

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 28, 2010 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
 Salinas Community Center, Santa Lucia Conference Room
 940 North Main Street, Salinas

	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- 2nd Vice Chair (D. Dunham)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (K. Clark)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Orozco, Gonzales (M. Gourley)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (Y. Teneyuque)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	E	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Past Chair (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
D. Lindsay, Pacific Grove (C. Garcia)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas - 1st Vice Chair (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	-	P	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	P(A)
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	-	-	P	P
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe , D. Murray , M. McCumsey)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	-	E	-	P	-	P	P	-	P	E	P
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	E	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P	P	P

TAMC STAFF	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	E	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	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	E	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	P	P	E	P	P	P	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	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	E	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

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
James Serrano	City of Salinas	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
David Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Alejandro Pujol	Golden Helmet winner	Sean Houck	RBF Consulting
Frank Henderson	Silver Helmet winner	Fredrik Venter	RBF Consulting
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Calcagno called the meeting to order. He noted that staff deleted item 6, Closed Session from the agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Sollecito/Gerbrandt/unanimous

Approved consent agenda.

Executive Director Hale pulled item 3.5.1 Attachment 1, for correction; changing the Right-of-Way legal services to the Right-of-Way negotiations.

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 24, 2010.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for March 2010 and credit card statements for the months of February 2010.
- 3.1.3 Report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff, none this month.
- 3.1.4 Adopted revisions to the Agency Conflict of Interest Code.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Regarding Beach Range Road Improvement Project:
 - 1. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the California State Parks to provide project planning and development activities and construction for the Beach Range Road Bicycle and Pedestrian path project, up to the maximum \$400,000 project budget; and
 - 2. Approved contract with Whitson Engineers to provide civil engineering services in the amount of \$20,160; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and Memorandum of Understanding and changes to the contract and Memorandum of Understanding if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.2.2 Received information on the Reformulated Gasoline Settlement Fund program, and Authorized the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for Santa Cruz Ecology Action's Green Routes to School Program.
- 3.2.3 Regarding Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program:
 - 1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$371,573 for rural public transit services in Monterey County;
 - 2. Adopted Resolution 2010-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign regional agency certifications and assurances as part of the project application.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Adopted positions on state legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Authorized the Executive Director to amend an existing contract with Denise Duffy & Associates to implement the required Biological Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan and associated habitat planning for an additional amount not to exceed \$99,930; and Authorized the Executive Director to issue future change orders up to 15% of the total contract.
- 3.4.2 Regarding On-Call Engineering and Project Management Consultant Request for Qualifications:
 - 1. Approved the On-Call Engineering and Project Management Consultant Scope of Work; and
 - 2. Authorized staff to release the standardized request for qualification with the scope of work, score the received statements of qualifications, and conduct interviews as necessary.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Commuter Rail Extension Right-of-Way Acquisition Requests for Qualifications:

1. Approved the scope of work for the three Requests for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to circulate the three Requests for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition, appraisal, and legal services, select consultants, and negotiate contracts with the selected consultants.

3.5.2 Regarding Wood Rodgers Contract Amendment #2:

1. Approved the scope of work for contract amendment #2 with Wood Rodgers, Inc. to perform property acquisition of one parcel at the proposed Commuter Rail Layover Facility in Salinas, for an additional amount not to exceed \$41,832;
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 \$41,832 from Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding for the contract amendment.

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3.6.1 *No items this month.*

3.7.1 ***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – No meeting
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft April 7, 2010
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft April 5, 2010
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No meeting (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting

END OF CONSENT

4. **GOLDEN HELMET AWARD WINNER**

Executive Director Hale presented a certificate to the first Golden Helmet winner Frank Henderson and first Silver Helmet winner Alejandro Pujol as part of the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week celebration.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Golden Helmet Award recognizes a Monterey County resident for his/her dedication to bicycling to and from work. She noted that the aim of this award is to highlight the benefits of bicycle commuting and inspire others to utilize alternative transportation modes. Mr. Henderson was recognized for his dedication using bicycling in his daily commute over 100 miles per week, and Mr. Pujol for using bicycling in his daily commute over 240 hours per year.

