

**\*\*\* REVISED AGENDA \*\*\***

**Added Item: 2.1**

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY  
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES  
AND  
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE  
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Meeting of Wednesday, October 26, 2011

**Agricultural Center Conference Room**  
**1428 Abbott Street**  
**Salinas, California**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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1. **QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER.** Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.  
*If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Any person may address the Transportation Agency Board at this time. Presentations should not exceed three minutes, should be directed to an item **NOT** on today's agenda, and should be within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Agency Board. *Though it is not required, the Transportation Agency Board appreciates your cooperation in completing a speaker request form available on the table at the entrance to the meeting room. Please give the completed form to the Transportation Agency Administrative Assistant.*

2.1 **PRESENT** declaration of appreciation to Assembly Member Luis Alejo.  
– Orozco **No Enclosure**

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** **(Yellow Paper)**  
**APPROVE** the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be considered for discussion and action after the Consent Agenda. **Pages 11 - 51**

4. **PRESENT** Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter Award to Maria Montiel. – Hale **Pages 52 - 53**

*Maria Montiel has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2011.*

5. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE INPUT** on draft strategies regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations. – Muck **Pages 54 - 56**

*The Transportation Agency's target for 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding is \$46.86 million. The Agency will need to request more than our target amount to fully fund all of the Agency's priority projects.*

6. **RECEIVE** report on implementation of the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority. – Cook **Pages 57 - 59**

*The Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority, which was established in 2010, has approved rules and regulations and begun permitting taxi companies and drivers for the participating jurisdictions. The basic Authority structure is based on recommendations included on the Agency's Regional Taxi Study, approved for release by the Board in 2008.*

7. **RECEIVE** Joint Executive Committee meeting report. – Hale/ Orozco  
**No Enclosure**
8. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law. **No Enclosure**
9. Reports from transportation providers: **Pages 60 - 63**
- Caltrans – Krumholz/Loe
  - Monterey Peninsula Airport District– Sabo
  - Monterey-Salinas Transit – Sedoryk
10. Executive Director's Report **No Enclosure**
11. Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.
12. Adjournment

**Please send any items for the December 7, 2011 Transportation Agency agenda to Senior Administrative Assistant Elouise Rodriguez by 12 noon, Thursday, November 24, 2011.**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County meeting will be on  
Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**Salinas Community Center, Santa Lucia Conference Room  
940 N. Main Street  
Salinas, California**

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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

**ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET**

3.1.1 **APPROVE** minutes of the Transportation Agency For Monterey County (TAMC) Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency of September 28, 2011. – Rodriguez **Pages 11 - 19**

3.1.2 **ACCEPT** the list of checks written for September 2011 and credit card statements for the month of August 2011. – Delfino **Pages 20 - 21**

*The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.*

3.1.3 **RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff. – Bachman **Pages 22 - 25**

*Agency staff occasionally attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.*

- 3.1.4 **RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the tenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. – Hoschouer **Pages 26 - 30**

*Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages board members to submit nominations, which are due by December 5, 2011. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2012 Transportation Agency board meeting.*

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

- 3.2.1 **2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan** – Cheung **Pages 31 - 35**

1. **APPROVE** the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
2. **REFER** the Plan to California Department of Transportation for certification.

*Staff presented the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to the Board of Directors in August. After incorporating additional comments, the Plan is now ready for final approval by the Transportation Agency Board and referral to California Department of Transportation for certification.*

### **PLANNING**

- 3.3.1 **RECEIVE** TIGER III grant application for the US 101 San Juan Road project. – Muck **Pages 36 - 37**

*Transportation Agency staff has produced a federal TIGER grant application requesting \$12 million for the US 101- San Juan Road Interchange project. Applications are due to the Federal Highway Administration by October 31, 2011.*

- 3.3.2 **AUTHORIZE** Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of Marina’s application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to complete the portion of the multi-modal corridor within the City. – Muck  
**Pages 38 - 39**

*The City of Marina is submitting an application for \$12.7 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds to construct a 1.1 mile section of the Marina to Salinas Multi-modal corridor.*

- 3.3.3 **RECEIVE** update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant for the City of Marina. – Watson  
**Pages 40 - 41**

*The Transportation Agency enacted the Transportation for Livable Communities program in 2003 to incentivize the creation of affordable housing in existing communities close to transit, which reduces the demand on regional road networks and increases transit ridership. The City of Marina has a building permit deadline of January 25, 2012 for the Marina Transit Village project.*

- 3.3.4 **RECOMMEND** not providing a letter of support to the City of Salinas for their application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to widen US 101 through the City. – Muck  
**Pages 42 - 44**

*The City of Salinas is submitting an application for \$51 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds to widen the US 101 Corridor through the City. Staff is recommending not supporting the project because it is not a good candidate for the TIGER grant program and could dilute our effort to secure the final \$12 million needed to construct the US 101-San Juan Road Interchange project.*

- 3.4.1 **PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**  
*No items this month*

- 3.5.1 **RAIL PROGRAM**  
*No items this month*

- 3.6.1 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**  
*No items this month*

3.7.1 **ACCEPT** minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

**Pages 45 - 51**

- Executive Committee – Draft October 5, 2011
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft October 3, 2011
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft October 6, 2011  
(online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS**  
*Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)*

- C1 September 15, 2011 letter from Debra L. Hale to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, re: Infrastructure Investment.
- C2 September 26, 2011 letter from Debra L. Hale to Mayor Chuck Della Sala, Monterey City Council, re: Support for Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance.
- C3 October 3, 2011 letter from Debra L. Hale to Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit re: Triennial Transit Performance Audits.
- C4 September 28, 2011 letter from Assembly Member Luis Alejo to Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, re: SB 436 Mitigation Funds.
- C5 October 13, 2011 response letter from Caltrans re: TAMC Board Inquiry- Jesus Esparza Property.

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

**Draft Minutes of September 28, 2011 TAMC Board Meeting**

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	SEP 10	OCT 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	AUG 11	SEP 11
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2- <b>Past Chair</b> (H. Gowin)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	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(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 (K. Lee; <del>J. Mohammadi</del> )	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
J. Burnett, Carmel-by-the-Sea (K. Sharp)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks - <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (K. Clark)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales- <b>Chair</b> (J. Lopez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey (C. Della Sala, R. Deal)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove (D. Miller)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	E	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, <del>J. Serrano</del> )	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P(A)	P
F. Bachofner, Seaside ( <del>S. Bloomer</del> , D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	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</del> , <del>M. McCumsey</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
B. Nunes, MBUAPCD (Vacant)	P	-	-	-	P(A)	E	-	-	-	-	-
W. Sabo, Monterey Regional. Airport (R. Searle)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Montesino, Watsonville (M. Bersamin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rob Russell	City of Salinas	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Norm Groot	Farm Bureau	Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula
John Arriaga	JEA & Associates	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
Henry Gowin	Aide to District 2 Supervisor	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Eric Petersen	TAMC Bike/Ped Committee	Diana Jimenez	Monterey County
Chris Orman	No. County Fire Protection	Jesus Esparza	Aromas resident
Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Association	Hans Jongens	Salinas resident
Lupe Galaviz	Soledad resident		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hans Jongens, Salinas resident, reported the Federal Drug Administration has mounted an onerous and illegal offensive against nutritional supplements, and noted unless we stop it by October 1, 2011, we stand to lose our nutritional supplements that millions of Americans depend on to improve their health.

Jesus Esparza, Aromas resident, reported that there is a traffic problem at 1280 El Camino Real in Aromas (US 101). He stated that the side of the road is narrow and dangerous for the residents trying to enter and exit the driveway to their homes. Board member Calcagno commented that he was aware of this problem, noting this is a serious issue located near the Red Barn but that it is a Caltrans issue. Chair Orozco noted that this issue would be referred to the appropriate person at Caltrans.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Delgado/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 August 24, 2011.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for August 2011 and credit card statements for the month of July 2011.
- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.

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

- 3.2.1 Adopted Resolution 2011-17 allocating State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1 Received update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant program, and approved grant extension for the City of Salinas Gateway Apartments project.
- 3.3.2 Approved June, 2014 adoption date for the Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.
- 3.3.3 Received Final State Route 1 & 83 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP), and authorized the Executive Director to sign the acceptance of the final State Route 1 & 83 Corridor System Management Plan.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1 Approved amendment No.1 to Memorandum of Understanding concerning the planning and development of the Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information System Feasibility and Implementation Plan, and authorized the Executive Director to sign the amendment.
- 3.4.2 Approved issuance of Request for Qualifications for on-call consultant(s) to assist the Transportation Agency and the member agencies with projects that require marketing and graphic design assistance.
- 3.4.3 Approved the request by the City of Greenfield to allocate \$3,265.00 of their Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 07/08/09 cycle to complete the City's Speed Study Project.
- 3.4.4 Regarding Project Study Report update for South County Frontage Roads Project:
  - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with on-call engineering consultant Wood Rodgers to conduct an update to the project Study Report for improvements to US 101 south of Salinas in an amount not exceeding \$25,000.
  - 2. Approved the use of up to \$25,000 in Regional Development Impact Fees for the contract.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 3.5.1 No items this month.

***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

**3.6.1** No items this month.

***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

**3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:**

- Executive Committee – Draft September 14, 2011
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft September 7, 2011  
(Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft September 1, 2011 (Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

**END OF CONSENT**

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**EMERGENCY ADD-ON ITEM**

M/S/C Calcagno/Burnett/unanimous

Approved adding an emergency item to the agenda under Closed Session, regarding the discussion of a potential lawsuit by Kenneth Martinez and family. Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that a claim was filed in May and that the TAMC Board denied the claim.

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into closed session on the following matters:

Pursuant to Government Code section §54957, the Board of Directors provided a performance evaluation for the Executive Director, and Pursuant to Government Code section §54957.9, the Board of Directors discussed the claim and potential lawsuit by Kenneth Martinez and family.

**The Committee reconvened in open session:**

Agency Board Counsel Blankenship reported that the Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code sections §54957 and §54957.9, and no action was taken.

