

Agenda item: 3.1.1

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

**Final Minutes of August 24, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	AUG 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- <b>Past Chair</b> (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> (C. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee; <del>J. Mohammadi</del> )	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Burnett, Carmel-by-the-Sea (K. Sharp)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks - <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (K. Clark)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Orozco, Gonzales- <b>Chair</b> (J. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	E	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, <del>J. Serrano</del> )	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P(A)
F. Bachofner, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	P	P	-	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, <del>B. Rider, M. McCumsey</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	-	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(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Donlon	Alta Planning + Design	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
George Dondero	Santa Cruz Co. RTC	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Lupe Galaviz	Soledad resident	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mary Gilbert	San Benito COG	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
Patrick Dobbins	Mark Thomas & Co.	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Eric Petersen	TAMC Bike/Ped Committee	Bhupendra Patel	AMBAG
Patricia Lopez	Monterey County Public Works	Jayne Mohammadi	Supervisor Potter's office
Megan Tolbert	CSUMB	Rob Russell	City of Salinas
Phil Yenovkian	Salinas resident	Mari Lynch	Bicycle Advocate
Pat Connally	Caltrans, Construction Chief	D.L Johnson	TAMC Bike/Ped Committee
Abel Moran	Local Union No.297	Hans Jongens	Member of the Public
Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Association		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Jongens, Salinas resident commented that there is a need for replacing traffic signals with roundabouts in Salinas to improve the traffic flow.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident agreed with Hans Jongens on the need for roundabouts in Monterey County.

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**3.        CONSENT AGENDA**  
M/S/C Sollecito/Armenta/unanimous

***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 June 22, 2011.
- 3.1.2**    Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2011 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2011.
- 3.1.3**    Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4**    Approved proposed amendments to Agency Bylaws as announced at the June Board meeting. All changes to Bylaws are the same as announced in June.
- 3.1.5**    Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel as recommended by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.6**    Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2011 and the observance of the Christmas Eve Holiday from Friday December 23, 2011 to Tuesday December 27, 2011.

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

- 3.2.1**    Monterey-Salinas Transit Intercity Bus Grant Application.
  - 1.    Adopted Resolution 2011-15 authorizing federal funding to Monterey-Salinas Transit under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program with the California Department of Transportation;
  - 2.    Ratified Executive Director signature of required Agency certifications; and
  - 3.    Requested that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments amend the Transportation Improvement Program to include this project if funding is secured.
- 3.2.2**    Adopted Resolution 2011-16 allocating available and future Public Transit Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (Proposition 1B) bond funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1**    Received information on the Monterey Citywide Transportation and Parking Study.
- 3.3.2**    Approved final list of adopted priority regional transportation projects.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

**3.4.1** Call box maintenance services:

1. Approved Scope of Work in the Invitation for Bids for the Monterey County call box program maintenance service; and
2. Directed staff to release the Invitation for Bids to interested parties.

**3.4.2** Allocated Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for our proportionate share of updating the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment.

**3.4.3** Overall work Program Agreement Amendment:

Authorized the Executive Director to execute:

1. An amendment to the Agency's Overall Work Program Agreement with Caltrans to incorporate funding from the INVEST pilot project grant; and
2. Any additional agreements necessary to accept the INVEST pilot project grant.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** Accepted Commuter Rail Extension project visual simulations.

**3.5.2** Approved resolution to support the High Speed Rail downtown Gilroy station over the Leavesley Road station option.

***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 August 3, 2011  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft August 3, 2011  
(On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft August 1, 2011 (On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft August 4, 2011  
(On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

**END OF CONSENT**

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4. **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Sharon Gavin as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for April through June 2011.

The Agency employees recognized Sharon for having a great attitude. The staff also appreciated her professionalism, diligence, hard work on the TAMC Cone Zone Report, her community outreach efforts and most notably her work on the 101 Prundale Improvement Project groundbreaking on June 10, 2011.

