



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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Luis Alejo	Assembly Member 28 <sup>th</sup> District	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
John Arriaga	JEA & Associates	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas Councilman	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
Gary Petersen	PWD City of Salinas	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	TAMC Bike/Ped Committee
Vee Thomas	North Monterey County Mothers Group	Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Association

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**  
No public comments.
- 2.1 **PRESENTED DECLARATION OF APPRECIATION**  
The Board presented Assembly Member Luis Alejo a declaration of appreciation for his efforts to co-sponsor and to pass SB 436 that will help improve transportation facilities and protect habitat in Monterey County.

Assembly member Alejo thanked the Board for his recognition and noted that he looks forward to more transportation improvements in the region. Director Hale thanked Alejo and his staff. She also acknowledged Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner, for all his work on this bill.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Salinas/Sollecito/unanimous

Item 3.3.4

Director Hale pulled item 3.3.4. She reported that staff would provide a letter of support to the City of Salinas for its application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to widen US 101 through the City. She noted that staff will meet with the City of Salinas to discuss their priority projects and how to integrate them into the TAMC list of priority projects.

***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 September 28, 2011.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for September 2011 and credit card statements for the month of August 2011.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** 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.

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

- 3.2.1** Regarding 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan:
  - 1. Approved the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
  - 2. Referred the plan to California Department of Transportation for certification.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Received TIGER III grant application for the US 101 San Juan Road project.
- 3.3.2** Authorized 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 with the city.
- 3.3.3** Received update on the Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant for the City of Marina.
- 3.3.4** Approved providing a letter of support to the City of Salinas for its application for federal TIGER discretionary grant funds to widen US 101 through the City.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** No items this month.

***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 October 5, 2011
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting  
(Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- 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**

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**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board recognized Maria Montiel as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2011.

The Agency employees recognized Maria for doing a fabulous job while the Senior Administrative Assistant was out on medical leave. The staff appreciated her cheerfulness, diligence, hard work and her handling of the Executive Director's calendar.

**5. 2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIES**

**M/S/C** Salinas/Burnett/unanimous

The Board reviewed and provided input on the draft strategies regarding State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations.

Todd Muck, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency's target for 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding is \$46.86 million. This funding is made available from state and federal gasoline taxes and is allocated by the California Transportation Commission, a board appointed by the Governor and the state legislature. This money will primarily be available in the fourth and fifth years of the program. The Agency will need to request more than our target amount to fully fund all of the Agency's priority projects. Mr. Muck highlighted the projects on the list: the Highway 156 Widening, US 101 San Juan Road Project, the US 101 South County Frontage Road Projects, Commuter Rail to Salinas, the Highway 1 Climbing Lane from Rio Road to Carmel Valley Road in Carmel, and Castroville Bike/Pedestrian Railroad Crossing.

Regarding Highway 156, Mr. Muck noted that the Agency will need to include a scenario for funding the construction phase. Tolling is one possibility that could be explored.

The 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program will be up for adoption by the Transportation Agency Board adoption at the December 7, 2011 meeting. The California Transportation Commission is scheduled to adopt the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program on March 28, 2012.

Board member Sollecito asked if there are toll roads in California. Mr. Muck replied that there are High-Occupancy-Toll lanes on Highway 680, and in other locations. Board member Calcagno commented that there has been a lot of time spent analyzing a toll road on Highway 156, noting his concern that everyone will continue to use the old Highway 156 frontage road.

Board member Burnett noted that it will be helpful to develop a matrix that considers the various funding options. Mr. Muck replied that in order to receive state funds, there has to be a viable option to pay for project construction.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, concurred with Supervisor Calcagno, expressing a concern that toll roads would discourage tourists. She asked that there be more options to offer to the public.

Vee Thomas, North Monterey County Mothers Group, commented that in the past the citizens group spent almost a year discussing this issue and expressed the opinion that the toll roads in Orange County did not work.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, commented that the MCHA has been looking at various funding options for the project, including tolls. He expressed the opinion that it is too pre-mature to debate a tolling proposal without the numbers. Director Hale noted that staff will get more information on this issue and bring it back for discussion.

Board member Bachofner commented that he looks forward to more information, noting transparency is critical. He requested that the methodology and some of the underline data be included. Board member Armenta indicated that the public needs to be involved in the discussion.

6. **MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TAXI AUTHORITY**

The Board received a report on implementation of the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, reported the Regional Taxi Authority in Monterey County was created in August 2010. He noted that the purpose of the Regional Taxi Authority is to consolidate the taxi operator licensing and inspection functions in one location with standardized rules with the ultimate goal of ensuring consistent, safe, and high quality taxi service by streamlining taxi licensing, improving enforcement of taxi regulations, reducing confusion for taxi customers caused by inconsistent regulations and permit restrictions across contiguous city boundaries, ensuring quality service for taxi customers, and reducing costs to local governments associated with taxi permitting tasks. Mr. Sedoryk highlighted the major accomplishments by Monterey-Salinas Transit staff and its Board of Directors through the Regional Taxi Authority in the past year include: forming a Joint Powers Agency, creating a Technical Advisory Committee, receiving a contract for administrative licensing and inspection services to MST, securing authorization from the Dept. of Justice to conduct criminal background checks, setting up a new website – [www.mryrta.org](http://www.mryrta.org).

A number of a regulations and policies were also adopted:

- Interim Permit Fee Schedules for Taxi Companies, Drivers and Vehicles
- Ordinance for the Uniform Regulation of Taxicabs
- RTA Taxi Administration Program Regulations
- Taxi Senior Discount Voucher Program
- Region-wide taxi fare structure
- Taxicab fines/penalties structure for operating without RTA permits
- \$1 million minimum insurance requirements
- RTA Equipment, Safety, Security, and Operational Policy
- FY 2012 budget

Among these other accomplishments, over 30 new driver permits were issued in the past year as well as four new taxi company permits.