**5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Board received an update on state legislative activities.

Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the TAMC-sponsored measure to enable non-profits to perform the management of habitat mitigation for transportation projects, Assembly Bill (AB) 484 (Alejo), "Land use: natural resources: transfer of long-term management funds", was merged with its Senate companion bill on this issue, Senate Bill (SB) 436 (Kehoe), "Land use: mitigation lands: nonprofit organizations". This bill clarifies that funds set aside for the long-term management of mitigation lands conveyed to a nonprofit organization may also be conveyed to the nonprofit, and authorizes the nonprofit to hold, manage, invest and disburse the funds for management and stewardship of the lands or easement for which the funds were set aside. The measure is intended to expedite and improve the cost-effectiveness of the habitat mitigation process required for state highway projects, including US 101 – San Juan Road interchange and the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project. SB 436 passed the Senate and Assembly floors on unanimous votes, and was sent to the Governor on September 12, 2011.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on the state legislative and budgetary activities. Mr. Arriaga reported that the budget continues to be the big item this year, noting that revenues are short of projections and that there is a December deadline that will trigger cuts to education and social services, and that transportation is not safe from cuts.

**6. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Board received a report on 2011 federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Federal Surface Transportation Authorization bill and the federal gas tax were extended to March 2012, keeping transportation programs funded for another six months. She noted that the funding source for transportation projects, the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gas tax, was also extended.

Ms. Watson reported that both the Senate and the House have drafted reauthorization bills: Senator Boxer's Environment and Public Works Committee crafted a two-year, \$109 billion reauthorization that would keep spending at current levels. Senator Boxer has also begun discussions on how to raise additional transportation revenues to continue to fund transportation beyond the bill's two-year limit. In July, Congressman Mica's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee proposed a six-year, \$235 billion bill that assumes no new transportation revenues, resulting in a one-third cut to transportation funding compared to the current transportation law. House Republicans appear to have signed off on adopting the Senate's approach of finding just enough revenue to keep funding at current levels. House Speaker John Boehner discussed the possibility of linking expanded American energy production with increased transportation funding, but has not determined how expanded oil and gas leasing could be tied to infrastructure spending.

Ms. Watson also reported that on September 8, the House passed a transportation appropriations bill, which contains no earmarks, and reflects a 35% cut to highway funding. The Senate version keeps spending at current year levels. The appropriations bill governs transportation spending for federal fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012), and must be passed by September 30, 2011 to take effect. All spending bills are in limbo pending resolution of the federal budget deal, and may end up being Continuing Resolutions, which would continue funding at current levels.

Board member Armenta requested that TAMC's federal lobbyist report in person to the Board at least once each year and provide written updates.

Board member Huerta supported the staff effort to secure TIGER grant funds for the US 101-San Juan Road interchange project.

Board member Burnett reported that he had met with Senator Boxer's staff regarding federal transportation funding. He noted gas tax dollars are not keeping up with needs for a variety of reasons.

Board member Delgado inquired whether or not federal New Starts funding would be cut as is mentioned in some transportation measures, since that funding is critical for the Agency's rail projects. Ms. Watson replied that it was uncertain but unlikely that the entire program would be cut, and that staff would continue to monitor the program.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concerns regarding the imposition of a vehicle miles traveled tax.

7. **FUTURE OF AMBAG AND SINGLE-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES**

The Board received a presentation on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' (AMBAG) report on the *Future of AMBAG*; reviewed the TAMC staff matrix evaluating the costs and benefits of the single-county metropolitan planning organization (MPO) scenario; and, provided direction to staff on next steps in this evaluation process. The Transportation Agency Board discussed AMBAG's response to the idea of the Transportation Agency taking on the federal MPO responsibilities that are currently handled by the multi-county AMBAG. AMBAG contemplates keeping the current separate agency structure; however, performance improvements and streamlining are anticipated. The AMBAG report further suggests that \$250,000 per year in federal funding be taken back from TAMC and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that, per Board direction, Agency staff has been researching since June 2011 the scenario of taking on the federal MPO responsibilities that are currently handled by the tri-county AMBAG. 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 and freeing up resources to increase investment in the regional transportation model. In September, AMBAG staff released the Future of AMBAG report evaluating this scenario as well as other two other scenarios. Ms. Hale presented a matrix outlining the issues including benefits and costs. She asked for the Board's input on ways to streamline. In conclusion, Director Hale reported that the next steps are a joint agency Executive Committee meeting on October 6, 2011 and presentations to the Salinas City Council on October 11, 2011.

Randy DeShazo, AMBAG, reported that he appreciates the matrix provided by TAMC staff. He noted that this is a serious issue and stressed the need to look at cost savings, the regional housing needs, duplication and to consider staffing for the sustainable communities strategy and regional housing needs assessment. He also noted that if TAMC were to become a single county MPO, the region could lose \$300,000 in state funds and we need to look at how we can become more cost effective.

Board member Salinas, who also is a member of the AMBAG Board, noted that at this time there is a hesitation to move forward until all of the Executive Committees meet on October 6. Board member Parker concurred with Mr. Salinas, noting it is a good opportunity to examine what we are doing, where are the overlaps, how can we streamline and what we can do better. Board member Craig noted that she is trying to get this issue on the Salinas City Council meeting agenda for October 11. Board member Potter indicated that he is concerned about dissolving AMBAG and that issue should be decided by that agency; but, he supports becoming more cost-effective and efficient.

Ex officio representative Monterey-Salinas Transit CEO and General Manager Carl Sedoryk commented that the public transit operators are interested in this process and that the MST Board of Directors will weigh in on the issue on October 10. His agency believes that there are more efficient ways to operate.

Board member Burnett also concurred with Salinas and Parker, noting a lot of work needs to be done. This Board needs to be careful not to inherit some of AMBAG's non-transportation duties. He also noted that we have a well working Transportation Agency. Board member Huerta noted that he wanted to prioritize the Sustainable Communities Strategy activities. Board member Sollecito stated that the goal is to see if we can provide better service to the public.

**M/S/C** Sollecito/Armenta/unanimous

Board member Sollecito motioned that we continue discussion on the AMBAG issue after the Joint Executive Committee and City of Salinas meetings.

Board Chair Orozco thanked staff for the matrix, and noted there are a lot of questions and concerns that still need to be addressed.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concern that if all of the agencies operate under one umbrella, they may not be able to secure sufficient funding, and noted that the Transportation Agency staff is very knowledgeable.

**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 – Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director, announced that Caltrans is in the height of construction season; noting there are currently \$470 million in projects under construction in District 5. She reminded everyone to travel carefully through the construction cone zones. She announced that the California Transportation Commission Town Hall meeting would be held in Santa Barbara on October 13. In conclusion, Ms. Loe reported that we should all expect delays and detours around the construction projects.

Board member Salinas thanked Caltrans for constructing sidewalks and curb ramps on the bridge crossings in Greenfield, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Monterey Regional Airport District – No report this month.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit – Carl Sedoryk, CEO and General Manager of MST, reported that the transit district has implemented major service changes, including providing new service on the east side campus of Hartnell College and the Otter trolley at CSUMB. He noted that the trolley service in downtown Salinas is on the last year of funding.

Board member Frank Sollecito noted the need for extended transit service hours at Cannery Row and the Monterey Wharf until 11:30 p.m. He noted that there are a lot of employees who rely on alternate modes of transportation which include walking, biking, and public transportation. Some of the workers that walk or bicycle on the recreation trails have been robbed and mugged. Mr. Sedoryk noted that MST is aware of the need for late night service for the employees in those areas and has been working with the Hospitality Association to secure funding to extend service hours.

Board member Armenta commented about the status of Whispering Oaks, a proposed 58-acre business park and Monterey-Salinas Transit consolidated operations facility on the former Fort Ord. He noted that he is getting pressure for the MST Board to consider other options. Mr. Armenta also asked for an update on the Regional Taxi Authority at a future Transportation Agency Board meeting.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale announced the Greenfield Sidewalk Project ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 5, at the Oak Street Highway 101 overcrossing in Greenfield [later postponed to October 19 due to rain]. She noted that staff met with Rancho Cielo and MST in response to public comments made to the Board about the transportation needs of the Rancho Cielo youth programs, and will continue to work with Rancho Cielo staff and MST to identify long term solutions to their transportation needs as that successful program expands. Ms. Hale noted that the agency had applied for a grant from the Air District for the bicycle map and an electric vehicle car sharing program, but it was not awarded the grants and as a result is continuing to look at other sources of funding. She announced that the City of Salinas is installing a roundabout at the Skyway/Alisal Intersection. She noted that roundabouts are safer, more sustainable and should be looked at before installing a traffic signal, and that staff will be preparing a policy regarding local agency consideration of roundabouts in new projects. Director Hale also reported that the Agency is eligible for approximately \$47 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds for the 2012/13 to 2016/14 period. Based on Board action, staff is prioritizing the US 101-San Juan Road interchange, US 101 South County frontage roads, Commuter Rail Extension, Monterey Branch Line rail project and local streets and roads for this new funding.

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

Board member Armenta thanked Caltrans for the safety improvements on Highway 198.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** David Delfino, Finance Officer / Analyst

**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011

**Subject:** TAMC payments for the month of September 2011

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**ACCEPT** the list of checks written for September 2011 and credit card statements for the month of August 2011.

### **SUMMARY**

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The checks processed this period total \$ 437,027.73 which included checks written for September 2011 and payments of the August 2011 Platinum Plus Credit Card statements.

### **DISCUSSION**

During the month of September 2011 normal operating checks were written, as well as a check for \$146,446.74 to Parsons Transportation Group for project development costs for the Monterey Branch Line, a check for \$253.75 to Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc. and a check for \$1,620.86 to Wood Rodgers, Inc. for right of way services for commuter rail extension to Monterey County, a check for \$3,770.00 to Alta Planning + Design for services for the Monterey County Master Bike Plan and a check for \$990.00 to Harris & Associates, Inc for management costs of the Beach Range Road Project.

*TAMC payments for the month of September 2011*

*Transportation Agency  
October 26, 2011*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda Counsel Review:     N/A    

Attachments can be viewed on the website ([www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

- Web Attachments: 1. [List of checks written during the month of September 2011](#)  
2. [Platinum Plus credit card statements for August 2011.](#)



## *Memorandum*

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Don Bachman, P.E., Deputy Executive Director  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** Conferences Attended by Agency Staff

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

### **SUMMARY:**

Agency staff occasionally attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles. Recently employees attended the Annual American Public Works Association Congress and a Public Works Management Seminar.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Expenses related to staff conferences and authorization for out-of-state travel for the American Public Works Association Congress are included in the Travel and Training item in the adopted Agency budget.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In September Executive Director Hale and Deputy Executive Director Don Bachman attended the 2011 American Public Works Association Congress in Denver, Colorado. The American Public Works Association (APWA) is a national professional organization dedicated to the advancement of all aspects of public works. The conference provided education sessions covering a large variety of topics: transportation, utilities, construction, management practices, legislation, etc., allowing exposure to the latest thinking in these areas. Once again the recurring theme at the congress was "green" and "sustainability" approaches.

