community hospital of Monterey Peninsula Project Phase 1 intersection improvement project to allow a designee by the Executive Director to execute change orders totaling up to 20% in the absence of Executive Director.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Received update on Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.

Recent progress on the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project includes meetings with Federal Transit Administration to review revised Alternatives Analysis and federal environmental reports; Union Pacific capacity study progress; and City of Salinas meetings on issues surrounding the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.6.1** Accepted the minutes from the following TAMC committees:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft minutes for meeting of September 5, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Executive Committee – Draft minutes of September 5, 2007
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft minutes of September 10, 2007
 - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft minutes of September 13, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft minutes of September 6, 2007 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. **RESOLUTION 2007- 22 RECOGNIZING THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

The Board adopted Resolution 2007-22 recognizing the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency.

Chair Huerta presented Hunter Harvath, Monterey–Salinas Transit, the resolution recognizing Monterey-Salinas Transit and its continuing service to the traveling public in Monterey County on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Joint Powers Agency. Fernando Armenta, Board member and MST’s Chairman, thanked the Board, cities and TAMC staff for their continued collaboration to serve the public.

5. **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES**

The Board received update and provided input on the Draft Regional Development Impact Fee program.

Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner, presented the Draft Regional Development Impact Fee program. In response to concerns raised by several jurisdictions, the agency agreed to refine the regional fee program to include an analysis of benefit zones, utilize the most recently adopted General Plans and land use assumptions, and reevaluate commercial trip generation rates. Jeff Morgan, Transportation Planner Engineer, discussed the proposed project list improvements in the county.

Deputy Director Bachman reported on the transit component. He noted that staff is nearing completion of an update to the Nexus Study for a Regional Development Impact Fee and has developed a draft list of projects and fee schedule. The draft countywide fee is \$3,898 average per dwelling unit, and provides funds for transit expansion.

Board comments:

Chair Huerta commented that he was glad to see the Highway 101 San Juan interchange, Highway 156, Monterey Community Hospital, Harris Road and frontage roads included in the proposed project list.

Board member Edelen noted some cities collect their own regional impact fees and noted the importance of crediting the overlap. They charge developers to help with their own transportation infrastructure. Deputy Director Bachman replied that the cities are collecting fees for local roads. The regional impact fee is for regional roads and the Agency would not be charging fees for the same projects. Ms. Hale noted that the discounts that the Agency is recommending against are only those that apply to affordable housing.

Board member Getchell asked what percentage of contribution is each project, and how are the fees adjusted if there is new development or if development doesn’t happen. Deputy Director Bachman pointed out the percentage contributions in the project descriptions and that the model will be adjusted periodically over 20 years and will be reanalyzed in 3 years.

Board alternate Gerbrandt commented that it is really important to the south county cities to know what percentage the peninsula is contributing. The south county cities are being asked to contribute for tourism. He indicated we overlooking the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds.

Board member Rubio reported that he likes the idea of benefit zones. He expressed concern that the south county cities are paying less per dwelling unit but that is where most of the growth is. Mr. Rubio concurred with Gerbrandt on the percentages issue. He noted that there is still an opportunity to collect

fees from the agriculture and hospitality industry.

Board member Miller asked where the FORA fees go, because there is a lot of new development. Jeff Morgan replied that FORA does pay \$42,000 per unit, half of which goes towards infrastructure and some toward roads. Mr. Miller noted, “ that a pure way to collect fees is increase the gas tax, so that tourist and large trucks pay extra.” Executive Director Hale replied that the Board supports increasing the gas tax at a state and federal level, but there has been no support for this.

Board member Calcagno reported that the Board needs to work together, and give and take on proposals that come forth. He noted that the Prunedale bypass is not fundable, but the residents in north county and north Salinas have a different perspective. Some funds should be set aside for planning and exploring the East Side bypass.

Board member Sollecito stated that the City of Monterey supports the impact fees one hundred percent.

Board alternate Russell commended Agency staff and commented that the project list was very good. Mr. Russell concurred with Supervisor Calcagno that the Board needs to look at an eastern link. He noted that the City of Salinas is still interested in the five-tier system, and also noted that discounts are complicated. He concluded saying that the fee program needs to come together with the total financing plan.

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked where the \$40 million in TOT funds go. Supervisor Potter replied that the TOT funds are 100% discretionary. Each jurisdiction decides how the funds are spent. The funds go to the cities, counties, street maintenance, neighborhood improvements, servicing visiting public and utility maintenance. He noted that a large amount of funds goes to road maintenance chip seal program.

Executive Director Hale reported that most of the visitors are day-tripper who will pay the sales taxes. The sales tax and impact fees work together, with visitors paying 1/3 of sales tax.

Board member Armenta commented on affordable housing, maybe on an incremental basis staff of each jurisdiction look at incentives for affordable housing. He also agreed that staff looks into an eastside bypass.

Board member Salinas asked the Board to explore and re-visit affordable housing discounts. He noted that we should get input from CHISPA. Board member Rubio said housing discounts is a sensitive issue, but even affordable housing has vehicles that impact roads.