Board member Armenta commented that the County of Monterey joined the Taxi Authority 8 months ago. It is important for strategic planning to get the information out, working with taxi drivers collaboratively. Competition is a serious concern. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed. In conclusion, Board member Armenta noted that TAMC and MST did not form the Taxi Authority, the individual city jurisdictions decided to do this.

Board member Burnett commented on the performance measures, and asked what we can do to improve response time. Board member Parker thanked Mr. Sedoryk for a thorough report. She concurred with Board member Burnett noting it is good to monitor the arrival time and how well the taxis are doing. Board member Bachofner asked if taxis could pool insurance; General Manager Sedoryk indicated that state law prohibits pooling of taxi cab insurance. He also asked for more information on the need for an airport surcharge. Mr. Sedoryk indicated that it was a revenue source for the airport in the past and that additional funding would be needed to monitor the competing taxi services.

Public Comment:

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, thanked Monterey-Salinas Transit for its hard work to establish and oversee the Regional Taxi Authority, and thanked TAMC for its original study initiating the development of the authority.

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

The Board received a report of the Joint Executive Committee meeting.

Chair Maria Orozco reported on the joint meeting of the Executive Committee meetings of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the San Benito Council of Governments. She noted that the joint meeting identified several areas of improvement for the Association, including: communication between city councils, public agencies and staff and collaboration through ex-officio board members and sharing services, consulting, reports, retreats, and training. Director Hale reviewed the actions taken by the City of Salinas and AMBAG, which related to working among all four agencies to make improvements while retaining AMBAG.

Les White, Interim Director of AMBAG, announced that he would be leaving on December 15, 2011. He reported as a result he is preparing a work plan to monitor progress and would continue to move forward.

Board member Burnett commented that it was a good summary, noting this was a complicated issue and we need to work collectively on balancing the efforts of TAMC and AMBAG.

Executive Director Debbie Hale expressed concern that this may have been viewed as a personal issue with AMBAG, but in fact is an operational issue. She noted that she will be working with AMBAG to reduce duplication, set performance goals for the model and develop a work plan for improvement teams before Mr. White leaves. In conclusion, Director Hale noted she would report back in January and would send a letter to AMBAG indicating that TAMC would work collaboratively with AMBAG so that both agencies can move forward together in the next 12 months.

Board member Armenta requested that the Board take official action on how to proceed. Director Hale replied that staff would bring back the item in December to allow the Board to take action.

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

Chair Orozco reported that on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> she, Director Hale and Board member Huerta attended the California Transportation Commission Town Hall meeting in Santa Barbara. She noted that it was a great opportunity to meet with the commissioners, collaborate and seek more funding opportunities for the US 101 projects. Board member Huerta noted that the commissioners were very interested in working with the Legislature to set a 55% voting threshold for transportation sales taxes. He also noted that the Coalition really encouraged continued collaboration of the coalition with San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties and that is very important we support each other's projects.

Director Hale thanked Chair Orozco and Board member Huerta for spending the time to participate in the Town Hall, noting the collective efforts of the group impressed the five CTC commissioners who were present.

**9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

- Caltrans – Brandy Rider, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. She announced that the guard rail project that begins a half mile over the Monterey County line and carries into Santa Cruz County was awarded on September 26<sup>th</sup> and we should see construction starting soon. She announced that last week Caltrans sold \$450 million in bonds. She noted that Caltrans is pushing really hard for the US 101 San Juan Road interchange project to be ready to request funding this spring, noting this is one of the projects that benefits from the bond sales. In conclusion, Ms. Rider expressed her appreciation to the Central Coast Coalition for hosting the CTC meeting in Santa Barbara. Caltrans was very pleased to participate and to raise the awareness about Highway 101.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed her thankfulness and excitement for the Prunedale Improvement Project. She noted that people are driving fast through the construction zone and requested more “Double Fine Zone” signs or more enforcement in that area.

- Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Director, announced that the Monterey Peninsula Airport has changed their name to Monterey Regional Airport. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo reported that the Airport District continues to have declining passenger counts at 10% lower than last year and continues to pursue additional routes to San Diego, Seattle and Denver.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit – Carl Sedoryk, CEO and General Manager of MST, reported that MST is kicking off their every other year survey for riders and non-riders. This survey is used to know how well MST is doing. He noted that MST participated in the “Shake Out” earthquake evacuation drill. Mr. Sedoryk thanked the Monterey County office of Emergency for a very helpful and informative event.

Board member Sollecito thanked MST and the City of Monterey for their quick response to his concern presented at last month’s Board meeting regarding the need to extend the transit service hours at Cannery Row and the Monterey Wharf until 11:30 p.m., to allow the workers to travel home safely.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale noted that the City of Marina has a building permit deadline of January 25, 2012 for the Marina Transit Village project. She announced the Annual Transportation Excellence Awards call for nominations due to TAMC by December 5, 2011. She noted that there will be no Board meeting in November, the next meeting will be held December 7, 2011, on the first Wednesday in December.

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

Board member Bachofner announced the Monterey Peninsula will convene a water forum on October 26, 2011, at the Monterey Conference Center and noted this is where members of the public have the opportunity to voice their concerns. He thanked TAMC staff for their congratulating wishes on his new addition to his family.

Board member Calcagno commented that last week he and Board member Salinas attended a meeting with the Agricultural community regarding installation of a bike path on Blanco Road. He noted that the Ag community does not support this.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.