

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

**Final Minutes of May 26, 2010 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	MAY 10
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- <b>Chair</b> (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- <b>2nd Vice Chair</b> (D. Dunham)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (K. Clark)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (M. Gourley)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (Y. Teneyuque)	P	P	P	P (A)	P	P	-	P	E	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	P(A)	P	-	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – <b>Past Chair</b> ( <del>C. Della Sala</del> R. Deal)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (C. Garcia)	P(A)	P	P	P (A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
S. Villegas, Salinas - <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside ( <del>S. Bloomer</del> , D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P (A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)	P
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	-	-	P	-	P	P	-	-	P	P	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 ( <del>A. Loe</del> , <del>D. Murray</del> , <del>M. McCumsey</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P	P (A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	E	-	P	-	P	P	-	P	E	P	P
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, <del>M. Hernandez</del> )	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P	P	P	P

TAMC STAFF	MAY 09	JUN 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	May 10
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	E	P	P	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	E	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	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Hoschouer, Associate Trans. 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	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
David Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jay Donato	SEIU 521	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Patricia Lopez	Monterey County Public Works	Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside
Yazdan Emrani	Monterey County Public Works	Vee Thomas	101 Bypass Committee
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Abel Muran	Local 297
Gary Alameda	Local 297	Megan Tolbert	CSUMB

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Calcagno called the meeting to order.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Salinas/Armenta/unanimous  
Approved consent 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 April 28, 2010.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for April 2010 and credit card statements for the months of March 2010.
- 3.1.3** Report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff, none this month.
- 3.1.4** Approved Resolution 2010-08 declaring as surplus selected furniture, equipment, and computers; and Authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus property in accordance with the Disposition of Surplus Property Policy, Paragraph 4.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Recommended adopting a policy for considering supporting grants proposed by member jurisdictions and partner agencies in Monterey County.
- 3.2.2** Received information on the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program; Approved grant applications for Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Study, and the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging station units; Approved participation in a joint application with Santa Cruz Ecology Action and Council of San Benito County Governments for a tri-county Bike Week campaign; and Authorized the Executive Director to sign letters of support for member agencies' grant proposals.
- 3.2.3** Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocations for FY 2009-10:
1. Amended Resolution 2009-10 to allocate Fiscal Year 2009-10 Local Transportation Funds for public transit;
  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; and
  3. Adopted Resolution 2010-09 to allocate State Transit Assistance funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit for City of Soledad dial-a-ride service contingent on approval by the Soledad City Council.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Adopted an "oppose" position on Senate Bill 972 (Wolk): Indemnity, design professionals.
- 3.3.2** Adopted Resolution 2010-10 accepting the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting program and adopting the 2010 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Approved the request by the City of Seaside to reallocate \$ 77,245.65 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 07/08/09 cycle to the Del Monte Rehabilitation Project Phase II.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 3.5.1** Regarding Grant Opportunity for the Coast Daylight Project:
1. Received information about a grant application from San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for the environmental review for the Coast Daylight project; and
  2. Approved a support letter for the application.

**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 May 5, 2010  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft May 5, 2010  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft May 3, 2010
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No meeting  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft May 6, 2010

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Lynn Terry as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2010.

The Agency employees recognized Lynn for always being willing to help and assist on any given task. She was recognized for her professionalism, diligence, hard work, and ability to catch errors on invoices resulting in savings to the Agency.

**5. THREE-YEAR BUDGET (FY10/11 – FY11/12)**

M/S/C Huerta/Armenta/unanimous

Approved Resolution 2010-06 adopting the fiscal year 10/11 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 11/12 and 12/13 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that the Overall Work Program describes activities that the Agency works on. She noted that the changes in the Work Program from the February draft include adding a new position and function to conduct rideshare outreach activities in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and to conduct public outreach on the 101 Prunedale Improvement Project. This new position would be a temporary staff position for 4 years. Ms. Hale mentioned that Caltrans would provide 75 percent of the funding from the Prunedale Improvement Project and Congestion Mitigation funds would pay for the remaining 25 percent. Ms. Hale reported that the Agency has been asked by Monterey County to consider providing Airport Land Use Commission staffing. She noted that this activity could be conducted with existing staff provided that the Agency board of directors could serve as the Airport Land Use Commission. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the contracts for these new activities would be brought forward in the coming months.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reviewed the Agency's final proposed budget. She stated the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific work program tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc. Ms. Goel noted that Board members raised questions about the costs associated with the Agency's annual report. Cost to print and mail the annual report has been left in the budget; however, staff will evaluate if the quantity can be reduced and the method of delivering it to the public can be modified. The updated budget also proposes to reduce the number of Agency vehicles from 3 to 2, and to reduce the funding for legislative consultants by 25 percent. In conclusion, Ms. Goel reported that the biggest risk to the Agency is a reduction in federal and state planning funds. Staff will keep the Board advised of any developments related to transportation funding.

