

Ex Officio Members:	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, O. Monroy-Ochoa , J. Olejnik , K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	E	P	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer , M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	A	A
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	E	A	A

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence

TAMC STAFF	DEC 21	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21
D. Bilsle, Transportation Engineer				P	P	P	P	E	E	P
T. Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner									P	P
M. Jacobsen, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Petersen

Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Executive Director Debbie Hale led the pledge of allegiance.

AB 361 BROWN ACT TAMC RESOLUTION 2021-13

M/S/C Alejo/LeBarre/unanimous

Approved TAMC Resolution 2021-13 regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act and making an urgency finding of imminent risk to health and safety of in-person meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom. This action was taken in order to allow remote Board and committee meetings to continue.

Board members approved the resolution as presented, with the removal of the paragraph on page two of the resolution related to the Board of Supervisors having “recently adopted an indoor mask requirement for all persons regardless of vaccination status.” Board member Alejo noted that the Board of Supervisors hadn’t yet approved the mask requirement.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3.**M/S/C CONSENT AGENDA**

Kerr/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Item 3.4.1 was pulled for comment by Board member LeBarre thanked Robin Lee and Laurie Eavey for serving on the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 Approved 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 25, 2021.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of August 2021 and credit card statements for the month of July 2021.

3.1.3 Regarding Executive Director Employment Agreement:

Approved agreement with Todd A. Muck to perform services of TAMC Executive Director, beginning on September 25, 2021; and Authorized TAMC Chair to sign Agreement.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2021-11 allocating \$853,438 of Fiscal Year 2021-22 SB 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund future bus procurement and install a back-up generator at the administrative office.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative activities.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the appointment of Robin Lee to serve as the pedestrian advocate representative and Laurie Eavey to serve as the alternate pedestrian advocate representative on behalf of Communities for Sustainable Monterey County on the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

- 3.4.2** Adopted the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

- 3.4.3** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - GHD Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$117,830, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,792,113, to conduct additional public outreach and engagement;
2. Authorized the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. 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; and
4. Approved sole source finding.

- 3.4.4** Regarding Property Cleanup Services Contract:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Smith & Enright for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 to provide on-call property cleanup services over a four-year period;
2. Approved the use of \$120,000.00 in Right-of-Way Lease Revenue funds for this purpose; and
3. 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.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Approved land transfer agreement with the City of Salinas for the properties acquired for the rail station improvements at Lincoln Avenue and West Market Street.
- 3.5.2** Regarding Monterey County Rail Extension - Union Pacific Property Acquisition Request for Proposals:
1. Approved the scope of work for the request for proposals for real estate acquisition, appraisal, and legal services for Union Pacific Railroad properties for the Monterey County Rail Extension project, subject to legal counsel approval;
 2. Authorized staff to publish the request for proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work;
 3. Approved the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for this project; and
 4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the program, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of work.
- 3.5.3** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #2:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$284,938, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,939,610, to complete the design work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
 2. Authorized the use of reserves or state funds budgeted to this project that may become available;
 3. 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; and
 4. Approved sole source finding.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of September 1, 2021
 - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of September 13, 2021
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of September 1, 2021
 - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of September 2, 2021
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for September 2021.
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4. MEASURE X QUARTERLY REVENUE FORECAST

The TAMC Board of Directors received an update on the quarterly Measure X Revenue forecasts and the status of regional Measure X projects.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that adjusted Measure X revenues from January 2021 through March 2021 were 8.6% above the same period in 2020. The net effect is that despite the pandemic, Measure X sales tax revenues exceeded prior projections of \$20 million per year this past fiscal year, and are forecast to remain steady in subsequent years. The existing Measure X program fund balance along with new revenues will allow the program of projects to stay on schedule to meet local match requirements over the next five years. Mr. Zeller noted that the Measure X regional projects that are expected to start construction during the five-year time frame include: the Imjin Road Widening project, which uses \$18.1 million of Measure X funds as match to a \$19 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program grant; the Highway 218 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, which uses \$1.0 million of Measure X funds as a match to a \$9.2 million Active Transportation Program grant; and the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project, which received a \$20 million Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridors grant that is matched with \$389,000 of Measure X and \$5 million of regional developer fees.

Board member LeBarre noted that Monterey-Salinas Transit South County Maintenance Facility project was the first in the nation to access rural community grant funds.

Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District asked if the \$85 million for the Scenic State Route 68 if was only for the environmental aspect, since the airport has a substantial interest the traffic movement along that corridor. Mike Zeller replied that the \$85 million is the cost estimate through construction for the entire corridor, but these costs are preliminary. He noted that the environmental phase will require additional work needed to evaluate the roundabouts and conduct technical studies. Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck noted that staff is actively managing and working to resolve with Caltrans and noted that a six-month delay and cost increase will be brought to the TAMC Board next month.

Board member Phillips expressed his gratitude for the work on State Route 156 – Castroville Boulevard project.

5. FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL ANNUAL REPORT FY 2018-2019

The TAMC Board of Directors received the FY2018-19 Freeway Service Patrol Annual report, which summarized the program's performance and compared it with the previous two fiscal years.

Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer, reported on the Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report for fiscal year 2018-2019, which is based on the latest year of complete data available from the State. In 2018-19, the tow truck program provided an average benefit of \$6.00 for every \$1.00 invested in the program, or an annual savings of 66,550 vehicle hours of delay, 114,399 gallons of fuel savings, and a reduction of 1,006,713 kilograms per year in carbon dioxide. In the last three fiscal years, there were a total of 9,846 assists. The Freeway Service Patrol operators provided a high level of service, as demonstrated by user surveys, where most respondents rate the service they received as excellent.

The Freeway Service Patrol program is managed by a partnership of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the California Department of Transportation, and the California Highway Patrol.

Board member LaBarre asked who sets the beat locations. Ms. Williamson replied that TAMC sets the beat locations, but there is a minimum benefit-cost ratio (based on the number of assists made) that must be met in order to receive funding from the State of California.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced that the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants released a call for applications on September 7. Grant applications are due October 27, 2021, and announcement of grant recipient will be announced in Spring of 2022. For more information on the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/regional-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants>

Mr. Eades also reported on the Clean California Initiative which is a statewide effort to remove trash on the highways. For more general information on Clean California the website is at: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/about>. In conclusion, Mr. Eades announced the local Clean California Grant program draft guidelines have been released and posted and a workshop will be held on October 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The call for projects will be issued in December 2021 and he expects the application deadline in February 2022.

Mayor Craig requested that Caltrans have consistent clean-up of the highway onramps and offramps and asked that they consider monthly or quarterly clean-ups instead of once a year.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member reported that the airport is has strong local boardings, with travel equal to pre-pandemic levels. He noted that the airport is waiting for passage of the infrastructure bill which has a substantial component for terminal construction and improvements that the Airport will use to make much-needed upgrades.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, CEO, announced that MST is still below pre-pandemic boardings, but noted that each week there is an increase in ridership. Mr. Sedoryk mentioned that increasing ridership to CSUMB, Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College has occurred this past month due to these schools holding partial in-person classes. He added that MST is critically short of drivers and asked Board members to refer interested applicants to their website at mst.org. Mr. Sedoryk announced that MST is in the process of taking public comment on its Comprehensive Operational Analysis, which re-evaluates where and how often buses should run: visit mst.org for more information. In conclusion, he announced that there will be a ribbon-cutting on King City South County Maintenance Facility in October.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman thanked the Transportation Agency for its assistance in publicizing the District’s Rebate Incentive Program on electric vehicles. He also noted that the Air District has been working tirelessly to secure funding for electric vehicle charging stations, particularly in low-income and rural communities. In conclusion, he announced that the Air District is working to add a new e-bike incentive for low-income individuals.

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

Board member LeBarre announced that he attended the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) meeting last Friday as the TAMC representative on its Board of Directors. He noted that new CalCOG president is Fred Strong, a Paso Robles councilmember who is a member of the Coast Rail Council, and is very supportive of the Salinas Rail project. Mr. LeBarre added that CALCOG is working with a company to provide bulk services to CALCOG members, such as becoming a procurement agent to allow members to participate in low-cost savings and benefits. In conclusion, he announced that CALCOG Board members were asked for direction on how to amend the Brown Act more permanently to account for new technology and remote participation in meetings.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Hale announced that the Salinas Safe Routes to School is installing temporary pedestrian improvements and bicycle lanes on East Alisal Street, which will be in place October 14th – November 10th. During that time, East Alisal Street will be reconfigured to one vehicle lane in each direction to create space for bicycle lanes and pedestrian improvements. She invited everyone to attend the East Alisal Pop-Up Ribbon-Cutting event on Thursday Oct 21 from 5-7pm. Ms. Hale announced the Ciclovía Salinas will be on October 17. She also announced that TAMC will be kicking-off walking school buses in South County cities in Gonzales, Soledad and Greenfield on October 5, 6

and 7th. She noted that at these events school children will walk with Paw Patrol characters along safe walking routes and will get a healthy snack when they get to school.

Ms. Hale announced the Monterey County Walk-it-Out October Challenge to encourage more walking to short-distance destinations; visit the Go831.org website for more information.

Ms. Hale introduced TAMC's newest planner Aaron Hernandez who is a recent Cal Poly Pomona grad and a resident of San Ardo.

Ms. Hale also announced with regret that Planner Madilyn Jacobsen is leaving the Transportation Agency and will be working on planning at Caltrans District 5. She thanked Ms. Jacobsen for her excellent work at TAMC. Ms. Jacobsen expressed her gratitude for her work in Monterey County in the past few years with the Transportation Agency. She noted that she will continue serve Monterey County in her work at Caltrans District 5 on complete streets.

In conclusion, Executive Director Debbie Hale expressed that over her 20 year career at TAMC the Agency has accomplished a great deal. These accomplishments include building safety improvements along US 101 and at Highway 1 at Salinas Road, becoming a Self-Help County to help leverage funds for even more highway safety, multimodal and local road improvements; and, helping the visionary Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway trail project get one step closer to reality. She noted the impressive improvements that the Holman Highway 68 roundabout has made to traffic flow and safety in that corridor and she looks forward to a future roundabouts on Highway 68 between Monterey and Salinas. She thanked all the Board members, past and present, for helping the Transportation Agency to be the success it is today.

Board member Alejo thanked Ms. Hale and noted she is a dedicated leader who is leaving with an excellent staff and strong new leadership at the Agency. Mayor Oglesby expressed his gratitude for Ms Hale's service and dedication to improving regional transportation, and indicated his appreciation for all that she helped to accomplish in the City of Seaside.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.