

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 January 26, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting

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

	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- Past Chair (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3- 1st Vice Chair (C. Lopez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
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)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales- Chair (M. Gourley)	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
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)	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	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	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(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	-	P	E	P	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, M. Hernandez)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P

TAMC STAFF	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	May 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Blankenship, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	E	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	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	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
M. Zeller, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Randy Deshazo	AMBAG	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jeffery Weir	City of Salinas	Vee Thomas	No.Mty. Co. Mothers Group
Dennis Donohue	Mayor, City of Salinas	Sig & Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Dave Murray	Caltrans District 5	Meagan Tolbert	CSUMB
Dave Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Lupe Galaviz	Soledad resident
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5		
Richard Rosales	Caltrans District 5		

1. 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 and welcomed new Board members Kimbley Craig, City of Salinas; Felix Bachofner, City of Seaside; and Alejandro Chavez, City of Soledad. She also welcomed Eduardo Montesino, City of Watsonville.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norm Groot, the new Director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau introduced himself and offered to serve as a resource to the Agency Board. The Monterey County Farm Bureau is the private, nonprofit association of farmers and ranchers throughout this California county, located on the Central Coast. Mr. Groot explained that the Farm Bureau serves as a collective voice for farmers and ranchers and provides information, benefits and services. He noted that the Farm Bureau cooperates with other agricultural organizations to fulfill its purpose of working for the solutions to the problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Sollecito/unanimous

Approved consent agenda excluding the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County draft minutes of December 1, 2010.

Executive Director Hale highlighted the propose change to item 3.5.1, the scope of work for the independent ridership review, noting staff would like to add a review of bus rapid transit ridership. Staff proposed this change because it would not add significantly to the cost and would help answer a lot of questions.

Director Hale also highlighted the following corrections to item 3.5.2 staff report: to the proposal would use up to **\$8,250** of state funds budgeted to the engineering services under this contract **amendment #3**, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount for this contract to **\$107,032**. The total commuter rail project capital budget is estimated at \$110 million in year-of-expenditure dollars.

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 December 1, 2010. Board member Bachofner abstained from voting on this item.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2010 and credit card statements for the month of October and November 2010.

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

3.1.4 Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director and Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, as ex-officio alternates to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and Administrative Committee for 2011.

3.1.5 Approved Resolution 2011-01, to add new Board Chair Maria Orozco, Executive Director Debra Hale, Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman and Director of Finance and Administration Rita Goel, to list of authorized signatures for banking services in support of agency financial operations.

3.1.6 Approved the basic concept and format of the 2010 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.

3.1.7 Regarding Agreement for Website Services:

1. Approved agreement with Milton Repreza to provide website maintenance services in the amount of \$6,000.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
3. Authorized the use of an amount not-to-exceed \$6,000 from the Agency's operating budget for Fiscal Years 2011-12 funding for the agreement.

3.1.8 Receive TAMC 2011 Calendar of meetings.

3.1.9 Received report on 2010 Transportation Agency Accomplishments.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Amended Resolution 2009-11 to allocate Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2010-11 Congestion Management planning contributions to the Transportation Agency by the City of Soledad and the City of Gonzales.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit Intercity Bus Grant Application:
1. Adopted Resolution 2011-03 authorizing federal funding to Monterey-Salinas Transit under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 (f) Intercity Bus Program with the California Department of Transportation; and
 2. Requested that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments amend the Transportation Improvement Program to include this project if funding is secured.

PLANNING

- 3.2.3** Regarding Federal Transit Administrative Section 5311 Program of Projects:
1. Approved the Section 5311 Program of Project in the amount of \$405,465 for rural public transit services in the Cities of King, Greenfield and Soledad, and for Monterey-Salinas Transit for services on rural transit routes;
 2. Adopted Resolution 2008-26 authorizing federal funding under Federal Transit Administration Section 5311; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Part II-Certification and Assurances of the Regional Agency as part of the project applications.
- 3.3.1** Adopted final 2011 Legislative Program.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding TAMC 2011 On-Call Construction Management –Request for Qualifications:
1. Approved the On-Call Construction Management consultant Scope of Work; and
 2. Authorized staff to release the standardized request for qualifications, and conduct interviews as necessary.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Independent Ridership Review:
1. Approved the scope of work for the contract with Warner Transportation Consulting to perform an Independent Ridership Review for the Monterey Branch Line project not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.
 2. Authorized 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; and
 3. Authorized the use of no more than \$40,000 from funding already programmed to the project for the contract.

