

**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 September 23, 2009 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Dan Albert	City of Monterey resident
Jim Ford	City of Marina	Lee Otter	Coastal Commission
Bob Scales	Parsons	Christi DiIorio	City of Marina
Jerry Landesman	Salinas resident	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Elaine Bennett	Arroyo Seco resident	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Karen Parker	South County Fire District	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Junie Barron	Sound consultant
Lupe Galaviz	South County resident		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order, and welcomed Board alternate John Martinez, City of Greenfield; Carmelita Garcia, Mayor of Pacific Grove and Jerry Edelen, Mayor of Del Rey Oaks.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Rubio/Villegas/unanimous  
Approved consent agenda.

Staff postponed item 3.2.1 until the October Board meeting.

***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 August 26, 2009.

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

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

- 3.1.4 Approved minor revisions to Agency Bylaws as announced at the August Board meeting.
- 3.1.5 Adopted revisions to attached Agency Conflict of Interest Code.
- 3.1.6 Approved revisions to the Administrative Policies.

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

- 3.2.1 Draft Expenditure Plan for Transportation Development Act 2% Account.  
This item was postponed to a future date.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1 Received the fiscal year 2008-2009 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1 Regarding Call Box Installation in Rural County Areas:

1. Approved contract with Case Systems Incorporated to procure, assemble and install 20 call boxes in the rural Monterey County areas in the amount of \$112,833.99; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract 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 \$112,833.99 from the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funding for the contract.

Karen Parker of the South County Fire District and Elaine Bennett Arroyo Seco resident thanked Supervisor Calcagno for initiating the call boxes in Arroyo Seco area. They echoed the need for call boxes in south county's rural area.

- 3.4.2 The Agency Board authorized final payment to Sohagi Law Group for work performed in excess of the contract amount for the Carmel Hill to River Trail project's Environmental Impact Report.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

*No items this month*

***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

- 3.6.1 Regarding Regional Impact Fee Legal Opinion:

1. Approved agreement with Nossaman LLP to provide legal services in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000;
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 \$15,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Program interest account funds for the agreement.

3.7.1

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:**

- Executive Committee – Draft September 2, 2009
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft September 2, 2009  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft August 17, 2009 minutes and September 21, 2009 agenda
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – None this month  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft September 3, 2009

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE SELECTION OF LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

M/S/C Calcagno/Edelen

The Board postponed adopting the locally-preferred alternative for the Monterey Branch Line transit corridor until its next meeting on Oct. 28, 2009 by a 10-7 vote, with Board members Parker, Potter, Kleber, Matarazzo, Rubio, Sharp and Gerbrandt voting “no”.

Executive Director Hale reported that there have been several years of study of various transit options on the Monterey Branch Line corridor. She stated that the Monterey Branch Line represents an opportunity to provide residents of the Monterey Peninsula a greener and faster alternative to driving on congested Highway 1 and Del Monte Avenue.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that adopting a locally preferred alternative among the two viable build alternatives, light rail or bus rapid transit will allow the Agency to proceed with the federally required environmental assessment. She presented the staff recommendation to select light rail as the locally-preferred alternative. She noted that although the operating costs for the light rail alternative are slightly higher than the bus rapid transit alternative, staff believes the long-term benefits of capturing the “choice” riders and the greater passenger capacity will eventually cover this cost and will prove to increase ridership beyond that of bus rapid transit.

Former Mayor Dan Albert noted that the Monterey City Council had never formally voted on which alternative they preferred. Albert acknowledged the council had reviewed the proposal, but he argued that the council should be allowed to weigh in on the details of a project that could have a major impact on the downtown area.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, reported that his agency stands ready to operate either mode. He noted that MST won't be the first to contract out to someone to operate and maintain a light rail service.

Lee Otter, Coastal Commission, reported that he supports the staff recommendation, noting it is appropriate and urged moving forward.

**5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTION PLAN UPDATE**

**M/S/C** Rubio/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved the draft project list for environmental review of the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan update.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency must adopt an update to Monterey County's Regional Transportation Plan by May of 2010, pursuant to state and federal regulations. He noted that state guidelines require that the project list included in the Regional Transportation Plan be constrained based on an estimate of available revenues over the 25 year planning horizon of the plan. The previous regional plan adopted in 2005 assumed the addition of new local sales tax and regional impact fee revenues. The new proposed draft list does not include the transportation sales tax, so some projects previously listed will fall off of the list. In conclusion, Mr. Cook noted that a finalized draft list must be submitted to AMBAG this month to prevent delays in the coordinated environmental review schedule for the regional plans. A revised list with any updates received before September 23 will be distributed at the meeting. Staff will return with the Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan and environmental document in early 2010, which will be circulated for a 45-day public review period at that time.

Bill Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport, requested that staff leave the SR 68 widening project on the list, noting it is important for the Airport.

Executive Director Hale reported that the federal government requires that the project list be constrained by reasonably available revenues. She noted that staff might be able to put the project on a financially unconstrained list.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, supports the Agency's work on the constrained project list.

**6. 511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was postponed to a future meeting.

7. **REPROGRAMMING TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING**

M/S/C Salinas/Orozco/unanimous

The Board approved reprogramming federal stimulus funds to the Marina and King City Pedestrian Sidewalk projects.

Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the County of Monterey notified Transportation Agency staff they would not be able to meet the March 2, 2010 deadline to obligate Recovery Act funds for the Carmel Valley Greens Bicycle Path. Transportation Agency staff recommends reprogramming the funds based on the review of eight eligible replacement projects submitted by seven cities. Reprogramming \$382,000 Transportation Enhancement American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to two new projects will insure the funds will not be lost to Monterey County. He noted that a call for projects was included in the Technical Advisory Committee's September 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda for eligible projects that could obligate the \$382,000 available before the March 2, 2010 deadline. Transportation Agency staff reviewed proposed projects with the goal of identifying projects that could be fully funded and constructed within the deadlines if they received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Transportation Enhancement funds. The Marina and King City sidewalk projects best fit the criteria for shovel-ready enhancement projects.

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** – Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director for District 5 Planning, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. She noted that Monterey County received \$5 million in federal stimulus funds, noting that two of the projects under construction are the Castroville guardrail upgrade, and the US 101 King City/Salinas intersection construction of a medians and acceleration lanes. Ms. Loe announced that bids will be opened today for the Salinas Road interchange project.
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported the Airport District received \$8 million in stimulus funds to use on runway repairs and noted that the bids came in at \$4 million.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, announced AB 644 has cleared Assembly and is waiting on the Governor's signature. He noted that MST would reach out to the South County cities to be represented on the MST Board prior to the bill's July 1, 2010 effective date.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale announced that the August 27<sup>th</sup> California Transportation Commission Town Hall meeting in Monterey was very successful. She noted that four commissioners attended and it was a great opportunity to talk about 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.

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

Chairman Sollecito reminded the Board members to return the evaluation forms for Executive Director Hale and Agency Counsel Blankenship to him by October 2, 2009.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sollecito adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.