In early October, Principal Transportation Planner Muck attended the America Public Works Associations' Public Works Institute course on basic public works management skills. The three-day seminar covered a broad range of management skills that are useful for managers in the public works field. While valuable in its own right, this training is part of the Mr. Muck's preparation under the Agency's succession planning practice.

Attached are staff summaries of the events.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

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Date signed

Consent Agenda

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachments:

1. Memorandum on American Public Works Association Congress
2. Memorandum on Public Works Management Seminar



## *Memorandum*

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Don Bachman, P.E., Deputy Executive Director  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011

**Subject:** 2011 American Public Works Association Congress

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In September, the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director attended the 2011 American Public Works Association (APWA) Congress in Denver, Colorado. APWA is a national professional organization dedicated to the advancement of all aspects of public works and is a key venue for interaction among transportation professionals. The Congress is held annually at different locations around the country.

At the Congress, staff participated in education sessions to learn new ideas and approaches to transportation related matters, and networked with transportation professionals from around North America. The Congress also provides the opportunity for a variety of technical committees to meet, including the APWA Transportation Committee for which the Executive Director is the chair, and the Transportation Sustainability subcommittee. Staff also visited the vendors' exposition where attendees could view the latest in equipment and services.

The education sessions covered a large variety of topics, including transportation, utilities, construction, and management practices. As in other recent annual meetings, the recurring theme at the Congress was "green" and "sustainable" approaches. Staff attended sessions on complete streets, public participation, and sustainable intersections (including roundabouts). The session on roundabouts valuable information including statistics that fatal crashes are 1000% less at roundabouts (1 to 10 ratio) than at conventional signals. The Executive Director arranged for presentations on setting up local electric vehicle charging networks and right-of-way requirements for federally-funded projects. Staff took a tour of the planned Denver West End light rail extension to learn about their experience in obtaining federal funding and working with the community on station locations and alignments.

Overall, the exposure to the discussions and various views was a worthwhile experience that will provide staff new information on how to approach Agency endeavors.

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## Memorandum

**To:** Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director  
**From:** Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Date:** October 12, 2011  
**Subject:** **Public Works Institute Basis Public Works Management Skills**

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On October 3, 4 and 5, 2011, I attended the America Public Works Associations' Public Works Institute course on basic public works management skills. This course is part of four class series focusing on supervision and management development for public works professionals.

The course was divided into individual topics, skills, or issues important to the successful operation of a public works agency. Sessions included:

- Organizational Theory
- Ethics
- Basic Management Skills
- Managing Consultants
- Managing Construction
- Presentation Skills
- Managing Engineering and Technology
- Managing a Wastewater Organization
- Basic Project Management
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Emergency Management
- Media Relations
- Customer Service
- Managing a Storm Water Organization
- Managing a Water Supply Organization
- Workplace Safety

Each session was taught by instructors with experience at the director level of major public works agencies. Small group exercises were interspersed throughout the presentations to reinforce the subjects being discussed.



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** **Transportation Excellence Awards Call for Nominations**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the tenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

### **SUMMARY:**

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages board members to submit nominations, which are due by December 5, 2011. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2012 Transportation Agency board meeting.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Modeled after similar transportation awards programs in Santa Cruz County and the San Francisco Bay area, the program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, programs or projects. Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to promote the most efficient use of the transportation system.
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network.

- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of alternatives to driving alone.

Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and nominate projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County. Staff will be vigorously promoting this appreciation program by a mass mailing, ads in the Herald and Californian and follow-up Board reports. The list of 2010 awards recipients can be found in **attachment 2**.

The nomination form is **attachment 1** and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. The form can be mailed to Transportation Agency offices or faxed to the attention of Kristen Hoschouer. The deadline for nominations is December 5, 2011.

The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January meeting.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

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Attachments:

1. Nomination form
2. 2010 Awards recipients

# Transportation Excellence Awards



## Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

### 1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (circle one)      **Individual**      **Business/Group**      **Program**      **Project**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

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### 3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

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### 4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

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### 5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by **noon, December 5, 2011** via fax: 831-775-0897; email: [Kristen@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Kristen@tamcmonterey.org); or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Kristen Hoschouer  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901

## 2010 Honorees

### Programs:

- **Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance:** The Electric Vehicle Alliance has been successful in partnering with local agencies on different grant opportunities to help secure funding for a total of approximately 23 Level II charging stations in the Monterey Bay region. They are providing local leaders valuable information on electric vehicle producers, infrastructures, needs, challenges, and technical issues to enable local leaders to make sound decisions related to electric vehicles and its infrastructure needs.



### Individuals:

- **Richard Krumholz: Director, Caltrans – District 5:** In 2010 Mr. Krumholz worked tirelessly to obtain the Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit for the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project. This critical permit will allow TAMC's highest priority project to start construction in 2011. For the past several years Mr. Krumholz has been a strong supporter of highway safety and capacity improvements in Monterey County. He took the lead in acquiring state interregional funds to reinstate the US 101 San Juan Road Interchange Project Study Report, and worked hard with TAMC to obtain state bond funding.
- **David Murray: Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans – District 5:** During his 34 years with Caltrans, Dave Murray has assisted with the creation of the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Program, and has coordinated with the Transportation Agency to negotiate mitigations for major land use developments, which will protect and improve regional transportation. He has also taken the lead in making Caltrans contributions to the development of Monterey County's Regional Transportation Plans.



- **Megan Tolbert: Transportation Planner, California State University – Monterey Bay:**

Ms. Tolbert has been a strong advocate for alternative transportation in Monterey County. Not only has she been an asset to the Transportation Agency as a Transportation Planner with CSUMB but her work with Monterey Green Action has been key to promoting the use of bicycles as a viable transportation alternative. She has taken a lead role in educating the public on the importance of rail projects in Monterey County.



### Projects:

- **East Laurel Drive Improvement Project: City of Salinas:**

This federal stimulus funded project was not only completed within budget it was completed on a very aggressive construction schedule. It provides improvements to a 1.25-mile segment of East Laurel Drive, a major corridor that links residential areas, retail shopping areas, and major job destinations north and south with its connection to the US 101 highway. East Laurel Drive carries an average daily traffic of 36,000 vehicles per day.



- **US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project Team: Caltrans – District 5:**

The Prunedale Improvement Project team has been key to the upcoming delivery of this top priority safety project for the Transportation Agency. The project faced numerous hurdles, including finalizing the complex environmental document, holding numerous public briefings, securing over \$200 million, acquiring over 100 right-of-way parcels, preparing over 500 engineering plan sheets, and finding new funds.





TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. **APPROVE** the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
2. **REFER** the Plan to California Department of Transportation for certification.

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff presented the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to the Board of Directors in August. After incorporating additional comments, the Plan is now ready for final approval by the Transportation Agency Board and referral to California Department of Transportation for certification.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This item has no financial impact at this time on the Agency budget. The Board of Directors approved a contract with consulting firm Alta Planning + Design for the amount of \$63,720, which is within the AB2766 Vehicle Emission Reduction grant amount. As part of the grant agreement with the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District, the Agency has committed to provide in-kind match of staff time in the amount of \$9,000.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Agency last adopted a Bikeways Plan in 2005. A bicycle transportation plan needs to be updated every five years. The Transportation Agency received AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction 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. The new Plan includes a pedestrian component that was not previously included in the Agency's 2005 General Bikeways Plan.

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The 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan identifies all existing and proposed bicycle projects and facilities of jurisdictions within the Monterey County region; and satisfies the General Bikeways Plan requirements set by the California Department of Transportation (California Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2). The regionally significant bicycle and pedestrian projects listed in the Plan will help guide the allocation of Agency administered funds such as the Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds. In addition, the plan discusses the benefits of bicycling, and contains elements including maps of existing and proposed bikeways, priority list of bicycle and pedestrian projects, recommended pedestrian project prioritization criteria, a funding chapter that provides implementing agencies with a list of potential sources to fund projects and programs, and bicycle and pedestrian design guidelines.

The Transportation Agency and consultant team worked closely with key stakeholders throughout the project and involved them directly in the development of bicycle facility alignments and Agency priorities. Those who were involved included members from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, representatives from each of the incorporated cities and the County, bicycle community representatives, Agricultural Commission's Agricultural Advisory Committee, Monterey County Farm Bureau and public members at large. There was also a front page article on the Plan in the Monterey County Herald, generating immense public interest on the Plan.

The draft plan has also been revised in response to comments received at the August Board of Directors meeting regarding bike plan impacts to agricultural resources and project prioritization to maximize safety benefits. New policies and an appendix chapter on agricultural resources have been added to the Plan to address comments from the agricultural community. Projects in the plan have been prioritized according to criteria that are consistent with the plan's goals, including safety considerations.

With revisions to the Plan complete, staff is recommending the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for final approval and referral to California Department of Transportation for certification. Local jurisdictions that do not have resources to prepare a city or county specific Plan will have the option of adopting the Agency's Plan to be eligible for funding resources such as the Bicycle Transportation Account.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Consent Agenda

Counsel Review: N.A

Attachment: Executive Summary

Web Attachment: Draft Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

## Executive Summary

This 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan identifies existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Monterey County and the communities therein. As the administrator of bicycle and pedestrian related funding, the Agency will use this Plan to prioritize project funding.

The Agency developed this Plan with help from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC), County of Monterey Public Works Department, bicycling community representatives and representatives from each of the incorporated cities in Monterey County. The input from these stakeholders helped update and refine the 2005 countywide bicycle network and identify specific pedestrian projects submitted by local cities and those within geographic focus areas based on the Associations of Monterey Bay Area Government's Priority Development Areas.

### Vision

The following vision statement sets the foundation on which this Plan's goals and subsequent policies and objectives were developed.

