

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

*Members are: Fernando Armenta (Chair),
Alejandro Chavez (1st Vice Chair), Dave Potter (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
John Phillips (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, January 04, 2017

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Craig, Huitt, and Phillips. Staff present: Hale, Goel, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Wright. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office; and MacGregor Eddy, columnist, *We Could Car Less*.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by Committee member Craig and seconded by Vice Chair Chavez, the committee voted 4 – 0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of November 9, 2016.

END OF CONSENT

4. The Committee recommended Board adoption of the 2017 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, highlighted the edits made to the 2017 Legislative program since last seen in October. She reported the following new additions on the state and federal issues:

- 13s. Support efforts to remove the Transportation Development Act's Unmet Transit Needs hearing requirement if 100% of the TDA funds are already allocated to transit.
- 14s. Support efforts to change the update timeline for the Regional Transportation Plan from the current four years to ten years.

- 2f. Support maintaining the Caltrans delegation authority under the National Environmental Policy Act and an expanded definition of Categorical Exclusions under NEPA for state highway projects, while retaining environmental protections.
- 3f. Support advance payments of Planning Programming and Monitoring funds. *This item was moved to state issues.*

5. The Committee received an update on state legislative activities.

John Arriaga, Agency legislative consultant, highlighted the transportation bills of interest to the Agency. He reported that the legislature reconvened on December 5, 2016, noting it is a beginning of a two-year session. The state legislative transportation committee chairs, Senator Beall and Assembly Member Frazier, reintroduced a \$6 billion/year transportation funding package. He added that he, Director Hale and Principal Planner Watson will be visiting transportation officials and the region's legislative delegation in Sacramento on January 11.

6. The Committee received an updated on federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that, as everyone is aware, there have been many changes at the federal level, including a new President-Elect Donald J. Trump, a new California Senator Kamala Harris, and a new Congressman Jimmy Panetta. Congressman Panetta will be keeping on some of Congressman Farr's staff, including his Legislative Director Debbie Merrill, and will also be hiring Kathleen Lee, longtime aide for Supervisor Potter. This continuity will facilitate his transition into Congressman Farr's seat. Agency staff will try to set up meetings with Senator Harris and Congressman Panetta in the early part of 2017 to brief them on the Agency's federal legislative priorities.

7. The Committee received and approved the nominations for the Transportation Excellence Awards for 2016.

This award is presented each year by the Transportation Agency to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. On a motion by Committee member Craig and seconded by Committee member Phillips, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to approve the nominations for the 2016 Transportation Excellence Awards.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, highlighted the nominations for the 2016 Excellence Awards. The TAMC Executive Committee approved ten nominations for the awards ceremony at their January 2017 meeting. Committee members Craig and Huitt concurred that a special recognition be given to Dell Matt for her dedicated advocacy for transportation safety.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, concerning the employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Vice Chair Chavez reported that the Committee requested staff provide the cost and details for the Executive Director's current benefit package and also costs for the additional requests for the February Executive Committee.

9. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of January 25, 2017:

Executive Director Hale reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. She reported that the Board would be holding their annual Transportation Excellence Awards, honoring the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Also a presentation for the TAMC Employee of the Quarter and receive the state legislative update.

On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve Resolution 2017-01 authorizing the Executive Director to execute agreements with the State Board of Equalization for implementation of a local transaction and use tax; and Resolution 2017-02 authorizing the examination of transactions (sales) and use tax records by designated Transportation Agency staff. The Board will also be asked to authorize staff to release a request for proposals for the Freeway Service Patrol, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a short-term lease agreement for the Agency-purchased property at 30 West Market Street with Frank Favalaro, subject to Agency Counsel approval.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.