

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of January 23, 2008 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	DEC 07	JAN 08
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 2nd Vice Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Supr. Dist. 4 (C. Link)	P	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 1 st Vice Chair (K. Lee)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	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	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales	P	-	P	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield - Chair (Y. Teneyuque)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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(A)	P	-	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey - (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Miller, Pacific Grove (R. Huitt)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, 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
K. Morgan, Sand City (S. Matarazzo)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer)	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
R. Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	E	P	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
M. Bersamin, Watsonville (M. Rodriguez)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray , M. McCumsey)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (D. Quetin, D. Fairchild)	-	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	-
R. Devoe, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (D. Petrak)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P(A)	P	P	P

TAMC STAFF	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	DEC 07	JAN 08
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	E	E	P	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	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	E	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	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner			P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Reichmuth	City of Monterey	David Sorenson	Kimley-Horn & Associates
Frank Aguayo	City of Salinas	Paul Greenway	MCPWD
James Serrano	City of Salinas	Patricia Lopez	MCPWD
Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Shelley Gesicki	AMBAG
Vanessa Vallarta	City of Salinas Attorney	Tom Carvey	Common Ground
Noelia Chapa	City of Soledad	Alec Arago	Congressman Sam Farr
Peter Le	City of Soledad	Michele Allen	KSBW
Derek Kantau	City of Marina	Frank Henderson	Hartnell College Alternative Transportation Committee
Doug Yount	City of Marina	John Courtney	Lamphier-Gregory
Carole Dawson	City of Seaside	John Bailey	Brian Finnegan Attorney At Law
Dr. Bob Shanteau	Monterey County Bicycle Advocacy Group	Lance Atencio	MV Transportation
John Snider	Monterey County Health Department	Sue Atencio	MV Transportation
Cheryl Ellemberg	Monterey County Health Department	Bill Lewis	MV Transportation
Christian Engelmann	Caltrans	Brent Boardman	MV Transportation
Ruben Guzman	Caltrans	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
Robert Del Rio	Caltrans	Chris Orman	North County Fire Department
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Steve Carew	BPC member	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Alan Hedegard	BPC Member	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee
Jim Johnson	Monterey Herald	Frank Henderson	Public resident
Derrick Mills	Sound consultant	Celing Dalby	Public resident
		Wendy Elliott	Public resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Dave Potter called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked the County for filling a terrible pot hole on Paradise Road/Castroville Boulevard. She reported that a resident asked her to have the County examine the Castroville Boulevard curve and post a speed advisory sign. In conclusion, Ms. Matt noted that there is a pothole on Langley/San Miguel Canyon and asked that it be looked at.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Hale highlighted the Consent Agenda. Ms. Hale noted that the Executive Committee schedule of meetings had been changed.

M/S/C Salinas/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 December 5, 2007.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2007 and credit card statements for the months of October and November 2007.
- 3.1.3** Approved Resolution No. 2008-01, to add new Board Chair Dave Potter, Executive Director Debra Hale, Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman, Administrative Services Manager Rita Goel, to list of authorized signatures for banking services in support of agency financial operations.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Standard Agreements for Professional Services:
 - 1. Approved revisions to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's standard agreements for professional services;
 - 2. Directed staff to bring to the Board for approval just the payment amount, scope of work, work schedule, payment provisions, funding source, deliverables and material changes (if any) to standard terms and conditions of all future agreements for professional services; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the standard agreements or sign the standard agreements with minor changes if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.1.5** Approved the basic concept and format of the 2007 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.
- 3.1.6** Adopted proposed revisions to Section 12.7 of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's bylaws to allow 5 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.
- 3.1.7** Approved calendar year 2008 revised schedule of meetings for the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.8** Adopted recommended positions on propositions on the February 5, 2008 presidential primary election ballot.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Accepted the final Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan.

