

AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES
AND
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Meeting of Wednesday, April 28, 2010

**Salinas Community Center, Santa Lucia Conference Room
940 N. Main Street
Salinas, California
9:00 A.M.**

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1. **QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER.** Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative. *If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Any person may address the Transportation Agency Board at this time. Presentations should not exceed three minutes, should be directed to an item **NOT** on today's agenda, and should be within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Agency Board. *Though it is not required, the Transportation Agency Board appreciates your cooperation in completing a speaker request form available on the table at the entrance to the meeting room. Please give the completed form to the Transportation Agency Administrative Assistant.*

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** **(Yellow Paper)**
APPROVE the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be considered for discussion and action after the Consent Agenda. **Pages 13 - 85**

4. **PRESENT** certificate to the first annual Golden Helmet Award winner, as part of the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week celebration.
– Calcagno **Pages 86 - 87**

The Golden Helmet Award will recognize a Monterey County resident for his/her dedication to bicycling to and from work. The aim of this award is to highlight the benefits of bicycle commuting and inspire others to utilize alternative transportation modes. The Board of Directors will recognize the winner at the Agency's April Board meeting.

5. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project, Phase 1. – Myers **Pages 88 - 89**

This project will improve the safety and operation of the Airport Boulevard interchange on State Route 101. 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.

6. **RECEIVE** update on Monterey Branch Line Project and **VIEW** Monterey Branch Line Light Rail service video simulation. – Hoschouer

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The environmental review of the Monterey Branch Line project is underway and as a public outreach tool, a visual simulation of the Monterey Branch Line project will be shown at the meeting for viewing.

7. **RECEIVE** presentation from Fredrik Venter and Sean Houck from RBF Consulting on how modern roundabout intersections improve safety, reduce congestion and lower lifetime maintenance costs. Examples of locations in Monterey County that could benefit from utilizing modern roundabout intersections will be discussed. – Muck

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Modern roundabout intersections are becoming more common in California because of their many positive attributes. Significant safety advantages extend cost savings to public safety department budgets. 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.

8. **CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.** Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station. – Watson **No Enclosure**

Property: 20 New Street

Agency negotiator: Christina Watson

Negotiating parties: Paul Powers, III

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

9. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law. **No Enclosure**

10. Reports from transportation providers:

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- Caltrans – Krumholz/Loe
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District– Sabo
- Monterey-Salinas Transit– Sedoryk

11. Executive Director's Report *No Enclosure*
12. Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.
13. Adjournment

Please send any items for the May 26, 2010 Transportation Agency agenda to Senior Administrative Assistant Elouise Rodriguez by 12 noon, Thursday, May 13, 2010.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County meeting will be on
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

*****Agricultural Center Conference Room*****

1428 Abbott Street

Salinas, California

9:00 A.M.

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BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 **APPROVE** minutes of the Transportation Agency For Monterey County (TAMC) Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency of March 24, 2010. – Rodriguez **Pages 13 - 20**

3.1.2 **ACCEPT** the list of checks written for March 2010 and credit card statements for the month of February 2010. – Delfino **Pages 21 - 22**

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

3.1.3 **RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff. – Bachman **No report this month.**

Agency staff occasionally attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to the their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.

3.1.4 **ADOPT** revisions to attached Agency Conflict of Interest Code. – Goel **Pages 23 - 29**

Conflict of Interest Code refers to the filing of statements of economic interests by Transportation Agency of Monterey County Board members, alternates, designated agency staff and Counsel. This action is necessary to update the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code in accord with state law.

3.2.3 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program – Cook
Pages 40 - 43

1. **APPROVE** the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$371,573 for rural public transit services in Monterey County;
2. **ADOPT** Resolution 2010-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 program; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to sign regional agency certifications and assurances as part of the project application.

This action is necessary to permit Monterey-Salinas Transit to submit its application for Fiscal Year 2009-10 federal funds for rural public transportation operations in Monterey County.

PLANNING

3.3.1 ADOPT positions on state legislation. – Watson **Pages 44 - 47**

Attached is the bill list with recommended “support” positions.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 **AUTHORIZE** 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 planting for an additional amount not to exceed \$99,930; and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to issue future change orders up to 15% of the total contract. – Muck **Pages 48 - 53**

The proposed contract amendment funds the remaining tasks from the Biological Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan and associated habitat planting. These activities are required to fulfill mitigation conditions included in the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project’s Environmental Impact Report and regulatory permits.

3.4.2 On-Call Engineering and Project Management Consultant Request for Qualifications – Myers **Pages 54 - 56**

- 1. APPROVE** the On-Call Engineering and Project Management Consultant Scope of Work; and
- 2. AUTHORIZE** staff to release the standardized request for qualification with the scope of work, score the received statements of qualifications, and conduct interviews as necessary.

The current On-Call Engineering and Project Management Consultant list was approved on August 27, 2008 for a period of two years and a renewal of the list is required at this time. The proposed scope of work for the new on-call list will be included in the request for qualifications process used to solicit consultant proposals for this work. Staff will return to the Board with a list of selected consultants for approval. The availability of a list of ready to use on-call consultants will maximize member agencies resources should economic stimulus funding become available for local transportation projects in our area.

3.4.3 AUTHORIZE and DIRECT staff to partner with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission, and the San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments' staff in a joint Request for Proposals effort for the operation of call box answering center. – Chen **Pages 57 - 58**

The contract with Connections Communications Services, our call box answering service contractor, will expire on December 31, 2010. With an average monthly call volume of 91 for the past calendar year of 2009 to 2010, it is ideal to partner with other statewide Service Authority for Freeways Emergencies agencies in a Request for Proposal effort for benefits of economies of scale and cost savings.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Commuter Rail Extension Right-of-Way Acquisition Requests for Qualifications – Zeller Pages 59 - 75

1. **APPROVE** the scopes 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. **AUTHORIZE** 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.

The Transportation Agency has secured Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for the right-of-way acquisition phase of the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project and has submitted a request to the California Transportation Commission for Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding to fully fund this phase of work. Staff requested approval for the Environmental Assessment from the Federal Transit Authority, with determination pending. Staff proposes to begin the right-of-way acquisition phase in order to expend the state funds by the deadline of June 30, 2011.

3.5.2 **Wood Rodgers Contract Amendment #2 – Watson**

Pages 76 - 82

1. **APPROVE** 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. **AUTHORIZE** 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. **AUTHORIZE** the use of no more than \$41,832 from Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding for the contract amendment.

On May 28, 2009, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the Agency's request for a hardship finding for the advance acquisition of one property for the Salinas layover facility. The Agency has working with Caltrans and FTA to follow the rules regarding the advance acquisition of this property. Staff requests a contract amendment for Wood Rodgers, Inc. to continue work on the property acquisition of one parcel at the proposed Commuter Rail Layover Facility in Salinas.

3.6.1 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

No items this month

3.7.1 **ACCEPT** minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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- C1 March 24, 2010 letter from Mansoor Syed and Cecilia Lopez, Salinas High School Students, to TAMC Staff re: Thank you Letters