5. **AIRPORT BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT-PHASE 1**

The Board received presentation on the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project-Phase 1.

Dave Silberberger, Caltrans District 5, reported this project will improve the safety and operation of the Airport Boulevard interchange on State Route 101. He noted that the phase 1 project will widen the existing Airport Boulevard interchange and create new on and off ramps on the east side of Highway 101. The project will also make roadway improvements to Airport Boulevard and De La Torre. He also noted that the environmental, design and right of way phases of the project have been completed and the project has now progressed to the construction phase. The current schedule calls for construction bids to be received in May 2010. Once the contract is awarded, the construction is expected to start in July 2010 and be completed in about 12 months.

Board alternate Gerbrandt asked that Caltrans place proper signage, notifying the public of the construction project. Mr. Silberberger noted that Caltrans would implement standard signage.

Director Hale reported that staff would announce the groundbreaking date as soon it becomes available.

6. **MONTEREY BRANCH LINE VISUAL SIMULATION**

The Board received an update on the Monterey Branch Line Project and viewed the Monterey Branch Line Light Rail service video simulation.

Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the environmental review of the Monterey Branch Line project is underway and a visual simulation of the Monterey Branch Line project will be used as a public outreach tool. She reported that since the selection of light rail transit as the locally preferred alternative at the October Transportation Agency board meeting, a notice of preparation for the environmental review of the project was distributed to cities and the public for comment. Transportation Agency staff has also been meeting with the staff and making council presentations to the cities along the corridor to discuss alignment, station locations, and environmental concerns. A new set of conceptual drawings of the corridor and stations were completed and distributed to the cities for their review. Ms. Hoschouer noted that Transportation Agency staff has heard concerns from residents and businesses along the corridor about safety and the aesthetics of a light rail train running through their cities, particularly along the Window on the Bay Park in Monterey and through downtown Marina. The computer simulation showing light rail running and stopping at stations on the Monterey Branch Line corridor through Monterey Peninsula cities will provide residents a better idea of what the light rail line will look and feel like. We're also working to improve aesthetics along the corridor by increasing parkland and coordinating with the expansion of the Window on the Bay Park.

Board member Delgado asked that staff meet with the local cities staff to focus on issues in their jurisdictions before presenting to their councils.

Board member Armenta requested that staff prepare a simple information sheet noting how the region is going to benefit with Light Rail. He also asked that staff also present to LAFCO, and Special Districts to help stay united on the benefits of the project. Board member Sollecito noted that Light Rail is for the future.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, reported that MST has not taken a position on Bus Rapid Transit versus Light Rail. He noted that the Transportation Agency made a compelling case with the data provided to the Board and noted that MST's role is to be the operator.

7. **MODERN ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTIONS PRESENTATION**

The Board received presentation from Fredrik Venter and Sean Houck from RBF Consulting on how modern roundabout intersections improve safety, reduce congestion and lower lifetime maintenance costs.

Sean Houck reported Modern Roundabout intersections are becoming more common in California because of their many positive attributes. Roundabouts are safer than traditional signalized or stop controlled intersections having fewer vehicle collisions, serious injuries and fatalities when compared with the intersections they replaced. He noted that roundabouts also reduce points of conflict between pedestrians and motor vehicles and are therefore considered to be safer for pedestrians. Design flexibility make modern roundabouts appropriate for intersections with wide ranges of traffic from less than 20,000 vehicles per day to over 50,000 vehicles per day. They are traffic control devices that reduce emissions, accidents, noise, surface runoff, cost of maintenance, vehicle delays and vehicle stops.

