

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

**December 1, 2010 Meeting**

#### **FIRST PROPERTY PURCHASED FOR COMMUTER RAIL TO SALINAS**

The Transportation Agency approved the purchase of the first commuter rail property at 20 New Street in Salinas, CA. The 3.347-acre parcel will be needed for the commuter train layover facility planned for the area.

Since early 2009 the Transportation Agency has been working with the property owner affected by the proposed project, to acquire his property at his request. The purchase price of \$1,938,000 is an agreed value that is between the fair market value ranges established by two appraisals performed on the property.

The rail service will extend commuter rail service from the bay area to Pajaro/Watsonville, Castroville, and Salinas, providing an alternative to driving on congested Highway 101. To this point, conceptual design, state and the federally required alternatives analysis are complete. Next steps for this project will be to complete the federal environmental review, finalize negotiations for operations, and submit the Federal Small Starts application for federal transit funds.

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#### **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2011 TERMS**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers for the 2011 calendar year as follows:

**Chair:** Maria Orozco, Gonzales City Mayor

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:** Simon Salinas, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:** Jerry Edelen, Del Rey Oaks City Mayor

**Past Chair:** Lou Calcagno, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor

**City Representative:** Kimberly Craig, Salinas City Councilmember

**County Representative:** Jane Parker, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

## **BICYCLE SHARING FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BEGINS**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County approved a contract with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to begin work on a Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Plan. The Plan will define the bike share concept, examine the potential of success for a bike-sharing program in Monterey County, and explore the key issues associated with system implementation. Similar to car sharing, bicycle sharing consists of making available a number of bicycles at docking stations for customers to pay to check out and ride bikes to other areas where they can return the bikes once their trips are concluded. Bicyclists will have the option of returning the bicycles to the same location or at their destination.

As envisioned, a system such as this would be particularly useful in increasing the use of bicycles for relatively short-range travel, decreasing the amount of cold start and vehicle idling, and promoting transit usage and linkage with other transportation modes such as walking.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS COMING TO THE MONTEREY BAY**

The Transportation Agency has been participating in the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance, a partnership of public and private entities working to establish the infrastructure for an electric vehicle charging station corridor through the tri-county region. As part of this, the Agency approved a contract with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to accept a \$38,500 grant to fully-fund the purchase and installation of seven electric vehicle-charging stations.

This project will help create the necessary infrastructure for the adoption of plug-in electric and plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles. More publically accessible electric vehicle supply equipment will help to lessen “range anxiety” of electric vehicle drivers and promote the adoption of electric vehicles in the Monterey Bay area. These units will be free to the public or, if the host wishes, there will be a flat fee for usage. Two vehicles could charge at the same time.

The charging stations proposed for installation are networked by cellular technology and include the ability for electric vehicle drivers to find charging stations through a user-friendly website. The ChargePoint Network can be accessed from anywhere with a computer, smart phone, or on-board system. Drivers can locate unoccupied charging stations, monitor real-time charging status of the vehicle, and receive instant alerts if the vehicle gets unplugged or when charging is complete.

For future planning, the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance will collect electric vehicle charging station data from each of the seven units installed. The data collected can potentially include type of payment, net energy, time stamp, length of use, charge time, status of the battery, status of the unit, and user information.

**CITY OF MONTEREY RECEIVES**  
**STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

The Transportation Agency reprogrammed more than \$334,000 in State Transportation Enhancement Funds to the Mark Thomas Dr. Sidewalk and Bike Lanes project in the City of Monterey. The project provides an important link between the Naval Postgraduate School and Navy housing at La Mesa. The funds came from The County of Monterey who was not able to use the funds, which were programmed for the Carmel Valley Greens Bike Path project.

**2011 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

**Board of Directors**

Unless otherwise noticed, all meetings held at the  
Agricultural Center Conference Room  
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas  
9:00 a.m.

(The exact location of the meeting will be noted on each agenda)

Month	Date	Day
January	26	Wednesday
February	23	Wednesday
March	23	Wednesday
April	27	Wednesday
May	25	Wednesday
June	22	Wednesday
<b><i>No July TAMC Board meeting</i></b>		
August	24	Wednesday
September	28	Wednesday
October	26	Wednesday
<b><i>No November TAMC Board meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday</i></b>		
December	7	Wednesday