

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
 JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Final Minutes of April 29, 2009 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
 Salinas Community Center –Santa Lucia Conference Room
 940 N. Main Street, Salinas

	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	<i>N</i>	P(A)	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 1 st Vice Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	P	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P		P(A)	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P	P	P	<i>M</i>	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5– Past Chair (K. Lee)	P	E	P(A)	P	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P	P
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	E	P	P	P	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (J. Russell)	P	P	P	P	P	<i>T</i>	P	P	P	P	E
M. Orozco, Gonzales (M. Gourley)	P	P	-	P	P	<i>I</i>	P	P	-	P(A)	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (A. Moreno, John Martinez)	P	P	P	P	P	<i>N</i>	P	P	E	P	P(A)
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	E	P	P	E	P	<i>G</i>	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	P	P	P	P	P		E	E	P	P	P(A)
F. Sollecito, Monterey - Chairman (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
D. Lindsay, Pacific Grove (C. Garcia)	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P	P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas -2nd Vice Chairman (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P(A)	P	-		P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	-	-	P	-	P		P	P	P	P	-
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	-
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	P	-	P	P	P		P	P	P	P(A)	P
M. Bersamin, Watsonville (M. Rodriguez)	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	P	E	P	P	P		E	P	P	-	-
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	E	P	P	E	P		P	P	-	P	E
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P

TAMC STAFF	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P	P
L. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	P	P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
K. Chen, Transportation Planner	P	E	P	E	P	<i>M</i>	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Director of Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	<i>T</i>	P	P	P	E	P
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	E	<i>I</i>	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	<i>G</i>	P	P	E	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	E	E	P	E	P		P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant				P			P	P	E	E	E
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P		P	P	E	E	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Hughes	Kings Area Rural Transit	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Trish Lopez	Monterey County Public Works	Carole Dawson	City of Seaside
Steve Reed	CSUMB	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Main	CSUMB	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Daisy Rosas	CCCIL	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order, and welcomed Board alternates John Martinez, City of Greenfield; Ken Gray, City of Marina, and Kristi Markey, District 4.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked for the Board to pause for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragic tour bus accident that occurred on April 26th in Soledad.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Armenta/Gerbrandt/unanimous

Staff pulled item 3.3.4

Executive Director Hale noted that staff is changing recommended action to “neutral” from “support” positions on Propositions 1A-1F on the May 19, 2009 special election ballot.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of March 25, 2009.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for March 2009 and credit card statements for the month of February 2009.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or training attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Received report on Request for Qualifications for Governmental Accounting Standards Board 45 for other Post Employment Benefits Actuarial.
- 3.1.5** Adopted 2009 Transportation Goals and Objectives.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Received Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Annual Report.
- 3.2.2** Received the 2008 Annual Transit Performance Report on performance of transit operators in Monterey County.
- 3.2.3** Regarding 2009 Monterey County Bike Week and Clean Air Month:
 - 1. Received report on 2009 Bike Week activities; and
 - 2. Adopted Resolution 2009-04 declaring May 10-17, 2009 as Bike Week in the Monterey County and May 2009 as Clean Air Month in the Monterey Bay area.
- 3.2.4** Adopted Resolution 2009-6 to ammend Resolution 2006-16, transferring an allocation of Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds in the amount of \$87,150 from the Moss Landing/Sandholt Road bike lanes project to the Moss Landing segment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.
- 3.2.5** Approved appointment of Mike Gallant, Monterey-Salinas Transit, to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.
- 3.2.6** Regarding Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Stimulus Funding:
 - 1. Adopted Resolution 2009-07 authorizing the programming of federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Federal Transit Administration Act through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 program; and
 - 2. Ratified Executive Director signature of Part II – Certification and Assurances of the Regional Agency as part of the project application.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Approved release of a Request for Proposals for the Regional Traffic Counts Program.
- 3.3.2** Received state legislative update and adopted positions on bills in the state legislative bill list.
- 3.3.3** Received update on federal transportation appropriations and authorization bills.

- 3.3.4** Staff pulled this item.
“Support” positions on Propositions 1A-1F on the May 19, 2009 special election ballot.

Executive Director Hale noted that staff is changing recommended action to “neutral” from “support” positions on Propositions 1A-1F on the May 19, 2009 special election ballot. No Board action was taken on this item.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the request by the City of Seaside to allocate \$111, 500.00 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 04/05/06 and 07/08/09 cycles to four City Seaside projects.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Monterey Branch Line Property:
1. Approved the Eagle Creek Pacific LLC agricultural lease of Monterey Branch Line Right of Way property; and
 2. Authorized Executive Director to sign this lease.

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- 3.6.1** *No items this month.*

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:**
- Executive Committee – Draft April 1, 2009
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Rail Policy Committee – No meeting
 - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft April 2, 2009 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for January 1st, through March 31, 2009.