3.5.2 Regarding Wood Rodgers Contract Amendment:

1. Approved the scope of work for contract amendment #3 with Wood Rodgers, Inc. to perform engineering services related to property acquisition of the Powers RV parcel at the proposed Commuter Rail Layover Facility in Salinas, for an additional amount not to exceed \$8,250;
2. Authorized 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; and
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$8,250 of state funding budgeted to this project for the contract amendment.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Accepted the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

3.7.1 ***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft January 5, 2011
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft January 5, 2011
(On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft January 10, 2011 (On line at www.tamcmonterey.org);
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – No Meeting

END OF CONSENT

4. MONTEREY BAY REGIONAL BLUEPRINT UPDATE

M/S/C Potter/Armenta/unanimous

Received presentation on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' blueprint document titled: *Envisioning the Monterey Bay Area: A Blueprint for Sustainable Growth and Smart Infrastructure*.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the Monterey Bay regional blueprint plan, that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments will be considering adoption of the plan at its February board meeting. He explained how the plan relates to the Transportation Agency's activities. The blueprint document outlines anticipated growth trends affecting the Monterey Bay region in the context of state legislation for reducing green house gas emissions. He noted that this document illustrates how the Monterey Bay area might grow in a sustainable fashion over the next 25 years and will be used as a starting point to develop "Sustainable Communities Strategy" for achieving regional greenhouse gas emissions targets. Senate Bill 375 requires that the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan be consistent with Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The Board expressed concerns and provided many comments. Board member Edelen expressed a concern with the loss of local control under a regional land use framework. Board member Bachofner asked the plan to clarify what makes given growth patterns sustainable. Board member Armenta expressed a concern with emphasizing denser development in all areas, and the potential impact on low-income communities that are already densely developed. He also asked that safety of those who we encourage to get out of their cars be taken into consideration. Board member Parker noted that the education process is critical. Board member Huerta concurred with Parker.

Board member Delgado asked Mr. Doughty to provide information on how this blueprint will allow projects to tier off of the environmental document in analyses such as greenhouse gas emissions, and growth inducement. He also asked how the economic analysis in the next phase of the plan will address the economic impacts of light rail.

John Doughty, Director of AMBAG, noted that a single CEQA document will be prepared for the tri-county and single county regional transportation plan and will specify at that time what kind of tiering off of that environmental document can take place. He also noted that he would be talking with staff to determine how to best evaluate the economic impacts of light rail under the various transit-oriented development scenarios.

Board member Huitt was pleased to see emphasis on the Safe Routes to School program and complete streets. He noted that he would like to see the Agency help develop walkable communities in Pacific Grove and other areas such as Ryan Ranch. Board member Salinas emphasized the need to have a plan that allows the region to compete for funding but also retain flexibility in local land use decisions.

