

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, TAMC BOARD MEETING
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room
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168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 2nd Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P	P
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, Past Chair (Priscilla Ramos)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Chair (Yuri Anderson , Eric Mora)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbley Craig)	P	P(A)	P*	P	P	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves , Dale Byrne)	P	P	P(A)*	P(A)	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, City Representative (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	A	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P(V)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P	P	P	AB2	P	P	P	P	E
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, 1st Vice Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P

Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	P
Ex Officio Members:	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 24
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	P(A) (V)	P (V)	P (V)	P	P	P(A)	A	P(A)	P
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kelly McClendon, Dave Silberberger)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	A	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(V)	A	A	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; AB2=AB 2449;
AB2a=AB 2449 alternate; A = absent; P*= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Conlen, Senior Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	E
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	E	P
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P(V)	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	Monterey County District 1	Lauren Prehoda	Caltrans
Priscilla Ramos	Monterey County District 3	Tyler LeSage	Caltrans
Monica Hale	Monterey County District 3	Meg Henry	Caltrans
Eric Mora	Monterey County District 5	Tony Harris	Point C
Ed Smith	City of Monterey	Rich Murphy	SLOCOG
David Bruggeman	Public	Randy Ishii	Monterey County
Kevin Drabinski	Public	Mitch Weiss	Khouri Consulting
Amber Nelson	Public	Lorna Moffat	Public
Eric Petersen	Public	Bryan Rosen	Public
Stephanie Ross	Public	Kendra Howell	Blue Zones Project Monterey County
Peter Zly	Public		

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Kendra Howell, Blue Zones Project Monterey County, led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Zly, resident, commented on the regional surface transportation program funding decision at the August meeting.

Kendra Howell, Blue Zones Project Monterey County, announced the certification of Monterey County as a Blue Zones community.

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the status of the Highway 68 Adaptive Signals project and conflicting information.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Alejo/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Board Member Velazquez pulled agenda item 3.1.1 TAMC Board minutes for correction and item 3.1.4 for comment.

Public Comment:

Lorna Mofat, resident, commented on item 3.2.2, expressing support for rail service.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on item 3.2.2, expressing support for rail service.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of August 27, 2025.

Board Member Velazquez noted a correction to the spelling of her last name and noted that she was not present when the Board acted on Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program of Projects.

3.1.2 Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County Special meeting of August 27, 2025.

3.1.3 Accepted the list of payments and deposits for August 2025 and the credit card statements for July 2025.

3.1.4 Regarding State Legislative Advocate Services Contract Amendment #2:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to amend the contract with Khouri Consulting for State legislative analyst/ advocate services, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, by two years, until October 31, 2027, adding One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$168,000) to the current contract for a total amended contract budget of Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$456,000);
2. Approved sole source finding due to the efficiency supporting an award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract;
3. Authorized the use of reserve funds budgeted to this project; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

Board Member Velazquez noted her support for a two-year extension and recommended staff public a Request for Qualifications upon the contract's expiration in 2027.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit State of Good Repair Funds

1. Adopted Resolution 2025-13 allocating \$1,004,297 of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund replacement software and hardware for transit planning and driver scheduling, and replacement Transit Master V8 fleet equipment; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director or their designee to take any actions and sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

3.2.2 Regarding SURF! Busway - Senate Bill 125 Funding Agreement

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a Senate Bill 125 funding agreement for the environmental mitigation and construction phase of the SURF! Busway project with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$19,653,364;
2. Authorized the use of Senate Bill 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds budgeted to this project;
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

PLANNING**3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative issues.***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING*****3.4.1** Regarding Call Box Call Answering Services - Contract Amendment #2:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with AAMCOM LLC, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the contract budget by \$16,500 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$28,800, for continued call box answering services;
2. Authorized the use of \$16,500 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds budgeted for this purpose;
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.2 Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Time Extension Requests

1. Approved time extensions on the use of Transportation Agency competitive funds until August 28, 2026 for the City of Monterey's Traffic System, Pedestrian, and Bike Upgrades project; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include updated funding deadlines for this project.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Adopted Amendment #1 to the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Salinas and Monterey-Salinas Transit District.
- 3.5.2** Approved resolution 2025-08 for the Proposition 116 Repayment Annual Report, which:
1. Identifies potential future rail investments in Monterey County in excess of the \$16,765,000 repayment of Proposition 116 funds to the State; and
 2. Approves and authorizes the Executive Director, or their designee, to submit the listing of rail investments to the California Transportation Commission.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No item this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – draft minutes of September 3, 2025
 - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of September 8, 2025
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting
 - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of September 4, 2025
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for September 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALTRANS ROAD CHARGE PROGRAM

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the California Road Charge Program.