3.2.2 Regarding the Transportation Development Act Allocations For Fiscal Year 2007/2008:

1. Approved amended Resolution 2007-13 allocating \$6,193,049 in fiscal year 2007-2008 State Transit Assistance funds for Monterey-Salinas Transit and local transit services;
2. Ratified Executive Director's approval of Monterey-Salinas Transit application for state infrastructure bond funds; and
3. Approved amended Resolution 2007-14 allocating \$10,957,054 in fiscal year 2007-2008 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for Monterey-Salinas Transit, County of Monterey, and South Monterey County transit services.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Authorized Executive Director to submit letters of support for AMBAG Caltrans planning grant applications.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Agreement with the California Highway Patrol:

1. Approved the use of \$2,400 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call box program administration over the three-year contract period; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract not to exceed \$2,400 with California Highway Patrol for three years of call box program administration; and
3. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

- 3.4.2** Approved nominating the US 101 San Juan Road Intersection project for Trade Corridors Improvement Funds.

RAIL PROGRAM

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

- 3.5.2** Received update on Monterey Peninsula Service project progress, options, and timeline.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.6.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft January 9, 2008
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft January 9, 2008 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft January 7, 2008
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft January 10, 2008 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft January 10, 2008 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. **DRAFT TEXT FOR THE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX IN MONTEREY COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DOCUMENTS**

M/S/F Wilmot/Kleber/failed

The Board voted 9 to 7 against a proposal that the fee program implementation be contingent on the passage of the sales tax. This motion failed.

Ayes: S. Salinas, J. Edelen, S. Kleber, G. Wilmot, S. Miller, R. Ortiz, S. Villegas

Noes: F. Armenta, H. Gowin, C. Link, D. Potter, K. Sharp, M. Orozco, F. Sollecito, K. Morgan, R. Rubio

Absent: J. Huerta

M/S/C Wilmot/Kleber/unanimous

Approved the Transportation Investment Plan draft language and adopted Resolution 2008-02 approving the Environmental Impact Report Addendum for the sales tax plan and regional traffic impact fee program.

Rob Russell, City of Salinas, commended staff for balancing various interests. He noted that Salinas City Council supports the linking the sales tax and regional impact fee program (so that the fee program does not go into effect unless there is a sales tax), saying one funding source without the other does not work. Mr. Russell also noted that the Caltrain project has been taken out of the sales tax plan and that the City of Salinas would like TAMC to formalize the understanding with Monterey-Salinas Transit that existing transit operating funds will be used to pay for the Caltrain project. In conclusion, Mr. Russell noted the city's concerns that the investment plan excludes the weighted vote for population from being used to amend the investment plan and asked that the language be struck.

Executive Director Hale noted that it is the Board direction to not link the regional development impact fee with the investment plan—essentially to have the fee program enacted prior to the sales tax. Board member Wilmot reported that the City of Marina feels both should be linked. Board member Kleber concurred with Board member Wilmot that the fees and sales tax are linked. Chair Dave Potter noted that he believes the developer impact fees can stand on their own, adding that he hopes the issue won't be an obstacle to moving forward with the investment plan.

Board member Armenta asked for clarification on the weighted vote issue proposed by Mr. Russell. Ms. Hale noted that for amendments to the investment plan the TAMC weighted vote would not apply; instead, a two-thirds majority of the Board would be needed to make the change. She noted that this two-thirds amendment requirement was added in response to a request made by the Taxpayer's Association in recognition that the County Board of Supervisors as well as a majority of the cities representing the majority of the population must adopt the investment plan before it can be placed on the November 2008 ballot. Chair Potter reported that no action was taken on this issue.

5. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

M/S/C Sollecito/Salinas/unanimous

Approved draft regional transportation impact fee program and legal documents for circulation to the cities and County for approval.

Mike Zeller, Transportation Planner, and David Sorenson, Kimley-Horn & Associates, presented an update to the Nexus Study for a Regional Development Impact Fee, including a draft list of projects and fee schedule. The recommended 3-zone fees per dwelling unit are \$3,847 for North County / Salinas, \$3,154 for Peninsula / Coastal, and \$4,608 for South County. Adoption by nine cities and the County is required for implementation. Mr. Sorenson noted the inclusion of four additional US-101 interchange projects in South County at their request.

Executive Director Hale reported that staff added the four South County interchanges, and as a result the South County fees came in higher; however, the cities will get a substantial credit for projects in their city fees, which overlap the regional fee. Ms. Hale noted that staff has met with the South County city managers who indicated their support for keeping their projects in the regional fee despite the increase in the fee. Staff continues to coordinate with city managers through out the county on the program.

