

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

**Final Minutes of May 25, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	MAY 10	JUN 10	AUG 10	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- <b>Past Chair</b> (H. Gowin)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee; <del>J. Mohammadi</del> )	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	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	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales- <b>Chair</b> (J. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, <del>J. Serrano</del> )	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
AMBAG (R. DeShazo)	-	-	P	P	-	P	P	-	-	P	P
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, B. Rider, M. McCumsey)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	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(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eileen Goodwin	Apex Strategies	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
Henry Gowin	District 2	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Yaz Emrani	Monterey County Public Works Director	Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Association
Enrique Saavedra	Monterey County Public Works	Carmelita Garcia	City of Pacific Grove
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Vice Chair Salinas called the meeting to order and welcomed Jose Lopez, alternate for City of Gonzales. Agency Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance.

**1.1 CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL LIABILITY CLAIM**

The TAMC Board of Directors entered into closed session on the following matter:

Potential Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(b), following liability claim:

1. Claim of Kenneth Martinez, Eufemio Martinez, Martha Carrillo and Robert Jaime-Almanza.

**The Committee reconvened in open session:**

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the TAMC Board of Directors met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(b) concerning a legal claim filed by Kenneth Martinez, Eufemio Martinez, Martha Carrillo and Robert Jaime-Almanza, the Board rejected the claim and directed staff to send a notice of rejection to the claimants pursuant to Government Code Section §913.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Sollecito/Delgado/unanimous  
Approved consent agenda.

Board member Matarrazo Recused himself from item 3.5.1.

***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 April 27, 2011.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for April 2011 and credit card statements for the month of March 2011.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved Resolution 2011-07 adopting the fiscal year 11/12 Budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 12/13 and 13/14 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

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

- 3.2.1** Approved the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the work responsibilities and funding distribution of parties involved in the Monterey Bay Area bike week campaign, and Authorized the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3.2.2** Received information on the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program; and Approved grant applications for the planning and production of a Monterey Bicycle Map, including a mobile application, and for the planning and implementation of a regional electric vehicle car share program.
- 3.2.3** Approved appointment of Mr. Frank Henderson to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the Fourth District of Monterey County.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding Household Travel Survey:
  - 1. Approved Transportation Agency support for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' AB 2766 grant application for Household Travel Survey grant funding; and
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments that allocates \$39,534 of unexpected additional Federal Highway Administration Planning funds to Caltrans for the Household Travel Survey, with provision to rescind funding if the survey is not completed.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Adopted Resolution 2011-09 proclaiming May 15-21, 2011 as National Public Works Week in Monterey County.
- 3.4.2** Approved City of Salinas reallocation request to extend the scope of improvements for \$74,767.86 in Transportation for Livable Communities funds.

- 3.4.3** Regarding Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Agreement with the California Highway Patrol:
1. Adopted Resolution 2011-11 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with California Highway Patrol for assistance on the roadside motorist-aid call box program;
  2. Approved the use of \$2,400 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call box program administration by the California Highway Patrol over the three-year contract period; and
  3. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

### ***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 3.5.1** Regarding Commuter Rail Extension Project Contract Amendment #12:
1. Approved the scope of work for the contract amendment with Parsons Transportation Group to continue work on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project not to exceed the amount of \$678,673 for the additional scope of work;
  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. Authorized the use of no more than \$678,673 from project funding for the contract amendment; and
  4. Approved the sole source declaration to hire Parsons due to their "unique qualifications or experience" as this new work builds on the work they have already performed.

Board member Matarrazo Recused himself from voting on this item.

- 3.5.2** Regarding Marina Concrete Lease Agreement:
1. Approved the lease agreement with Marina Concrete; and
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the lease agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

### ***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](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 7, 2011 (On line at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org));
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 10, 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 Rita Goel as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2011.

The Agency employees recognized Rita for her expertise in preparing the Agency budget. The staff also recognized her for her professionalism, diligence, and knowledge most notably for saving the Agency money and keeping a close eye on expenditures.

5. **REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LOAN**

M/S/C Armenta/Sollecito/unanimous

Approved short term, zero-interest Regional Service Transportation Program (RSTP) loan to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for operating costs subject to approval of a draft agreement by Agency Counsel.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Federal Transit Administration has suspended payment of federal transit operating funds allocated to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) while it reviews MST's operations and procedures to determine compliance with federal civil rights requirements. MST requested the loan to fund its payroll obligations should that federal funding not be received in time. The loan would be secured by local transportation funds that TAMC receives and distributes to MST. [Note: the federal funding was received in time to make payroll and no loan was required at this time.]

6. **AGENCY BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

M/S/C Salinas/Sollecito/unanimous

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies facilitated the strategic planning session. She noted that the following topics would be discussed: Current Funding Strategies, TAMC Project Priorities, TAMC's Role (AMBAG, MST and Caltrans). The Board members participated in the discussion and the public was allowed to participate under public comment.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, presented information on project funding strategies. He reviewed funding terminology, explaining that one or more potential fund sources to complete the project can be "identified" but may not be "secured". The phasing of projects is important because projects get funded by phase. In most cases for large projects the full funding can't be secured until the environmental phase of the project is complete. Todd reviewed funding the region expects to receive over the next 5-10 years, other potential funding sources, and past sources of funding that aren't likely to be available.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, presented the list of regional projects to the Board. He noted that there are 17 regionally significant highway/road projects, local road and maintenance projects, as well as rail and bike/pedestrian projects planned for the County. He provided an overview of the costs, status, and potential issues with each project to help the Board make an informed decision on the priority of the projects.