Board member Calcagno concluded stating that we need to define exactly what is affordable housing.

6. CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE DRAFT SALES TAX INVESTMENT PLAN

The Board reviewed and commented on the content and scope of the Draft Sales Tax Investment Plan.

Todd Muck, Transportation Principal Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency Board has directed that a Sales Tax Investment Plan be created prior to considering a potential transportation sales tax ballot measure in November 2008. Staff requested the Board's feedback on the mix of potential projects and other details to determine a preferred scenario for the Sales Tax Investment Plan.

Executive Director Hale due to time constraints moved the closed session to October. Ms. Hale requested endorsement from the Board on the 20-year timeline, feedback on the balanced program, correct project mix and other details to determine a preferred scenario for the Sales Tax Investment Plan.

Board member Sollecito commented that he supports relief on Highway 156.

Board member Rubio noted that the 20-year time line is appropriate. He likes the balanced program and supports transit, but needs to make sure the percentage allocation is correct. He noted that the taxpayer's want to see something they can point to. He noted that residents of Highway 68 are a very organized coalition and expressed concern that they will vote against the sales tax if widening is included.

Board alternate Gerbrandt also supports the 20-year time line. He noted that clearly there are interchange problems and that frontage roads fix was 20 years away.

Hunter Harvath, MST, commented that MST staff would be talking to TAMC on immediate operational improvements along with Capital projects.

Board member Miller commented that he is happier with the mix list of projects and noted that he thinks the light rail system from Salinas to Monterey is the way to go and move a lot of people at one time.

Hunter Harvath, MST, replied that "Like Rail" Bus Rapid Transit is a speedy rapid transit to address traffic congestion, without the cost of rail.

Board alternate Russell noted in line with Board member Rubio that more funds be allocated for safety relief and congestion. He supports Highway 156 without the interchange, adding the Eastern Bypass study to the project list and Highway 68 improvements.

Board member Armenta commented that he did not attend the two stakeholders meetings and noted that he assumes TAMC is evaluating the issues that came out of the two meetings. We need to educate the people to have a good fresh start. He asked for summaries of the stakeholder meetings.

Board member Kleber reported that the support for the sales tax in King City is mixed. She noted that Highway 68 is important to King City and should be in the mix.

Chair Huerta noted that the hospitality group convinced him not to worry about the Highway 68 Coalition. It is very important that we have more communication with the coalition.

Executive Director Hale thanked the Board for staying unified on the issue. Agency staff will meet with the south county city mayors to discuss their concerns. She noted that staff will include a summary of

the stakeholders meetings in the next agenda.

7. UPDATE ON 2007/08 STATE BUDGET

Due to time constraints, the Board by general consent, accepted the written report from staff on the transportation funding components of the 2007/08 State of California budget, enacted on August 24, 2007.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Due to time constraints, the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel was moved to the October Board meeting.

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

Executive Director Hale reported that Board members Potter and Lutes testified at the High Speed Rail hearing, in Gilroy, in favor of the Pacheco Pass alignment.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans – Dave Murray reported that the Caltrans Construction project report in the agenda was current. Mr. Murray announced the news release on Highway 183, the pavement rehabilitation project from Monterey Street to North of Market continues.
- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – No report this month.
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Peninsula Airport District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Jean Getchell reported that Air District Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with AMBAG and staff will work with them to collaborate on completing the GIS coverage in Monterey County and the transportation analysis. She announced that at the state board meeting, the Board awarded \$1.5 million AB2766 grant funds. The Air Pollution officer is concentrated on working with the Air Pollution Group and its response to AB32 and how to integrate that into the CEQA process. She also 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.
- ❑ Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) – Hunter Harvath thanked the Agency for the resolution recognizing the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency. He attributes a great deal of MST's success to the 25 years of leadership led by the late Frank Lichtanski, General Manager. He also thanked those who attended the Marina Transit Station ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21, 2007 and announced that bus operation would begin on October 1st. Mr. Harvath reported that the bus route, line 23 had a rider ship increase of 70% over last year and that on Friday, September 28, 2007 bus stop shelters would be installed in King City. In conclusion, he thanked Caltrans, Mark McCumsey and TAMC for assisting with the \$7.5 million appropriation from CTC for the purchase of new MST busses and the Air District for grant funds they provided to MST.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced that the Agency has issued the notice to proceed on the Holman Highway 68 intersection project. She also noted that the Transit Oriented Development \$300 million in Prop 1C draft guidelines does not include Monterey County. The Agency will work with the Housing Community Development (HCD) and Caltrans to put Monterey County back in. The HCD will be present at the Board of Supervisors meeting next week. Staff will work with the Board on talking points to remind them the county needs to be eligible. Especially TAMC's 8th Street property in Fort Ord. Ms. Hale announced that the Agency would be getting a list from the governor's office on trade corridor bond funding. The funding includes \$50 million for non-port corridors, and TAMC wants a big part. Supervisor Calcagno is working to get a request in and staff will work with Supervisor Salinas to set up meetings. In conclusion, she noted that the \$3.3 billion agricultural industry and the heavy traffic it puts on Highway 101, merits some recognition in terms of funding.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.