***This Plan envisions Monterey County with a transportation system that supports sustainability, active living and community where bicycling and walking are an integral part of daily life. The system will include a comprehensive, safe, and convenient bicycle and pedestrian network that will support bicycling and walking as a viable, convenient, and popular travel choice for residents and visitors.***

### Recommended Projects and Prioritization

The projects identified in this Plan were submitted by the cities within Monterey County, the County of Monterey, Caltrans, California State Parks and California State University Monterey Bay. Projects identified in the 2005 Bicycle Master Plan that have not been implemented are also included in the project list.

### Bikeways

To help the Agency identify the bikeway projects that best satisfied the goals of this Plan, each project was scored against criteria measuring connectivity to multi-modal centers, schools and community activity centers, in addition to the ability of the project to close gaps in the existing network and provide safety benefits based on historical collision occurrences.

#### Goals

1. Increase and improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility across Monterey County.
2. Maintain and improve the quality, operation and integrity of bikeway and walkway network facilities.
3. Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
4. Increase the number of commute, recreation and utilitarian bicycle and pedestrian trips.
5. Increase the number of high quality support facilities to complement the bicycle network and walkway facilities.
6. Increase education and awareness of the value of bicycle and pedestrian travel for commute and non-commute trips.

Executive Summary

**Table ES-1** lists the priority bikeway projects. The recommended “Class” of each bikeway is described in Caltrans bikeway terminology. Class I bikeways are multi-use paths that are physically separated from roadways; Class II bikeways are striped bike lanes; and Class III bikeways are signed bicycle routes where bicyclists and motorists share the outside travel lane. The costs provided in **Table ES-1** are planning level estimates and as projects are implemented, detailed cost estimates will be developed. **Appendix D** presents the complete bikeway project list and ranking.

Table ES-1: Priority Bikeways

Rank	Name	Class	Start	End	Miles	Jurisdiction	Cost
1	Imjin Rd/12th St	2	Imjin Rd	Reservation Rd	2.72	Marina	\$2,200,000
2	Canyon del Rey Blvd	2	General Jim Moore Blvd	Hwy 68	0.76	Del Rey Oaks	\$32,500
3	Castroville Bicycle Path and Railroad Crossing	1	Axtell St	Castroville Blvd	0.31	County	\$5,995,000
4	Blanco Rd	2	Reservation Rd	Luther Way	5.36	County	\$200,000
5	Davis Rd	2	Blanco Rd	Rossi St	1.75	County	\$3,411,000
6	Blanco Rd	2	Luther Way	Abbott St	2.50	County	\$107,300
7	Broadway	2	Del Monte Blvd	Mescal St	1.58	Seaside	\$67,900
8	Hwy 68 Segment	2	Joselyn Canyon Rd	San Benancio Rd	8.17	Caltrans	\$351,300
9	Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 15A	1	Moss Landing Road	Hwy 1 Elkhorn Bridge	0.74	County	\$5,082,000
10	San Juan Grade Rd	2	Russell Rd	Boronda Rd	0.91	Salinas	\$39,200
10	San Juan Grade Rd	2	Herbert Rd	Rogge Rd	2.05	County	\$88,300
10	San Juan Grade Rd	3	Russell Rd	Rogge Rd	0.40	County	\$1,200
11	Gabilan Creek	1	Danbury St	Constitution Blvd	0.88	Salinas	\$569,300
12	Central Ave	2	Davis Rd	Hartnell College	0.45	Salinas	\$19,200
13	Hwy 68	2	San Benancio Rd	Salinas Creek Bridge (S)	4.40	Caltrans	\$189,300
14	Hatton Canyon Path	1	Carmel Valley Rd	Hwy 1	2.60	County	\$1,689,600
15	Aguajito Rd	3	Hwy 1	Monhollan Rd	2.53	County	\$7,600
16	Hwy 68 Bridge Widening at Salinas River Segment	3	Hwy 68	Salinas River	0.25	Caltrans	\$15,800,000
17	Ocean View Ave.	2	Asilomar Blvd.	17 Mile Dr.	2.31	Pacific Grove	\$99,100
18	General Jim Moore	2	Canyon Del Rey Blvd.	City Limits	0.43	Del Rey Oaks	\$18,300
19	Del Monte Blvd	2	Canyon del Rey Blvd	Broadway	0.20	Seaside	\$8,700
20.	2nd Ave	2	3rd St	1st St	0.26	CSUMB	\$11,400
21.	Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 4B	1	Tioga Ave	Monterey Peninsula Recreational Trail	0.42	Sand City	\$292,600
22	15th Ave	2	Bay View Ave	Rio Rd	0.80	County	\$34,300
23	Prunedale North Rd	2	San Miguel Canyon Rd	300' S of Hwy 156 overpass	1.06	County	\$45,700

**Agenda item: 3.2.1 Att: 1**

**Pedestrian Facilities**

Cities within Monterey County, County of Monterey, Caltrans, California State Parks and California State University also submitted pedestrian projects they identified in their jurisdictions. The top five Class I multi-use paths were identified as the priority pedestrian projects because they accommodate the widest range of users while best satisfying the goals of this Plan.

Table ES-2: Priority Pedestrian Projects

Project	Class	Start	End	Miles	Jurisdiction	Cost
Castroville Path and Railroad Crossing	1	Axtell St	Castroville Blvd	0.31	County	\$5,995,000
Sanctuary Scenic Trail 15A	1	Elkhorn Bridge (S)	Elkhorn Bridge (N)	0.17	County	\$5,082,000
Gabilan Creek Path	1	Danbury St	Constitution Blvd	0.88	Salinas	\$569,300
Hatton Canyon Path	1	Carmel Valley Rd	Hwy 1	2.60	County	\$1,689,600
Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 4B	1	Tioga Ave	Monterey Peninsula Recreational Trail	0.42	Sand City	\$292,600

**Implementation**

The Agency’s primary role regarding bicycle and pedestrian facility implementation is to distribute funding to local agencies for projects. Ultimately, Cities, the County and other agencies are responsible for implementing projects. The highest priority projects are estimated to cost \$48 million as shown in **Table ES-3**.

**Chapter 9** provides a comprehensive list of funds available for bicycle and pedestrian projects and is intended to assist local agencies identify funding sources for the projects in this Plan. The information in this Plan can be used by local agencies to qualify for and strengthen funding applications.

Table ES-3: Priority Project Costs

Project Type	Cost Estimate
<b>Priority Bikeways</b>	\$36,243,400
<b>Priority Pedestrian Projects</b>	\$13,628,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,613,000*</b>

**\* Gabilan Creek and Hatton Canyon Paths are both bicycle and pedestrian priority projects and their costs are counted only once in the total cost.**



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** US 101-San Juan Road Interchange Project TIGER Grant Application

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** TIGER III grant application for the US 101 San Juan Road project.

### **SUMMARY:**

Transportation Agency staff has produced a federal TIGER grant application requesting \$12 million for the US 101- San Juan Road Interchange project. Applications are due to the Federal Highway Administration by October 31, 2011.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The US 101- San Juan Road Interchange project currently has a \$12 million shortfall as a result of reductions in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund state bond program. Federal TIGER program funding will provide backup in case the California Transportation Commission does not honor the Transportation Agency's request to program Regional Improvement Program funds to the project as part of the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Transportation Agency staff has produced a federal TIGER grant application requesting \$12 million for the US 101- San Juan Road Interchange project. Applications are due to the Federal Highway Administration by October 31, 2011. Project awards are expected to be announced in early 2012.

TIGER program funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. Priority for TIGER program awards must be given to projects for which Federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package and projects can increase their competitiveness by demonstrating significant non-Federal contributions. Early project delivery is also a focus for the TIGER program. All TIGER funds must be obligated by September 30, 2013.

The US 101- San Juan Road Interchange project is a good candidate for the TIGER grant program. The project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation is already complete. This is a key criteria used by the Federal Highway Administration to confirm project readiness. Non-federal funding will account for 75% of the project's overall cost.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda

Counsel Review: N/A

Web Attachment: Draft US 101-San Juan Road Interchange Project TIGER Grant Application



# Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** **Support for City of Marina’s Multi-modal Corridor TIGER Grant Application**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZE** Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of Marina’s application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to complete the portion of the multi-modal corridor within the City.

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Marina is submitting an application for \$12.7 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds to construct a 1.1 mile section of the Marina to Salinas Multi-modal corridor.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct impact to the Agency budget associated with this action.

**DISCUSSION:**

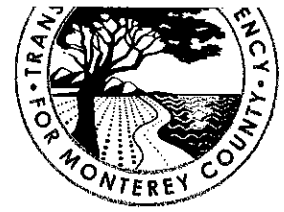
The City of Marina is applying for a federal TIGER discretionary grant to construct the 1.1 mile section of the Marina to Salinas multi-modal corridor that is within the City. This corridor is adjacent to the Transportation Agency’s Transit Oriented Development on the former Fort Ord. The project will include designated bus lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and mixed flow travel lanes within a 94 foot right-of-way.

The scope of the proposed project is consistent with the priorities selected by the Board of Directors in May 2011 and with the Agency’s regional planning goals, therefore, staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the grant application as requested by the City of Marina.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: City of Marina Multi-modal Corridor TIGER Grant Application Support Letter



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Regional Transportation Planning Agency • Congestion Management Planning  
Local Transportation Commission • Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways

October 26, 2011

Mayor Bruce Delgado  
City of Marina  
211 Hillcrest Avenue  
Marina, CA 93933

**Subject:** *Support for Marina's Multi-modal Corridor TIGER Application*

Dear Mayor Delgado:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) supports the City of Marina's application for TIGER discretionary grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration. This project will construct a 1.1 mile segment of the Marina to Salinas Multi-modal Corridor.

This is an exciting project that will construct the first segment of a multi-modal corridor linking the coastal communities along the Monterey Bay with Cal State Monterey Bay and the City of Salinas in our inland valley. The project will include designated bus lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and mixed flow travel lanes within a 94 foot right-of-way. This corridor is adjacent to the Transportation Agency's Transit Oriented Development on the former Fort Ord and will connect to the planned bus transfer center and the planned light rail along the Monterey branch rail line currently under development by the Transportation Agency. Property owned by the Transportation Agency within the footprint of the multi-modal corridor will be committed to the project as a contribution to the local match required for TIGER funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 775-0903.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Hale  
Executive Director



COUNTY

## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner

**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011

**Subject:** Transportation for Livable Communities Grant Update: Marina

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**RECEIVE** update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant for the City of Marina.

