



TAMC STAFF	DEC 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	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	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Trish Lopez	MCPWD	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Carol Dawson	City of Seaside	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	John Russo	Cachagua Church Pastor
Lindsay Hong	Rabobank	Jazmyn Turnbull	Cachagua resident
Julianne Oberg	Cachagua resident	Steve Carson	King City resident
Griselda Barron	Laborers Union Local 297	Ben Sobels	Cachagua resident
Eleanor Elliott	Cachagua resident		

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

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- CONSENT AGENDA**  
M/S/C Orozco/Armenta/unanimous  
Approved consent agenda.

***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 October 28, 2009.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2009 and credit card statements for the months of September 2009.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or training attended by Agency staff.

**3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2010 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

**3.1.5** Adopted revisions to attached Agency Conflict of Interest Code.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

**3.2.1** Regarding AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Agreements:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into two agreements with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District effective through January 29, 2012 for the Bicycle Protection Program and the Agency's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes as necessary that do not affect the funding amount secured.

***PLANNING***

**3.3.1** Adopted final 2010 Legislative Program.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

**3.4.1** Regarding Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project Bid Advertisement:

1. Approved Resolution 2009-14 authorizing the Executive Director to advertise for bids for the construction of the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project; and,
2. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Whitson Engineers to provide engineering support services and construction staking during construction in an amount not to exceed \$57,700.

**3.4.2** Regarding the construction management of the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Harris & Associates not to exceed \$237,016 for the construction management, inspection, and materials testing for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project (Web Attachment); and,
2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the scope of work that do not affect the not-to-exceed amount set above, subject to concurrence by Agency counsel.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** *No items this month.*

## **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

3.6.1

*No items this month.*

3.7.1

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:**

- Executive Committee – Draft November 4, 2009
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 4, 2009  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft November 2, 2009
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft November 5, 2009  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft November 5, 2009

## **END OF CONSENT**

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### **4. EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner and Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, as the Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter for July through September 2009.

The Agency employees recognized Christina for her professionalism, diligence, knowledge and helping staff with Microsoft Word and most notably for her efforts and dedication moving the commuter rail extension project to the next level. Kristen was recognized for her professionalism, diligence, and most notably for her excellent work bringing the Monterey Branch Line forward to the selection of a locally preferred alternative.

### **5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

M/S/C Gerbrandt/Villegas/unanimous

The Board received a staff presentation on the unmet transit needs process and directed staff to consult with local transit operators, affected jurisdictions, community agencies, and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and return to the Board with a recommended finding on Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2009-10.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported 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 local planning or street and road purposes. Mr. Cook noted that Monterey-Salinas Transit line 23 improvements, North County communities, Highway 156 corridor, Aromas and Cachagua/Carmel Valley door-to-door transportation would be included in the public hearing.

***The Chair opened the public hearing.***

Board member Kleber thanked Monterey-Salinas Transit for their responsiveness to transit issues raised by King City residents.

Steve Carson, King City resident, reported that a bus stop is needed near the Firestone Business Park. He noted that the nearest bus stop is 3 miles away.

John Russo, Cachagua resident, expressed the need for public transportation in Cachagua, noting the nearest transit service is 11 miles away. Ben Sobles, Cachagua resident, reported that there is a great need for transportation services in Cachagua. He noted that there is a misconception that Cachagua residents are not transit dependent. Eleanor Elliott, Cachagua resident, reported that a bus line into Cachagua is very much needed by the workers. Jazmyn Turnbull, Cachagua resident, reported she has to hitchhike if she misses the bus to and from school. She would appreciate a bus line in Cachagua. Julianne Oberg, Cachagua resident, reported that there is no public phone in Cachagua. She noted that residents must hitchhike for transportation, which is a safety concern.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Carl Sedoryk, CEO and General Manager for Monterey-Salinas Transit, for the a bus stop enclosure on San Miguel Canyon and asked that the dilapidated bus stop enclosure on the other side of San Miguel be upgraded.

***Chairman Sollecito closed the public hearing.***

He asked staff to continue to consult with Monterey-Salinas Transit on these issues and report back to the Board with a finding.

Board member Rubio reported that possibly implementing a basic starter service such as a DART service in Cachagua should be explored. Board member Delgado questioned whether the Agency should be providing public transit services to remote rural areas.

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked that public transportation for the 2,900 Soledad Prison and Dole employees continues to be an unmet transit need, and that a comprehensive study should be done.

Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the purpose of the item is to conduct a public hearing and that staff will analyze the requests against the Agency's adopted unmet transit needs criteria to determine if there is an unmet transit need that is reasonable to meet and report back to the Board at a future date.

6. **DRAFT 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST**

The Board reviewed and commented on the draft project list for inclusion in the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that limited state funding is available for the 5-year period of 2010/11 to 2014/15. Staff has developed the draft 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to minimize the delays to projects currently programmed in Monterey County. He noted State Transportation Improvement Program funding is subject to the year-to-year State budget decisions and therefore is unpredictable.

In this current year, California Transportation Commission staff estimates approximately \$242 million in STIP projects programmed cannot be allocated due to funding shortfalls. The California Transportation Commission adopted an allocation plan that funds only construction projects. Pre-construction phases, such as right-of-way, will not receive allocations in 2009/10. Two County of Monterey Projects and one City of Monterey project are impacted by this decision. The Route 68 widening near CHOMP is programmed for the right-of-way in 2009/10. Staff is recommending waiting to reprogram this project until the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program to see if funds will be available to program final engineering for the project.

