

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

Final Minutes of April 27, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	APR 10	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- Past Chair (H. Gowin)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- 1st Vice Chair (C. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee ; J. Mohammadi)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Burnett, Carmel-by-the-Sea (K. Sharp)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks - 2nd Vice Chair (K. Clark)	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales- Chair (J. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (Y. Teneyuque)	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-
F. Bachofner, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	P	-	-	P	P	-	P	P	-	-	P
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe , B. Rider, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	P	P	-	-	P	-	-	-	P(A)	E	-
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P

TAMC STAFF	APR 10	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
L. Blankenship, Legal Counsel	P	P	E	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. Cheung, Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coord.									P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
K. Hoschouer, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Kathleen Lee	Aide to Supervisor District 5	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Sam Teel	Monterey Co. Hospitality Assn	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
John Arriaga	JEA & Associates	Scott Ottmar	City of Seaside
David Meyerson	Senator Blakeslee	Rob Russell	City of Salinas
Noelle White	Office of Assembly member Monning	Linda Gonzales	Office of Assembly member Alejo
Liuna Griselda Barron	Local 297		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Orozco called the meeting to order. Agency Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Delgado/unanimous
Approved consent agenda.

Board member Parker pulled item 3.3.1.

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 March 23, 2011.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for March 2011 and credit card statements for the month of February 2011.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Applications:
1. Received report on Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program applications and regional project scores; and
 2. Adopted resolution 2011-06 authorizing federal funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) with the California Department of Transportation.
- 3.2.2** Approved appointment of Tim Meehan to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Monterey.
- 3.2.3** Regarding Beach Range Road Project Update:
1. Received update on the Beach Range Road multi-use trail project;
 2. Approved contract amendment No. 3 with Harris & Associates to provide additional construction management and inspection services in the amount of a\$6,955, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the amendment if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
 4. Authorized the use of \$6,955 from the 2009 Federal Appropriation Act funds for the contract amendment.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** No items this month.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** No items this month.

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 2, 2011
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 2, 2011
(On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 7, 2011 (On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 10, 2011
(On line at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. GOLDEN HELMET AWARD WINNER

The Board presented to Devian Gilbert a certificate as the second annual Golden Helmet Award winner and to Diego Liberczuk as the Silver Helmet Award winner, as part of the 2011 Monterey County Bike Week celebration.

Don Bachman, Executive Deputy Director, presented the Golden Helmet Award to Devian Gilbert for his dedication to use bicycles in his daily commute. Mr. Gilbert commuted on his bicycle for 10 years to his employer, Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, and additional years as a self-employed individual. He rides on average 20,000 miles per year. After receiving his United Bicycle Institute Bicycle Mechanic certification in 2001, Mr. Gilbert worked as a bicycle mechanic and organized bicycling events such as the Sea Otter Classic. Deputy Director Bachman also presented the Silver Helmet Award to Diego Liberczuk for his dedication in using a bicycle in his daily commute. Mr. Liberczuk bikes 11 miles round trip from his home to office at HSBC, even under severe weather conditions, which is approximately 150 hours per year. He also promoted the Monterey County Bike Week events at the company and inspired many peers to join him for Bike to Work Day, breaking records by rallying more than 46 bicyclists to commute to work.

5. REGIONAL FEE – INFILL AND REDEVELOPMENT AREA TRIP RATES

M/S/C Burnett/Sollecito/unanimous

1. Approved reducing the regional fees for infill developments through trip rate reductions in concept pending completion of infill area maps and allow jurisdictions to apply fee deferrals or payment plans, described in the staff report;
2. Approved contract with Wood Rodgers for a technical memo, to provide infill maps with a clear definition where reduced fees will apply, and 25% contingency in the amount of \$23,125;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
4. Authorized the use of \$23,125 from Regional Surface Transportation Program interest funding for the contract.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency and City of Salinas have met to discuss the request by Salinas to suspend the impact fees in the infill development. The City of Salinas and Agency staff has agreed to use the model used by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for trip reduction rates. Previously the Board had directed staff to return

with information on potential fee reductions for infill developments and how the program would be impacted financially. The next step would be to prepare infill maps that will designate areas in the region that are eligible for reductions. Developments falling outside of these areas would still be eligible for trip reductions through the existing appeals process. Once completed, draft GIS maps would be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee and Board for comment and approval.

Board member Sollecito noted that at the previous Board meeting there were concerns with the CEQA mitigation, and asked if there is a new proposal to keep the future of impact fee program healthy. Mr. Zeller replied yes, it is part of this proposal and future fee program updates.

Board member Delgado asked for a map with infill areas with in the county and what would be the loss of suspending and reducing the fees. Mr. Zeller replied that yes, maps would be provided primarily showing the downtown areas and suspending the fees would result in a permanent loss of \$46 million and reducing fees would have a loss of \$6.4 million.

Board alternate Markey expressed concern on the definition of "infill area". She noted that Board member Parker asked that the Board not take action on this item until a clear definition is provided. Deputy Director Bachman noted that the definition of infill area and maps would be provided for approval at a later date. Board members Bachofner and Huerta support reducing the fees but concurred that maps be provided.

