

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

| TAMC BOARD MEMBERS | OCT 21 | NOV 21* | DEC 21 | DEC 21* | JAN 22* | JAN 22 | FEB 22* | FEB 22 | MAR 22 | APR 22 |
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| Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez) | P | P | P(A) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Josh Stratton) | P | P | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P | P(A) | P(A) | P | P |
| Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 2nd Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | A | A | P | A | P | P(A) | P(A) |
| Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Rep (Yuri Anderson) | P | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P | A | P | P | P(A) |
| Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Chair (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney) | P | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P(A) | P | P(A) | P | P | P |
| Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) | P | P | P | P | E | P | A | A | P | P |
| Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy) | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Michael LeBarre, King City, 1st Vice Chair (Carlos DeLeon) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado) | P | P | A | P | A | P | A | P | P | P |
| Edwin Smith, Monterey, Past Chair (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny) | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake) | P | P(A) | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | P |
| Kimbley Craig, Salinas, City Representative (Christie Cromeenes) | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz) | P | P(A) | P(A) | A | P | A | P | P | A | A |
| Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco) | P(A) | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez) | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | A | P |

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian McMinn APWA Past President/City of Marina Kevin Dayton Measure X Committee
 Colleen Courtney Supervisor District 5 alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment reported.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Alejo/Craig/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 March 23, 2022.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of March 2022 and credit card statements for the month of February 2022.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.
- 3.1.5** Approved revised Procurement Policies and Procedures and Contract Management Manual.
- 3.1.6** Approved revisions to the Accounting and Financial Policies & Procedures Manual.
- 3.1.7** Authorized the Executive Director to execute a five-year lease of 11.17 acres of Monterey Branch Line Right-of-Way with Eagle Creek Pacific LLC for agricultural use.
- 3.1.8** Authorized the Executive Director to execute a lease renewal with Cappo Management LIV, LLC of Branch Line property used for their Lexus dealership.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Low Carbon Transit Operations Program:

1. Approved Resolution 2022-02 designating the Transportation Agency's allocation of \$1,065,062 for FY 2021/22 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, for county-wide free fares on Election Day, COA Implementation Week, Summer Sundays, and the purchase of a future zero emissions bus, and
2. Authorized the Executive Director execute agreements necessary to transfer funds to Monterey Salinas Transit.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Legislative Update:

1. Received update on State and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding Pavement Management Program Update 2022:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers for an amount not to exceed the total amount approved by participating agencies and not to exceed \$353,951 to provide consulting services to update the Pavement Management Programs of participating agencies, for the period ending June 30, 2023, pending review and approval by Agency Counsel and execution of reimbursement agreements with each participating agency;
2. Authorized the use of \$353,951 of Measure X funds for this project with each participating agency reimbursing the Agency based on its proportionate share of Measure X revenue; 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 No items this month.

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 April 6, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of April 4, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of April 6, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of April 7, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – April 19, 2022

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for April 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

M/S/C Potter/LeBarre/unanimous

The Board presented Christina Watson, Director of Planning, as the Employee of the Quarter for January 1 – March 31, 2022.

Ms. Watson has been selected by her colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for January 1 – March 31, 2022. The Agency employees recognized Christina for her professionalism and diligence in representing the Agency and her willingness to share her knowledge of a variety of computer programs. Most notably, they appreciate her hard work on the TAMC Legislative Program, Salinas Rail Extension project, and expanding Coast Rail service.

Board member LeBarre expressed his appreciation for Ms. Watson, noting she has developed great relationships within the state's rail industry. Board member Potter concurred and thanked Ms. Watson for her service over 20 years.

5. PROCLAMATION FOR 2022 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

M/S/C Potter/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board adopted a proclamation to declare the week of May 15 through May 21 as National Public Works Weeks to pay tribute to public work planners, engineers, managers, administrative staff, and operators in recognition of the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life. In adopting the proclamation, the TAMC Board joins others from around California and other states across the nation paying tribute to the public works professionals who are always ready to serve their communities and resilient as ever in their abilities to perform regular public works duties and be ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders during natural disasters and overcome trials seen in the field.

6. **MEASURE X FOURTH YEAR AUDIT RESULTS**

The Board received a presentation on the Measure X Fourth Year Audit (FY20/21) results and the Measure X Annual Report.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the audit subcommittee of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee conducted the fourth-year audit of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds and prepared the Committee's annual report. Ms. Wright reported that the results of the Measure X fourth year audit and the Measure X Annual Report are included in the Transportation's Agency's 2021 Annual Report, which will be sent to Monterey County residents and posted on the TAMC website in May.

Barbara Meister, Chair of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the Measure X Fourth Year Audit results and the Measure X Annual Report to the TAMC Board of Directors. She emphasized that in keeping with their responsibilities, the audit-subcommittee conducted the independent audits of the revenues and expenditures in January 2022, to assure that Measure X funds are being spent in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan passed by Monterey County voters in 2016.

In the past fiscal year, 2021/22, Measure X generated \$32.4 million in revenue for transportation improvements in Monterey County. Of that amount, 60% was distributed to the cities and the County for local projects, while the remaining 40% was programmed to regional safety and mobility projects.

Chair Meister reported that the report revealed that the Cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Sand City and Greenfield were not in compliance with Measure X requirements. Carmel-by-the-Sea and Sand City failed to meet their maintenance of effort requirements, while Greenfield failed to submit all the required reports. This resulted in TAMC withholding Measure X funds for these three cities until the compliance issues are addressed. However, as of this week, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has rectified their maintenance of effort requirement and their disbursement of Measure X funds has resumed.

