

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
 JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Final Minutes of February 24, 2010 TAMC Board Meeting

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

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

TAMC STAFF	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	P	E
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	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	E	E	P	P	E
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	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	Kristi Markey	Aide to Supervisor District 4
Trish Lopez	MCPWD	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman 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 Salinas/Orozco/unanimous
 Approved consent agenda.

Executive Director Hale reported the following corrections to the consent agenda:
 Item 3.1.4, page 30, noting it is the “ninth amendment” and item one on the ninth amendment should be “consultant” will complete the scope of work set forth in attached Exhibit L.

Item 3.2.2, page 45: Monterey-Salinas Transit subtotal amount \$9,127,787 not \$7,756,153.

Board member Parker pulled items 3.4.3 for clarification and 3.7.1 for a minor correction.

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 January 27, 2009.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for January 2010 and credit card statements for the months of December 2009.
- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Regarding Apex Strategies Contract Amendment:
 - 1. Approved contract amendment #9 with Apex Strategies to provide strategic project delivery assistance services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000;
 - 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 \$70,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Improvement Interest funds for the contract amendment.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Regarding Request for Proposals for Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
 - 1. Approved Scope of Work in the Request for Proposals for the Transportation Agency's 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
 - 2. Directed staff to release the Request for Proposals to interested consultants.
- 3.2.2 Approved Resolution 2010-05 apportioning Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for Fiscal Year 2010-11 in the amount of \$11,700,000.
- 3.2.3 Received update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant for the City of Marina.
- 3.2.4 Directed the Transportation Agency Chair to sign a letter supporting efforts to start a local affiliate of Independent Transportation Network America.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Recommended Board adopt a "Watch" position on the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies Modernization bill, which would allow individual service authorities to have the option of increasing the Department of Motor Vehicle fee by \$1, for a total of \$2, for programs and to modernize obsolete language in order to take advantage of new technologies.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Approved the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the planning and development of the Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System Feasibility and Implementation Plan, and Authorized the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3.4.2 Authorized the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Monterey and California State Parks memorializing the respective agencies responsibilities towards the maintenance of the Carmel Hill to River Bicycle Trail.

- 3.4.3** Authorized the Executive Director to approve jurisdiction's request to reprogram cost savings from current projects to new projects to insure American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will be utilized prior to the September 30, 2010 deadline.

Board member Parker pulled items 3.4.3 because she had a question on the reallocation of the recovery act. Ms. Parker asked if this item was asking for the Board to establish a policy or if this was the time develop a policy? Executive Director Debbie Hale clarified that this item is to authorize the Executive Director to approve requests by jurisdictions to reprogram cost savings to new projects conditional on receiving assurances that all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will be utilized prior to the September 30, 2010 deadline.

RAIL PROGRAM

No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Accepted the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

3.7.1

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft February 3, 2010
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft February 1, 2010
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No meeting
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft February 4, 2010

Board member Parker pulled this item for a minor correction on the Rail Policy Committee minutes. She asked if the January and February 09 date should be 2010 on the roll call attendance list reflecting the last two months. Executive Director Hale replied yes it should read 2010.

END OF CONSENT

4. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FY 10/11 AND THREE-YEAR BUDGET (FY 10/11- FY 12/13)

M/S/C Potter/Villegas/unanimous

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 10/11 budget and work program to federal and state funding agencies for initial review;
2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 10/11 through 12/13, and the work program for fiscal year 10/11; and
3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget and one-year work program back to the Board on May 26, 2010 for approval including comments made by the Board.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, and Rita Goel, Director of Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the Overall Work Program fiscal year 10/11, and three-year Budget for fiscal year 10/11 – 12/13. Mr. Bachman reported that plan is submitted to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, which prepares an annual Overall Work Program that incorporates the activities of AMBAG, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit System. He noted that the work program is then submitted to state and federal funding agencies. In April 2009, the Board of Directors approved new updated goals and objectives to guide the Agency. Given that the sales tax did not receive the necessary 2/3 super majority vote, the new goals and objectives do not include implementation of the full Transportation Investment Plan. Rather, the emphasis is on the continuation of current programs, and delivery of those projects that are funded, and to continue to seek funding from outside sources.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 10/11 through 12/13. She noted that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials, supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc. The proposed fiscal year 2010-2011 operating expenditure budget is \$2,438,195, a net increase over fiscal year 2009-2010 of \$14,904. The direct program indicates an increase of \$23,912,184. These increased direct program costs are funded with new federal, state and local grants.