The Board members had several comments on the presentations. There was consensus that it was not the right time to seek additional taxes due to the economy, but several funding alternatives should be investigated for future consideration, in particular a special events tax to pay for the Highway 156 widening project. Several members said that it would be useful to evaluate the projects in terms of

objective criteria including: safety, traffic congestion, economic benefit, accommodation for alternative modes, and compliance with SB 375 (greenhouse gas reductions). In addition to support for the Highway 156 widening, there were several comments in support of highway improvements in the South County, particularly the proposed Highway 101 frontage roads. Caltrans Director Krumholz also indicated his support for the Highway 101 frontage roads. It was mentioned that the Marina-Salinas and Westside Bypass projects should be looked at in a coordinated fashion. Mention was also made that the Monterey Airport should be considered in the planning process.

**Public comment:**

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked that instead of wasting money on environmental documents, the Board should focus on building projects. She encouraged the Board to support frontage road improvements and pothole repairs that will be needed as a result of the highway project on 101.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, complimented the Board for its accomplishments in delivering state highway projects. He noted that Highway 156 is top priority for the Hospitality Association, stating that the 156 road widening is vital to getting “a return customer”.

Carmelita Garcia, Mayor of Pacific Grove, reported that Highway 156 is a critical transportation route. She also commented that the US 101 frontage roads are important to making the roads safer for agricultural travel.

Yaz Emrani, Monterey County Public Works Director, commended TAMC for preparing the comprehensive list of projects and that the Public Works Department endorses the prioritization exercise. He noted that the Davis/Reservation corridor and the Westside Bypass are important to the county and needs to move forward.

After public comment, the Board members participated in a multi-vote exercise to indicate the project priorities. The results showed the most votes for projects being the Highway 156 widening and the South County Frontage Roads, followed by support for local streets and roads, then the Monterey Branch Line project.

The Board discussed the roles of TAMC with AMBAG, MST, and Caltrans. Board members Calcagno and Edelen opined that AMBAG could be eliminated altogether and its duties spread among TAMC and other agencies for efficiency. Some others indicated that there is a role for AMBAG in regional planning. Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, indicated that there is a public responsibility to streamline overlapping roles. Board members Calcagno and Delgado suggested that MST could be merged with TAMC. There was consensus that the TAMC-Caltrans relationship was satisfactory.

In conclusion, Director Hale proposed that staff regroup the projects based on the Board’s priorities, evaluate them as per the suggested objective criteria, and seek Board approval of new priorities. Staff will also prepare an analysis of TAMC, AMBAG and MST roles in transportation matters. She noted that staff would also take a look at the options for increasing project funding. All these items will be brought back for Board for review in June.

Board member Burnett thanked Eileen Goodwin for facilitating a good session.

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

None this month.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, Director of Caltrans, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He announced that the Prunedale Improvement Project groundbreaking event is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011. He thanked the Coastal Commission and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Commission for their cooperation on approving repairs at the slide on Highway 1 at Alder Creek, noting that that road is still closed. He also noted that there is one-way controlled traffic on Highway 1 Big Sur corridor and asked everyone to drive carefully. In conclusion, Mr. Krumholz noted that Highway 101, 156 and Hwy 1, are focus routes for the Department of Transportation. He also stated that he is urging staff to develop a more efficient working relationship with the Agency, noting that sustaining our cooperative efforts will get our highest priority projects built.

Robert Huitt commented that he appreciated the face-to-face relationship between TAMC and Caltrans. Board member Edelen concurred noting he had a quick response on a complaint he made last year regarding the removal of ice plant on Highway 218. Board member Delgado noted that he appreciated the new Imjin Parkway signage on Highway 1. Board member Huerta noted that there are a lot of projects in the county; he doesn't know how the projects would get done with out the relationship between TAMC, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. Vice Chair Salinas thanked Caltrans for the installation of the American Disability Act ramps in Greenfield. He noted that the pedestrians and wheelchair bound persons are very appreciative of the ramps. Board alternate Lee thanked Caltrans for all their efforts on Highway 1, slide repairs. She noted that she was impressed that the engineers and staff were on the ground moving to make it happen, noting Caltrans included themselves as part of the community.

- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo thanked the TAMC Board for including the Airport District in its strategic planning process, noting that it is a priority for the Airport to be part of regional planning. He reported the Airport District continues to pursue additional routes to San Diego and Seattle. He noted that the passenger counts are stable at 10% lower than last year.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, thanked the Board for the Regional Service Transportation Program (RSTP) loan to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to cover their operating costs. He noted that MST has been cleared of any issues and the funds should be released within two-months. Mr. Sedoryk announced MST's 2011 Summer Youth discounted pass for students under the age of 18 to ride from June 1 to August 31<sup>st</sup> for \$38.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale reported that TAMC was pleased to help get the word out on the lane closures due to Union Pacific Railroad safety upgrades. She noted that TAMC is in the process of going paperless, noting agendas would be available electronically in August and paper copies will still be available as requested. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that every month at 5 p.m. on the day of the Board meeting, TAMC host the *Your Town* show on AMP Channel 24. Tonight's show will be a Cone Zone report on the major highway projects currently under construction throughout the county.

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

Board member Delgado announced that CSU Monterey Bay's men's golf team won its second straight California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) championship on April 19 at Hunter Ranch Golf Course in Paso Robles.

Board member Bachofner announced that they had their first annual Seaside bike event during Bike Week. He noted that he hopes to participate annually.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.