### **SUMMARY**

The Transportation Agency enacted the Transportation for Livable Communities program in 2003 to incentivize the creation of affordable housing in existing communities close to transit, which reduces the demand on regional road networks and increases transit ridership. The City of Marina has a building permit deadline of January 25, 2012 for the Marina Transit Village project.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Total funding awarded via the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant program is \$1,400,000 in competitive Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. The City of Marina was awarded a \$300,000 grant for the Marina Transit Village project.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Grant Program Overview**

The program encourages jurisdictions to support transit-oriented development projects. Eligible development projects must be under review but not yet permitted, transit-oriented (within 1/3-mile of an existing or planned transit hub), walkable, on an infill or redevelopment site, with a minimum density of 15 units per acre and minimum 50% housing, and with strong community support. The program awards points based on proximity to high-frequency transit lines, walkability and bikability, density and affordability. Grant funds can be used for transportation projects eligible for the Regional Surface Transportation Program. Funds are available after the development project has a building permit (within two years after grant award) and breaks ground (within one year after building permit).

In 2006, the Agency awarded TLC grants to four projects:

1. Marina Transit Village: \$300,000. Building permit deadline: January 25, 2012. See below.
2. Monterey: Monterey Hotel: \$200,000. Project built.
3. Salinas: Gateway Apartments: \$200,000. Groundbreaking deadline: October 25, 2012.
4. County (Castroville): Cynara Court: \$100,000. Project under construction.

### **Marina Transit Village**

The Agency awarded \$300,000 to the City of Marina for the Marina Transit Village project in June 2003. The project ranked second out of five grant awards and was cited as a prime example of transit-oriented development as a mixed-use project in downtown Marina next to a Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) center. The Agency re-awarded the grant in 2006. On August 25, 2009, the Board of Directors approved an extension to July 25, 2010, conditional that the project permitted by that deadline would be at least 50% housing and a minimum of 15 units per acre per the terms of the grant. On August 25, 2010, the Board approved another extension with the requirement that Marina meet certain milestones:

- By January 2011: Exclusive Negotiating Agreement and terms of land lease or sale;
- By July 2011: Fee agreement for planning services, site and architectural design review; and
- By January 2012: Construction drawings, grading permit, building permits.

City staff report that the development project on the MST parcel has had difficulties getting the requisite financing under the current Specific Plan and will be seeking another extension to the deadline for a building permit at the January 2012 TAMC meeting.

Meanwhile, another project, sponsored by the Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association, Inc. (CHISPA), is moving forward on a neighboring parcel. Agency staff discussed the projects with City and CHISPA staff and determined that the CHISPA project would be a good candidate for a future round of competitive TLC grants, possibly as soon as summer 2012, pending resolution on the funding package for the US 101 San Juan Road project in spring 2012. Once the US 101 San Juan Road project funding package is completed via the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and/or the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, local Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds could be available for reallocation to the TLC program.

The City did not submit a project update in time for this agenda packet; staff anticipates having a letter as a handout at the meeting.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Agenda  
Reviewed by Counsel: N/A



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** City of Salinas' Request for TIGER Grant Letter of Support

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECOMMEND** not providing a letter of support to the City of Salinas for their application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to widen US 101 through the City.

### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Salinas is submitting an application for \$51 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds to widen the US 101 Corridor through the City. Staff is recommending not supporting the project because it is not a good candidate for the TIGER grant program and could dilute our effort to secure the final \$12 million needed to construct the US 101-San Juan Road Interchange project.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct impact to the Agency budget associated with this action.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Salinas has requested the Transportation Agency provide a letter of support for its application for \$51 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds for widening of the US 101 Corridor through the City. Transportation Agency staff feels the project is good in concept, but is not a good candidate for the TIGER grant program and could dilute our effort to secure the final \$12 million needed to construct the US 101-San Juan Road Interchange project.

The project's concept to widen US 101 through the City of Salinas is good, but the project is not far enough along to be a viable candidate for TIGER funding. The project has not yet completed its CEQA/NEPA environmental clearance. Completion of the Federal NEPA process is a key criteria used by the Federal Highway Administration to determine if the proposal can meet deadlines to expend TIGER funds. This round of TIGER funds must be obligated by September 30, 2013. It is not reasonable to expect any project to complete Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, Right-of-Way, and Final Design within the approximately 20 month period required by the TIGER

program. For this reason and others, TIGER funding gives priority to projects ready for construction. Furthermore, the amount of funding the City is requesting, \$51 million is far in excess of the amount that could be expected to be received if the project were to be awarded a TIGER grant. The average individual award from the previous round of TIGER grants was \$13 million.

Transportation Agency staff looks forward to working with the City of Salinas to continue developing this project to insure it is a good candidate for future funding opportunities.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: Letter Responding to City's Request for TIGER Support Letter.

October 26, 2011

Mayor Dennis Donohue  
City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Subject:** *Response to City's Request for TIGER Support Letter*

Dear Mayor Donohue:

The City of Salinas has requested the Transportation Agency provide a letter of support for its application for \$51 million dollars of federal TIGER grant funds for widening of the US 101 Corridor through the City. Transportation Agency staff feels the project is good in concept, but is not a good candidate for the TIGER grant program and could dilute our effort to secure the final \$12 million needed to construct the US 101-San Juan Road Interchange project.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 775-0903.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Hale  
Executive Director

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY  
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY  
COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE  
JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Members are: Maria Orozco (Chair),  
Simón Salinas (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Jerry Edelen (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Lou Calcagno (Past Chair), Jane Parker (County representative),  
Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

**\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. \*\*\***

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Edelen, Orozco, Salinas and alternates Gowin for Calcagno, Markey for Parker and Russell for Craig. Staff present: Bachman, Goel, Hale, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Blankenship and Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Salinas and second by Board member Edelen the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve consent item 3.1 – 3.2 as follows:

3.1 **APPROVED** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 7, 2011. With correction noted; to remove the word “alternate” before “Boardmember Salinas” on the action item for approval of the minutes.

3.2 **RECEIVED** the call for nominations for the tenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**END OF CONSENT**

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- 4.1 **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Government Code section §54957, performance evaluation for the Executive Director.

**RECONVENE:** Agency Counsel Blankenship reported that the Committee met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section §54957 and received information from counsel.

- 4.2 **PROVIDED** direction on programming strategies for the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported this is an exciting time for the State program, noting we are very well poised to go after it. The Transportation Agency's target for 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding is \$46.86 million. The Agency will need to request more than our target amount to fully fund all of the Agency's priority projects. She noted the proposed project list could be programmed if the California Transportation Commission agrees to advance \$4.77 million to Monterey County.

Director Hale asked the Committee for input on tolling. The Committee agreed to use up to \$10,000 to prepare a study report on tolls. She noted that she will be meeting with Tony Harris, Planning Company Associates, and Caltrans to discuss the toll implementation and study report. Committee alternate Markey expressed concern that collecting payments from drivers may cause a stall in traffic. Deputy Director Bachman noted that there is technology so that toll booths aren't needed. Committee member Edelen commented that it is nice that nonresidents would be paying tolls. Ms. Hale said she will provide an update as soon as information becomes available.

Director Hale highlighted the proposed projects for the 2012 STIP cycle. She reported the amount of Trade Corridor Improvement Funds available for the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange Project has decreased from \$28 million to around \$16 million. This \$12 million shortfall needs to be made up to keep the project fully funded. The California Transportation Commission will have to give the project special consideration to allow \$12 million RIP funds to be programmed in the 2012/13 year of the 2012 STIP in order to meet TCIF bond program deadlines. Overall state-wide the CTC will need to move out \$100 million worth of projects currently programmed in FY 2012/13 to meet the declining revenue estimated in the 2012 STIP Fund Estimate. The State Route 156 Widening project is ready to proceed into the Right-of-Way and Plans, Specifications & Engineering phases of the project. Caltrans estimates these phases will cost \$26.5 million and \$6 million, respectively. Five million dollars is included on the spreadsheet to conduct environmental and preliminary engineering work for the US 101 South County Frontage Road project. The project's Project Study Report estimates the total cost of this phase will be \$8.6 million dollars. Local funding will have to be contributed to this project to fully fund this phase in order to meet STIP programming guidelines.

The Monterey Branch Line Rail project has \$10.256 million programmed for Plans, Specifications & Engineering in this current fiscal year. This project is not ready to request a funding allocation for this phase. Staff is recommending these funds be shifted to the construction phase of the Commuter Rail project.

Committee member Salinas expressed concerns regarding the Davis Road bike lanes: He noted that the farmers are concerned with the large equipment. Director Hale noted that before this goes to the Board, staff will meet with County staff, Supervisor Calcagno's office and agricultural representatives to reach agreement on this project (whether and how to proceed).

In conclusion, Director Hale noted the Transportation Agency staff will draft the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Board adoption at its December 7, 2012 meeting. The California Transportation Commission is scheduled to adopt the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program on March 28, 2012.

5. **RECEIVED** information about vehicle registration fees and **PROVIDED** direction to staff on a possible Monterey County measure.

Ruth Bernstein of EMC Research presented on a state law that allows countywide transportation planning agencies to levy a \$10 per registered vehicle fee for transportation related programs and projects that have a relationship or benefit to the persons who pay the fee, subject to approval of two-thirds of the voters. Ms. Bernstein noted that Senate Bill 83 (Hancock), signed into law in 2009, authorizes a countywide transportation agency to implement a vehicle registration fee (VRF) of up to \$10 on motor vehicles registered within the county for transportation programs and projects. She gave an overview of 2010 San Francisco Bay Area VRF measures. Measures in 2010 required a majority vote. Due to Proposition 26 the assumption is that a VRF must now be approved by two thirds of voters in the county. She noted that the governing board of the agency must adopt an expenditure plan that details the programs and projects that would result from the VRF. She advised that if the Board decides to move forward with a VRF measure in 2012, that staff identify the key projects and develop an expenditure plan, work to build consensus around possible expenditure plan, possibly use successes in other counties as examples. In conclusion, Ms. Bernstein advised we wait to see if Santa Cruz moves forward on this measure, and wait for their poll results.

Committee member Edelen stated that he doesn't think we can reach the two-thirds vote necessary to pass the measure. Alternate Gowin noted that the public wants to know where their money is being spent. Alternate Markey concurred with both Boardmember Edelen and alternate Gowin, noting she thinks we should wait until spring to move forward, maybe there will be a shift in mood.

