

FINAL MINUTES

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*UPDATE: Members: Ed Smith (Chair),
 Mary Adams (1st Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (2nd Vice Chair),
 Luis Alejo (Past Chair),
 Chris Lopez (County representative), Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21
Ed Smith, Chair Monterey (A. Renny)	P (TC)	P (VC)								
Mary Adams, 1st Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 5 (S. Hardgrove, C. Colleen)	P(A)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Michael LeBarre, 2nd Vice Chair King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P (VC)								
Luis Alejo, Past Chair Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales)	P	P (VC)	A	P (VC)						
Chris Lopez, County Representative Supr. Dist. 2 (P. Barba)	P	P (VC)	A	P (VC)						
Kimbley Craig, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

TC: via teleconference; VC: via Zoom video conference

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

P (VC) = present via video conference

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. (as noted above).

Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, Williamson, Wright, and Zeller.
Others present: Agency Counsel Katherine Hansen and Grant Leonard, North County resident.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S/C

Craig/Lopez/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Craig and a second by Committee Member Lopez, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 6, 2021.

4. RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM IDEAS

Director Hale reported that in November 2021, Agency staff participated in a three-part training with the County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office. The training provided data that shows that race is a leading determinant of negative economic outcomes in a community, often due to underinvestment or historical bias. Director Hale asked for the Committee's input on ideas to integrate specific racial equity-based activities into three program areas: funding, public outreach and hiring.

Committee members LeBarre and Lopez commented that San Lucas sidewalks are very much needed and would be transformational to the area.

Committee member Lopez expressed concern with having a community-based participatory budgeting program only in the Salinas Valley. Chair Smith advised staff to reach out to the City of Monterey staff to learn about how they have refined their Neighborhood Improvement Program to address issues such as representation, participation, and systems for success over time. Director Hale noted that the goal is to conduct a pilot program in a small area, such as Greenfield, in order to test out and refine the process in an area that needs more investment.

Committee member Craig encouraged the Agency to look at improving pedestrian safety in places where walking is most challenging, such as access to Kamman and Barton elementary schools, rather than making minor improvements in more walkable areas.

With regard to more diverse hiring, Committee members noted that hiring or housing incentives have been successful elsewhere, as has hiring top performers from other agencies. Committee member Craig suggested reaching out to Police Chief Fresé regarding how she improved diversity in the City of Salinas police force.

Past Chair Alejo commended Director Hale for bringing this program forward, noting equity programs are the right thing to do.

Public comment:

Grant Leonard, North County resident, commented that he is really excited to see this program move forward, and he noted that the disadvantaged communities in North County – Pajaro, Castroville and Las Lomas – should also be included for special focus. He also suggested that the Agency expand its hiring outreach to local young professionals' groups.

4. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez and a second by Past Chair Alejo, the committee voted 6-0 to:

Authorize Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 21/22 budget and Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review; and

Recommend that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 21/22 through 23/24, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 21/22, and the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan ; and

Recommend that the Board direct the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the Integrated Funding Plan back to the Board on May 26, 2021 for approval.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported on the proposed annual Agency Overall Work Program, which describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year and provides the basis for the 2021/22 budget. He noted that the activities list is similar to last year, focused on funding and delivering projects, and preparing for the future. The Integrated Funding Plan provides a summary of regional projects and programs the Agency is currently working on, such as the Rail Extension to Salinas, Measure X regional projects, and the Safe Routes to Schools program.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. Direct program expenditures include contracts for outside consultants, and ongoing project and program delivery (i.e. SAFE call box operations and the Freeway Service Patrol roving tow trucks). The proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 operating expenditure budget is \$3,679,434, a net increase over fiscal year 2020-2021 of \$83,138. The proposed fiscal

year current direct program expenditure budget is \$1,910,739, a net decrease over fiscal year 20/21 of \$11,812,180.

Ms. Goel noted the big change in the budgeting process this fiscal year is direct program expenditures for regional projects such as Salinas Rail Extension and Measure X programs will only be listed in the Integrated Funding Plan, which is why the Direct Program budget reflects a large reduction from the current fiscal year.

Public comments:

Grant Leonard, North County resident, suggested that the State Route 156 improvements at Castroville Boulevard project be accelerated to take advantage of the positive bid environment. He indicated his support for the project as well as the Blackie Road extension, which will shift a lot of truck traffic off Merritt Street in Castroville. Staff noted that the SR 156 project is moving quickly but is not expected to start construction for another 18 months.

5. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee held a closed session Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Committee will confer with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations regarding Agency owned property in the City of Marina adjacent to 8th Street and State Route 1.

The Committee reconvened in open session. Agency Counsel Hansen reported that the Executive Committee provided direction to staff and no reportable action was taken.

6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of February 24, 2021. After Executive Committee discussion, direction to staff was provided to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
- Traffic Safety PLAY to Learn Kits
- Draft Overall Work Program, Budget and Integrated Funding Plan
- Closed Session-Real Property Negotiations

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.