Board member Delgado suggested that the budget charts should compare the FY2010/11 proposed budget expenditures with the FY2009/10 most recent projected expenditures, instead of the adopted FY2009/10 budget. He also asked what would happen if the grants for the projects in the direct program were not obtained would the expenditures still be incurred. Ms. Goel replied that expenditures in the direct program do not occur until the revenue is secured.

Board member Edelen expressed concern with increasing the Agency's staff for the public outreach position. Ms. Hale stated that the position would be funded out of specific grants would be temporary during the 101 Prunedale Improvement Project construction period.

Bill Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport District, expressed concerns on the additional responsibilities for staff supporting the Airport Land Use Commission. He asked if the additional \$35,000 funding would cover the staff time cost, noting that in the past a ¾ staff position was budgeted. Ms. Hale stated that the Agency expects to absorb the staff time within existing staff, provided that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors was designated as the Airport Land Use Commission so that additional meetings were not required.

**6. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDING**

**M/S/C** Potter/Ortiz/unanimous

The Board received an update and discussed the Fiscal Year 2010-11 unmet transit needs finding.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, reported that State law requires the Transportation Agency to make a finding on unmet transit needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds to any jurisdiction for streets and roads projects or other eligible purposes. Caltrans has directed the Agency to fund any reasonable unmet transit need countywide before allocating funds to streets and roads projects, regardless of whether or not the need is identified in an existing service area where Local Transportation Funds are already allocated to public transit. This interpretation could significantly reduce County streets and roads funding allocations. He noted that the Agency is required to allocate the remaining funds (\$1,474,021) to the County for road purposes after allocating funding for any reasonable unmet transit needs. The County claims these funds for MST Special Transit (paratransit) service outside of the ¾ mile corridor, streets and roads projects and other eligible costs. The Agency evaluates comments based on the criteria adopted by the Board of Directors for identifying reasonable unmet transit needs consistent with state law. Currently, 100% of the Local Transportation Funds apportioned to jurisdictions within MST's existing service area is allocated to public transit. The law specifically does not allow the Agency to weigh the need for transit service against the need for streets and roads projects in its analysis and determination of reasonable unmet transit needs.

Mr. Bachman, reported that increased service on Line 20 and a new Line 25 are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Transit service to the Cachagua area was investigated based on public testimony and Board direction, but staff does not believe it will be reasonable to meet due to safety and feasibility concerns expressed, so the Agency will be working to address this need through vanpools. He noted that Staff has met with County staff and MST to present the Caltrans interpretation and proposed unmet needs finding. He also reported that staff would evaluate the MST application, make a presentation to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Commission, and bring a final unmet needs recommendation to the June Board meeting for adoption.

Yazdan Emrani, Public Works Director for Monterey County, expressed concern that the County would be losing funding for local roads. Mr. Emrani noted that they would have to look at service level cuts on roads, staff that is maintaining the roads, maintenance on these roads, and materials needed to maintain these roads. He noted the County of Monterey has historically programmed these funds for maintaining of roads and streets in its budget. In conclusion, he noted that they are respectfully advocating for a phased implementation because of the timing and the requirement to adopt the County budget in the next few weeks.

Board member Edelen asked that if the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council rules against MST would it be possible to have a third alternative perhaps for discussion at our next meeting dividing the funds between Monterey County and MST. Debbie Hale replied that the Transportation Agency Board is not obligated to follow the Advisory Council recommendation on the unmet needs finding and can adopt an alternative finding at its June meeting.

Board member Armenta asked that the Board be consistent on allocating Local Transportation Funds for transit. He noted that all the cities gave up their Local Transportation Funds for transit needs.

Board Chairman Calcagno noted that MST has priority to the Local Transportation Funds, but he suggested that phasing the funds to transit over time would work best for both public agencies. He noted that given the short timeframe for giving layoff notices is not good for those employees.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, expressed concerns that if the funding does not all come to MST that there will be jobs lost and transit service cuts. The November 2009 survey of MST riders show that eighty-five percent of passengers have no available car or don't drive and fifty-five percent of those people are using public transit to go to work and go to school. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk noted that cutting transit services to folks would leave them with no ability to get to jobs or school.

Board Alternate Markey expressed concerns that phasing funds would result in temporary service cuts that would be disruptive to MST and those using the transit service.

**Public Comment:**

Megan Tolbert, Transportation Planner for CSUMB, expressed concerns that there is a significant need for transit at Cal State Monterey Bay. She noted that fifty percent of students, staff and faculty reside in Salinas. She noted that MST buses from Salinas to Marina provide the primary transit service for students and staff getting to and from school or work. She noted that being in school is expensive and that providing bus service alleviates the need to have a car. She noted that the University wants to support students not having a car given the costs involved. Ms. Tolbert reported that CSUMB would be submitting an application to the Air District that will help leverage the proposed new service. She noted that Line 25 would offer direct service from CSUMB to Salinas. CSUMB is also in the process of applying for raising funds to allow unlimited transit ridership on all MST buses for CSUMB students, staff and faculty. On behalf of CSUMB, she supports the unmet transit needs finding.