5. **FOLLOW-UP STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: FUNDING AND PROJECT PRIORITIES**

The Board received a report on the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate. He noted that the California Transportation Commission adopted the STIP Fund Estimate at its August 10, 2011 meeting.

Transportation Agency staff will begin drafting a 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program proposal based on the regional priorities set by the Board at its May 2011 meeting. He noted that coordination with Caltrans and other regional partners will be initiated to improve the chances of Interregional STIP funds be proposed for projects in Monterey County. Mr. Muck noted that there are a few key issues that will drive how the California Transportation Commission prioritizes statewide project programming. There is an approximately \$100 million funding shortfall in Fiscal Year 2012-13 that will require existing programmed projects to be moved to later years in the 2012 STIP. He added that the shortfall reflects re-balancing from one STIP cycle to the next based on actual revenues received by the state. The TAMC Board priority projects for state funding from the May strategic planning session are US 101/San Juan Road Interchange, SR 156 Widening, US 101 South County Frontage Roads, the Commuter Rail Extension to Salinas and the Monterey Branch Line light rail. In conclusion, Mr. Muck noted that programming options would be brought back to the TAMC Board in the fall and adopted as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan in December. The Transportation Agency must submit its 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the California Transportation Commission by December 15, 2011.

Board member Burnett asked if the engineering and right-of way acquisition phase can start at separate times due to lack of funding. Todd Muck replied that the engineering and right-of way acquisition have to be done during the same phase.

6. **FOLLOW-UP STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: INSTITUTIONAL ROLES**

The Board received report on the potential for realigning the activities of the Transportation Agency, and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors has directed staff to research the notion of taking on the federal metropolitan transportation organization (MPO) responsibilities that are currently handled by the multi-county Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. She noted that the purpose of such a shift to a “single-county MPO” would be to improve cost effectiveness and increase operational efficiencies by removing duplication of efforts across the agencies. Ms. Hale noted that another goal is to increase ongoing investment in the regional transportation model. She mentioned that the Santa Cruz County and San Benito County transportation planning agencies are also performing such a review and AMBAG is also expected to issue a report in September 2011. She noted that staff of all three agencies met with Caltrans Audits, Planning and Programming, Federal Highway Administration, Air Resources Board, and Housing and Community Development staff to learn more about the issues. Ms. Hale noted that the taxpayer savings under a single-county scenario would be approximately \$297,500 in state funds, plus approximately \$173,700 in dues collected from member cities and counties, for a total savings of approximately \$471,200 per year.

Responsibilities that could be taken on by the Transportation Agency as a single county MPO include:

1. Overall Work Program
2. Metropolitan Transportation Plan
3. Metropolitan Improvement Plan
4. Regional Environmental Document Clearinghouse
5. Multi-County Travel Forecast Model (utilized for general plans, transportation projects, capital improvements plans)
6. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (occurs every 8 years)
7. Census Data Center (disseminates population information)
8. Monterey County Ridesharing Activities
9. Sustainable Communities Strategy (part of the Regional Transportation Plan)

Ms. Hale went over the analysis of issues related to formation of three Single-County Transportation planning agencies in the Monterey Bay Area attachment. In conclusion Ms. Hale noted that staff seeks direction from the Board of Directors on whether or not they are interested in having the Agency continue to pursue research and activities related to the single-county administration of federal and state transportation planning activities. She further recommended that TAMC refrain from providing the “in-kind” non-federal match to AMBAG for its federal planning funds until Board action is taken on a policy agreement with the involved agencies.

Board member Burnett thanked Ms. Hale for the detailed presentation. He suggested that Transportation Agency staff work with the Santa Cruz County and San Benito County, Air District, MST and AMBAG on an Executive Committee meeting for all to discuss and hear from their respective counterparts.

Randy DeShazo, AMBAG, noted that the Federal Transit Administration suspension of AMBAG’s designated grant recipient status is not in effect. He asked that no action be taken on the proposal to withhold future non-federal matching funds from AMBAG until Interim Executive Director Les

White completes his analysis. He noted that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment is an unfunded state mandate that cannot be paid out of federal planning funds and that the Sustainable Communities Strategy budget at present includes federal planning funds and is not scheduled for completion until 2014.