Rob Russell, City of Salinas, asked for formal Caltrans approval of the program as mitigating regional traffic impacts and asked staff to hold a final meeting with the fee task force. Ms. Hale noted that there is currently a letter on file and staff will coordinate with Caltrans on formalizing/renewing the letter. In conclusion, she noted that staff would set up a final meeting with the fee task force.

Public comment:

John Bailey, Brian Finegan Attorneys At Law, presented a letter from Mr. Finegan noting that the builders he represents support a regional traffic impact fee and they support the proposal for a half-cent sales tax but they want them to be linked. Builders would like to be part of the public campaign to support the investment plan in its entirety, both the impact fee and the sales tax. He asked the Board to restore the basic fairness to the program by linking the fee and the tax so that the impact fee becomes effective only if and when the voters of Monterey County approve a half-cent sales tax to pay their fair share for traffic improvements.

Vanessa Vallarta, City of Salinas Attorney, noted that these are draft legal documents and TAMC staff is still making edits based on comments submitted by the City Attorneys. Ms. Vallarta concurred with Mr. Finegan that the tax and fee program need to move together.

In conclusion, Mr. Zeller reported that the current schedule for implementing the draft regional development impact fee program is to seek approval by the cities and County beginning in February 2008 with final adoption taking place in Spring 2008. Staff will be presenting both the impact fee as well as the sales tax programs to the city councils and Board of Supervisors first as an informational item with a follow-up presentation at subsequent meetings to seek adoption of the programs.

6. DRAFT 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

M/S/C Armenta/Salinas/unanimous

Noes: Alternate Gowin

Approved resolution 2008-03 adopting the Monterey County 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program proposes programming \$29 million for Monterey County projects into the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program. Due to limited new funding available, proposed programming focuses on: 1) backfilling funding shortfalls in currently funded project phases, 2) matching Caltrans committed Interregional Improvement Program funds, and 3) funding future phases of projects currently programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Muck noted that one major change was made to the list of projects approved by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors in December. The new Regional Improvement Program funds proposed to match Caltrans controlled Interregional Improvement Program fund for the US 101 San Juan Road Intersection project were replaced with local funds. This change was made to maximize the amount of Prop. 1B Trade Corridor bond funds the project is eligible for. Regional development impact fees and/or sales tax revenues will be the first choice as local funds. If neither of these sources comes to fruition, the Transportation Agency's allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds will have to be used.

Board member Rubio asked what would happen if the Trade Corridor funds aren't granted. Ms. Hale noted that if Trade Corridor funds are not granted then TAMC would need to seek federal and state funding from other sources. Board member Edelen noted that if the sales tax had already passed, our request to the California Transportation Commission would have gone through.

Board member Wilmot asked if there is sufficient demand by cyclists to use the the Spreckels/Portola bike bridge to warrant spending \$11 million. Mr. Muck noted that this bridge has been in the bike plan for a long time as a critical regional link in the bicycle network and the main focus is the connection to Salinas.

Public comment:

Bob Shanteau, Monterey County Bicycle Advocacy Group, noted that the group strongly supports the Spreckels/Portola bike bridge. He noted that the freeway bridge currently has only a 1-foot shoulder. Highway 68 is a major corridor; the current bridge is a significant barrier to bicycle travel in Monterey County.

7. ELECTION OF 2008 OFFICERS

M/S/C Armenta/Morgan/unanimous

Received report from Nominating Committee and elected Steve Villegas, City of Salinas, as the City representative to the Executive Committee, for the term beginning upon his election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 3, 2008 Board meeting.

8. BOARD PHOTO

The Transportation Agency Board took a group photo.

9. PRESENTATION OF 2007 TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Board saluted outstanding individuals and businesses for their efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The award recipients included the following:

Special Recognition

- District 17 Congressman Sam Farr
Alec Arago accepted the resolution on behalf of Congressman Sam Farr.

Project

- South Sanborn Road Improvement Project: City of Salinas, Granite Construction Company
Frank Aguayo, City of Salinas accepted the award.
- Marina Transit Exchange: Monterey-Salinas Transit
Carl Sedoryk accepted the award.
- Arroyo Seco Road Bridge: Monterey County, Boyle Engineering Corporation, MNS Engineers, MCM Construction Inc.
Paul Greenway, Monterey County accepted the award.