The Agency employees recognized Andy for his dependability, helpfulness, excellent job on the Monterey County taxi study, and most notably for his efforts attending meetings with the South County cities to resolve the Unmet Transit Needs and Local Transportation Fund issues.

5. PROGRAMMING REMAINING FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING

M/S/C Salinas/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved programming Monterey County's remaining federal stimulus funds to the following projects:

1. \$10,450,000 of regional American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange,
2. \$382,000 Transportation Enhancement designated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to County of Monterey's Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path,
3. \$178,000 Transportation Enhancement designated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to City of Salinas' Harvey Baker House Improvements project, and
4. \$375,000 to City of Monterey's Del Monte Crash Reduction Signal Improvements.

Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the final total of Monterey County's share of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for roadway infrastructure is \$19,689,000. Of this total \$572,000 must be programmed to a bicycle, pedestrian, historic transportation facility or other project eligible to use Transportation Enhancement funds. At its February 25th meeting, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors approved a list of local projects totaling \$8,304,000. The remaining \$10,813,000 is available for programming. He reported County of Monterey staff has indicated they may not be able to meet the March 2, 2010 drop-dead date to receive authorization to proceed to construction for the Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path project. The original staff recommendation included \$190,000 of Transportation Enhancement designated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for the construction phase of the County's project. Transportation Agency staff recommends fully funding the City of Salinas' Harvey Baker House Improvements project with \$178,000 of the Transportation Enhancement funds and using the remaining \$12,000 to fund bicycle components of the City of Monterey's Del Monte Crash Reduction Signal Improvements project.

Board member Armenta asked how the City of Salinas' Harvey Baker House Improvements project is eligible for transportation funds. Mr. Muck noted that the project is located at the train station and meets the eligibility as a historic transportation-related property. He noted that TAMC has already programmed transportation enhancement funds to this restoration project and this money would simply accelerate its delivery and free up future enhancement monies for another project.

6. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEBRA L. HALE

M/S/C Calcagno/Salinas /unanimous

1. Approved agreement with Debra L. Hale to continue to perform services of Transportation Agency for Monterey County Executive Director, effective June 10, 2009.
2. Authorized Agency Chair to sign Agreement.

Leroy W. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel, reported that the Executive Committee has reviewed the Executive Director's employment agreement and recommends that the agreement, which expires June 9, 2009, be renewed for term of three years on the same terms and conditions except as discussed in the full staff report.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 UNMET TRANSIT NEED FINDING

The Board received report on proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 unmet transit need finding for hourly Monterey-Salinas Transit Line 23 service on weekdays.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that 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 streets and roads projects or other eligible purposes. The unmet transit needs process for Fiscal Year 2009-10 identified the need for additional service on Monterey-Salinas Transit's Line 23 serving South Monterey County. Agency staff has calculated that increased service up to hourly frequencies is reasonable to meet using Local Transportation Funds apportioned to Monterey County and South Monterey County cities. He noted Agency staff met with the South County city managers and County staff on March 30 to discuss the proposal for funding and implementing expanded Line 23 service. The jurisdictions requested that additional documentation be provided to demonstrate that ridership warrants the level of service being proposed. At the request of the Executive Committee, staff has agreed to postpone the Board's action on the unmet transit need finding for Line 23 until the May 27, 2009 meeting to allow more time to respond to questions from the jurisdictions and agree on a proposal for funding additional service.

Board alternate Gerbrandt reported that he had been informed that this item would not be on the agenda. He noted that the issue is the Caballero bill AB 644, and that it was not mentioned in the staff report. He also expressed that the South County cities had no say in their funds being taken away. He expressed a concern that there were no South County projects listed in the Agency's goals and objectives. Mr. Gerbrandt commented that there is a lack of communication, transparency and trust.

Board member Armenta noted that this is an information item only, and noted that the Caballero bill, AB 644, is a totally separate item.

Board member Calcagno expressed concerns that \$100,000 would be redirected from the County, noting roads are not going to be repaired, which are also unmet needs. Mr. Calcagno commented that the Board should balance both transit and road needs.

Carl Sedoryk, CEO/General Manager of MST, reported that the Transportation Development Act specifies that funds for public transportation can be used for roads only if all unmet transit needs are met. He noted that it is up to TAMC to decide if there is an unmet transit need.

Board member Salinas noted everyone is struggling to find funds for roads. Safety of riders is a very important issue, noting that Assemblywoman Caballero is committed to work with agencies on AB 644, and that the issues can be worked out.

Executive Director Hale reported these are difficult budget times during which some funds must be shifted to other uses. She noted staff has had many meetings with MST and the South County cities to develop a proposal for redirection of funds to transit and Agency staff has spent a great deal of time answering questions. She noted that AB 644 draft language will go back to the Executive Committee for review in May and everyone is close to reaching an agreement on revised language. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the South County projects have been added to TAMC's goals and objectives priority project list.

