

Agenda Item: 3.1.1

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

Final Minutes of August 26, 2009 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Trish Lopez	Monterey County Public Works	Anthony Altfeld	City of Marina
Paul Greenway	Monterey County Public Works	Nourdin Khayata	City of Marina
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Christi Diorio	City of Marina
Mike Ranker	City of Greenfield	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
David Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Lupe Galaviz	South County resident
Vee Thomas	North County Mothers/ 101 Bypass Committee		

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Huerta/Calcagno/unanimous

Approved consent agenda excluding items 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

M/S/C Rubio/Parker

Abstained: Matarazzo

Approved consent items 3.5.1 and 3.5.2

Board member Steve Matarazzo left the room and recused himself due to a conflict of interest regarding ownership of land in the vicinity of the property being acquired.

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 June 24, 2009.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2009 and credit card statements for the months of May and June 2009.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences or training attended by Agency staff.

3.1.4 Accepted State of California Transportation Development Act Compliance and Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

3.1.5 Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel as recommended by the Executive Committee.

3.1.6 Received report on the status of Agency funds in the County of Monterey's Investment Pool.

3.1.7 Announced minor revisions to Agency Bylaws as recommended by the Executive Committee.

3.1.8 Regarding agreement Website Services:

1. Approved agreement with Alfredo Martinez to provide website maintenance services in the amount of \$14,400;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of an amount not-to-exceed \$14,400 from the Agency's operating budget for Fiscal Years 09-10 and 10-11 funding for the agreement.

3.1.9 Received update on the effects of Carmel Valley incorporation on the Transportation Agency.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Received report on repayment of Regional Service Transportation Program (RSTP) loan to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) in the amount of \$957,274 for bus purchase debt reduction.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Alcalde & Fay Contract Amendment #8 – Federal Lobbyist Services:
1. Approved the contract amendment #8 with Alcalde & Fay to continue to provide federal lobbyist services not to exceed the amount of \$66,000;
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign extensions to the agreement for two (2) one-year terms beyond June 30, 2010, on the same terms and conditions as in the original agreement; and
 4. Authorized the use of no more than \$76,000 per year from planning funding for the future annual extensions.
- 3.3.2** Regarding JEA & Associates Contract Amendment #4 – State Lobbyist Services:
1. Approved the contract amendment #4 with JEA & Associates to continue to provide professional advice and services relating to the Agency’s interests in federal, state and local government, for a monthly retainer amount of \$3,000;
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign extensions to the agreement for two (2) one-year terms beyond June 30, 2010, on the same terms and conditions as in the original agreement; and
 4. Authorized the use of \$3,000 plus expenses per month from planning funding for contract.
- 3.3.3** Received federal legislative update.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the request by Del Rey Oaks to allocate \$13, 905 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from Fiscal Years 04/05/06 cycle to a project to restore and resurface a portion of Rosita Road that has buckled due to root growth.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Connections Communications Services Contract Amendment:
1. Approved the use of \$7,368 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call answering service; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment not to exceed \$7,368 with Connections Communications Services for call answering service between August 26, 2009 and December 31, 2010; and
 3. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the standard contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.
- 3.4.3** Received report on status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act roadway funds.

Board member Huerta reminded the Board to stay on track and get the contracts out. Executive Director Hale noted everyone is doing a great job so far.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Parsons Contract Amendment #7:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with Parsons Transportation Group to continue work on the commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$32,350;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of \$32,350 from federal earmark funding for the contract.

Board member Steve Matarazzo recused himself from item 3.5.1, due to a conflict of interest.

3.5.2 Regarding Wood Rodgers Contract:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with Wood Rodgers, Inc. to perform a Phase II site investigation and property acquisition of one parcel at the proposed Commuter Rail Layover Facility in Salinas, not to exceed the amount of \$56,950;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$56,950 from Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding for the contract.

Board member Steve Matarazzo recused himself from item 3.5.2, due to a conflict of interest.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Approved allocation of Regional Development Impact fee funds from the Transportation Agency to Monterey County.

3.7.1 ***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft August 5, 2009
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft August 5, 2009
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – Agenda for August 17, 2009 meeting
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No meeting
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft August 6, 2009

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for April 1st through June 30, 2009.

The Agency employees recognized Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, for his professionalism, diligence, great work and most notably for his efforts and dedication attending many meetings with the residents of Carmel to compromise and come to consensus on the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project.