Individuals and Groups

- Lance Atencio: General Manager, MV Transportation
- Michele Allen: Traffic Reporter, KSBW-TV
- Tom Carvey: Executive Director, Common Ground
- Community Health Division/Monterey County Health Department: Monterey County Bike Week Sponsors
John Snider, Monterey County Health Department
- Hwy 156 Safety Improvements Task Force
Paul Greenway, Monterey County and Henry Gowin, Office of Supervisor Calcagno
- State Route 146 Bypass Study Group: City of Soledad, California Department of Transportation, Transportation Agency, AMBAG, National Park Service, and Monterey County, Congressman Sam Farr
Noelia Chapa, City Manager of Soledad and Peter Le, Senior Civil Engineer

Honorable Mention

- Peter Le: Senior Civil Engineer, City of Soledad
- Frank Henderson: Co-Chair of the Hartnell Alternative Transportation Committee, Hartnell Rideshare Coordinator
- Rideshare Rewards Club: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Mark Griffin and Shelley Gesicki accepted the award.
- City of Soledad Traffic Impact Fee Program: City of Soledad
Noelia Chapa, City Manager of Soledad accepted the award.

Certificates of Appreciation

- John Huerta Jr., outgoing TAMC Chair
- Jyl Lutes, TAMC Board and Executive Committee
- Ralph Rubio, TAMC Executive Committee
- Rob Russell, TAMC Executive Committee

Board Chair Potter presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Board Chair John Huerta Jr., for his service on the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors, representing City of Greenfield, and for his contributions to improving transportation facilities and services in Monterey County.

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

Chair Potter reported that he, Board member Lutes, and Executive Director Hale attended legislative meetings in Washington, DC on January 17th – 18th. He noted that they met with Congressman Farr and several staff representatives to Congress Members along the Caltrain Corridor as well as House Appropriations and Senate staff. He said that the Agency is working with Congressman Farr on a joint letter with signatures of all the congressional members on the Caltrain corridor from San Francisco to Salinas, in support of our proposal of the Caltrain Extension. The TAMC delegation also requested funding in the upcoming Transportation Appropriations bill for Caltrain, Airport Boulevard/US 101 interchange and the widening of Highway 156. In conclusion, Chair Potter noted that Paul Schlesinger, the Agency's Federal Legislative Advisor, schedules very successful meetings, and that TAMC staff has developed a very good working relationship with good representation in Washington.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans –Aileen Loe announced that the Caltrans Construction project report in the agenda was current.
- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – Mark Griffin announced the 14th Annual Tri-County Economic Conference: "California Climate Change Regulations: Impacts on the Regional Economy": Friday, January 25, 2008, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Seaside (for more information visit the AMBAG website at: www.ambag.org).
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – Debbie Hale reported that staff continues to coordinate with FORA on the issue of Capital Improvement Program revenues. Their revenues are reduced due to the slow down on development in the former Ft. Ord. She noted that staff has developed the investment plan based on their latest forecast information. Ms. Hale noted that staff is also coordinating with FORA on the impact the City of Marina's Dunes financing proposal may or may not have on the Capital Improvement Program.
- ❑ 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 on January 26, 2008, MST is discontinuing Line 53, the transit service from South County to Monterey. He noted that the vehicles from Line 53 would be used on MST's Line 23. Line 23 provides service from South County to Salinas, and ridership has doubled in the past year. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk noted that he continues to monitor the \$500 million diverted from transit to other state budget programs and will keep the Board updated.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale reported that while she was in Washington, D.C. she had the opportunity to attend the international Transportation Research Board Conference. She attended sessions on: "climate change" and planning transportation projects to reduce greenhouse gasses; how climate change will affect our transportation projects; how a mass majority of rail New Start projects costs are underestimated and ridership is overestimated; and "getting your message out" on local financing measures. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that she serves on the American Public Works Association committee on the reauthorization of the federal transportation act and they met in Washington, DC to review the recently released Revenue Commission's proposal to increase federal gasoline taxes and divert funding to a new set of federal programs. She noted that the APWA strongly supports this increase and will continue to look at the detail of the Revenue Commission's proposal and how that will affect the revenues to agencies such as TAMC.

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

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

14. ADJOURNMENT

TAMC Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.