



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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Executive Committee

Members are: Chaps Poduri, Chair; Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair; Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair; Wendy Askew, Past Chair; Glenn Church, County Representative; Dennis Donohue, City Representative

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. **APPROVE** Executive Committee draft minutes of August 5, 2026.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on legislation.

- Christina Watson

Staff and consultants will provide an update on state and federal legislative issues.

5. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for the September 23, 2026, TAMC Board meeting.

- Todd Muck

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Executive Committee Draft Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of August 5, 2026.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exec draft minutes August 5 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT 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: Chaps Poduri (Chair), Luis Alejo (1st Vice Chair), Jose Rios (2nd Vice Chair), Wendy Root Askew (Past Chair), Glenn Church (County representative), Dennis Donohue (City representative)

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26
Chaps Poduri, Chair , Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair , Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez}	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Wendy Root Askew, Past Chair , Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson, Kera Abraham Panni)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
Glenn Church, County Representative , Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P(A)	P	P (VC)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
Dennis Donohue, City Representative , City of Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)	*P	P	P	P	A	P

P = Present	A = Absent
P(A) = Alternate present	E = Excused
* = New Representative	(VC) Video Conference
(TC) = Teleconference	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting LLC; Jasmine Cortez Mejia, Monterey County District 1; Nick McIlroy, Sand City; Sanjida Nahar

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Rios and seconded by Committee Member Askew, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 3, 2026.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On a motion by Committee Member Donohue and seconded by Committee Member Church, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board adopt positions on legislation.

The Committee received an update on state and federal legislative issues.

Gus Khouri, Agency State Legislative Analyst, reported that the Legislators returned from summer recess on August 3rd. He reported that the main budget anticipates a \$39 billion surplus (when the draft budget anticipated a \$2.9 billion deficit). Mr. Khouri also reported on changes to the Cap & Invest (formerly Cap & Trade) program being proposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that will dramatically decrease funding available for transportation and housing from that program.

Mr. Khouri highlighted the bills with amended position recommendations:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 2168 (Wicks): Active Transportation Program: guidelines “**support**” position.
- Senate Bill (SB) 667 (Archuleta): Railroads: safety: change from "oppose" to "**watch**".
- SB 741 (Blakespear): Low Carbon Transit Operations Program — “**support**” position to facilitate MST’s use of LCTOP funds.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted federal legislative activities, noting that on May 17th, the House proposed Highway Infrastructure Build Act. The Resolution Bill is in mark up and pending action. the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

transportation authorization bill expires on September 30. She reported that on May 17, leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unveiled legislative text of their highway and infrastructure funding reauthorization bill covering the next five years, the “Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America’s 250th Act”, or “BUILD America 250 Act” (HR 8870).

5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of August 26, 2026. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update
- 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update
- Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on legislation.

SUMMARY:

Staff and consultants will provide an update on state and federal legislative issues.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Proposed legislation could impact transportation funding availability.

DISCUSSION:

Agency state legislative analyst Gus Khouri will present an update on state legislative activities.

Attachment 1 is a memo from Senator Laird regarding the status of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and framing a proposal to add funding to certain programs, including SB 125 and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), above the Governor's budget proposal.

Web attachment 1 is a draft bill list showing the recommended positions and relating to the adopted 2026 Legislative Program (**web attachment 2**). Bills that are "dead" as of the August Board meeting were removed from the list.

Staff recommends moving from a "support if amended" to a "support" position on Senate Bill (SB) 1087 (Cabaldon): "Transportation planning: sustainable communities strategies: transportation funding programs," as amended August 21. TAMC's prior position of "support if amended" was based on the concern that the region might be penalized for the lack of state funding to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. Staff now recommends adopting a "support" position because the bill extends the timeline to do the Regional Transportation Plans/ Sustainable Community Strategy from four to eight years and expedites the plan's approval process, thus saving the Agency time and money.

Attachment 2 is a report on federal legislative activities. Staff will provide a verbal update on federal legislative activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Senate_August_GGRF_Plan_Memo
2. CW - Federal Legislative Update - Sep 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [State bill list \(September\)](#)
2. [TAMC 2026 Legislative Program](#)

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August 20, 2026

To: Democratic Senators

From: Senator Laird, Chair of Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Senator Reyes, Chair of Budget Subcommittee #2

RE: Senate GGRF Plan

Due to actions of the Administration's Air Resources Board and other factors, available Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) are significantly less than expected when the Cap and Invest agreement was made last year.

As a result, under the Administration's budget proposal – which the Assembly has generally supported – only \$250 million is available for legislative priorities (rather than the expected \$1 billion) and only \$378 million is available for "Tier Three" Programs.

During the June budget deliberations, the Senate made clear this was not adequate or acceptable and instead put an alternative plan into SB 1216 as a placeholder until a GGRF spending plan could be further negotiated in August.

Neither the Administration, nor the Assembly, have offered a meaningful counter-proposal or engagement on alternatives to the Administration's original proposal.

Therefore, rather than joining the Assembly and simply approving the Administration's inadequate proposal, we have now developed a much stronger spending GGRF Plan for 2026-27.

