

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

Final Minutes of March 24, 2010 TAMC Board Meeting

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

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F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- 2nd Vice Chair (D. Dunham)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P(A)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (M. Gourley)	P(A)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (A. Moreno , John Martinez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	E
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	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	E
D. Lindsay, Pacific Grove (C. Garcia)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas - 1st Vice Chair (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
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	P	-
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	P(A)	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	-	-	P
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe , D. Murray , M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	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
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	P	E	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P	P

TAMC STAFF	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	E	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	P	E	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admn. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	E	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	E	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	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
Sam Teel	Monterey Co. Hospitality Assn.	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Abel Moran	Local 297	Randy Deshazo	AMBAG
Gary Alameda	Local 297	Linda Meckel	AMBAG
Doug Yount	City of Marina	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Cecilia Lopez	Salinas High School student	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Mansoor Syed	Salinas High School student		

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

Executive Director Debbie Hale introduced Cecilia Lopez and Mansoor Syed, Salinas High students, as guests.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Parker/Orozco/

Approved consent agenda.

Abstained: Board member Matarazzo abstained from items 3.5.1 and 3.5.3 due to a potential conflict of interest.

Executive Director Hale removed item 3.1.4 from the agenda due to a technical change.

Board member Lindsay pulled items 3.1.6 for comment and 3.7.1 for a clarification.

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 February 24, 2010.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for February 2010 and credit card statements for the months of January 2010.
- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Adopted revisions to the Agency Conflict of Interest Code.
- 3.1.5 Received a report on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 required valuation of the Agency's Other Post Employment Benefits and,
 - 1. Approved the use of the "pay-as-you-go" basis for retirees; and
 - 2. Designated \$85,219 of the Agency's fund balance, to partially reserve for the Agency's present unfunded actuarial accrued liability of its Other Post Employment Benefits.
- 3.1.6 Approved 2009 Annual Report.

Board member Lindsay asked if it is mandated to mail out the annual report, noting that it's an excellent report, but that other more less costly approaches should be looked at. Director Hale recommended that the Board proceed with this year's document, noting that most of the expense has already been incurred and is included in this year's budget. Staff will look at a different approach in next year's budget, which comes back to the Board in May. Board member Rubio noted that the report is a great handout explaining what TAMC does.
- 3.1.7 Approved out-of-state travel by the Executive Director to attend the American Public Works Association Sustainability in Public Works Conference in Minneapolis, MN, June 8 –10, 2010.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Received update on the 2010 Monterey County Bike Week events. The annual bike ride to Transportation Agency Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 28, 2010.
- 3.2.2 Approved 12-month extensions on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grants for the City of Salinas's Gateway Apartments projects and the County of Monterey's Cynara Court project in Castroville.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Received CALCOG priority action implementation plan.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 *No items this month.*

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Contract Amendment #9:

1. Approved the scope of work for the contract amendment with Parsons Transportation Group to continue preliminary engineering work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$1,450,000 for the additional scope of work;
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;
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$1,450,000 from Public Transportation Account or Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding for the contract amendment; and
4. Approved the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

3.5.2 Received revised layouts for the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center and layover facility, the Castroville Station at Del Monte Avenue and Blackie Road, the Pajaro/Watsonville Station and the Gilroy yard.

3.5.3 Regarding Proposition 116 Rail Bond Fund Application:

1. Approved a programming and allocation request of \$4,180,000 in Proposition 116 Rail Bond funding to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the right-of-way acquisition phase; and
2. Approved an allocation request of programmed an allocation request of \$2,067,813 of programmed Proposition 116 funds to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the right-of-way acquisition phase.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 *No items this month.*

3.7.1 ***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft March 3, 2010

Board member Lindsay asked for clarification on the current extension of the surface transportation program that expired on February 28, leading to a shutdown in reimbursements to states for highway projects and transit programs. Director Hale noted that this would be further discussed under the federal legislative update.

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 4, 2010
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 1, 2010
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft March 4, 2010
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 4, 2010

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Hank Myers as the Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter for October through December 2009.

The Agency employees recognized Hank for his professionalism, diligence, knowledge, and hard work on upcoming construction projects, most notably for his efforts and dedication on the Carmel Hill and River Trail project.

5. DRAFT 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

M/S/C Rubio/Parker/unanimous

The Board provided comments and held a public hearing on the Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Agency has prepared a minor update of the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County based on current funding assumptions for regional projects. The plan must be adopted by the Board of Directors in May 2010 to comply with state and federal deadlines. He noted that AMBAG is the lead agency for environmental review of the Monterey Bay Area transportation plans, and reflects the minor scope of the regional plan updates. AMBAG released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the transportation plans in the three County Monterey Bay regions, which updates the certified EIR to the 2005 regional plan. A greenhouse gas analysis prepared in response to Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 375 greenhouse gas legislation is included in the environmental analysis.

Doug Yount, City of Marina, commented that the City of Marina would like the widening of Imjin Parkway and improvements to the 12th Street-Imjin Parkway/State Route 1 interchange, as well as the proposed multi-modal corridor through the former Fort Ord included in the Regional Transportation Plan, as priority projects. He noted that that these facilities are significant for the region and would provide an important connection for transit. Mr. Yount also asked if the Regional Transportation Plan update was tied to the AMBAG regional Blueprint Plan. Director Doughty replied that the current update is a short-term document that is not tied to the Blueprint, and that the anticipated 2012 regional plan update will be consistent with the regional blueprint.