Highway 1 Operational Improvements near Carmel and the Hwy 68 Corral de Tierra Intersection projects have pre-construction phases programmed in 2009/10 that will not be allocated by the State. Transportation Agency's staff recommendation is to advance local funds to cover the pre-construction phases of these projects. Both projects remain programmed for construction in the current State Transportation Improvement Program.

7. **LOCAL FUNDING BACKFILL FOR STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS WITH LOCAL FUNDS**

M/S/C Potter/Calcagno/unanimous

Approved backfilling \$520,000 of currently programmed State Transportation Improvement Program funds with local funds.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, presented a report recommending advancing \$83,000 of regional impact fees and \$437,000 of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to cover the pre-construction phases of Highway 1 operational improvements near Carmel and the Highway 68 Corral de Tierra intersection projects.

Board member Potter noted he strongly supported staff recommendation.

8. **511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

Received an overview on 511 Traveler Information System.

Kaki Chen, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency and the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission received a grant of \$259,210 to prepare a comprehensive Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System Feasibility and Implementation Plan. The total project cost is \$324,000, including an in-kind match of \$64,802 contributed by the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission and the Transportation Agency. Once the Plan is completed, staff will have an accurate cost estimate for system deployment. Case studies conducted in other areas across the country found that it takes on average \$1.8 million to design, implement and operate a 511 system for the first year.

Board member Edelen reported that this is a great idea, but it may be a concept that is not affordable. Board member Calcagno and Board alternate Gerbrandt concurred with Edelen, noting the great idea, but concern with the lack of operation funds to sustain the system with the current economic status. Ms. Chen responded that once the Plan gets completed, the Agency will have a better understanding of cost for system deployment and implementation. The study may find that the cost is below the \$1.8 million reported in other areas of the country. Board members will have the opportunity in the future to decide whether or not to move forward with the project.

Executive Director Hale reported that this a very low cost, high value program. She noted that the \$1.8 million investment is feasible if the project is phased with call box revenues and the cost is shared with Santa Cruz County. The program is also a good way to use technological advances to plan for our transportation future. Board member Matarazzo concurred with Ms. Hale, noting the traveler information system is an effective way to manage traffic demand and maximize the capacity of our highways, especially when resources to make large capital improvements are not available. Board member Parker also concurred with Ms. Hale and pointed out the potential program benefits to two of our biggest industries: tourism and agriculture.

9. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §54957 – POSITION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Board held a **CLOSED SESSION** on: Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel; and,

**RECONVENED** in open session: Chairman Sollecito reported that the Board unanimously agreed that Executive Director Hale and Legal Counsel Blankenship are doing an excellent job. The Board directed Chairman Sollecito to meet with Executive Director Hale and Legal Counsel Blankenship to discuss their evaluations.

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

Board member Kleber reported that she and TAMC staff toured King City and Parkfield on November 17, 2009. Staff met with the City Manager of King City on transportation issues. Board member Huerta reported that the City of Greenfield was invited to attend a round table discussion with Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki, noting they had discussed the 511 program.

**11. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

- **Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director for District 5 Planning, reported that the Federal Highway Administration and the Roadway Safety Foundation have recognized Caltrans for its Strategic Safety Plan promoting safety belt usage, ensuring drivers are properly licensed, and reducing highway fatalities by 20%. She reported that the state recently sold \$716 million in bonds, noting that in combination with the bonds sold in October there is now \$1 billion for transportation projects. The California Transportation Commission will meet next week to adopt guidelines for how the savings from Corridor Mobility Improvement Account bonds will be allocated. In conclusion, Ms. Loe reported that San Miguel Canyon Road slope repair should be completed in January 2010. She announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Salinas Road interchange project would be scheduled for sometime in April.
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District has had an increase in passengers. He asked the Board to include the Airport District in the 511 program.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, announced that Monterey-Salinas Transit will hold a Strategic Planning workshop on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and invited representatives from the south county cities and Sand City to attend. He also announced that starting January 30<sup>th</sup> MST will be implementing the following service changes: cut services on the Alisal Street corridor on Sundays, due to low ridership; modifications to Line 23 to provide better connections at the Firestone Business Park; and, provision of an extra trip between Salinas and Monterey along the Highway 68 corridor in partnership with the Defense Language Institute. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk reported that MST will start using Twitter to provide service alerts.

**12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report this month.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

Board member Orozco announced that the City of Gonzales is the home to the County's Small Business Resource Center, serving clients from Gilroy to King City. She and Supervisor Salinas took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday.

Board member Delgado reported that the Board recently took an important step forward by selecting a light rail as the preferred alternative for the Monterey Branch Line. He noted that there are still concerns from persons who don't understand the positive impacts this project can have on our economy. Staff along with partners of the Board needs to focus on public outreach for this project.

**14. ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS**

**M/S/C** Parker/Huerta/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a report from Nominating Committee and elected:

- Lou Calcagno, Chair
- Steve Villegas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and
- Simon Salinas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the Board

For the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 1, 2010 Board meeting; and,

**M/S/C** Rubio/Villegas/unanimous

Received a report from Nominating Committee and elected the following Board members as voting members of the Executive Committee:

- Lou Calcagno, Chair
- Steve Villegas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
- Simon Salinas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- Frank Sollecito, immediate past Chair
- Maria Orozco, City representative; and,
- Jane Parker, County representative,

For the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the of the December 1, 2010 Board meeting.

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the close of Agency's December meeting. Executive Director Hale congratulated the board members who were re-elected and gave a farewell and thanks to Board members Potter and Kleber for their services. Chairman Sollecito thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sollecito thanked the Board members for their leadership in 2009 and adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.