

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

Final Minutes of January 27, 2010 TAMC Board Meeting

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

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

TAMC STAFF	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Dale Lipp	City of Greenfield
Trish Lopez	MCPWD	Carmen Mora	Kart/Alts
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Reinie Jones	Caltrans District 5	Ron Hughes	Kings Area Rural Transit
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Adriana Frederick	KSMS Channel 67 Univision
Diane Ingersoll	City of Seaside	Linda Williams	Robert Down Elementary
Ray Corpuz	City of Seaside	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Diana Hurlbert	City of Seaside	Luis Jimenez	Caltrans District 5
Octavio Hurtado	City of King	Iraj Beheshtian	Caltrans District 5
Eric Petersen	BPC Committee	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Vee Thomas	101 Bypass Committee	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Vice Chairman Villegas called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concerns with the delay in resolving the issues at the Red Barn. She asked how continuing delays would affect Caltrans ability to move forward with construction of the interchange and would further delays jeopardize funding for the project. In conclusion, Ms. Matt noted that she hopes the issues are quickly resolved; we can't continue to delay well public safety is at stake.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Gowin/Orozco/unanimous
Approved consent agenda.

Staff deleted item 3.4.1 from the agenda.

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 December 2, 2009.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2009 and credit card statements for the months of October and November 2009.
- 3.1.3 Approved Resolution No. 2010-01, to add new Board Chair Lou Calcagno, 1st Vice Chair Steve Villegas, Executive Director Debra Hale, Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman, Director of Finance & Administration Rita Goel, to list of authorized signatures for banking services in support of agency financial operations.
- 3.1.4 Approved the basic concept and format of the 2009 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.
- 3.1.5 Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director and Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, as ex-officio alternates to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and Administrative Committee.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Adopted Resolution 2010-02 designating Monterey-Salinas Transit, or its successor agency, at the countywide Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Monterey County.
- 3.2.2 Amended Resolution 2009-11 to allocate Fiscal Year 2009-10 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) under Transportation Development Act Article 8 for streets and roads projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and Congestion Management contributions.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Adopted the CALCOG 2010 Priority Actions.
- 3.3.2 Approved appointment of Board member Huerta as Transportation Agency second alternate to the California Association of Councils of Government.
- 3.3.3 Received summary of Awareness, Attitudes and Usage survey of Monterey County as a visitor destination conducted in May/June 2009.
- 3.3.4 Approved the memorandum of agreement concerning the realignment of the multi-modal transit corridor on the former Fort Ord.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Regarding Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project: This item was pulled from the agenda.

RAIL PROGRAM

No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 Received update on the Salinas Ag-Industrial Business Park Project.

3.7.1 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft January 6, 2010
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft January 6, 2010
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No meeting
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting

END OF CONSENT

4. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

M/S/C Gowin/Orozco/unanimous

Approved Resolution 2010-03 adopting the Monterey County 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program proposes programming Monterey County projects into the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that due to limited availability of new funding, the proposed programming focuses on preserving funding for existing projects. The only new funding is for “enhancement” (bicycle and pedestrian, freight building) projects. Mr. Muck also noted that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County adopts the Regional Transportation Improvement Program every two years for consideration by the California Transportation Commission for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program. The 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program will cover the Fiscal Year 2010/11 to 2014/15 period.

5. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CARMEL HILL AND RIVER BICYCLE TRAIL

M/S/C Sollecito/Potter/unanimous

Adopted resolution 2010-04 awarding the contract to construct the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail to the HSR General Engineering Contractors Inc.; authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with HSR to perform the construction in the amount of \$1,177,329.60; and authorized the Executive Director to issue future change orders up to 10% of the total contract. Authorization to execute the contract with HSR was conditioned on receiving an encroachment permit from the County.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the Agency issued the Notice Inviting Bids for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project on December 7, 2009. He noted that HSR General Engineering Contractors Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder of seven bids received. The consulting engineer, Whitson Engineers, reviewed the bid pricing and found no irregularities or concerns.

Board member Rubio noted that it was a good project, but raised concerns with the proposed 20% change order authority. Executive Director Hale noted that staff would be willing to modify to a 10% change order and anything above be taken to the Executive Committee for approval. Board members Ortiz, Edelen, Sollecito and Potter concurred with Rubio and supported reducing the change order authority to 10%. Board member Potter thanked Mr. Muck and staff for its long work towards getting the trail built, noting it is an appropriate project for the community.

Board member Lindsay asked that the contract be awarded to a local company such as Don Chapin. Mr. Muck noted that because the project is funded by federal dollars it is not legal to favor a local contractor that was not the low bidder.

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported if the Board would like to reject all bids and open up a new bid, there is no assurance that a local contractor will come in the lowest bidder. He noted that the lowest responsible responsive bidder is HSR, noting TAMC is not permitted to take into account a local bidder.

6. **DRAFT 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST**
CLOSED SESSION: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS. Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station. The Board entered into closed session on the following matter:

Property: 20 New Street
Agency negotiator: Christina Watson
Negotiating parties: Paul Powers, III
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The Board reconvened in open session:

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, received a report from the Transportation Agency's negotiator concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas intermodal station, and provided direction on how to proceed. He noted that Board member Steve Matarazzo had recused himself from the closed session due to a potential conflict of interest related to nearby property ownership.