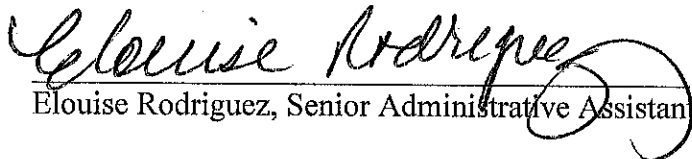
6. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 26, 2011.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the October 26, 2011 draft agenda. She noted that staff will present Assembly member Luis Alejo a certificate of appreciation for his great job working on SB436. She noted that Todd Muck would be giving an update on the State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations and Andy Cook would be giving an update on the Taxi Authority. The Board will receive a report on the Joint Executive Committee meeting from Chair Orozco and herself. She highlighted the consent agenda, noting that the Board would be asked to approve the final 2011 Transportation Agency Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that the Board would receive information on the TIGER III grant application for the US 101 San Juan Road project and to approve support letters for TIGER III grant applications from the City of Salinas for the US 101 widening project and from the City of Marina for the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor project.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*DRAFT Minutes of October 3, 2011*  
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

	OCT 10	NOV 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	AUG 11	SEP 11	OCT 11
F. Armenta, Dist. 1 (J. Martinez)	<b>C</b>	E	P	P	P(A)	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	E	<b>C</b>	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Dist. 2 (H. Gowin)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	<b>A</b>	-	<b>A</b>	P(A)
J. Parker, Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	<b>N</b>	P	P	P	P	<b>N</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P	<b>N</b>	P
D. Potter, Dist. 5, Chair (K. Lee)	<b>C</b>	P	P	P	E	<b>C</b>	P	<b>C</b>	-	<b>C</b>	E
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	<b>E</b>	E	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey – Vice Chair (C. Della Sala)	<b>L</b>	P	P	E	P	<b>L</b>	E	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P
K. Craig, Salinas (R. Russell, <del>J. Serrano</del> )	<b>L</b>	P	P	P	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P	<b>L</b>	P(A)	<b>L</b>	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	<b>E</b>	P(A)	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P	<b>E</b>	P
F. Bachofner, Seaside (D. Ingersoll, S. Bloomer)	<b>D</b>	E	-	P	P	<b>D</b>	P	<b>D</b>	P	<b>D</b>	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)		P(A)	P	P	P		P		E		-
AMBAG (R. Deshazo)		-	-	-	-		-		-		-
M. McCumsey, Caltrans District 5		P (TC)	-	-	-		-		P (TC)		P (TC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath)		-	P(A)	-	-		-		-		-
B. Sabo, Airport		P	-	P	P		P		P		P
<b>STAFF</b>											
D. Hale, Exec. Director		E	P	P	P		E		P		P
D. Bachman, Dep. Exec. Director		P	P	P	P		P		P		P
C. Watson, Sr. Transp. Planner		P	E	P	P		P		E		P
K. Hoschouer, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P		P		P		P
A. Cook, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P	E	P	P		P		E		P
M. Zeller, Assoc. Transp. Planner		P	P	-	-		-		P		-
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator											P
E – Excused                      VC – Video Conference A – Alternate                    TC – Teleconference											

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Sollecito called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Gallant	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Bob Schubert	Mo. Co. Planning Dept.
Chris Flescher	Rail Pass. Assoc. of CA	Marti Noel	Mo. Co. Redevelopment Agency
Eric Peterson	Salinas Resident		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Delgado/ Parker/ unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the August 1, 2011 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

Board alternate Gowin abstained from voting on this item.

**3.2** Received the call for nominations for the tenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**3.3** Approved 2012 schedule of Rail Policy Committee meetings.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a report on the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported since the last report in May, the progress on the Commuter Rail Extension project includes the submittal of the Cultural Resources Technical Report to the State Historic Preservation Office, the submittal of the fourth Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment to the Federal Transit Administration, California Transportation Commission action to reallocate \$17 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to the design and right of way phases of the project, as well as meetings with responsible and stakeholder agencies.

5. **MONTEREY BRANCH LINE UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation from Kristen Hoschouer, Associate Transportation Planner, on the transit supportive land use and economic development criteria used by the Federal Transit Administration to score applications for federal Small Starts funding, which the Agency is pursuing for both rail projects. Ms. Hoschouer explained that the Agency will be coordinating with jurisdictions around stations to incorporate transit-supportive land use policies into relevant planning documents. Ms. Hoschouer also summarized several specific examples of projects that received a high and medium-high Small Starts land use and economic development rating by the Federal Transit Administration.

The committee requested that the Agency further research options for enhancing the economic development ratings and coordinate closely with staff from each jurisdiction to review station area plans under development. The committee also requested that the Agency work with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) or the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to establish a regional clearinghouse for information on planned land use development projects. The committee suggested that this topic be included on the agenda for the October 6 joint Executive Committee meeting among TAMC, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the San Benito Council of Governments and AMBAG.

6. **FALL RAIL TOUR**

The Committee received an update from Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, on the Fall Rail Tour, a trip on the Amtrak Coast Starlight between San Jose and Salinas. Ms. Gavin explained that an invitation to attend the tour will be extended to interested parties as soon as a date is selected for the tour, based on the availability of Monterey County Planning Commissioners and State Assembly Member Luis Alejo. Participation is limited by the capacity of the shuttle from Salinas to San Jose.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jessica Martinez, alternate for Monterey County District 1 Supervisor Armenta, announced that the Supervisor was attending the American Public Transportation Association conference in New Orleans and was not able to attend the committee meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Sollecito adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Debra L. Hale, Executive Director  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** Employee of the quarter

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**PRESENTATION** of Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Maria Montiel.

### **SUMMARY:**

*Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2011.*

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Agency employees recognize Maria for doing a fabulous job while the Senior Administrative was out on medical leave. We appreciate her cheerfulness, diligence, hard work and her work on keeping the Executive Director's calendar.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

Regular Agenda

Attachment: Certificate of recognition for Maria Montiel.

# Employee of the Quarter

PRESENTED TO

*Maria Montiel*

*It is hereby certified that Maria Montiel has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July– September 2011. The Agency employees recognize Maria for doing a fabulous job while the Senior Administrative was out on medical leave. We appreciate her cheerfulness, diligence, hard work and her work on keeping the Executive Director’s calendar.*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County it is our great pleasure to recognize Maria Montiel for her great service.*

*The term of recognition is: July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011*

*Recognized By*

*Acknowledged By*

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*TAMC Chair  
Maria Orozco*

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*Executive Director  
Debra L. Hale*

*Date: October 26, 2011*



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Todd Muck, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Strategies

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**REVIEW** and **PROVIDE INPUT** on draft strategies regarding State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency's target for 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding is \$46.86 million. The Agency will need to request more than our target amount to fully fund all of the Agency's priority projects.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Monterey County's State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate target for the 2012/13 to 2016/17 period is \$46.86 million. The current list of proposed projects could be programmed if the California Transportation Commission agrees to advance \$5.05 million to Monterey County.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Every two years the State programs transportation revenues from gas taxes and bond funds towards projects selected by the regions and Caltrans.

Staff has prepared a draft submittal of proposed funding for existing and priority projects based on the TAMC strategic planning session in June for the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program cycle (attached). Each project has a white and gray row. Currently programmed State Transportation Improvement Program funding is in the white rows and proposed State Transportation Improvement Program funding options are in the gray rows. As currently listed, the project costs exceed our State Transportation Improvement Program funding targets by \$5.05 million.

The amount of Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) available for the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange Project has decreased from \$28 million to around \$16 million. This \$12 million shortfall needs to be made up to keep the project fully funded. The California Transportation Commission will have to give the project special consideration to allow \$12 million Regional Improvement Program funds to be programmed in the 2012/13 year of the 2012 STIP in order to meet Trade Corridor Improvement Funds bond program deadlines. Overall state-wide the CTC will need to move out \$100 million worth of projects currently programmed in FY 2012/13 to meet the declining revenue estimated in the 2012 STIP Fund Estimate.

The State Route 156 Widening project is ready to proceed into the Right-of-Way and Plans, Specifications & Engineering phases of the project. Caltrans estimates these phases will cost \$26.5 million and \$6 million respectively. Representatives of a group of private investors have approached the Transportation Agency with interest to pursue a toll facility as a component of the State Route 156 Widening project. A consultant has been contracted to analyze the feasibility of various tolling mechanisms to cover the estimated \$60 million cost to construct the State Route 156 Widening project. The analysis of tolling feasibility will be available for the Transportation Agency Board's review prior to making programming decisions as part of adopting the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program at your December 7 meeting.

Five million dollars is included on the spreadsheet to conduct environmental and preliminary engineering work for the US 101 South County Frontage Road project. The project's Project Study Report estimates the total cost of this phase will be \$8.6 million dollars. Local funding will have to be contributed to this project to fully fund this phase in order to meet STIP programming guidelines, likely from the Regional Impact Fee Program.

The Monterey Branch Line Rail project has \$10.256 million programmed for Plans, Specifications & Engineering in this current fiscal year. This project is not ready to request a funding allocation for this phase. Staff is recommending these funds be shifted to the construction phase of the Commuter Rail project.

The Transportation Agency's Executive Committee reviewed the draft 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program project list at their October 5, 2011 meeting. The draft list was approved in concept by the Executive Committee.

Transportation Agency staff will draft the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Board adoption at its December 7, 2012 meeting. The California Transportation Commission is scheduled to adopt the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program on March 28, 2012.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Regular Agenda

Reviewed by Counsel: N/A

Attachment: DRAFT – TAMC 2012 RTIP Project List





TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 26, 2011  
**Subject:** **Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** report on implementation of the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority, which was established in 2010, has approved rules and regulations and begun permitting taxi companies and drivers for the participating jurisdictions. The basic Authority structure is based on recommendations included on the Agency's Regional Taxi Study, approved for release by the Board in 2008.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact to the Agency associated with this report.

The Regional Taxi Authority has been established as a cost recovery agency with administrative costs recouped through annual fees collected from taxi companies and drivers. The adopted taxi authority budget for Fiscal Year 2011/12 is \$169,825.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Agency completed the Regional Taxi Study in 2008 at the request of the Monterey Peninsula cities to address taxi regulation and enforcement issues being identified in those cities. The Agency was specifically asked to issue a recommendation for establishing a regional taxi authority patterned off of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program model (countywide taxi administration and permitting program administered by a countywide transit agency), which would assume permitting responsibilities from the jurisdictions and establish uniform regulations, fees and fares across the area, as well as to address service inconsistencies between the Monterey Peninsula Airport and destinations in the City of Monterey and improvements for seniors and persons with disabilities. The Monterey Peninsula cities, the County of Monterey, the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), California State University

Monterey Bay and the Monterey County Hospitality Association agreed to contribute to, and participate in the study.