**5. TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT TO CITY OF MARINA;
REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

M/S/C Armenta/Parker

Opposed: Gerbrandt

The Board approved staff recommendation to the Board of Directors to extend the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant for the City of Marina to July 25, 2010, conditional that the project permitted by that deadline will be at least 50% housing and a minimum of 15 units per acre per the terms of the grant, and requested that the City of Marina report back to the Board with a project update and timeline in six months.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that on August 21, 2009, the City notified staff that a developer is ready to build the project and the City will have a building permit for the project by July 2010. Therefore, staff recommended an extension of this grant's deadline for a building permit to July 25, 2010. This project, immediately proximate to a MST transit center in downtown Marina, is a perfect fit with the program goals, and this new action since May shows that the grants are an incentive to getting the developer, city and transit agencies to collaborate on reaching commonly shared goals. Staff recommends the grant extension be conditional upon the City committing that the project permitted by July 25, 2010 will be at least 50% housing and a minimum of 15 units per acre as stipulated in the grant eligibility criteria.

Board alternate Gray noted that the City of Marina has a viable project and they are ready to move forward by next summer.

Board alternate Lee reported on behalf of Board member Potter, noting that the Supervisor supports staff's recommendation and asked that the City of Marina report back to the Board with a project update and timeline in six months.

Board member Edelen noted he had objected to the extension last month, but noted if no one wants to apply for these funds, he has no objection.

Board alternate Gerbrandt noted that the City of Soledad was denied an extension in November due to timelines and that the Board is setting a new precedent. Board member Parker thanked Agency staff for re-evaluating Marina's extension and appreciates that Marina is able to move forward.

Board member Armenta commented that the Board has been flexible in the past, noting the Agency is good about being positive and progressive. Chairman Sollecito reported that he believes that leadership is important, and there is nothing wrong with changing decisions when faced with a different set of circumstances.

6. HIGHWAY 156 PROJECT STATUS

The Board received presentation on the Highway 156 project.

Dave Silberberger, Caltrans District 5, reported that the Highway 156 project will widen Highway 156 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes between Castroville Boulevard and US 101 and reconstruct the 101/156 interchange and will improve access to the Oak Hills community. Preliminary engineering is complete and that the draft environmental impact report/environmental assessment was released for public review and comment on June 30, 2009. He noted that the existing Highway 156 is a heavily congested two-lane highway that connects to a four-lane expressway at US 101. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations, to improve local access to the highway, to improve interregional traffic flow, to relieve existing congestion, and to provide capacity for future increases in traffic volumes.

Mr. Silberberger reported that Caltrans evaluated reasonable alternatives that would feasibly attain the objectives of the project but would avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental impacts from the project. He noted that two build alternatives – Alternatives 11 and 12 – and a No-Build Alternative were proposed for this project. Alternative 11 would add two new lanes in both east bound and westbound directions, while the existing highway would essentially function as a frontage road. Alternative 12 would use the existing highway for part of the alignment and would add two new lanes south of the existing highway. Both build alternatives would include improvements to the US 101/ Highway 156 and San Miguel Canyon interchanges, including new connectors to northbound and south bound US 101. The estimated total cost for Alternative 11 is \$437 million. The estimated total cost for Alternative 12 is \$492 million. The build alternatives may need to be constructed in phases based on funding availability.

Vice Chairman Calcagno thanked Caltrans for their work over the past 10 years. He noted Salinas Road improvements are now a reality. He noted that this is a vital corridor to the citizens of the County. Without this corridor we are crippling the citizens of North County. He noted that at a cost of \$450 million the project will never happen. The Board needs to look at an affordable project that can address the situation. He encouraged staff and Caltrans to meet with the citizens in the community and the Monterey Peninsula and County to look at phasing the Highway 156 project.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concerns with the relocation and impact to the businesses in the 156 interchange footprint, if any of these wind up on the Highway 101 San Miguel Canyon side, specifically the shopping center area there could be a considerable increase of congestion. Since the 156 improvements are a state project, the burden falls on the County to address congestion, road repairs and other negative impacts. Ms. Matt urged that prior to Caltrans and the County signing the cooperative agreement, careful study is made of these issues. She also noted that it is difficult for the public to make responsible comments on community impacts in the draft Environmental Impact Report, noting there should be more specific information available on which businesses will be eliminated or relocated and new locations disclosed.

Vee Thomas, North County Mothers/101 Bypass Committee, reported on two letters and petitions sent to Caltrans regarding Route 156 between Route 101 and Castroville Boulevard and reconstruction of Highway 101/156 interchange in Monterey County. The letters addressed concerns in regards to the last draft EIR. The residents in Prunedale are concerned with losing their local businesses and urge the Board to choose Alternative 12. Ms. Thomas noted that selecting Alternative 11 turns over the existing Highway 156 to Monterey County and they cannot afford to maintain the roads they have now. She urged the Board to select Alternative 12.

7. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STRATEGIC EXPENDITURE PLAN

M/S/C Huerta/Rubio/unanimous

The Board approved the Strategic Expenditure Plan for the Regional Development Impact Fee and approved update to the regional fee schedule related to project cost reductions and schedule changes.