Board member Parker supported the idea of looking into scheduling a meeting with representatives from all the agencies' Executive Boards.

Board member Sollecito noted that once it is time to make a decision it would be helpful to have a chart with agency functions and show how much funding saved by the agency to get same quality of job done.

Board member Calcagno expressed a concern with the objectivity of AMBAG's self-evaluation and suggested that the agencies ought to have third-party work on the evaluation.

Executive Director Debbie Hale introduced Mr. Ron De Carli, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, who presented information on the responsibilities of their single-county Council of Governments and Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Mr. De Carli had a presentation on the following:

- Special Programs:
  - Regional Rideshare
  - Regional Housing Needs Allocation
  - Regional Census Data Center
  - Sustainable Community Strategy
- Regional Planning & Coordination:
  - Joint meetings of decision-makers (require close coordination)
  - Technical staff coordination
- Cautionary Issues:
  - Non-Transportation Functions (clearly address funding)
  - Air Quality Conformity (non attainment) requires close coordination with traffic model
  - Land Use, Traffic Model & Sustainable Communities Strategy

Board Alternate Lee asked if there was more competition between counties for project funding under a single county MPO structure. Mr. DeCarli answered "no", stating that all the competition was within the County. Board member Salinas asked if in fact Sacramento was encouraging more multi-county coordination. Mr. DeCarli responded that "yes", his agency was engaging in more multi-county cooperation, including some joint activities with Santa Barbara County and the US 101 Central Coast Coalition effort. Board member Salinas added that under a single-county MPO there would need to be more staff level coordination and cooperation, and that we have to be more efficient and as a single-County MPO as the purpose is not to have duplication of responsibilities. He also noted that this is a good exercise and that there are several points of information that are needed: we have to talk the good, the bad and the ugly and September would be a critical point to have the entities meet, after the AMBAG report is made.

Board member Armenta asked for clarification on the Board composition under a single-county MPO structure and what the next steps would be. Staff noted that the Board composition is proposed to remain the existing TAMC Board structure. The next steps if a restructuring is to take place would be

to make presentations to the cities and counties to gauge their interest, and to get further information from the federal agencies.

George Dondero, Executive Director of Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, reported that his agency had extensive presentations on this issue. He noted that they are interested to know where the City of Salinas stands since their vote is required to approve a change in designation. No action was made at his Board meeting as they are waiting to see what develops. However, he agreed that a joint Executive Board meeting of the agencies could be productive.

Board ex-officio Carl Sedoryk, MST CEO and General Manager, asked that the transit agencies be invited to the joint meeting.

**M/S/C** Burnett/Salinas/unanimous

Board member Burnett motioned to continue gathering information on the scenario of taking on the federal metropolitan transportation organization responsibilities, reach out to the agencies involved to set up a coordinated Executive Committees meeting, and to continue action on the in-kind match issue until after the consolidation issue is decided.

**7. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

The Board received a report on the draft Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency received funding to prepare a new Plan that will guide the planning and design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities improvements, and position the local cities and the Transportation Agency for grants to finance these improvements. She noted that the new plan includes a pedestrian component that was not previously included in the Agency's 2005 General Bikeways Plan. The bicycle transportation plan needs to be updated every five years.

Ms. Cheung noted that the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan identifies all existing and proposed bicycle projects and facilities of jurisdiction within the Monterey County region; and satisfies the General Bikeways Plan requirements set by the California Department of Transportation. She noted that the plan also identifies a prioritized list of regionally significant bicycle and pedestrian projects listed. This priority list will help guide the allocation of Agency-administered bikeways, trail and sidewalk funds. Ms. Cheung mentioned that there are nearly 400 proposed bicycle projects including over 500 miles of bikeways in the plan. The total cost estimate is \$108 million dollars. In conclusion Ms. Cheung noted that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be up for adoption by the Transportation Agency Board at the September 2011 Board meeting. Comments can be made on the plan until Friday, September 2, 2011

Public comment:

Megan Tolbert, CSUMB reported that they have been trying to coordinate with the City of Marina on recommending additional class III bikeways on trails. She also noted that a sample of signage have been designated to support the safe access to CSUMB. She asked that the bike plan be sure to include recommended facilities on campus.

