

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

**Final Minutes of February 23, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- <b>Past Chair</b> (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> (C. Lopez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	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 - <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (K. Clark)	P	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales- <b>Chair</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield (Y. Teneyuque)	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
F. Bachofner, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	-	P	P	-	-	P	P	-	P	P	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	P	E	P	P	-	-	P	-	-	-	P(A)
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	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jayne Mohammadi	District 5	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Tim Gubbins	Caltrans District 5	Vee Thomas	No. Mty. Co. Mothers Group
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Lupe Galaviz	Soledad resident
Gary Alameda	Local Union 297	Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside
Sam Teel	Monterey Co. Hospitality Association		

- CALL TO ORDER**  
 Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Agency Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Orozco called the meeting to order.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
 None.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Salinas/Armenta/unanimous  
Approved consent agenda.

***ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET***

**3.1.1**

**M/S/C** Delgado/Sollecito  
Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of January 26, 2011.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for January 2011 and credit card statements for the month of December 2010.

**3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.

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

**3.2.1** Amended Resolution 2011-02 apportioning Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for Fiscal Year 2011-12 in the amount of \$12,285,000.

**3.2.2** Directed the Transportation Agency Executive Director to sign a letter supporting the City of Marina's Bicycle Transportation Account grant application to install bike lanes on Cardoza and Carmel Avenues.

***PLANNING***

**3.3.1** No items this month.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

**3.4.1** No items this month.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** Authorized the Executive Director to provide a letter of support for the Monterey Bay Regional Desalination Project Coastal Development Permit.

***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 February 2, 2011  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft February 2, 2011  
(On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft February 7, 2011 (On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft February 3, 2011  
(On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE**

The Board welcomed new employee Community Outreach Coordinator/Associate Transportation Planner Sharon Gavin.

Ms. Gavin has close to 18 years experience as a Public Information Officer. Her most recent employment was with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments as a Home Energy Specialist.

**5. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Mike Zeller as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for October through December 2010.

The Agency employees recognize Mike for being helpful with all of our computer glitches! The staff also recognizes him for his professionalism, diligence, knowledge, work with the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance and for his excellent work on the regional development impact fee program.

**6. REGIONAL FEE-INFILL AND REDEVELOPMENT AREA TRIP RATES**

M/S/C Craig/Salinas/unanimous

At the request of City of Salinas this item was postponed until next month.

**7. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FY11/12 AND THREE-YEAR BUDGET (FY 11/12 – FY 13/14)**

M/S/C Calcagno/Huerta/unanimous

The Committee authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 11/12 budget and work program to federal and state funding agencies for initial review; provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 11/12 through 13/14, and the work program for fiscal year 11/12; and directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget and one-year work program back to the Board on May 25, 2011 for approval.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 11/12 through 13/14. She noted that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two

types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials, supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc.

Ms. Goel noted that the proposed fiscal year 2011-2012 operating expenditure budget is \$2,530,818, a net increase over fiscal year 2010-2011 of \$13,926. These increased operating costs are funded with additional revenues from project grants. She also noted that the proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is \$41,352,625 a net increase over fiscal year 10/11 of \$6,444,200. These increased direct program costs are funded with federal, state and local grants.

Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman presented the draft work program for FY 2011-12. He noted that this is a continuation of Board Policy. He also noted that slight changes were made from the 2010-11 program. Mr. Bachman reported that plan is submitted to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), which prepares an annual Overall Work Program that incorporates the activities of AMBAG, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit System. He noted that the work program is then submitted to state and federal funding agencies.

In conclusion, Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman, noted next steps in the overall work program process are to make changes as directed by the Board, and then submit it to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for review by state and federal agencies. The draft overall work program will be updated according to input from those agencies and in May the final program will be provided, along with the 2011-2012 budget, to the Executive Committee for review and the Board of Directors for adoption.

Board member Matarazzo asked if the overall work program included specific mention of the regional water project in Sand City and California Avenue extension regarding use of the TAMC right of way. Mr. Bachman replied that these activities are included in the work program under the management of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way. He noted that accommodating the regional water project in TAMC's right-of-way would be included in on-going efforts. Board member Matarazzo requested that specific mention of these 2 projects be included in the work program. Executive Director Hale noted that staff would look at the activities to make sure they are properly reflected in the budget.

Board member Huitt thanked Ms. Goel for her efforts in including the TAMC budget history for the last twelve years.