Public comments:

Daisy Rosas, Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL), speaking on behalf of CCCIL, requested that the Board adopt a finding that hourly Line 23 service on weekdays is an unmet transit need that is reasonable to meet. CCCIL was at the forefront of the establishment of MST's Line 23, noting their consumers lacked transportation to medical appointments, employment and shopping. The Line 23 route has been so successful that CCCIL's consumers now require additional service on Line 23.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, read an email he received from Lupe Galaviz, City of Soledad. Ms. Galaviz stated that she is a person with disabilities who uses a power wheelchair. She noted that Line 23 is important to South County residents. Ms. Galaviz asked the Board to please keep Line 23 running often, because the Line 23 bus is always crowded. She also expressed that it would be nice to have the bus pass hourly to and from South County, which would be safer than standing on trips.

8. **PRESENTATION FROM KINGS AREA RURAL TRANSIT**

The Board received a presentation from Ron Hughes of Kings Area Rural Transit on effort to implement agricultural vanpools in Monterey County. Mr. Hughes reported that the City of Greenfield has coordinated with Kings Area Rural Transit to implement the Kings County Agricultural Industries Transportation Services vanpool program in Monterey County to service the City's agricultural workforce.

Executive Director Hale thanked Mr. Hughes for his presentation and noted that staff would like to see the vanpool program grow countywide.

9. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY MASTER PLAN

M/S/C Armenta/Salinas/unanimous

The Board received a presentation from California State University of Monterey Bay representatives on their Master Plan Environmental Impact Report and trip reduction plan proposal and approved letter of support for the adoption of the Master Plan as amended.

Michael Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported California State University Monterey Bay is proposing a Transportation Management Plan to reduce the transportation-related impacts of its 2007 Campus Master Plan and is seeking a letter of support for the program from the Transportation Agency Board to present to the Board of Trustees at its May 2009 meeting, where approval of the Master Plan will be considered.

Steve Reed, Associate Vice President for External Relations, reported that President Dianne Harrison asked the Board for a letter of support, noting it is a step in the right direction to reduce the number of vehicle trips that the students generate from build-out of its Master Plan.

Jim Maine, Vice President for Administration and Finance, thanked the Board for their letter of support and noted that staff worked diligently to accomplish consensus.

Board member Salinas asked that clear indication of Agency support for the Master Plan be added to the letter of support. Executive Director Hale replied that staff would be happy to include that change.

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, reported he appreciated the tremendous resource CSUMB brings to Monterey. He noted that Caltrans supports successful development at CSUMB to safely and efficiently get people in and out of the campus. Mr. Krumholz noted that Caltrans does not agree with two outstanding issues: the EIR Master Plan traffic analysis and appropriate mitigation to State Highway impacts.

Chairman Sollecito reported he appreciated the job FORA and CSUMB have done reaching an agreement that keeps them out of court.

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

Executive Director Hale reported that she, Supervisor Dave Potter and Salinas Councilmember Jyl Lutes represented TAMC at meetings in Washington, D.C. last week. They met with congressional staff to discuss the requests for funding for US 101/ San Juan Road interchange, Highway 68 Holman Highway improvements and the agency's two rail projects. She noted that it was a very successful and cost effective trip since all persons attending were in town for other purposes: Supervisor Potter and Councilmember Lutes were advocating for Gang Task Force funding and she was attending an American Public Works Association public policy forum regarding the reauthorization of the federal transportation act.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, Chief Deputy for District 5 Planning, announced that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds are being obligated; projects should be ready to move forward shortly. Mr. Krumholz noted that he is hopeful that the California Transportation Commission will approve bond funds, which will allow the Salinas Road interchange project to move forward to the construction phase some time this year. Highway 198 road repairs have been delayed due to unanticipated subgrade problems leading to a shortfall in funding. He announced that Caltrans along with the CHP has responded quickly to the tragic tour bus accident in Soledad. He noted that there are 5-minute delays in southbound lane, and two-way traffic moving on the northbound lane. Temporary K-rail concrete barrier is being installed where damage to the bridge rail occurred.
- ❑ **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – No report this month.
- ❑ **Monterey-Salinas Transit**– No report this month.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced Bike Week scheduled for the week of May 10 and the availability of t-Shirts and fliers listing the events. She noted that the 2008 Annual Reports have been mailed out to 159,000 households, noting the cost for each report is 38 cents per copy. Ms. Hale announced that the TAMC acronyms list would be provided on the dais at every Board meeting, and asked that they be left on the dais after each meeting. In conclusion, she thanked the Agency administrative staff for all their hard work, in recognition of Administrative Professionals' Day.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

None this month.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.