Kevin Dayton, member of the Measure X Oversight Committee, commented that people were initially skeptical that a large committee with 20 members would be effective. He stated that the committee is working and doing a great job accounting for how Measure X funds are being spent and working to ensure accountability. He expressed his appreciation and thanked the Board for establishing a great check and balance.

7. **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Board received an update on the Safe Routes to School Program.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The Program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. Her report reviewed the activities accomplished in fiscal year 2021/2022 and upcoming plans for fiscal year 2022/23.

Measure X provides \$20 million over the 30-year life of the measure for the Safe Routes to School Program to match state and federal grants to fund projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. To date, \$569,000 of Measure X money has leveraged \$5.6 million of state and federal grant dollars to plan for the initiative to build safe routes to school projects and fund education and encouragement programs.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- The Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan will be ready for review this spring and ready for adoption in December: <https://saferoutesmonterey.org/planning-salinas/>.
- The Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan is being developed for all K-12 public schools in the Cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. Each city will have its own Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, which will be made up of community representatives, including students, parents, schools, advocacy groups, and residents.
- The Safe Routes to School Education Program will teach bicycle and pedestrian safety in all elementary schools in the Salinas Valley and in the Cities of Marina and Seaside over the next year.
- The "Every Child" grant enables the team to provide in-person training to students who have now returned to school and to launch walking school buses at three schools in South County and five schools on the Monterey Peninsula. Family Fun Festivals were held in Gonzales and Greenfield, and TAMC worked with CSUMB graphic design students to develop concepts for traffic gardens to be installed at 11 schools across the County in 2022 and 2023.
- Partnership with CSUMB provides opportunities for CSUMB students to get involved with safe routes to school projects and programs through the university's Sustainable City Year Program.
- Partnership with Greenfield Community Science Workshop established the Greenfield Bike Garage to provide weekly community bike/scooter/skateboard repair workshops in Greenfield and mobile repair workshops serving communities in south Monterey County.

The Safe Routes to School website provides program information, informational safety videos, resources for parents and schools and more at <https://saferoutesmonterey.org>.

Board member Phillips commented that in the rural setting no kids can walk to school, they are bussed or driven by their parents.

Board member Dirksen expressed her support for schools in North County and Del Rey Oaks that currently have no walking paths, and asked staff to also consider including rural areas in the program.

Board member Kerr noted that Del Rey Oaks will have Safe Routes to School when the FORTAG project is completed.

Board member Oglesby thanked TAMC for promoting safe routes to school, noting it is healthy for the children and the parents.

Board member Poduri commented that he would like Safe Routes to School programs in Pacific Grove and asked if the sidewalk art was funded through a grant. Ms. Green replied that the City of Salinas secured a Clean California grant to do sidewalk art in Salinas and TAMC will be looking for opportunities to do similar projects in other communities.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Brandy Rider announced the Clean California Program hosted the City of Salinas Dump Day. She also announced the TAMC Region was awarded two Sustainable Communities Competitive Grants \$220,000 for the Monterey County Outreach and Implementation Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study and \$394,000 for the City of Salinas Active Transportation Plan: Ecology Action, Outreach, and Implementation. Caltrans is looking forward to additional opportunities of high-level grants. For more information, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported the Airport continues to do well, although it is the slowest time of year. He reported that cancellations are down way below average, noting that 65 to 75 percent of Monterey County travelers use the San Francisco Airport, but noting that the Salinas Valley travelers remain steady. Mr. Sabo announced that the Monterey Airport no longer requires masks, although masks are available upon request. He thanked the Board for their letter of support to the Federal Aviation Administration for Safety Enhancements and Relocating Monterey Regional Airport's Passenger Terminal Building. In conclusion, he announced a new board member position has opened and as a requirement you must live within the Monterey Airport District, for more information, visit: www.montereyairport.com.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, announced MST ridership is increasing with hospitality coming back and the rise of fuel prices, noting it is still at 50% of pre-pandemic ridership. Mr. Sedoryk noted as we come out of the pandemic, MST is more than busses, noting during the pandemic MST provided meals, Wi-Fi, and testing sites. He noted that MST will rethink its mission "Connecting communities, Creating opportunity, Being kind to our planet.". He announced that MST no longer requires masks for bus riders, although they will continue to provide masks to employees and passengers upon request. Next year is MST's 50th Anniversary. MST is implementing a new service model, to provide faster service, new

fare structures and improved schedules, and is currently looking for community input. For more information, visit: www.mst.org.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Searle announced Electric Vehicle charging stations have been installed at the Soledad Mission Shopping Center. He noted that they plan to install EV charging stations in Salinas at the West Ridge Shopping Center near the Lazy Boy Furniture store by the end of the year. Mr. Searle announced Air Quality Awareness Week is May 2-6, 2022. For more information, visit: <https://www.mbard.org/>.

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

None this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced a public hearing will be held by the County Planning Commission on May 25, 2022, regarding the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Coastal Development Plan.

Director Muck thanked staff for their work on Safe Routes to School events, especially thanking Alissa Guther and Aaron Hernandez for wearing the costumes during the walk to school events.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board held a closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. TAMC v. Rodney Karl Neubert and Susan Greco-Neubert, et al., Court Number 20CV000457
2. TAMC v. Joyce M. Selby and Cheryl Latimer, et al., Court Number 20CV000456

The Board Reconvened in open session and Agency Counsel Hansen reported that the Board provided settlement authority and no other reportable action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.