Michael Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Joint Powers Agency contracted with the Agency to perform all fee-related services, including the Strategic Expenditure Plan. The draft plan uses three tiers to schedule project delivery (2009-2015, 2016-2024, and 2025-2030). He noted that the plan has been updated to address issues related to the amount of the fees, State Route 1 widening, and Highway 68 intersections. Mr. Zeller reported that the Agency has received a letter from the City of Greenfield requesting earlier scheduling for the US 101 - Walnut Avenue interchange. This issue will be taken to the Technical Advisory Committee and will be brought back to the Board with an amended plan to address Greenfield's request.

Board member Matarazzo reported that the City of Sand City has been put on notice by the Coastal Commission that the regional development impact fee is not adequate to mitigate cumulative traffic impacts due to lack of sales tax funding and the inadequate appropriation of funding for Highway 1 widening.

Board member Rubio commended the Transportation Agency staff for reaching out to the City of Seaside and for the ability to move funding to more important and timely projects. He noted that he shares the concerns of City of Sand City in terms of the ability to move the highway projects forward.

Board member Parker asked if the funds are shifted from the Highway 1 widening project to the Fremont Boulevard improvements and the Monterey Branch Line what is the share of funding for the widening. She also asked if the plan would be revisited annually. Mr. Zeller replied that the total fees for the Highway 1 widening project are \$4.7 million and shifting \$2.1 million toward the Monterey Branch Line means funding will have to be made up from other sources to fully fund the Highway 1 widening project. He also noted that the Agency will make minor revisions to the Expenditure Plan annually and a full update of the nexus study is required every five years.

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

None this month.

9. **REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

- **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, District Director for District 5, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted Caltrans is participating in the State furlough program and that over the next 17 months the state offices will be closed the first 3 Fridays of every month. He noted that Caltrans focuses on safety first and has adjusted furloughs in order to have a full crew to respond to state highway emergencies. Mr. Krumholz announced that Walter Colton Elementary School in Monterey and Robert Downey Elementary School in Pacific Grove received grants from the Safe Routes to School Program school routes. Caltrans received an award to be shared by the Transportation Agency from the Federal Highway Administration for the Elkhorn Slough early mitigation partnership program to identify how we can preserve agricultural land and enhance habitat along Highways 1, 156, 101, and the G12 Corridor. In conclusion, Mr. Krumholz reported that the federal discretionary grant program (the “TIGER” program) is a subset of the stimulus bill that totals \$1.5 billion nationwide and sets a maximum of \$300 million per state. The San Juan Road interchange was nominated for TIGER funding, but did not make the Governor’s Tier 1 list, however AMBAG along with the support of the Transportation Agency Board can nominate that project independently for those discretionary funds.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked if Caltrans is still monitoring the situation at Highway 156 and 101, due to the left lane closure at the Red Barn. She noted that there is increasing traffic, making it more hazardous and asked that Caltrans keep it as safe as possible. Mr. Krumholz replied that Caltrans would continue to monitor the Red Barn traffic issues.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District is losing some of the service from Allegiant Air, reducing flights to San Diego, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The Airport District continues to pursue additional airlines and expanded air service to various locations including Sacramento. He reported that the Airport District received \$8 million in stimulus funds to use on runway repairs. The Airport District is in the process of implementing a telephone language translation service to communicate with foreign language-speaking passengers.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit**– Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) has paid back the loan from the Transportation Agency in the amount of \$957,274. He noted that the loan was used for bus purchase debt reduction and was very helpful to MST. He announced that beginning on Labor Day there will be a temporary fare reductions for 1 year (reducing the base fare from \$2.50 to \$2.25), and increased routes in Monterey County including 3 new trips on South County line 23 that will alleviate overcrowding. Also, the Salinas Trolley will start service again.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Reception on August 26th, 6:30 p.m., at the Taste of Monterey, Cannery Row. She thanked the sponsors of the event. Ms. Hale invited the Board members to participate in the CTC Town Hall meeting on August 27th, 8:30 a.m., at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, Serra II Room, noting it is a great opportunity to talk about Monterey County's traffic issues and how they can help us reach our goals. The Town Hall will include presentations on key projects and the transportation needs in the region. Ms. Hale noted that the Agency's emphasis is on keeping funds for projects that are already programmed. The three programmed projects that are most important to the county are the Salinas Road interchange, Airport Boulevard interchange, and the Highway 101 Prunedale Improvement Project.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Carl Sedoryk announced that Monterey Salinas Transit would be extending the service hours of the MST Trolley on August 26th to provide transportation to and from the CTC reception.

Executive Director Hale reminded the Board that the Agricultural Center is undergoing construction and the Agency Board meetings will be held at the Salinas Community Center for the next 6-9 months.

Vice Chairman Calcagno reported that he traveled to Chicago and Washington State and saw no litter. He noted that there is a real litter problem in the County. He commented that Caltrans should have more creative signs or possibly a television awareness campaign on the problem.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sollecito left the meeting and designated Vice Chair Calcagno to serve as chair. Vice Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.