

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

Final Minutes of March 23, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jayne Mohammadi	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
Eduardo Montesino	City of Watsonville	David L. Colgan	Nossaman LLP

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. Chair Orozco called the meeting to order.

1.1 CLOSED SESSION: POTENTIAL LITIGATION

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board entered into closed session on the following matter:

Potential Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9, confer with Agency Counsel Blankenship and Attorney David L. Colgan, Nossaman LLP, concerning the reduction or suspension of regional development impact fees for infill development.

The Committee reconvened in open session:

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the TAMC Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9; The Board received advice and took no action.

1.2 BOARD PHOTO

The Board took a group photo.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked the Board on behalf of herself and Vee Thomas for their Excellence awards. She noted that they continue to support the safety improvements on the Highway 101 Prunedale corridor.

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

M/S/C Delgado/Sollecito
Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of February 23, 2011.

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

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

3.1.4 Regarding Project Management Contract Amendment:

1. Approved contract amendment #10 with Apex Strategies to provide strategic project delivery assistance services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000; and
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.

3.1.5 Approved public release of 2010 Transportation Agency's Annual Report.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Authorized the Transportation Agency Executive Director to sign letters supporting City of Monterey and City of Carmel's Community Based Transportation Planning grant applications for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the identification of missing pedestrian, bicycle, and transit links, respectively.

3.2.2 Authorized Executive Director to sign a letter of support for a Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant program application to fund a Monterey-Salinas Transit student internship in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 grant cycle.

PLANNING

3.3.1

M/S/C Burnett/Parker/unanimous

Regarding Fort Ord to Salinas Multimodal Corridor-Conceptual Planning Grant:

1. Approved resolution to apply for planning funds to develop conceptual designs for the Fort Ord to Salinas multimodal corridor;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds if offered.

Board member Parker pulled this item. She expressed concern with the emphasis on a discussion highlighting opportunities to “intensify” development in areas that aren’t currently designed or zoned to take advantage of close proximity to a multi-modal corridor. Board member Burnett moved to change “intensify” to “shift” development. The Board concurred and the motion passed.

3.3.2

Received Draft *2011 Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan*.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1

Approved the requests by the City of Greenfield to reprogram \$70,000.00 and the City of Seaside to reprogram \$77,245.65 of their Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 07/08/09 cycle to various other city street projects.

3.4.2

Approved selection of on-call consultants for construction management services.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1

Authorized the Executive Director to pay for moving and storage expenses related to the relocation of all businesses from 20 New Street in Salinas up to the amount of \$100,000.

3.5.2

Regarding VBN Architects Contract:

1. Approved the scope of work for a contract with VBN Architects to perform Project Graphics Support for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County stations, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
3. Authorized the use of no more than \$40,000 of funding budgeted to this project for the contract; and
4. Approved the sole source declaration to hire VBN Architects due to their “unique qualifications or experience in the specific work involved”.

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. AGENCY BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

M/S/C Calcagno/Armenta/unanimous

The Board provided input on and approved agenda for a three-hour strategic planning session on Agency Goals and Objectives at the May 25, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported the Board of Directors adopted its current set of agency goals and objectives in April 2009. There has been a certain amount of turnover on the Board of Directors since that time. The visioning session will be used to update the Agency goals and objectives, which are utilized by staff to target activities and resources over the coming years. Board consensus on updated agency goals will assist in reaching those goals and provide direction to staff in terms of agency activities.

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, reported that the three items of interest to be discussed are:

- TAMC Project Priorities: Get input from the jurisdictions prior to the planning session.
- Current Funding Strategies: Discuss how projects will get funded.
- TAMC Role: Confirming TAMC's role with partner agencies: AMBAG, MST and Caltrans.

Board members Delgado, Calcagno, Huitt and Parker agreed that staff should allow for a three-hour planning session. It was agreed to hold the session from 9:00 am until noon and provide additional food. Board member Huitt noted that the draft agenda was excellent. Board Ex-Officio member Sabo requested that access to the Monterey Peninsula Airport be considered as part of the agenda.

Board member Delgado expressed confusion on why the planning session was needed to revise the goals and objectives, noting that it is unlikely that the Board will change them. Director Hale noted that things have changed since adopting the goals and objectives, progress has been made on some projects and there are new board members. The intention is to review the goals and develop more specific direction on how the Agency should proceed towards these goals.