5. REGIONAL FEE – INFILL AND REDEVELOPMENT AREA TRIP RATES

M/S/C Parker/Potter/unanimous

The Board expressed many concerns, provided comments and directed staff to report back to the Board on February 23, 2011 with an analysis of a reduced fee for redevelopment and infill development and to also agendize the request by City of Salinas to suspend the Regional Development Impact Fees for the City of Salinas in infill and redevelopment areas for two years.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the Regional Development Impact Fee program assesses fees based on the number of new vehicle trips a proposed development will add to the regional transportation system. The number of new trips generated by the different land use types included in the fee program are sourced from the Institute of Transportation Engineers' *Trip Generation 7th Edition*. The "retail" portion of the regional fee program already includes a pass-by rate for all retail developments to account for linked stops on the way to another final location. However, recent transportation studies have shown that developments within defined redevelopment or infill areas also generate fewer trips than standard developments. This is due to the unique characteristics of these developments, in general, as being located closer to existing transit, in areas of higher density, and subject to zoning ordinances that encourage downtown walkability. The agency received a request from the City of Salinas seeking to suspend regional fees in redevelopment or infill areas. He noted staff does not believe that this would be an appropriate approach to handling this issue. All new development projects are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, and suspending regional fees would not alleviate these developments of their cumulative transportation mitigation requirements. Suspending the fees for certain developments could also threaten the integrity of the entire regional fee program to act as a transparent method for mitigating cumulative impacts.

Board member Delgado expressed support for a fee that is consistent and accounts for actual project impacts. Board member Sollecito noted that there is an appeals process for cases in which the fee is not appropriate. Board member Kleber noted that a suspension of fees would need to apply to all cities. She indicated her appreciation to TAMC staff for allowing flexibility interpretations requested by developers. Board member Edelen asked to look at the return on investment of the program and its impact on developers. Board member Bachofner asked for clarification on whether reuses are charged the fee; Mr. Zeller answered that the fee is only assessed on an increase in intensity of use.

After much discussion, the Transportation Agency Board directed staff to evaluate the potential for making reductions to the regional development impact fees in infill and redevelopment areas based on a reduced number of vehicle trips in those areas. The proposed reduction would be based on the notion that in denser urban areas more people are taking transit, walking and biking rather than driving on regional roads, so the impact fees should be lower. The Board of Directors also asked staff to analyze what the financial impact would be of suspending the regional fees altogether for infill developments in Salinas and countywide over a two-year period. Some Board members raised concerns that a fee suspension rather than a discount would create a shortfall in the agency's ability to build the projects that will accommodate the traffic generated by new developments. Staff raised the concern that developments that pay no fee would risk a challenge under the California Environmental Quality Act as not adequately mitigating their cumulative traffic impacts. Staff also raised a concern with the legality of suspending the fee in some parts of the county and not others.

Jeff Weir, City of Salinas, reported that the City of Salinas is working to stimulate economic growth. Its major focus is not to expand but to focus on inward, buildings that already exist. The goal is to stimulate, create job opportunities and it is not going to happen without redevelopment.

Salinas Mayor Donohue reported that with respect to TAMC he understands the need for the program and the need for policy consistency. City of Salinas has a specific request to suspend TAMC traffic impact fees for at least two years within the City of Salinas in the redevelopment project area and downtown area. The purpose of the fee is to provide infrastructure updates but cities have to be competitive with the development community. In conclusion, Mayor Donohue noted that Salinas is looking to move forward now; Salinas has a very specific request, and asked that this proposal be addressed by the Board.

6. FEDERAL HIGHWAY PLANNING FUNDS

M/S/C Calcagno/Huerta/unanimous

The Board received report on the agreement with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments sharing of Federal Highway Planning Funds.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance and Administration, reported Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission currently have an agreement to share Federal Highway Planning Funds received by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is considering proposing changes to the formulas by which the funds are shared. She noted that a reduction would have a significant impact on the Agency's operating budget and staff salaries. She also noted that the Executive Committee directed Executive Director Hale to write a response letter to Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments requesting that the formula for funds sharing not be changed. The Committee wanted the Agency to continue working on the Budget and Work program, public involvement program, elderly/disabled and ADA, Regional Transportation Plan update and the Regional Transportation Improvement program as these are Federal and State requirements.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Executive Committee directed staff to schedule a meeting between the Executive Committees of Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and Transportation Agency for Monterey County to discuss these issues.

7. PRESENTATION OF 2010 TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Board Honored Monterey County businesses, groups, individuals, projects, community plans or events that have worked to improve transportation.