7. **2010 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Board received report on the adopted 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that chronic underfunding required almost 39% of the projects programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program from 2010-11 through 2012-13 to be delayed to 2013-14 and 2014-15. In addition to voluntary project delays included in the Transportation Agency's 2010 Regional Transportation Plan, California Transportation Commission staff recommended delaying \$3 million for the Highway 1 Climbing Lane near Carmel to 2014-15. As a new project, the Highway 1/183 Fly-under at Artichoke Ave was not recommended for funding. He noted that Commission staff recommended keeping the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project in 2010-11 and keeping the US 101-San Juan Interchange Project in 2012-13. The Highway 68 San Benancio Intersection project will be delayed to 2011-12, but the practical result may just be a one-day delay.

Board member Potter expressed concerns with the delay to the Highway 1 Truck Climbing lane project given the low cost and the significant traffic relief the project would have. He noted that all of the delayed projects mentioned were good and ready to go.

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, noted that several projects were delayed to future years but the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project stayed at the same place in 2010-11. He noted that it is a good bid environment now with the potential significant cost savings. In conclusion, he noted that if funding becomes available, delayed projects could be moved forward earlier.

Jean Getchell, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, noted that the temporary free right turn at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road due to trail construction has been getting some positive feedback and asked if this could be made permanent. Ms. Hale reported that staff has received a handful of request to keep the temporary free right turn movement on Carmel Valley Road. She noted staff is working with Caltrans and the County to investigate whether or not this right-turn can be retained after construction.

Public Comments:

Vee Thomas, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked staff, Board members and Caltrans for their hard work on the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project. She expressed that they worked many years to get this important traffic safety improvement in North County.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed gratitude to staff for keeping the Prunedale Improvement project on track. She noted that many people lost their lives on that road. They had over 100 meetings in people's homes and libraries. In conclusion, she thanked Caltrans for always attending the meetings and for staying involved in the project.

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

No report this month.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, District Director for District 5, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted that they had a very successful groundbreaking for Highway 1/Salinas Road interchange on April 23, 2010 with outstanding attendance and great media coverage. He asked people to drive safely for the next couple of years through that construction zone. He announced that the Airport Boulevard interchange project has a low bidder, and construction will start in the summer of 2010. Mr. Krumholz reported that the safety roadside rest area on Camp Roberts is open and beautiful. He announced that he would be attending a luncheon for the adopt-a-highway volunteers to acknowledge their hard work. Mr. Krumholz reported that the California Transportation Foundation presented their Tranny Awards and Caltrans District 5 won a couple of those awards. He noted that Gary Ruggerone, Senior Environmental Planner, was awarded with Emerson Rayner Award for his involvement in the Elkhorn Slough Mitigation pilot project.

Board member Armenta thanked Caltrans for finishing its work on Highway 198.

Board member Salinas thanked Mr. Krumholz and Caltrans staff for the roadside rest area tour. He suggested that Board members stop by the rest area if they are traveling through that region.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported an increase in passenger traffic due to local use and tourism. He noted that some flights have increased passengers due to reduced frequency. He noted that the Airport recently had a very successful triennial disaster exercise that included fire department personnel from area wide jurisdictions.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that for the past three months MST has noticed an increase in ridership. Mr. Sedoryk reported that MST has selected Moore and Associates to perform an analysis of ridership demand in South County area to help develop improvements to the route network. He noted that Moore and Associates has a bilingual market researcher that will be working on the project.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale reported that the Agency is encouraging the County to keep to its original schedule for the Highway 1 Truck Climbing Lane Extension to be ready if funding becomes available in the future. She reported that Transportation Commission staff encouraged the Agency to apply for future bond savings to fully fund the US 101 San Juan Road interchange. Ms. Hale noted that both Senators Boxer and Feinstein proposed an earmark for the San Juan Road project \$1 million to \$2million. She reported that Carmel Valley Road would open to traffic early to mid June. The project should be completed in August and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled. She announced that the Airport Boulevard bid was given to a local contractor: Pavex/Graniterock. She noted that there would be about \$3 million in savings. Staff is working with the City of Salinas and Caltrans to put this money towards regional needs in the area. She reported that staff is making presentations on the Light Rail Project, and asked if anyone has a venue at which they would want a simulation presentation to please let staff know so that staff can answer questions people may have. She also announced that the rescheduled Bike-to-TAMC Board is set for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, asked for an update on the Regional Taxi Authority. Ms. Hale replied that Airport District Board of Directors voted in favor of the Regional Taxi Authority. In addition to retaining their current contract with their taxi operator they committed to evaluate within 120 days the capital costs to open up the market. There is approval from numerous cities and approval by the City of Monterey is scheduled for July 6th. The City of Marina and the County of Monterey have yet to be scheduled.

Board member Potter expressed his support for this proposal to improve taxi service. He noted that the cab is the first impression to the visitor and that the regional authority is designed to maximize the quality of service within the Peninsula region.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

Board member Delgado reported that the Monterey Airport is quick and pleasant compared to the San Jose, San Francisco and Utah airports. He also announced that on May 27<sup>th</sup> TAMC staff would be at the City of Marina library making a presentation on light rail to a local community group.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Calcagno adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.