Lauren Prehoda, from the Caltrans Road Charge Program, reported that the Legislative Analyst's Office released a report in December 2023 stating that the state's gas tax revenues are projected to drop by \$6 billion over the next decade. Senate Bill 339 (Wiener, Statutes of 2021) required the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee to develop design recommendations for the Road Usage Charge pilot program that will test mileage-based revenue collection as an alternative to the gas tax system. Ms. Prehoda noted that the analysis of the Road Charge Pilot Program is now underway with a final report to be released in 2026.

Board members asked questions related to vehicle fuel efficiency, climate impacts, collection mechanisms, and burdens on Monterey County residents. They noted concerns about equity for rural residents with long commutes or those who drive on private roads that aren't supported with state funds such as farm roads.

Executive Director Muck noted that staff would schedule a study session for the Board to discuss alternatives to the gas tax and potential impacts on Monterey County residents.

5. US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/ GENERAL CONTRACTOR**M/S/C** Lopez/LeBarre/unanimous

The Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to request Caltrans use the Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CM/GC) delivery method for improvements in the US 101 South of Salinas corridor.

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the complexity of the US 101 South of Salinas corridor project due to the scale, environmental considerations, right-of-way constraints, and the need for phased implementation based on available funding for the project aimed at converting the corridor into a full freeway.

Tony Harris, Point C, noted that the eight-mile segment of US 101 between Salinas and Chualar functions as an expressway with eleven at-grade intersections and two interchanges. These at-grade crossings pose significant safety risks, particularly for agricultural vehicles and local traffic attempting to cross or merge onto the highway. The corridor also experiences congestion due to a mix of local, regional, and interregional travel, and lacks adequate frontage roads to support safe and efficient local circulation. Given these challenges, Mr. Harris recommended the Board request Caltrans consider using the CM/GC delivery method for the project.

After a thorough discussion following the presentation, the Board agreed that the CM/GC method offers a more responsive and collaborative framework to ensure successful project delivery for the US 101 South of Salinas project and authorized the Agency's Executive Director to request that Caltrans use the CM/GC delivery method for improvements in the US 101 South of Salinas corridor project. Caltrans District 5 Director Scott Eades indicated that Caltrans would begin pursuing this delivery method for the project.

6. **NORTH MONTEREY COUNTY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE**

The Board of Directors received an update on the North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan and the Participatory Budgeting process.

Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the North Monterey County Safe Routes to Schools Plan and Participatory Budgeting process. The North Monterey County Safe Routes to School Plan is a collaborative effort led by TAMC, Monterey County Public Works, the Health Department, Ecology Action, and the Center for Community Advocacy.

Ms. Conlen noted that over a two-year planning process, the team identified barriers to safe access for ten public schools across North Monterey County, including Pajaro, Las Lomas, Prunedale, and Castroville, and developed recommendations for infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements. These recommendations aim to reduce traffic congestion and promote healthier transportation options like walking, biking, carpooling, and bus use. Community engagement played a key role, with students, parents, and school staff participating in assessments, mapping, and surveys to highlight safety concerns.

Board Member Church expressed his appreciation for this extraordinary and successful Participatory Budgeting process.

Public comment:

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented that bicycle safety is challenging and projects like this are appreciated.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades announced the following:

- SR 68 adaptive signal control: Caltrans is working with TAMC on the cooperative agreement language; procurement for the hardware is moving forward, to be installed by end of 2025.
- Caltrans will award approximately \$22 million for Sustainable Communities Competitive and Strategic Partnerships transportation planning grants; applications are due: November 21, 2025 by 5:00 P.M.
- Highway 1 Big Sur Coast opening estimated date March 2026.

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is proud to announce that it has been selected by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) as the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award in the small operator category.
- Rail Removal: on September 29, 2025, crews will begin removing track west of Highway 1, between Palm Avenue and Del Monte Boulevard, moving south toward Playa Avenue and California Avenue, to prepare for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Monterey Regional Airport District — Carl Miller announced the following:

- The new terminal is still under construction which officially broke ground in June.
- A roundabout on Olmsted and Garden Road is part of the expansion project.
- The Board is conducting Executive Director interviews to replace Mike La Pier.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- MBARD's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program providing \$1,500 towards the purchase of an electric vehicle, the federal tax credit will no longer be available on September 30, 2025.
- Zero Emission School Bus Program in Monterey County; there are two schools under contract to deliver all electric school buses in Monterey County, Salinas Elementary and North Monterey County Unified School District.
- In October, MBARD will distribute Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grants.

8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No meetings to report.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced TAMC's newest employee, Ryan Bigelow, the new Contracts and Grants Coordinator.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member Velazquez requested that the 2023 RSTP guidelines and policies and the equity issues are agendaized for review at a future date. Director Muck noted that the guidelines will be brought back to the Board in March 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.