❖ **Award-Winning Program:**

- Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance:
Accepted award: Megan Tolbert

❖ **Individuals/Groups:**

- Dave Murray: Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 5
- Megan Tolbert: Transportation Planner, California State University Monterey Bay
- Richard Krumholz: Director, Caltrans District 5

❖ **Projects:**

- East Laurel Drive Improvement Project:
Accepted award: Rob Russell and Cathy Wilson, City of Salinas
- US Highway 101, Prunedale Improvement Project Team:
Accepted award: Richard Krumholz and Dave Silberberger, Caltrans District; Vee Thomas and Dell Matt, Prunedale residents

❖ **Employee Appreciation:**

- Elouise Rodriguez – Ten Year Recognition

Board Chair Orozco presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing TAMC Board Chair Lou Calcagno for his 2010 Chairmanship of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors, and for his contributions to improving transportation facilities and services in Monterey County.

8. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION – ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

M/S/C Huerta/Salinas/unanimous

Received update on the acquisition of one parcel for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on December 1, 2010, the Board approved the purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of Power parcel for the Salinas layover facility, part of the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project. The purchase and sale agreement was amended to show that the Agency would pay the seller's actual costs of the clean-up contract from the total purchase price deposited in escrow on an as-you-go basis, after the Agency and County Health Department approve a Remediation Work Plan. To-date the seller has deposited a signed deed into escrow, the Agency has deposited the funds; and the County has approved the clean-up plan. The Agency also delivered the 90-day relocation notices to the seller and tenants.

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

Board member Dave Potter reported that he had attended the Statewide Intercity Rail Corridor Leadership meeting on December 15, 2010, in Los Angeles. He noted that the implementation of the Coast Daylight train running from San Francisco to Los Angeles was discussed with members of Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak. He also noted that he would be meeting with new legislators in Sacramento in February and D.C. in March to discuss new service.

10. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

- **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, District 5 Director, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted that the Prunedale Improvement Project is the largest project in District 5, and is moving quickly toward construction. He asked everyone to allow extra time, and to be respectful and careful in the cone work zone along the highways. Mr. Krumholz noted the next big focus for Caltrans District 5, is the San Juan Road interchange focusing on safety and mobility for the Highway 101 corridor. He also noted that he values the partnership with TAMC on lobbying for funds for project delivery.
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Monterey Peninsula Airport continues to hold its own with passenger counts down a little. He noted to book in advance for better airfares. In conclusion, he noted that they are currently working on changes to the runway to allow for rapid deceleration, which will include an emergency vehicle access road near Highway 68.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, presented the 2010 MST Annual Report, showing MST's accomplishments in the past year and challenges for the coming year. Mr. Sedoryk announced that MST began service on January 24th on Line 82 and 83, from Salinas Valley to Fort Hunter Liggett, providing service to rural communities Pine Canyon, San Miguel and Lockwood. He noted that there would be an announcement of the ribbon-cutting event soon. He also noted ridership has decreased over the last year, due to unemployment. Since 2000, unemployment rate has doubled and population in Monterey County has decreased. The passenger boarding has increased 200%, due to ridership in the military routes. For more information go to the MST website: www.mst.org.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced that next month's Board meeting will be held at the Steinbeck Institute of Art and Culture Center on North Main Street. She reported she had a very productive meeting with the new legislators last week in Sacramento. She also noted she was present to support the purchase of the Santa Cruz Branch Line. She met with California Transportation Commission staff regarding funding for the US 101 - San Juan Road interchange project and timing to secure funds y. Ms. Hale announced Agency staff would be presenting the draft budget at the Board meeting on February 23, 2011, and offered the Board members a one-on-one meeting with Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that President Obama mentioned his support for infrastructure investment in his State of the Union Speech but did not offer specifics. He also indicated that he will veto any bill on federal earmarks, noting this is not good for transportation. The Agency is planning a trip to Washington, D.C. in March to get more information and continue to educate federal officials on the need for transportation investments.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Huerta asked that Director Hale send thank you letters to the California Transportation Commissioners for their support of the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project. He asked that we continue to educate and strive to become a self-help county.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.