Public comments:

Jeff Weir, City of Salinas, applauded TAMC staff for understanding and reaching a consensus with the City of Salinas to reduce the fees in the infill development. He noted that the investment is critical for all of Monterey County. Board member Craig concurred with Mr. Weir noting that she understands the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and supports TAMC's recommendation.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Salinas/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board received an update on state legislative activities and approved positions on state legislation.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the state budget and bills of interest. He reported that the continuing state budget deficit and the redevelopment agency controversy are the main focal points of work in Sacramento. In March, the Governor signed into law a variety of budget-related measures that reduce California's \$26.6 billion budget deficit by an estimated \$11.2 billion. He noted that the Gas Tax Swap (Assembly Bill (AB) 105) would add some protection for transportation. Without this bill, revenues from the "new" Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) could have been in jeopardy.

Mr. Arriaga also reviewed the recommended positions on proposed bills. He noted that TAMC is sponsoring AB 484 (Alejo), which will help Caltrans in mitigation for highway projects by allowing non-profits to use the funding set aside for such mitigation. He reported that staff recommended an "oppose" position on AB 1354 (Huber); sponsored by the American Subcontractors Association of California, the bill would reduce the allowed retentions for public works contracts from 10% to 5%. He also recommended an "oppose" position on Senate Bill (SB) 468 (Kehoe), which would add extra requirements to capacity-increasing highway projects in the coastal zone; this bill would apply to the high-priority State Route 156 project.

7. **SALINAS ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT STATUS**

The Board received a presentation on the Highway 1 at Salinas Road Interchange Project Status.

Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer, reported the Salinas Road Interchange project that started in April 2010 will soon be moving to the next phase of construction and will be implementing a detour to traffic traveling along Highway 1 at Salinas Road. During the next phase of construction, traffic will be detoured along a newly constructed frontage road just west of Highway 1 (from Jensen Road to just north of Salinas Road). The detour will also include a temporary intersection with Salinas Road, almost identical to the existing one, but about 100 yards south. The detour is expected to occur in late May or June. Once implemented the detour is expected to last about eight months. During the first two weeks of the detour any traffic turning at Salinas Road will be redirected on Hwy 129 through Watsonville.

8. **MONTEREY COUNTY FREIGHT RAIL FACILITY**

M/S/C Salinas/Burnett/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on the proposed Monterey County Freight Rail Facility; and approved conceptual support for the County of Monterey's Community Development Block Grant application for a freight rail facility feasibility study and provide a support letter when funding is confirmed.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported Monterey County is collaborating with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and agricultural industry stakeholders on a study to develop an agricultural truck-to-rail intermodal facility in the Salinas Valley.

Board member Burnett asked if the private sector supports freight rail. John Doughty, AMBAG, reported that Steve Collins and Jim Bogart of Grower Shippers are very engaged in this project and are fully on board and support this project.

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

None this month.

10. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- **Caltrans** – Brandy Rider, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. She thanked the Coastal Commission and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Commission for their cooperation on Highway 1 at Alder Creek. The opening date is estimated to be about 4 to 6 weeks. She announced Caltrans anticipates a federal call for Safe Routes to School applications at the end of April: once announced, there will likely be approximately 12 weeks until applications are due. She also announced the retirement of Cindy McKim on May 16, 2011 who served 40 years in transportation.

Board member Burnett concurred with Rider, noting the Coastal Commission and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Commission reached a common sense approach, granting a one-day emergency permit to speed up the project.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed excitement for the Prunedale Improvement Project. She noted that she is pleased with the press coverage and the progress of project.

Kathleen Lee, District 5, conveyed thanks to Caltrans for considering the needs and working with the Big Sur community. She also conveyed her thanks to Steve Price for meeting on site with the community.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported the Airport District continues to pursue additional routes. He noted that the passenger counts are stable, with 10 % lower than last year. He announced that the Airport District has a “Frequent Parker” program offering reduced parking fees for frequent passengers.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, reported that during the Big Sur Bridge failure MST deployed Line 22 providing transportation to over 280 passengers. He announced MST implemented their new fare-structure, noting passengers riding shorter distances pay less and passengers riding longer distances pay more. He also announced MST launched the new smart card fare box that will allow passengers to use a pre-paid card on the bus to pay for their fare. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk announced the purchase of nine new bus shelters for South County. Chair Orozco noted she is looking forward to the new bus shelters.

11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Executive Director Bachman reported that the Prunedale Improvement Project groundbreaking event is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011. He announced the 17th Annual Monterey County 2011 Bike Week from May 9-15th. He invited the Board members to participate in the Bike to Board Meeting day on May 25th. In conclusion, Deputy Director Bachman reminded the Board to mark their calendars, the Board planning session would be held on May 25th, from 9-12.

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

Board member Craig congratulated the Gold and Silver Helmet awardees Devian Gilbert and Diego Liberczuk. She announced the Harvey Baker Open House and mural unveiling by Salinas's local artist John Cerney on April 28, 2011.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.