The Study, prepared by Nelson\Nygaard Associates under contract with the Agency, recommended that MST assume responsibility for establishing a Regional Taxi Authority, a one-stop-shop for regional licensing following the Orange County Taxi Administration Program model, approving permits and findings of public convenience and necessity, establishing fares, and setting fees and fines sufficient to recover the authority's costs. The Monterey Peninsula Airport District, which generates revenue and regulates limited curb space for taxis through an exclusive franchise, was asked to join the Authority and investigate a system to accommodate additional taxis from multiple taxi companies that would preserve the operating revenue derived from the airport taxi service.

The participating jurisdictions accepted the study and subsequently approved a joint powers agreement and ordinance developed by attorneys representing the jurisdictions, which established the Authority in August, 2010. The regional taxi ordinance adopted by the participating jurisdictions is based on the City of Monterey taxi ordinance with some revisions requested by the jurisdictions and the authority's technical advisory committee. MST staff serves as the secretary and treasurer to the Authority. The cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City and Seaside, as well as the County of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Airport District are members of the taxi authority. The Taxi Authority Board includes each jurisdiction's appointed MST representative and a representative from the Airport District.

The Authority's accomplishments since August, 2010 are included as an **Attachment**. MST staff will make a presentation to the Board on activities accomplished to establish and administer the Regional Taxi Authority, as well as on regional taxi service and permitting issues.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Regular Agenda Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: Regional Taxi Authority Accomplishments

**Monterey County Regional Tax Authority  
Major Accomplishments (August of 2010 – September 2011)**

**Actions Taken:**

- Formed a Joint Powers Agency
- Adopted By-laws
- Elected/Appointed Officers
- Created a Technical Advisory Committee
- Adopted By-laws for the Technical Advisory Committee
- Appointed a Technical Advisory Committee
- Awarded a contract for administrative licensing and inspection services to MST
- Secured authorization from the Dept. of Justice to conduct criminal background checks
- Set up new website – [www.mryrta.org](http://www.mryrta.org)
- Adopted Interim Permit Fee Schedule for Taxi Companies, Drivers and Vehicles
- Adopted Ordinance for the Uniform Regulation of Taxicabs
- Adopted RTA Taxi Administration Program Regulations
- Adopted Taxi Senior Discount Voucher Program
- Adopted Region-wide taxi fare structure
- Adopted taxicab fines/penalties structure for operating without RTA permits
- Adopted \$1 million minimum insurance requirements
- Adopted RTA Equipment, Safety, Security, and Operational Policy
- Conducted an investigation into denials of service by Yellow Cab to downtown Monterey hotels
- Adopted FY 2012 budget
- Created agenda packets for and held 13 RTA Board Meetings
- Created agenda packets for and held 10 TAC Meetings
- Created 3 bilingual interim permit applications for taxi companies, drivers and vehicles
- Created 3 bilingual permanent applications for taxi companies, drivers and vehicles
- Conducted AB 1234 ethics training for RTA Board members and TAC members

**Permits Issued through September 2011:**

- 4 New Taxi Company Permits
- 3 Existing Taxi Company Permit Renewals
- 32 New Driver Permits
- 2 Driver Renewals
- 19 Vehicle Permits

**All existing permits are grandfathered in until December 31, 2011. After that date all taxi companies, drivers and vehicles must have RTA permits.**

**Agendas, Ordinances, Documents and other Materials are documented on our [www.mryrta.org](http://www.mryrta.org) website.**



# PROJECT UPDATE – MONTEREY COUNTY

PREPARED FOR OCTOBER 26, 2011 TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY MEETING

## RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Lead Agency	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1.	US 101 Seal Bridge Decks (0S9904)	At various locations from east Garrison Overcrossing to Boronda Road Overcrossing (PM R2.2-R91.0)	Seal bridge decks with methacrylate	4/4/2011-September 14, 2011	\$318,000	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	Kelly McClain (TRL)	Amland Corporation of California Inc. San Jose	Work completed and accepted September 14, 2011

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Lead Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
2.	Hwy. 1 Replace Joint Seal and Seal Bridge Decks (0S9804)	From Forest Boundary Viaduct to Tembladero Slough (PM 1.5-T92.0)	Replace joint seal and seal bridge decks with Methacrylate	September 6, 2011-end of December 2011	\$778,000	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	Kelly McClain (BR)	American Civil Constructors West Coast Inc., Benicia	One-way reversing traffic control weekdays from 8 am to 4pm. Some night work as well.
3.	Hwy. 1 Pitkins Curve Slide (0E9604)	North of Limekiln Creek Bridge to south of Lucia (PM 21.3-21.6)	Construct bridge and rock shed	12/7/2009-Spring 2013	\$29.5 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	David Rasmussen (CH)	Golden State Bridge Inc., Martinez	One-way traffic control 24/7 with the use of a temporary traffic signal for the duration of the project
4.	Hwy. 1 Dani Creek Slide Permanent Restoration (0T5604)	Near Lucia from 1.6 mile to 1.8 mile north of Limekiln Creek (PM 22.6-22.8)	Construct retaining wall	9/27/2010-end of October 2011	\$7.7 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	Ken Dostalek (CH)	Condon Johnson & Associates, Oakland	Work is scheduled to be completed and accepted by the end of October 2011
5.	Hwy. 1 Salinas Road Interchange (315924)	North of Moss Landing at Salinas Road (PM 99.9-101.5)	Construct new interchange	4/15/2010-Fall 2012	\$12 Million	STIP/CIMA	Caltrans	Richard Rosales (JW)	Desilva Gates Construction LP, Dublin	Phase II of Salinas Rd. Detour in place—no traffic control



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## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Lead Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
6.	<b>Hwy. 68</b> Concrete Median Barrier (0Q9604)	In Monterey east of Fairground Road OC and Near Salinas from just west of Toro Park UC to Toro Park UC ((PM R4.1-R4.5, 15.2-15.8)	Construct concrete median barrier	9/13/ 2011-end of December 2011	\$1.5 Million	SHOPP	Caltrans	John Luchetta (FK)	Top Grade Construction Inc., Livermore	Project had been delayed due to adjacent projects in the area. Nighttime ramp closures 9 pm to 5 am and daytime alternating lane closures at one location
7.	<b>Hwy. 68</b> Open Grade Overlay (0T4204)	Near Salinas from west of SPCA Road to west of Reservation Road UC (PM 10.8-16.8)	Place hot mix asphalt (open grade) on existing roadbed	6/7/11-mid-October 2011	\$1.2 Million	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	Kelly McClain (FK)	Granite Construction Co., Watsonville	Project scheduled to be completed and accepted by mid-October, 2011.
8.	<b>Hwy. 68</b> Micro-surfacing (0T2804)	In and near Salinas from south of Reservation Road UC to Work Street (PM R16.7-21.9)	Place micro-surfacing on existing roadway	Late September 2011-Early November 2011	\$890,000	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	Kelly McClain (AN)	Valley Slurry Seal, Co., Sacramento	Alternating lane closures weekdays from 8:30 am-4pm and 6pm-7am
9.	<b>US 101</b> Inside Shoulder Widening (1A2105)	In San Ardo from San Ardo Undercrossing to Los Lobos Overcrossing	Widen inside shoulder	Late October 2011-December 2011	\$185,000	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	John Luchetta (TRL)	Brough Construction Inc., Arroyo Grande	Northbound and southbound #1 (fast) lane closures weekdays from 7 am to 4pm
10.	<b>US 101</b> Open Grade Overlay (0T4104)	Near King City from Jolon Road UC to Lagomarsino Avenue (PM 42.0-49.7)	Cold plane asphalt concrete pavement and overlay with hot mix asphalt (open graded)	August 1, 2011-end of October 2011	\$3 Million	Highway Maintenance	Caltrans	Bruce Pastorius (AN)	Calportland Construction, Santa Maria	Alternating lane closures; final clean-up and striping



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## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Lead Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
11.	US 101 Greenfield ADA Ramps (0Q5604)	In Greenfield at various locations from Elm Avenue Overcrossing to Walnut Avenue Overcrossing (PM 53.1-53.9)	Construct ADA ramps and sidewalks	2/23/2011-early November 2011	\$349,000	SHOPP	Caltrans	John Luchetta (AN)	Dreambuilder, Placentia	Primarily shoulder and ramp closures. Project scheduled to be completed and accepted by early November pending additional work.
12.	US 101 Airport Blvd. Interchange East (349504)	Near Salinas just south to just north of Airport Boulevard Overcrossing (PM 85.0-85.8)	Reconstruct interchange	9/14/2010-Spring 2012	\$8.4 Million	STIP	Caltrans	David Silberberger (TL)	Pavex Construction Division, San Jose	The southbound on-ramp at Airport Blvd. reopened at the end of August 2011. Occasional night Hwy closures for bridgework.
13.	US 101 Central Salinas Irrigation Upgrade (OR2004)	In Salinas from south of junction Route 68/101 separation to south of Sherwood Drive Overcrossing (PM 86.6-R87.7)	Rehabilitate irrigation system	4/1/2011-end of October 2011 with 1 yr. plant establishment	\$674,000	MINOR	Caltrans	John Luchetta (AN)	Watkin and Bortolussi Inc., San Rafael	Occasional nighttime lane and ramp closures. Occasional daytime shoulder closures
14.	US 101 Punedale Improvement Project (0161E4)	In and near Punedale at various locations from just north of Little Bear Creek Undercrossing to just north of Echo Valley Road (PM R91.2-100.4)	Construct interchanges and operational improvements	4/20/2011-Fall 2014	\$72 Million	STIP	Caltrans	David Silberberger (PM)	GCC/MCM A JV, Watsonville	Both the northbound and southbound detours will be in place for approximately one year, while the new Sala Road overcrossing and northbound Hwy 101 lanes are constructed.



