

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 2nd Vice Chair (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	E	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City, City Representative (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	-
E. Smith, Monterey, 1st Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, Past Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (C. Cromeenes,)	P(A)	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	-	-	-	-	-

I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik , K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P	-	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P	E	P	E	P	-	-	P	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P(A)	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P(A)	-
TAMC STAFF	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner		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, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Hansen

County Counsel

Andrea Renny

City of Monterey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board confirmed a quorum was established. Executive Director Hale led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C LeBarre/Kerr/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

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 May 27, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for May 2020 and credit card statement for the month of April 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.
- 3.1.5** Received report on COVID-19 Protection Protocols and approved one-time allowance for expenses incurred while telecommuting.
- 3.1.6** Approved budget amendment to extend into fiscal year 2020/21 the retired annuitant at .25 Full Time Equivalent, for assistance with development of the Agency's Fort Ord property.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - SR 218 Canyon Del Rey Segment:
 - 1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to prepare design and right-of-way for the 1.5-mile SR 218 Canyon Del Rey Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, subject to agency counsel approval.
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 - 3. Approved the use of \$600,000 in Senate Bill 1, Local Partnership Program funds, \$1,367,000 in Measure X Sales Tax funds, and \$ 1,198,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,165,000.

3.2.2 Regarding Measure X Funding Agreement - MST South County Facility:

1. Determined that the proposed regional funding agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15332 and 15061(B)(3); and
2. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Measure X Funding Agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$10,359,695 to support construction of the South County Maintenance and Operations Facility.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Senate Bill 743 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Threshold Development - Request for Proposals:

1. Ratified the release of a Request for Proposals for consultant services to support VMT Threshold Development for jurisdictions in Monterey County;
2. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Kimley-Horn Associates, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide region-wide support in VMT Threshold Development;
3. Approved the use of TAMC Reserves as an interim fund to pay for the services until reimbursement by participating jurisdictions is complete; and
4. Authorized staff to enter into reimbursement agreements with local jurisdictions for procured technical assistance for VMT Threshold Development, subject to the review and approval of Agency Counsel; and
5. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals or future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

3.3.2 Received update on state and federal legislative activities and Adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Central Coast Coalition Memorandum of Understanding

1. Approved an agreement with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and the regional transportation agencies for Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties to advocate transportation improvements throughout the Central Coast;
2. Approved the use of \$26,000 in local Congestion Management Program funds over 5 years for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement, subject to approval of Agency Counsel.

3.4.2 Approved the appointments of Jesús Valenzuela and Andrea Manzo, to serve as the representative and alternate representative for Building Healthy Communities, Paul Arnaudo to serve as the alternate representative for the Monterey County Farm Bureau and Laurie Eavey to serve as the alternate representative for Communities for Sustainable Monterey County on the Measure X Transportation Safety Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

3.4.3 Call Box Maintenance and Improvements:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with CASE Emergency Systems for an amount not to exceed \$878,025.00 to provide call box maintenance and improvements, for the period ending June 30, 2023;
2. Approved the use of \$878,025.00 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds budgeted 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, incl. approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.1 **RAIL PROGRAM**

No items this month.

3.6.1 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1

Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee –draft minutes of May 6, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of May 4, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – draft minutes of May 6, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of May 7, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – draft minutes of May 5, 2020

3.7.2

Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2020.

4.

PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO AILEEN LOE, CALTRANS DISTRICT 5

The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Deputy Director for Planning and Local Assistance. Ms. Loe has served as an ex officio member of the Transportation Agency for over 14 years. She manages the Division of Transportation Planning and Local Assistance for the State Department of Transportation in Caltrans District 5 and will be retiring from Caltrans as of June 30, 2020.

Ms. Loe commented that she was proud of her work and great career. She thanked the Board for being a great supporter and partner of Caltrans, noting “our bonds run deep” and it is a privilege to be a part of.

Chair Alejo congratulated Ms. Loe and thanked her for improving lives and safety. Board member Potter thanked Ms. Loe for her excellent work on the Big Sur Coast and coordination with TAMC.

5.

STATE ROUTE 156 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN

M/S/C

Phillips/Adams/unanimous

1. The Agency Board received presentation on State Route 156 Multimodal Corridor Plan: and
2. Determined that approval of the State Route 156 Multimodal Corridor Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21102, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility plans);
3. Approved the State Route 156 Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported that staff developed the State Route 156 Multimodal Corridor Plan to present an integrated analysis of mode-specific plans along the corridor with the intent to document the eligibility of the State Route 156 - Castroville Interchange for Cycle 2 funding through the State’s Solutions for Congested Corridor Program which has \$493,911,000 available on a competitive basis in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The plan provides an overview of the corridor by acknowledging its regional significance, demographic and community conditions, existing transportation and safety conditions. The plan documents the extensive public outreach involved in developing a suite of multimodal improvements along the corridor, including the State Route 156 - Castroville Boulevard interchange.