Ms. Goel highlighted some minor changes made to the operating budget since the November meeting resulted in reduction from \$2,460,668 to \$2,438,195. She noted that these changes were primarily due to the triennial audit performance costs being moved to the direct program and a change in the Agency's contribution to Cal PERS to reflect the actual vs. the estimated cost used in November.

Board member Delgado expressed concern on the unknown funds for the Monterey Branch Line project. Executive Director Hale noted that Transportation Agency would be seeking funds from local share, non-federal share and state transportation funding for this project. She expressed that this is a critical path, and in the past having self-shelf ready project has worked out for future funding.

Board member Rubio expressed concern on the major fluxuating state, and the availability of funds. He noted that the budget should be modular with priorities.

Board member Lindsay reported she was not comfortable with the Agency's 3-month reserve policy, noting she would be more comfortable creating a 6-9 month reserve policy. Executive Director replied that our state funding has been very predictable and the Agency does not to live off its reserve. She noted that the future shortfalls in revenue have been planned for, and reserves have been saved to cover. She also noted that Agency's strategy is not to fill staff vacancies, and to maintain flat salary levels. Staff is also working with the cities and counties on combining the use of legislative advocates.

Board member Edelen noted that the Agency has good staff and he doesn't want to see cuts or furloughs.

Chairman Calcagno noted that the budget would be brought back to the Board for review in August, and the comments from today's meeting, including the suggestions to develop "modular" priorities and a larger agency reserve, would be incorporated on the May 26, 2010 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concerns on the early preparation of environmental documents, noting they don't have eternal shelf life and we shouldn't waste funding on environmental documents in these bad times.

5. PROJECT SELECTION POLICY FOR NEW FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

M/S/C Potter/Delgado/unanimous

1. Approved programming up to 60% of new stimulus funding to US 101-San Juan Road Interchange project;
2. Approved a population-based distribution formula to cities and the County for 40% of new stimulus funding;
3. Allowed small jurisdictions to exchange up to \$100,000 each of new stimulus funds for a future share of RSTP funds;
4. Tasked the Technical Advisory Committee with reviewing and ranking projects for the Transportation Enhancement share of any new stimulus funding; and
5. Authorized the Executive Director to approve member agency proposed projects for the stimulus 40% local share and Transportation Enhancement projects in the event that the Agency receives notification of a stimulus apportionment prior to the next Agency Board meeting, subject to subsequent ratification by the Agency Board.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the United States Congress is considering a second round of federal stimulus funding. The House of Representatives' version of the bill requires projects to be under contract within 90 days of the date states receive an apportionment. Transportation Agency staff recommends approving a project selection policy that provides maximum flexibility to meet this extremely short deadline. The amount of funding actually available will not be known until a bill is passed by both the House and Senate. To expedite project selection and programming, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration are allowing regions to program proposed projects into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program ahead of the passage of the legislation. He noted that the Transportation Agency's target for this programming amount is \$17.2 million. It is recommended that the required minimum share to local agencies will be 40% of the allocation. Using the proposed 60-40 split, \$10.3 million would be programmed for the US 101 – San Juan Road Interchange project and \$6.9 million would be programmed to local projects. Of the local share, \$744,500 must be programmed to Transportation Enhancement eligible projects.