Phil Yenovkian, commented that there is no safe route from Salinas to Peninsula. He noted that the

Blanco Road route is an extremely important safety improvement. In conclusion he noted we need more Monterey County supporters for bike projects.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented that he lives in Salinas and thanked Ms. Cheung for her presentation. He noted that bicycle safety from is important, particularly between Salinas to Monterey. Mr. Petersen mentioned that the Gabilan trail is a former trail that was destroyed and is recommended in the plan for restoration.

Board member Huerta commented that he agrees with the Farm Bureau on limiting bicycle facilities along agriculture truck routes. He noted that bicycle lanes should be on roadway shoulders such as along Reservation Road and Highway 68 and not on the agricultural routes due to bicyclist safety.

Board member Burnett asked where are the large numbers of bicycle collisions. He noted that we invest in an infrastructure where it is most cost-effective to improve bicycle safety. Executive Director Hale mentioned that agency staff would take a look at whether or not a cost-benefit safety analysis could be performed.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, mentioned that MST bus drivers have had to refuse a few persons with bicyclist due to lack of bike rack space and asked that the bike plan reflect this need for larger bike racks. He noted that an obstacle to three-bicycle racks is the California Highway Patrol, which has raised concerns about the transit buses utilizing bike racks that carry more than two bikes.

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

None this month.

**9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- Caltrans – Rich Krumholz, Director of Caltrans, reported that the August 10th CTC presentation by Caltrans and TAMC staff on the US 101 San Juan Road Interchange project was well received and the project has support from commissioners. He announced that the following projects are in construction: US 101 Airport Boulevard interchange improvements, Highway 1 interchange at Salinas Road and the US 101 Prundale Improvement Project. He also announced that we are at the height of construction season and he asked for all to be observant to their surroundings while driving in construction zones. He asked drivers to follow the new Caltrans campaign to “move over and slow down” around construction areas, noting that construction workers put themselves at risk everyday. In conclusion, Mr. Krumholz reported that we should all expect delays and detours around the construction projects.
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District – Bill Sabo reported the Airport District continues to have declining passenger counts at 10% lower than last year. He noted that two flights a day from three flights are departing out of Monterey Peninsula Airport. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo announced that the \$45 million runway was a huge project, but delayed due to the FAA budget delay.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, reported a few changes happening during Labor Day weekend. He noted that the MST’s trolley would discontinue on Labor Day. The Otter trolley service reductions have been happening through out the region. He also announced free fare zones for students at Hartnell College on September 17 at the main

campus and east campus. He mentioned that the Regional Taxi Authority put together a senior discount and persons with disabilities discount. In conclusion Mr. Sedoryk noted that they were permitted to wheelchair accessible will have new rules.

Board member Huerta asked on the status of Rancho Cielo request on transportation. Mr. Carl Sedoryk noted the Monterey County has extended their assistance to Rancho Cielo for the remainder of the year. He noted that MST is working with Rancho Cielo to find a solution to provide van connections from Rancho Cielo.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale announced that the Transportation Agency is going paperless; TAMC agendas are now on-line for viewing. She announced that the evaluations would be going out to TAMC Board members this week. She also announced that the TAMC Bike Protection Program is now open for grant applications for bicycle racks and lockers and suggested that they discuss potential applications with your City Public Works department. Ms. Hale announced the Beach Range Road ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. Board members and the public is invited to attend. In conclusion, Director Hale announced that Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant is out on medical leave and is expected back at the of September.

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

Board member Sollecito announced that Monterey is the 14<sup>th</sup> on the tourism destination list. He noted that we went from 4<sup>th</sup> on the list to 14<sup>th</sup> and many visitors have complained that it is hard to get to Monterey.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.