Chair Calcagno asked if staff has looked at a new route connecting Davis Road with State Route 218 through the former Fort Ord, connecting the back entrance into Laguna Seca off Inter-garrison Road. He commented that this would be another vital artery to the peninsula that should be evaluated, which would take traffic off of Highways 156 and 68. Board member Edelen concurred. Staff agreed to look at this potential improvement, which would need to be incorporated as an unfunded or “unconstrained” project in the regional plan given the Agency’s conservative long-range revenue assumptions.

6. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Rubio/Lee/unanimous

The Board received an update on federal legislative activities.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that staff submitted the fiscal year 2011 transportation appropriations requests. A second round of federal stimulus funding being considered by Congress may include some funding for transportation. She noted that the previous surface transportation authorization bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), expired at the end of the last fiscal year; September 30, 2009. It has been extended four times, now to December 31, 2010, and Congress is expected to take up the reauthorization legislation this year along with the effort to identify increased funding for the Highway and Transit Trust Funds.

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Board received an update on state legislative activities.

Senior Transportation Planner Christina Watson reported that transportation faces several challenges on the state level in 2010, chiefly among them the \$20 billion state budget deficit. Under the Governor's proposed gas tax swap, the sales tax on gas would be eliminated and the gas excise tax would be raised. Income from the gas excise tax would be dedicated to bond debt payments and then the State Transportation Improvement Program, the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, and local streets and roads. The plan eliminated funding for transit and rail in this and future years. Assembly Democrats came up with an alternate plan, which the Governor ultimately signed this week, which, in addition to the gas tax swap, also eliminated the diesel excise tax and raised the sales tax on diesel to fund transit. It also included a one-time infusion of \$400 million to the State Transit Assistance fund.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, reported that transit should have received \$10 million, but will only receive \$2.6 million next fiscal year. He thanked Assembly member Caballero and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg for ensuring that transit was not zeroed out completely, as the Governor had proposed.

Board member Edelen agreed with the bill list, but expressed concerns with AB 231, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Climate Protection Trust Fund. It is controversial and does not have a direct affect on transportation. He noted that it would indirectly not help us, but hurt us and that the highest priority for the board is trying to get a half-cent sales tax for transportation funding. Board Chairman Calcagno concurred; air emission issues are killing small businesses, it is difficult for businesses to conform.

The draft legislative bill matrix was discussed. No action was taken on this item due to loss of a quorum. This item will be brought back next month for action.

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**

Chair Lou Calcagno reported that he, Director Hale and Todd Muck attended the California Transportation Commission STIP Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2010, in Sacramento to testify for the safety improvements on the Highway 101 corridor. He noted that Caltrans put the Highway 101 Prunedale corridor safety improvements as the highest priority projects for interregional funds and that money may be voted in September and construction started next year. Executive Director Hale noted we are pleased to have the number #1-rated project in the state. We are refocusing our efforts to make sure they keep the funding in the Highway 101 - San Juan Road interchange project; if they remain on schedule, the two projects will be finished at the same time.

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 Caltrans has been busy in Monterey County with 8 on-going projects totaling \$43 million and \$31 million in upcoming projects. He announced that a community open house for the public to come learn about the Airport Boulevard project benefits and impacts is scheduled on April 6, 2010, noon to 1:30 pm, at the Elk's Lodge. He also noted that at 9:00 am there would be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for potential subcontractors to meet the various prime contractors who are planning to bid on the project. In conclusion, Mr. Murray reported that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m., 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 is leaving Caltrans; he has accepted a job as Executive Director with Contra Costa COG and would not be attending the ceremony. District Director Rich Krumholz will attend the ceremony.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans for quickly responding and repairing the erosion on the US 101-San Miguel flyover.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District flight information display system would 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 \$500,000 grant from the Department of Transportation to be used to attract direct service to Portland and Seattle from Monterey. These funds will be used to help subsidize the carriers need to break even on the route, \$250,000 will come from the Airport District and the Monterey Peninsula Business Community.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST met with key players, congressman, senators and representatives about the state of transit. He noted with regard to the reauthorization of the transportation 6-year bill that provides transportation funding for highways and transit. MST staff met with Sam Farr regarding their appropriations request, which includes a request this year for two diesel electric hybrid busses and also an upgrade of MST's safety security system. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk reported that MST staff met with Senator Boxer, noting that she remains very supportive of transit.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale reminded the Board members that the annual State of Economic Interest form 700 is due on April 1, 2010. She asked the Board members to submit a copy to TAMC. She announced that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m., at the park and ride lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 1 and Salinas Road. She noted that CTC Commissioner Bob Alvarado would be attending the ceremony. Ms. Hale reported that construction of the Carmel Valley Road/Trail would be starting soon. She announced that Agency staff would be presenting the development fee program update to all the City Councils and 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. In conclusion, she announced that Bike Week is scheduled from May 10 – 16, 2010, and that there would be a Bike-to-TAMC Board at the April 28 meeting.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

TAMC Counsel Blankenship reminded the Board that a quorum is 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 County Representative. The Board's quorum was dissolved in the middle of the meeting due to the lack of enough city representatives. Ms. Hale thanked the remaining Board members and said she would remind all Board members to send their alternates to ensure a quorum is established. Board member Armenta suggested that staff evaluate re-structuring the quorum to provide more flexibility.

Board member Armenta reported that he, along with Council members Kristen Clark, Libby Downey, General Manager Carl Sedoryk and Hunter Harvath on behalf of Monterey-Salinas Transit attended the American Public Transit Association Legislative Conference in D.C. last week to lobby for funds for two hybrid busses and a safety security system for MST.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.