

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

Meeting of Wednesday, March 24, 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 14- 77**

4. **PRESENT** Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter Award to Hank Myers. – Hale **Pages 78 - 79**

Hank Myers, Transportation Engineer, has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October through December 2009.

5. **PROVIDE** comments and **HOLD** public hearing on the Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. – Cook **Pages 80 - 85**

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 in May, 2010 to comply with state and federal deadlines. AMBAG released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the transportation plans in the three county Monterey Bay region, 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.

6. **RECEIVE** update on federal legislative activities. – Watson
Pages 86 - 89

Staff submitted the fiscal year 2011 transportation appropriations requests. The greatest likelihood would seem to be that the next transportation authorization bill would be delayed until the end of 2010. A second round of federal stimulus funding being considered by Congress may include some funding for transportation.

7. **RECEIVE** update on state legislative activities. – Watson
Pages 90 - 97

Transportation faces several challenges on the state level in 2010, chiefly among them the state budget deficit and proposals for filling the gaping hole using transportation revenues. Staff will give an update on state legislative activities.

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: **Pages 98 – 107**
- 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

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Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 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 February 24, 2010. – Rodriguez **Pages 14 - 21**

3.1.2 **ACCEPT** the list of checks written for February 2010 and credit card statements for the month of January 2010. – Delfino **Pages 22 - 23**

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 **Pages 24 - 27**

Agency staff occasionally attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to 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. Recently one employee attended a summit on pedestrian safety and one employee attended a seminar on federal environmental impact report preparation, both in Oakland, California.

- 3.1.4 **ADOPT** revisions to attached Agency Conflict of Interest Code. – Goel
Pages 28 - 33

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

- 3.1.5 **RECEIVE** a report on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 required valuation of the Agency's Other Post-Employment Benefits and

APPROVE:

1. The use of the "pay-as-you-go" basis for retirees and
2. Designate \$ 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.

Pages 34 - 35

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 requires the valuation of Other Post-Employment Benefits liabilities for all U. S. public employers. The Agency provides its retirees with the minimum medical benefit required by the CalPERS medical plan. Consequently the Agency must have a funding policy to cover these costs.

- 3.1.6 **APPROVE** 2009 Annual Report. – Hoschouer
Pages 36 - 41

The Transportation Agency 2009 Annual Report, which addresses Agency accomplishments for 2009 and goals and challenges for 2010, will be mailed to residents throughout the County during the month of April.

- 3.1.7 **APPROVE** 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.

Pages 42 - 43

The Executive Director is currently the chair of the American Public Works Association's Sustainable Transportation subcommittee. The workshop will provide information on how to improve the Agency's compliance with AB 32 greenhouse gas reduction and SB 375 vehicle miles traveled reduction requirements, as well as how to improve the sustainability of the agency's capital projects.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 **RECEIVE** 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.

– Chen

Pages 44 - 45

The Transportation Agency will coordinate all aspects of 16th annual Monterey County Bike Week, including events such as Discounted Bicycle Safety check, Bike-to-School and Bike-to-Work day and Golden Helmet Award. Staff encourages Board members to participate in the various events.

- 3.2.2 **APPROVE** 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. – Watson **Pages 46 - 53**

Two projects awarded Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grants in 2006 are in need of extensions due to the state budget crisis delaying the projects. The Salinas Gateway Apartments project was awarded a \$200,000 grant. The City approved a building permit for the project on August 28, 2008 and is requesting an extension on the deadline for the project to break ground from October 25, 2009 to December 31, 2010. The County's Cynara Court project in Castroville was awarded a \$100,000 grant. The County is requesting an extension to the deadline to get a building permit from the current (extended) deadline of October 25, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Staff recommends a 12-month extension for both projects.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 **RECEIVE** CALCOG priority action implementation plan. – Watson **Pages 54 - 57**

The California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Board has adopted a strategy for implementing the 2010 CALCOG Priority Actions.

3.4.1 **PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**
No items this month

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 **Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Contract Amendment #9 – Watson** **Pages 58 - 60**

1. **APPROVE** 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. **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;
3. **AUTHORIZE** 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. **APPROVE** 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.

Parsons Transportation Group has been working on the preliminary engineering for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project since October 2009, to be completed February 2010. The Agency is spending state Public Transportation Account (PTA) or Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding on this phase of work; the PTA funds expire on December 31, 2010, so staff recommends proceeding with this phase of work "at risk". Staff now requests the Committee to approve this contract amendment in order to continue the Planning, Specifications and Estimates phase of the project so that the Agency does not lose these funds. With this amendment, Parsons will perform the next steps in preliminary engineering work for the project. The Rail Policy Committee recommends approval of this contract.

- 3.5.2 **RECEIVE** 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.
– Watson **Pages 61 - 67**

Parsons has developed new layouts for the Pajaro/ Watsonville, Castroville and Salinas stations and layover facility and the Gilroy yard per our current contract with them for preliminary engineering. The Rail Policy Committee reviewed and commented on the layouts at its March 1, 2010 meeting.

- 3.5.3 **Proposition 116 Rail Bond Fund Application** – Watson
Pages 68- 69

1. **APPROVE** 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. **APPROVE** 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.

The California Transportation Commission requires that all recipient agencies program Proposition 116 funds to projects by June 30, 2010 or be at risk of losing their funds to another rail project in the state. The 1990 Proposition 116 Rail Bond dedicated \$17,000,000 to rail projects in Monterey County. Staff recommends a request to program and allocate the remaining \$6,247,813 to the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project for right-of-way acquisition. The Rail Policy Committee recommends approval of this application.

- 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 – Draft March 3, 2010
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
– Draft March 3, 2010 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- 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
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS
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- C1 February 26, 2010 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Senator Boxer, re: Thank you for the Transportation Reauthorization Tour in Los Angeles, California.
- C2 February 26, 2010 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Secretary LaHood, re: Thank you for the Transportation Reauthorization Tour in Los Angeles, California.
- C3 February 26, 2010 letter from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, to Michael Lange, PTMISEA Program Manager, re: PTMISEA Transit Bond Funding Request.