Board member Parker asked if Ms. Goodwin would be interviewing board members independently. It was agreed that Ms. Goodwin would contact board members for background input and it was at their discretion to provide such information. Director Hale noted that as possible, she would request input at her presentations to city councils on the status of highway projects. Board members asked that the presentation also be shared with the League of Cities mayors' group.

Board member Calcagno listed projects of interest to include: Highway 156 improvements, south county frontage roads along US 101, Eastside and Westside Bypasses.

5. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Board received update on federal advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C.

Director Hale noted that she and Board members Potter and Burnett traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with legislators and committee staff to discuss how important transportation infrastructure is for our economy and to emphasize that federal funding is critical. They also met with staff of the Federal Transit Administration to talk about TAMC's rail projects and asked for continued support for New Starts grant funding of these projects.

Board member Burnett noted that the team asked for Congressman Sam Farr's endorsement of the Highway 156 project, noting the Congressman had provided that endorsement with a request that the project include a high-quality entryway to the Peninsula.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, reported that he had also traveled to Washington D.C. He also met with the Federal Transit Administration to discuss the military transit benefit program.

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

Executive Director Hale reported that TAMC hosted a rail field trip on March 3, 2011 from San Jose to Soledad with representatives from the Capitol Corridor, City of Soledad and some Board members. She noted that this was an excellent opportunity for everyone to see the rail line from the perspective of passengers.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

- **Caltrans** – Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5 Planning Branch, reported on the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda. He noted that the contract for the Prunedale Improvement Project was approved last month on February 24, 2011. A tentative date for the groundbreaking event of this project set for Friday, June 10, 2011. He also gave an update on the Highway 1 - Carmel to Cambria roadway damage. He noted that due to severe roadway damage to the southbound lane, the 2-mile section of Highway 1 at Rocky Creek continues to be closed in both directions from the Bixby Creek Bridge to Palo Colorado Road, south of Carmel. The barricaded closure is for all travel including emergency vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Caltrans does not have an estimated time of when the road will be re-opened. The California Highway Patrol is in the area 24/7 to enforce the closure and prevent people from accessing the construction work zone.

Supervisor Potter thanked Caltrans for their quick response and ongoing efforts on Highway 1 in Big Sur. Carl Sedoryk, MST General Manager, noted that as a result of the damage on Highway 1, MST has discontinued service on Line 22 to Big Sur, but is working with the County and will stand ready to provide transportation once pedestrian access is allowed.

Board member Delgado thanked Caltrans District Director Krumholz for the new Imjin Parkway signage on Highway 1.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Monterey Peninsula Airport continues to hold its own although experiencing declining passenger counts. He noted that the Airport District is trying to get air service to Seattle, Portland and San Diego. He noted that they are struggling with the regional taxi authority implementation, noting that it will change the way they can provide and receive revenue from taxi service. In conclusion, he encouraged everyone to promote the Monterey Peninsula Airport.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced that on April 2, 2011, MST is implementing its new smart card fare box that will allow passengers to use a pre-paid card on the bus to pay for their fare. Also, beginning April 2, 2011 MST will begin new service (Line 19) from Monterey to Marina; he noted that this was an unmet transit need funded by local transportation funds as approved by the Transportation Agency. Mr. Sedoryk announced that MST would expand service with grant funds designated for that purpose on weekends until 2:30 a.m. to enable workers to get to and from their jobs. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk noted that MST would also celebrate the extension of service from Fort Hunter Liggett to Paso Robles on March 25, 2011.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale reported TAMC would be presenting an update to each city council on major Monterey County highway projects. She announced TAMC would be a property owner soon, noting the county has recently signed off on the Remediation Work Plan on the Powers RV parcel being purchased for the Commuter Rail Project. In conclusion, Director Hale welcomed Eduardo Montesino, City of Watsonville, to the Board meeting and noted that he also serves on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Armenta announced Governor Jerry Brown has named Anna Caballero Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency.

Board member Huerta requested that staff provide an update on federal transportation bill reauthorization efforts at a future date.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 11: 00 a.m.