

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

**FINAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2023 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA 93901, Cinnamon Conference Room

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>SEP 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales, <del>Javier Gomez</del> )	P	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P(A)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (Priscilla Barba)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, <b>County Representative</b> (Yuri Anderson, <del>Eric Mora</del> )	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, <b>Past Chair</b> (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Jeff Baron)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	A	E	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P(V)	A	E	E	E	E	P	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City, <b>Chair</b> (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P(V)	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, <b>City Representative</b> (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	A	P(V)	P	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P*	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Fernando Cabrera, Don Wilcox)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P



**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jasmine Cortez	County resident	Orchid Monroy Ochoa	Caltrans District 5
Gary Cursio	County resident	Dave Silberberger	Caltrans District 5
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting	Monica Hale	Monterey County
Rachel Ortiz	Greenfield resident	Jessica McKillip	ITN Monterey
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LeBarre 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. Board Member Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez, seconded by Committee Member Potter, the Committee voted unanimously to add an urgency item to the agenda to present outgoing Board Member Alejandro Chavez a resolution of appreciation.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Potter/Carbone/unanimous

**M/S/C** 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 September 27, 2023.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of September 2023 and credit card statements for the month of August 2023.

**3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

**3.1.4** Approved Resolution 2023-15, pending legal counsel approval, providing:

1. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to transfer \$152,883 in carry-over funds from the above-entitled funds and add \$209,789 of new grant funds into the Agency's FY 2023-2024 work program and budget;
2. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute work program and budget amendment No. 1 in accordance with this Resolution; and
3. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

**3.1.5** Regarding State Legislative Advocate Services Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to extend the contract with Khouri Consulting for State legislative analyst/ advocate services, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, by two years, until October 31, 2025, adding One Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$144,000) to the current contract for a total amended contract budget of Two Hundred and Eight-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$288,000);
2. Authorized the use of reserve funds budgeted to this project; 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.

**3.1.6** Regarding Agreement for Accounting Services:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #3 with Oppidea, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$32,220 per year for an additional twenty-four months to provide accounting services through the period ending December 31, 2025;
2. Approved the use of \$64,440 for the extended term of the Agreement in funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract, if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

- 3.1.7** Approved the appointment of Andromeda Davila to serve as the Youth Representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Transit Grant Section 5310 Application for Monterey-Salinas Transit bus funds:

1. Accepted Monterey-Salinas Transit's Federal transit grant application for twenty-four bus replacements for its RIDES paratransit service and operating assistance for the taxi voucher program; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-12 approving Monterey County's scores for Traditional and Expanded Section 5310 grant applications and certifying that the projects meet federal program requirements and conditions.

- 3.2.2** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit State of Good Repair Funds:

1. Adopted Resolution 2023-13 allocating \$910,697 of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund non-revenue and revenue vehicle replacements, information technology infrastructure upgrades, purchase a scissor lift, and purchase zero emission bus charging infrastructure; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director or their designee to take any actions and sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** No items this month.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Adopted Final 2023 Public Participation Plan.
- 3.4.2** Approved Resolution 2023-14 adopting Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual Chapter 10: Consultant Selection.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

**3.5.1** Regarding Monterey County Rail Extension - Temporary Construction Easement Extension:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement for purchase / extension of a temporary construction easement with MWM Investments, to extend the term to March 1, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$26,830;
2. Authorized the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program #14 funds budgeted to 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.

**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 October 4, 2023
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of October 2, 2023
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of October 4, 2023
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of October 5, 2023
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – Meeting October 17, 2023

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for October 2023.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **SCENIC ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation and provided input on the scheduled community engagement activities for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project.

Doug Bilsé, Principal Engineer, reported that Caltrans is preparing the Draft Environmental Document for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project and will circulate it by November 7, 2023. TAMC and Caltrans will co-host three public hearings to share project information with the public and solicit feedback on the information contained in the environmental document.

The dates of the public hearings are:

- Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 3-7 p.m. at the Hospitality Pavilion, WeatherTech Raceway, Laguna Seca
- Thursday, November 16, 2023, 4-7 p.m. at the Salinas Armory
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 3-7 p.m. at the Monterey Conference Center

John Olejnik, Caltrans, noted that this is a very important project and that Caltrans meets weekly with TAMC staff to discuss the project.