Board member Huerta asked for clarification on the Highway projects. He asked if the Highway 156 widening project was a priority or if there are other projects that could be a priority for our region. Director Hale replied that staff would take a look at priorities for highway projects, noting we are fortunate that the top four priority projects are basically funded; the Board has been united in supporting five priority projects over the last decade and the Highway 156 widening is the Agency's last priority project that is moving towards construction. She noted that staff is planning a Board visioning session in March to discuss and reaffirm TAMC's priorities so that staff has clear direction.

Board member Calcagno noted that Highway 156 is a bottleneck to bringing visitors to the Monterey Peninsula and that affects the regional economy. . He noted that he is lobbying for

widening Highway 156 as a top priority. Board members Huitt and Burnett concurred with Calcagno. Board member Chavez noted that he welcomes the visioning process to look at other priorities in the county. Board member Armenta asked that the Board come prepared with projects that are critical for the various cities and county.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, reported that she is looking forward to the Prunedale Improvement Project starting construction and expressed concerns with funding due to the crisis in the Middle East a possible increase in asphalt prices. Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5 Deputy Director for Project Delivery, noted that variations in asphalt pricing is built into the construction contract.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, emphasized how critical the widening of Highway 156 is to the Peninsula. He noted that it continues to be the Hospitality Association's top priority. If widening Highway 156 will increase tourism by 10%, that will translate in to more transient occupancy tax revenue and jobs. He encouraged the Board to continue to support this project.

8. **BOARD PHOTO**

This item was postponed to next month.

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** – Tim Gubbins, Deputy of Project Delivery, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted that the Prunedale Improvement construction project is the largest project in District 5, and is moving quickly toward construction, starting with the removal of trees. He also noted that Caltrans is experiencing severe budget impacts and continuing with employee furloughs.
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Monterey Peninsula Airport continues to hold its own with passenger counts down a little due to larger aircraft, increasing the number of seats but reducing the number of flights. He noted that the Airport District is trying to present a better face, noting this is part of an ongoing struggle for an extremely competitive air carrier service. In conclusion, he noted that they have also been working to secure federal funds for their \$41million safety improvement project. That project will make changes to the runway to allow for rapid deceleration and will include an emergency vehicle access road near Highway 68.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, reported that MST is monitoring the cost of oil and will take that into consideration as staff prepares MST's budget for the next fiscal year. He noted at a federal level they are seeing a great deal of uncertainty with funding. MST is looking at a loss of \$500,000, noting there are members of Congress who would like to reduce funding down to 2006 level, which would be devastating. He also noted at the state level they are looking at revenues of \$500,000 less than last year. Mr. Harvath announced that MST would expand service with grant funds designated for that purpose on weekends with weekend service until 2:30 a.m., to enable workers to get to and from their jobs. In addition MST is implementing their new smart fare box on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. MST will also

celebrate the extension of service from Fort Hunter Liggett to Paso Robles on March 25, 2011.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale apologized for the meeting location change and announced that next month's Board meeting will be held at the Agricultural Conference Center. She announced that the Board would be having a visioning session to update the Agency goals and objectives, which are utilized by staff to target activities and resources over the coming years. She reported TAMC will be presenting an update to each city council on major Monterey County highway projects. She announced TAMC will be hosting a rail field trip on March 3, 2011 from San Jose to Soledad and invited all Board members to attend. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that she along with other Board members would be traveling to Washington, D.C. to meet with legislators and committee staff to let them know that transportation is still important for our economy and federal funding is critical. They will also advocate for a federal process that is streamlined: less expensive but faster.

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

Board member Edelen requested that staff place on a future agenda an update by Caltrans on the plans for the Fort Ord intracounty connector road and the ongoing need to preserve the 1000-foot right-of-way.

Board member Armenta reported that Monterey-Salinas Transit Board has set up an ad-hoc committee to discuss transportation issues and unmet transit needs with the students of the community colleges. He also noted that he and other MST Board members will attend the American Public Transportation Association Legislative Transit conference in Washington, D.C. on March 13th-15th. In conclusion, He announced that for the first time starting March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Monterey County bus service will be connected with San Luis Obispo County.

Board member Delgado gave Kudos to MST for reducing the cost of transit service to CSUMB students, noting the students are excited about the free transportation. He also noted that there is still a Highway 1 southbound signage issue and asked Caltrans how the signs could be changed to reflect the actual street names (Imjin Boulevard vs. 12<sup>th</sup> Street).

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.