Board member Delgado commented that roundabouts are beneficial, fun, efficient and increases productivity. Board member Sharp asked if a study on water runoff has been done. Mr. Houck replied that water runoff has been considered. He noted that roundabouts require less pavement and the water runs off to the landscaped areas.

8. **CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS**

The closed session was deleted from the agenda.

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

No report this month.

10. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- **Caltrans** – Dave Murray, Senior Transportation Planner for District 5, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted that the US 101 Camp Robert's rest area is scheduled to open in May. He announced that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 23, 2010, at the park and ride lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 1 and Salinas Road.

Board alternate Lee asked that Caltrans take a look at the Pacific Grove intersection on Sunset Avenue, noting the lighted crosswalk tends to work intermediately and also at the same intersection there is a 6 inch gap in curb, she asked that Caltrans and the school district work together to fix the problem. She thanked the clean up crews and Highway 1 litter task force for keeping the highways clean. Mr. Murray noted that he check into the issue on Sunset Avenue.

Board member Delgado asked when Caltrans plans to change the sign going north Highway 1 that reads Imjin Parkway and going southbound on Hwy 1, reads 12 Street, this is having an impact on the shopping center over a \$5,000 sign. He also thanked Caltrans for everything they are doing. Mr. Murray noted that the sign was on back order.

Board member Huerta asked if Caltrans plans for future median dividers at the crossover at Highway 101/Chualar. Mr. Murray replied that this has been a long-term issue, noting its part of the TAMC fee program and transportation concept report. Director Hale noted that TAMC staff met with Supervisor Salinas and a resident of the south county community and did see this is an area that needs further study in the near future.

Board Chairman Calcagno asked Caltrans to open the road at Esperanza Road and Somavia Road, noting that it is a problem for the agricultural people to get across the road.

Debbie reported that staff would meet with Caltrans to address the concerns of the Board and get movement on some of these issues.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District is doing well. The flight information display system will be ready and running in June. He noted that their customer base is continuing to grow and carriers are solid. He announced that the Airport District received a federal grant from the Department of Transportation to be used to attract direct service to Portland and Seattle from Monterey.

- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST received an award from Cal Act. He noted that MST was recognized for their partnership efforts with the Defense Language Institute Naval Post Graduate School providing taxi script and taxicab connections with MST busses at Pacific Meadows. He announced that MST received two new higher capacity busses that will replace MST's overcrowded Line 23, servicing South County and Line 55 MST's bus to San Jose. He also noted that MST Board approved the purchase of new fare boxes that are smart card compatible. Mr. Sedoryk reported that MST has used up all of their stimulus funds and along with the diversion of state funds will have to make some hard choices on service and other issues. In conclusion, he announced that MST will become a MST Transit District with all of the south county cities on board in July 2010.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange groundbreaking ceremony held on April 23, 2010 was well attended. She noted that the Citizen Advisory Committee members were excited to see this project come to fruition. Ms. Hale reported that Senator Boxer has proposed a \$2 million federal earmark for the Highway 101, San Juan Road project. She announced the California Transportation Commission continues to recommend funding for the Prunedale Improvement Project. The Transportation Agency 2009 Annual Report, which addresses Agency accomplishments for 2009 and goals and challenges for 2010, was mailed to residents throughout the County during the month of April. She reminded the Board members that the Ethics Training certificate is due every two years and asked the Board members to submit a copy of their certificate to TAMC. Ms. Hale reminded the Board that Bike Week is scheduled from May 10 – 16, 2010, and that there would be a Bike-to-TAMC Board at the May 26, meeting, noting that the Board meeting would be held at the Ag Center. Ms. Hale reported that construction of the Carmel Valley Road/Trail would be starting soon and updates would be announced as they become available. In conclusion, she thanked the City of Pacific Grove for adopting the Regional Taxi Authority and asked for support from the other jurisdictions.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

John Doughty, AMBAG, announced the Moss Landing Marine Labs Community Planning Forum Series 2010 to discuss water efficiency on May 14, 2010, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.