Public comment:

Dwight Stump, Corral de Tierra resident, expressed concern with roundabouts, noting capacity and the volume of traffic is the problem.

#### 5. **2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received an update and provided input on the funding proposal for the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner, reported that to ensure efficient coordination among various fund sources, the 2023 Integrated Funding Strategy identifies projects that are strong candidates for specific Senate Bill 1 grants, State Transportation Improvement Program funds, Measure X, and other matching funds, and can begin construction within the next five years. As a subset of that plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program specifies the region's proposed use of certain State funds to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Ms. Strause reported that the State Transportation Improvement Program is funded through state and federal gas taxes on a 5-year cycle. Monterey County's share of the fund estimate adopted by the CTC in August for FY 2024/2025 – FY 2028/2029 is \$15,515,000. Ms. Strause noted that every two years in

December, regions submit their project proposals in the form of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the CTC for approval in March the following year.

**6. TAMC BOARD HONORS OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER ALEJANDRO CHAVEZ**

The TAMC Board of Directors honored outgoing Board Member and Past Chair Alejandro Chavez with a certificate of appreciation for his nearly 23 years of dedicated work to improve regional transportation throughout Monterey County.

Alejandro Chavez served on the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, including the Rail Policy Committee, for almost 13 years from January 2011 through October 2023, after serving for nearly ten years, from 2001 to 2010, as Supervisor Fernando Armenta's alternate. During his tenure as Chair in 2017, TAMC initiated the implementation of Measure X, including forming the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee and updating the Agency's strategic goals and objectives.

**7. 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE:**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the process and timeline for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; and provided input regarding the Plan's development.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported the Regional Transportation Plan, updated every four years, is a long-range plan, which functions as a twenty-year road map for improvements to Monterey County's multi-modal transportation network. It forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area.

The 2026 Regional Transportation Plan is being prepared in-house by staff in coordination with Agency committees and the Board of Directors. The Plan will include cost estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2050 horizon year. The development of the Regional Transportation Plan includes a survey for members of the public to help define it by providing input. The survey can be found on TAMC's website, <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/2023-regional-transportation-plan-survey>. The deadline to provide public input for the Plan is 5 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2023.



**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & DRAFT 2024 PROGRAM****M/S/C** Potter/Chavez/unanimous

The Transportation Board of Directors received an update on State and Federal legislative issues; discussed items for the draft 2024 legislative program; and approved the draft 2024 legislative program for distribution to committees.

Gus Khouri, Agency State legislative analyst, presented an update on State legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, presented an update on Federal legislative activities and presented the draft 2024 legislative program.

**9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – John Olejnik highlighted Caltrans District 5 construction, road closures, and repairs:

- Caltrans thanked TAMC for the Elkhorn Slough presentation and tour.
- California Highway Patrol kicked off their electric bike safety programs, noting that collisions have doubled.
- Caltrans encourages trash collection.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The airport is in the process of seeking funding for a new terminal.
- The airport is adding a roundabout on Olmsted.
- The airport has opened their fire department.
- Next month the airport is relocating their hangers.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On October 30, MST will have a Ribbon Cutting for the beginning of service on Line 59, servicing Salinas to Gilroy, providing four trips per day.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit received \$570,500 from the Clean California Transit Initiative Program to support maintenance and enhancements of 56 bus stops and shelters. Scoping meetings will be held at the MST Mobility Center 15 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas on November 4 and November 6.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Dave Frisbey announced the following:

- \$350,000 is available for electric vehicle purchase incentives and for electric bike purchases for low-income communities.

**10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

Chair LeBarre reported that he attended the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Meeting in Santa Barbara on October 20, 2023.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Congratulated Alissa Guther for her promotion to Transportation Planner.
- The State of California granted \$1 million for the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 Corridor Climate Resiliency Project. To celebrate, TAMC held an event and tour for Assembly Member Addis and Senator Laird on October 23, 2023.
- Congratulated Doug Bilse and Janneke Strause for securing \$640,000 to develop a Vision Zero Plan.
- There is no November Board meeting; the December 6, 2023, meeting will be held in the Cayenne Conference room

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.