

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2025, TAMC BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	County Supervisor District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Heather Adamson	AMBAG	Barry Jones	Public
Jacob Domine	Caltrans District 5	Eric Petersen	Public
Pete Hedrix	Caltrans District 5	Sam Beiderwell	County Counsel
Anna Velazquez	City of Soledad	Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5
Mike Weaver	Public	Ryan Caldera	Caltrans District 5
Monica Hale	County Supervisor District 3	Tony Harris	Point C
Tyler LeSage	Caltrans District 5	Lisa Rheinheimer	MST

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Theresa Wright led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/Rios/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

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 February 26, 2025.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for February 2025 and the credit card statement for January 2025.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

3.1.4 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

Board Member Sandoval asked if there are any reports provided for Board Member trainings.

3.1.5 Approved recommended amendments to Agency policies.**3.1.6** Approved revised contract template for use in contracting for professional services.**3.1.7** Regarding Amend Contract with Office of County Counsel:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #1 with the County Counsel's office in order to add \$40,000 to the contract budget for a new total contract budget of \$106,000 for fiscal year 2024-25;
2. Approved the use of reserve funds for this purpose; and
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 approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway California Avenue - Multi-use Trail Easement, Permanent Slope Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement for the purchase of a multi-use trail easement, a permanent slope easement, and a temporary construction easement with Monterey-Salinas Transit, for an amount not to exceed \$1.00, pending counsel approval.
2. Authorized the use of funds budgeted for this project; and
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 contract term or amount.

Executive Director Muck noted a correction to the report reflecting the correct name for MST, Monterey Salinas Transit (not Marina Salinas Transit).

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received an update on state and federal legislative issues and adopted positions on proposed legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Allocation Request:
1. Approved the request by the City of King to program RSTP fair share funds for the 2024 King City Street Project in the amount of \$169,931.55; and
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Pavement Management Program Update:
1. Approved the Request for Proposals and Scope of Work for the Regional Pavement Management Program Update, subject to Agency 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; and
 3. Approved the use of Measure X funds, to be reimbursed by participating jurisdictions, for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$570,000.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** No report this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – draft minutes of March 5, 2025
 - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of March 3, 2025
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of March 5, 2025
 - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of March 6, 2025
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS SIDEWALK ART PROJECT UPDATE

The TAMC Board received an update on the Salinas Sidewalk Art Project.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) provides Safe Routes to School programming to teach and encourage Monterey County kids to safely carpool, walk, bike, skateboard, and scoot to school. One way to increase the visibility of safe routes to schools programming and create more enjoyable walking routes is through public artwork.

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas and were successful in securing Clean California grant funding from the State to develop sidewalk art marking safe routes between schools and public amenities in East Salinas. The project is funded through a Clean CA grant and Measure X matching funds.

The artwork was displayed at the board meeting.

Board Member Sandoval thanked Agency staff for an amazing collaboration.

5. STATE ROUTE 68 ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C Daniels/Delgado/unanimous

TAMC's Board of Directors voted to authorize up to \$1.2 million to purchase and install adaptive signal equipment at nine signalized intersections on State Route 68 between Toro Park and Highway 1 over the 5-year life cycle of the project; and to request a report back on the results after the initial installation.

Pete Hendrix, Caltrans District 5, provided an update on efforts to implement an adaptive signal control pilot project in the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor. The total cost of the pilot project, including staff support for operations and maintenance of the system, is expected to exceed the current funding authorized for the project.

Agency staff have been working with the Caltrans team to develop a funding agreement to implement this pilot project. A detailed cost estimate has been developed that includes the staff time needed to maintain and operate the signals over the 5-year project life cycle. The \$500,000 allocated to this project can fund the procurement of equipment and software for the entire system along the corridor but will not cover staff time needed by the Caltrans team to operate and maintain the system.

The adaptive signal operations are expected to serve as an interim solution, complementing the roundabout intersections identified as long-term improvements for the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor. Staff have identified potential funding options for the first phase of the roundabout projects, but most intersections along the corridor are expected to remain signalized for the foreseeable future.

Board member Oglesby expressed his appreciation of staff and Caltrans, noting it is important to tell them what we want, and this Board voted for nine adaptive signals through the corridor.

Public comment:

Dwight Stump, resident, expressed his support for nine adaptive signals through the Highway 68 corridor.

Mike Weaver, resident, expressed his support for nine adaptive signals through the Highway 68 corridor.

Barry Jones, resident, thanked the Board for listening to the public and proceeding with all nine adaptive signals.

6. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Kelly McClendon announced the following:

- The employees of Caltrans District 5 and the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) are offering three \$1,000 Scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarships are intended to recognize and assist students who are planning to pursue a transportation related career. Applications are due to the District May 15: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-popular-links/d5-scholarships>
- Caltrans is hosting an information meeting in Castroville on April 17 at the North County Farmers' Market from 3-4:30pm and at the North County Recreation Center Gym from 5:30-7:30pm to discuss the Castroville SR 183 Improvement Project, which will rehabilitate the pavement, address essential bridge maintenance needs, and improve multimodal features, including transit stops, sidewalks, driveways, and curb ramps along Merritt St. The intent of this meeting is to share information on the project's construction schedule and clarify how residents might be impacted during construction.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On Friday, March 21, 2025, the California Transportation Commission allocated Monterey-Salinas Transit \$25 million from the State’s Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to help fund construction of the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project.
- Through the 10-year-old Measure Q funding, Monterey-Salinas Transit offers a taxi voucher program to assist seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans in accessing important locations within their community. He noted that the program reimbursed 36,000 volunteer trips for people who live outside MST’s service area.

Monterey Regional Airport District- David Frisbey announced:

- Monterey County has received an electric school bus.
- Monterey Bay Eco Tours is building the first electric whale watching vessel, available for reservations starting in July 2027.
- The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program for the purchase of a plug-in hybrid will open in July 2025.

Monterey Regional Airport District- Carl Miller announced the following:

- No Report this month.

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

Board Chair Askew reported that she attended the Central Coast Coalition State Legislative Day in Sacramento along with Director Muck, Director of Planning Watson, and AMBAG Executive Director Maura Twomey on March 19, 2025.

Director Muck reported that Chaps Poduri attended the California Councils of Governments (CalCOG) Regional Leadership Forum in Sacramento on March 5-7.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

700 Fair Political Practices Commission Forms are due on April 1, 2025.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member Mike LeBarre asked for an update from Agency legislative consultant Gus Khouri on gas tax replacement mechanisms.

Board Member Bruce Delgado requested a memo describing TAMC's statutory transportation responsibilities.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.