Board member Phillips expressed his support for the plan and its historical overview, noting Highway 156 is exactly the way it was in 1965. He noted that the Highway 156 at Castroville Boulevard interchange is critical for North County. Board member Huitt also emphasized how important these improvements are to the Peninsula and how the incremental approach is important.

Board member Adams commented that the Highway 156 project is important to the entire county and she encouraged care to be taken during construction to minimize traveler impacts. In response to a question from Board Member LeBarre, Ms. Jacobsen noted that tolling was not part of the Route 156 – Castroville Boulevard interchange project. Board member Davis concurred with Board Members Phillips and Adams that improvements to this highway have been a long-time coming and are much needed. Board member Smith highlighted that supporters fought so hard for Measure X to make projects like this possible.

Director Hale introduced the new Project Manager for the Highway 156 interchange, Mike Lew. Mr. Lew is taking over for the prior project manager, David Silberberger, who was promoted to Deputy Director for Project Management.

6. BIG SUR HIGHWAY 1 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board of Directors received a presentation from Mike Zeller, TAMC Principal Transportation Planner, and Diana Edwards, AECOM project manager, on the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, which is designed to assess the vulnerability of species and habitat to climate change related stressors and pressures (temperature shift, precipitation change, drought, and wildfire, among others); and develop conservation actions to improve species and habitat resiliency from the identified stressors. Conservation actions identified in the Strategy may be then be turned into mitigation credits that can streamline project delivery and result in superior species conservation.

In response to a question by Board Member Kerr, Mr. Zeller noted that cities, counties, and other jurisdictions can utilize the plan to propose land for mitigation of transportation project impacts. He noted that the draft plan will be released over the summer for public review. Board Member LeBarre applauded the dual benefit of the plan for residents and at-risk species.

7. EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & TRANSITION OF COUNSEL

M/S/C Lopez/Davis/unanimous (with Board Member Oglesby absent)

Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and received report on transition of Counsel.

Rita Goel, Finance Director, reported that the Agency Bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel. However, as current Counsel Kay Reimann will be retiring in December and a new Counsel will be appointed, the Executive Committee recommended not doing the Counsel evaluation this year.

Agency Counsel Reimann announced she will be retiring at the end of the year, noting that it has been wonderful working with TAMC. Ms. Reimann introduced Katherine Hansen who will be replacing her. Board Chair Alejo noted that the Executive Committee recommended not to proceed with an evaluation for Agency counsel Reimann and expressed his appreciation for the planned transition process.

Katherine Hansen commented that she had “big shoes to fill”. She had been with the County of Monterey for about a year. Prior to that she was a trial attorney with broad experience in government affairs, legislative analysis and advocacy, civil litigation and negotiation, corporate and government contracts, and public policy. She said she was looking forward to working with the Board and TAMC staff.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe reported that Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced a statewide effort to resume litter removal on the state highways. Roadside litter cleanup has been limited since March due to the COVID-19 health crisis. "Litter increases the risk of fire, pollutes our waterways, threatens wildlife and costs taxpayers millions of dollars to remove. We ask all Californians to be part of the solution, dispose of trash responsibly and secure cargo loads before getting on the road." Ms. Loe announced that there are three solar-powered direct current fast-charging (DCFC) electric vehicle charging stations have been installed at the Camp Roberts Rest Areas along US 101 in Monterey County and at the Shandon Rest Area near Hwy. 46 East in San Luis Obispo County. These are the first, solar-powered DC fast-charging stations being operated in the United States.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the airport remains open and committed to service, and is only cancelling flights if necessary. Passenger counts are increasing, noting he is thankful for their staff's hard work. Mr. Sabo announced the airport will be adding two more electric vehicle charging stations.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer, reported that the service MST provided during the COVID pandemic will be discontinued June 30th. MST has delivered over 8,000 meals for Meals on Wheels and over 6,000 mobile wi-fi connections. She announced the good news that MST increasing service on high demand lines in Salinas and South County, to better allow for social distancing.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman reported that the electric vehicle incentive program is continuing, noting an increase amount of \$2,000 (double the amount) for the purchase of used vehicles for low income qualified. Mr. Stedman announced that there are funds available for electric vehicle charging stations and urged the Board to apply to get your project running.

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

No reports this month due to shelter-in-place.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Debbie Hale reported that the TAMC staff is very focused on applying for grants. She noted that the Highway 1 Carmel Corridor study did not get funded by Caltrans. TAMC will continue having remote meetings until the end of the year due to the COVID-19, noting that there are no Board or Committee meetings in the month of July, except for the Transportation Oversight Committee, which will meet on July 21, 2020.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.