Board member Rubio asked that the language state that "up to 60%" of the funding be provided to the US 101-San Juan Road interchange project. Staff supported this change, noting that depending on other fund sources and the timing of the stimulus funds the project may not be able to use the full amount.

6. CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS

Staff deleted the closed session from the agenda.

7. BOARD PHOTO

The Board took a group photo.

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

Board member Huerta reported he and Executive Director Hale attended the CalCOG legislative meeting and met with Assembly Members Caballero and Monning and Senator Maldonado's staff on February 17, 2010 in Sacramento. He noted that he was there to support transportation funding.

Board member Potter reported he attended an intercity rail chairs lobby day in Sacramento with rail partners from throughout the state on February 10, 2010.

9. **REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

Caltrans – Dave Murray, Senior Transportation Planner for District 5, reported corrections to the Caltrans Report, noting that the Highway 1 Salinas Road interchange project is estimated to be completed by the winter of 2013. He announced that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 23, 2010, 1:30 pm at the park and ride lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 1 and Salinas Road. He noted that Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki would be attending the ceremony. Mr. Murray noted that \$2.5 billion in federal stimulus funds were obligated to California -- the highest from any other state in the nation and over 4,500 jobs were supported through these funds. In conclusion, Mr. Murray reported that Caltrans has supported allocating funds to the US 101-Prunedale Improvement Project in its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, noting Caltrans is trying to keep this project on schedule.

Board member Huerta thanked Caltrans for quickly responding to the truck that overturned on Highway 101, near Gonzales.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District is sustaining flights and carriers. The Airport has had an increase in passenger counts to Las Vegas, and a decrease to San Diego. He encouraged the Board to use the Monterey Peninsula Airport when traveling to San Diego at \$19 per trip.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST is trying to get as much service as they can from the state budget for transit. He announced the results of the MST customer service survey, noting 70% felt MST service had improved and over 60% of their passengers do not have vehicles and are dependent on transit. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk announced that MST was one of a handful of agencies that qualified for federal Small Transit Intensive funding.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale gave updates on funding and noted the Agency is always trying to fill our funding gaps. She thanked Board member Huerta for working with Senator Boxer's office to write a letter of support for the funding request of competitive stimulus funding called "TIGER". The TIGER grants results were released and Monterey County did not get funding for the Highway 101 San Juan Road project. San Diego, Los Angeles San Francisco and a combined ports project received TIGER funding. Ms. Hale also noted she sent an email on her attendance to the transportation reauthorization outreach tour in Los Angeles. Ms. Hale reported that the Senator Boxer and staff are very committed to supporting stimulus funding, reauthorizing the federal transportation bill, and keeping the Highway Trust Fund solvent. She noted that at present both the Administration (Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood) and committee chair (Senator Barbara Boxer) are supportive in moving transportation forward.

She announced that Agency staff would be presenting the fee program update to all the cities councils and if at that time your jurisdiction would like an update on TAMC activities at that time, contact our Agency. In conclusion, she noted that next month Agency staff will be going to Peninsula cities, the City of Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula Airport Board to request adoption of an ordinance and joint powers agreement to implement a Regional Taxi Authority.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board Edelen commented that the state budget is continuing to deteriorate at an alarming pace. He noted that if all organizations and Transportation Agencies like CalCOG, the various counties, the Mayor Association and or League of California Cities stand together all as one voice and against them then perhaps the state raids would stop immediately.

Board Member Delgado announced that the California League of Cities has an initiative for which they are collecting signatures to prohibit the state from taking transportation funds and other local project funds. The Council members and Mayors were asked to collect 100 signatures in support. In conclusion, he noted that the Board members should stand together to prohibit the state from taking transportation funds and other local project funds.

Board member Sollecito commented on the email Executive Director Hale sent regarding the transportation reauthorization outreach tour she attended in Los Angeles, CA. He noted that the California Transportation Commission has always praised self-help and now the federal government wants to reward self-help areas.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.