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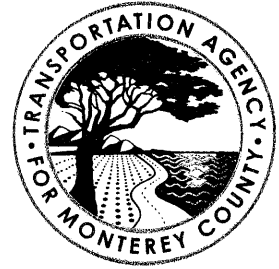
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## PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Lead Agency	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
15.	<b>Hwy. 101/San Juan Road Interchange</b> (31580_)	On Route 101 near Prunedale.4 mile south of Dumbarton Road in Mon. Co. (PM 10.0-101.3)	Construct new interchange at San Juan Road and US 101	Winter 2014	\$46.2 Million	STIP/TCIF/ARRA	Caltrans	David Silberberger	PS&E/RW	The project team is working very hard to finish the design and to acquire all of the necessary Right of Way.
16.	<b>Hwy. 156 West Corridor</b> (31600_)	On SR 156 btw Castroville and Prunedale (PM R1.6-T5.2)	Widen to 4-lane divided freeway and build an interchange	Fall 2020	Phase 1 \$110 Million	STIP / Federal DEMO	Caltrans	David Silberberger	N/A	The project is targeted to finish PA&ED in May 2012.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
FOR MONTEREY COUNTY



Regional Transportation Planning Agency • Congestion Management Planning  
Local Transportation Commission • Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways

September 15, 2011

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee  
On Deficit Reduction  
US Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling  
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee  
On Deficit Reduction  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject: Infrastructure Investment**

Dear Co-Chairs Murray and Hensarling:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, I am writing to strongly urge you to recommend against cuts to infrastructure funding and to recommend increasing funding for this vital motor of our nation's economy.

Decades of underinvestment in public infrastructure have created an infrastructure investment gap of \$2.2 trillion and growing levels of deterioration. Delays due to congestion on our roadways cost the nation more than \$100 billion annually, and more than one in four bridges are in need of repair. At a time when addressing the deficit and reducing expenditures must be a priority, our nation, however, cannot afford to reduce investments needed to repair and improve our public infrastructure.

Infrastructure investment is a proven way to strengthen the economy, and a strong economy is key to helping reduce deficits. Efficient, well-maintained infrastructure attracts businesses, industry and jobs and strengthens local economies. Cuts to infrastructure investment would have an immediate, and devastating, impact on our struggling economy. It will result in the loss of thousands of jobs, as every \$1 billion invested in transportation supports approximately 35,000 jobs. It will also mean growing rates of deterioration and inadequate levels of performance, which will increase costs to the economy, impeding job growth, jeopardizing a fragile economic recovery and making deficit reduction more difficult.

Our nation cannot remain economically competitive with the rest of the world if our public infrastructure is left inadequate and crumbling. Investment to improve and repair our infrastructure will build the foundation for long-term and sustained economic growth.

Thank you for your support of our nation's public infrastructure.

Sincerely,

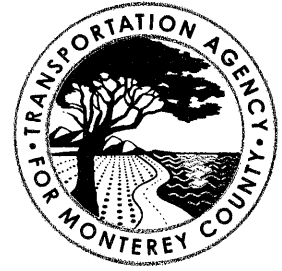
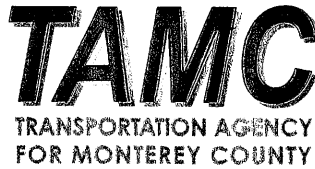
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cc: Senator Barbara Boxer

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September 26, 2011

Mayor Chuck Della Sala  
Monterey City Council  
City Hall  
580 Pacific Street  
Monterey, CA 93940

**Subject: SUPPORT for Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance**

Dear Mayor Della Sala and Members of the Monterey City Council:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, I am writing to express our support the proposed City of Monterey ordinance that would place a ban on single-use plastic bags and charge a fee for all other single-use bags. This ordinance would include all grocery stores, pharmacies and retail stores within the City of Monterey.

Plastic bags pose a serious environmental risk: plastic is not biodegradable, and in the marine environment, plastic is ingested by wildlife and enters the food chain, resulting in the toxification of our marine food source. In addition, plastic is derived from scarce fossil fuels. Approximately 100 billion petroleum-based, plastic checkout bags are used each year in the United States, requiring an estimated 12 million barrels of oil each year. Finally, plastic bags litter our roads and highways, parks and open spaces. In January 2011, the Transportation Agency adopted a position supporting a statewide plastic bag ban, in order to support highway litter removal efforts.

The Transportation Agency is responsible for investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors. The mission of the Transportation Agency is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County.

**We request that you pass the Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance.** Please feel free to contact Christina Watson of my staff at (831) 775-4406 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Hale  
Executive Director



October 3, 2011

Carl Sedoryk  
General Manager/CEO  
Monterey-Salinas Transit  
One Ryan Ranch Road  
Monterey, CA 93940

**Subject: Triennial Transit Performance Audits**

*Carl*  
Dear Mr. Sedoryk:

The Transportation Agency has accepted Triennial Transit Performance Audits of the cities of Greenfield, King City and Soledad, as well as of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) and the Transportation Agency, which were prepared by Moore & Associates pursuant to the Transportation Development Act. Our Agency is required to conduct these audits of each agency's efficiency, effectiveness and compliance with Transportation Development Act requirements for the three year period ending June 30, 2010.

A copy of the MST audit was distributed to you by the auditor in June. The audit can also be viewed on the Transportation Agency website at [www.tamcmonterey.org/information/audits](http://www.tamcmonterey.org/information/audits). The recommendations made by the auditor based on the audit findings are listed below:

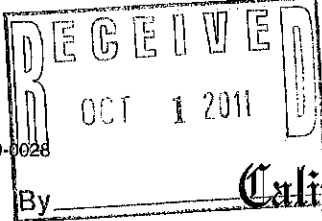
1. Ensure fiscal audits are submitted on time.
2. Begin reporting FTEs according to PUC guidelines.

Our Agency is responsible for ensuring that the transit operators implement the recommendations provided in the audits. Therefore, we request that you provide a description of how MST is implementing the audit recommendations by **November 1, 2011**.

Our staff is available to assist you with implementing the audit recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Cook of my staff at (831) 775-4411.

Sincerely,  


Debra L. Hale  
Executive Director



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- SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

September 28, 2011

Debra Hale, Executive Director  
Transportation Agency for Monterrey County  
55-B Plaza Circle  
Salinas, CA93901

Dear Mrs. Hale,

Earlier in the legislative year I authored a bill that would give state agencies authority to transfer funds for habitat mitigation to non-profit organizations managing the lands as a cost-effective means of streamlining the mitigation process.

Since then, I have held my bill to team with Senator Kehoe as principal co-author to SB 436 which accomplishes similar goals. SB 436 would solve this issue by explicitly allowing an agency discretion of a non-profit's ability to manage the funds in order to oversee the mitigation lands while providing state safeguards and accountability measures.

As principal co-author to the bill, I thank you for your support of this legislation because this issue is a high priority for Senator Kehoe and I. The benefits of this bill will undoubtedly help all of the state. Furthermore, I coordinated efforts with my fellow Monterey county area members to submit a letter to the Governor requesting signature of this measure. Please find it enclosed.

Again, thank you for your support. Please contact my Legislative Director, Teresa Acuña at (916) 319-2028 with any questions.

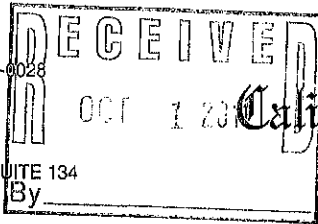
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September 22, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 436 Mitigation Funds - *Request for Signature*

Dear Governor Brown:

SB 436 is now before you for signature, and we urge your favorable consideration of this measure, which would provide clarity in law to allow endowments access to hold the funds associated with land mitigation management.

This bill is very important to transportation projects in our districts; as a result, Assemblymember Alejo has joined Senator Kehoe as principal co-author.

SB 436 builds on public-private partnership by allowing nonprofits and special districts to also hold the endowment funds for the property they own and manage. The bill is permissive – it does not *require* the agency to have the entity hold the endowment funds, but the entity may hold the endowment if they meet the requirements and standards in the bill. This creates a more efficient process for project developers and assures strong protections for the endowment funds.

The creation of a more efficient process is vital for the transportation projects planned in Monterey County. The following are the projects that stand to benefit from SB 436:

• The US-101 / Prunedale Improvement Project in North Monterey County

The project development team is currently having difficulty receiving the required permits and clearances from the Department of Fish and Game to finalize the project's habitat mitigations. The project is awaiting a Transfer of Jurisdiction and a par analysis to determine the amount of endowment needed to manage the land.

• The Highway 1 / Salinas Road Interchange Project

This project has already broken ground, but has yet to receive its required permit from the Department of Fish and Game to purchase land for habitat mitigation.

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
SB 436 – Request for Signature



• The US-101 / San Juan Road Project

This is the Transportation Authority of Monterey County's next top priority project and is foreseen to have similar difficulties, delays, and added costs if the process for dealing with habitat mitigations is not streamlined.

The bill has a variety of support including the land trust community, local transportation authorities, water utilities, and others. This bill is also supported by the Transportation Authority of Monterey County and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation which are in or near our districts.

SB 436 will provide important safeguards to improve land management and the funds that are used to manage the property into the future. More importantly, it provides a more efficient way to deal with funds for mitigation lands that will speed transportation projects. We respectfully ask for your signature of this measure.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Teresa Acuña, Legislative Director to Assemblymember Alejo at (916) 319-2028.

Sincerely,



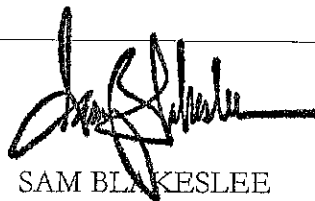
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October 13, 2011

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Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901-2902

Subject: TAMC Board Inquiry – Jesus Esparza Property – 1280 El Camino Real, Aromas

Dear Ms. Hale:

This letter is in response to a request made during public comment at the September 2011 TAMC Board Meeting. The commenter requested improvements at the intersection of US 101 and the driveway of Jesus Esparza located at 1280 El Camino Real, Aromas.

While the driveway to the Esparza Property is within the project limits of the San Juan Road Interchange Project, improvements at this private road intersection are not included within the current project description. While competition for limited funding sources is high for intersection improvements, Caltrans would support acquisition of the access and closing the connection as a separate project. Such a proposal is consistent with our overall goal for freeway conversion on the US 101 corridor.

Please contact Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director, Transportation Planning & Local Assistance at (805) 549-3161 to consider a future project proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Krumholz".

 RICHARD KRUMHOLZ  
District Director