7. **LOCAL FUNDING INITIATIVE**

M/S/C Rubio/Armenta/unanimous
Adopted "support" position on Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, proposed for the November 2010 election ballot.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that a coalition of local government, transportation and public transit leaders that includes the League of California Cities are collecting signatures for an initiative ballot measure called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act for the November 2010 ballot to protect local government, including redevelopment, transportation and transit revenues from state raids and loans. She noted that the state budget is again facing a major shortfall, projected at \$20 billion through June 2011. Last year, transit funding was taken as a means to balance the budget.

Board member Sollecito reported the state will try anything to balance the budget, and this is the most important initiative to protect transportation funding.

8. **PRESENTATION OF 2009 TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

The Board Honored Monterey County businesses, groups, individuals, projects, community plans or events that have worked to improve transportation.

❖ **Award-Winning Programs:**

- Presidio Bus Service:
Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Agricultural Industries Transportation Services:
Kings Area Rural Transit, City of Greenfield

❖ **Individuals/Groups:**

- Reinie Jones: District Local Assistance Engineer, Caltrans – District 5
- Adriana Frederick: Reporter,
KSMS Channel 67 Univision
- Robert Down Elementary School:
Linda Williams, Principal

❖ **Projects:**

- First Street Bridge Replacement: King City
- Highway 101, Gloria Overpass Repair in Soledad: Caltrans – District 5
- West Broadway Urban Village Specific Plan: City of Seaside

Past Chairman Sollecito presented a plaque of appreciation to Dave Potter for serving 16 years on the Executive Committee, and to Sue Kleber for serving in 2009. He thanked them for a job well done. Board Vice Chairman Villegas presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing TAMC Board Chair Frank Sollecito for his service on the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors, representing the City of Monterey and for his contributions to improving transportation facilities and services in Monterey County.

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

Board member Potter reported he attended the Coast Rail Council meeting in Sacramento on December 16, 2009, along with local rail representatives from across the state lobbying for additional dollars for rail projects. He noted that he advocated for dollars for the implementation of the new Coast Daylight. He also noted he pushed for high-speed rail and inter-connects between existing rail services. In conclusion, Mr. Potter reported that the meeting went well.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- **Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director for District 5 Planning, reported that Caltrans is active in considering the state budget implications for transportation. She noted that they are also active with the local agencies in preparing for another potential infusion of federal stimulus dollars. The California Transportation Commission will meet in February on how to reprogram savings from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account bonds. Caltrans and the Agency have joined in a request for funding for the US 101/San Juan interchange project. Ms. Loe announced that the contract for the Salinas Road interchange project has been awarded. She noted that the project immediately went in to winter suspension and Caltrans has recently started tree removal activity. She announced that due to winter storms Caltrans is working on repairs at one location on Highway 1 at the Big Sur Coast that has embankment erosion causing alternate one-lane closures and the night shutdowns. In conclusion, Ms. Loe announced the U.S. Postal service sponsored a competition and the Bixby Creek Bridge in Big Sur has been chosen to be featured on Express Mail stamps in 2010; the \$18.50 Express Mail stamp goes on sale nationwide February 3rd.

Board member Armenta expressed concerns that the Priest Valley Road paving project is at a standstill. He also noted that there is a stretch on Highway 198 that is very bumpy. Aileen Loe replied that the Priest Valley road project had encountered some rock material at the subgrade that caused some reevaluation of the design, but is scheduled to be completed by February and noted she will follow up on the Highway 198 issue.

Board member Potter noted that he greatly appreciated Caltrans investing \$55.3 million in projects into Monterey County. He thanked Caltrans for their efforts in the Big Sur community, noting Caltrans has been constantly vigilant in coordinating with the community. In conclusion, Mr. Potter noted that the Highway 68 corridor in front of Laguna Seca golf course is in desperate need of resurfacing.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that he is the new Chair of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District. He noted that staff would be providing more outreach to the cities within Monterey County. The Airport District has had an increase in passenger counts and is taking initiatives to deal with baggage claim issues. He noted that the California Division of Aeronautics had lost all its funding, which could affect capital projects at the airport.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – MST Chair Fernando Armenta reported on MST's January retreat and recommended their facilitator as valuable for future goal-setting sessions.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale gave an update on the Governor's transportation proposal. She reported that the Governor's budget proposes swapping out the sales tax on gasoline for an increase in the gas tax. She noted this would not hold transportation harmless; it will remove the state's obligation for paying for transit funding and reduce the amount of funds for transportation. Ms. Hale noted that this raises concerns especially for projects we were programmed funding for, most importantly the Prunedale Improvement Project. She also noted that the proposal uses the revenues from the gas tax increase to pay debt service on transportation bonds and fund state highways and local streets and roads at amounts equivalent to what each would get under current law. Ms. Hale reported that the key focus is to preserve the funding for the projects on schedule, as well as capture cost savings occurring now during this economic time. She reported that staff is working with AMBAG on stimulus funds for planning, noting staff wants to make sure it is put toward productive planning needs. In conclusion, she announced that she had a bicycle accident and broke her collarbone and thanked all for their well wishes.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Armenta reported that he and Board members Edelen and Sharp participated in a six-hour Monterey-Salinas Transit strategic planning session hosted by Stephen Alexander. He noted that the south county cities were included in the session even though they do not become full board members until July 1st. He also noted it is a time-consuming process that needs to be done every 2 years and is very rewarding. Mr. Armenta announced that Board member Orozco was also an MST Board member.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.