As outlined below, the Senate GGRF Plan provides a total of \$1.128 billion in allocations, including:

- \$750 million for Legislative priorities (up from the proposed \$250 million).
- \$378 million estimated baseline funding for “Tier Three” Programs.
- Straight forward trailer bill provisions.

Senate \$1.128 Billion GGRF Plan

Total Proposed Discretionary Allocation within Tier 2: \$750 million

- **\$230 million** for SB 125 transit funding.
- **\$160 million** for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).
- **\$150 million** for SB 901 Forest Health & Vegetation Management.
- **\$125 million** for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC).
- **\$55 million** for the Safe & Affordable Drinking Water (SAFER) Program.
- **\$20 million** for AB 617 Community Air Protection Program.
- **\$10 million** for Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program.

Estimated Baseline Funding to Tier 3 Programs: \$378 million

(Based on anticipated auction revenues per the Department of Finance)

- **\$107 million** for the AHSC Affordable Housing Allocation (additional funding may be available from the November housing bond).
- **\$76 million** for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).
- **\$48 million** for the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program.
- **\$46 million** for the AHSC Sustainable Communities Allocation.
- **\$38 million** for LCTOP.
- **\$38 million** for SB 901 Forest Health & Vegetation Management.
- **\$25 million** for the SAFER Program.

Proposed Trailer Bill Language:

- Implement the Climate Bureau.
- Include interest income in the SB 840 calculation beginning in 2027-28.
- Cap and Sunset Manufacturing Decarbonization Incentive, and prohibit any new allowances outside of the cap, consistent with SB 1216 subdivision (e).

Summary of Anticipated Program Totals:
(in millions)

Program/ Purpose	Tier 2 Funds	Tier 3 Funds	Other Funds	Total:	Notes/Details
SB 125 transit funding	230	0		230	Consistent with SB 125 funding plan
Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)	160	38		198	Consistent with SB 840 amount
SB 901 Forest Health & Vegetation Management	150	38		188	Close to the SB 840 amount of \$200 million
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities	125	46		171	Specify \$70 million for Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC)
Safe & Affordable Drinking Water (SAFER) Program	55	25	100	180	Includes at least \$100 million Prop 4, totaling \$180 million for drinking water
AB 617 Community Air Protection Program	20	48	150	218	Plus \$150 million General Fund appropriated in June, approx. 87% of the SB 840 amount. Of this total, specify \$20 million to communities implementing Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs)
Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reduction (FARMER)	10	0		10	
AHSC Affordable Housing Allocation		107		107	Additional funding may be available from the November housing bond
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)		76		76	
Totals: (In Millions)	\$750	\$378	\$250	\$1,378	

How the Senate Plan is Funded:

- The Senate Plan provides \$500 million more in GGRF allocations in 2026-27 than proposed by the Administration.
- The Senate Plan accomplishes this by smoothing the CalFire Backfill between the 2026-27 and 2027-28 budget years.
 - The June Budget Agreement reflected \$1.25 billion CalFire Backfill in 2026-27 and \$500 million CalFire Backfill in 2027-28.
 - Under the Senate Plan, these amounts are adjusted to \$750 million in 2026-27 and \$1 billion in 2027-28.
 - Therefore, the same level of General Fund relief over the two fiscal years, but more available for other GGRF allocations in 2026-27.
- The Senate expects to work to end, reduce, or at least further delay the CalFire Backfill during next year's budget deliberations to help strengthen the GGRF for 2027-28.
- The Senate Plan makes corresponding adjustments to the General Fund Surplus Set-Aside Account to ensure the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties (Regular Reserve) maintains the same level as the June budget at \$4.5 billion in 2026-27 and \$450 million in 2027-28, thus maintaining the agreement for the budget to be balanced through 2027-28.

(in millions)

		2026-27	2027-28
June Budget			
	GGRF CalFire Backfill	1,250	500
	Surplus Set-aside Account	-6,388	6,388
	SFEU (regular reserve)	4,500	403
Under Senate Plan			
	GGRF CalFire Backfill	750	1,000
	Surplus Set-Aside Account	-5,888	5,888
	Final SFEU	4,500	403



Memorandum

To: TAMC Executive Committee

From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning

Meeting Date: September 2, 2026

Subject: Federal Legislative Update

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Congress passes multi-year Surface Transportation Acts to fund America's public works, including roads, bridges, transit, and rail, providing states with long-term certainty for infrastructure planning and project delivery. The current version, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (a.k.a. the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law), expires on September 30, 2026.

The primary surface transportation reauthorization bill moving through Congress is the “Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America’s 250th Act” (BUILD America 250 Act, H.R. 8870), a bipartisan five-year, \$580 billion package approved by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 22. The proposal has not progressed as of the writing of this report. More information can be found here:

<https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R48881>.

In July, the House agreed on a Continuing Resolution expiring December 4, 2026. On August 8, the Senate passed a Continuing Resolution through December 11, 2026. No matter which date they pick upon return from their August recess, the legislature is unlikely to make progress on a reauthorization bill during the “lame duck” session and will probably adopt another CR through the spring.

Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill

House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working toward enactment of fiscal year (FY) 2027 spending bills ahead of the Sept. 30, 2026 funding deadline. To date, the House Appropriations Committee has begun marking up the 12 appropriations bills in subcommittee and full committee. A [draft THUD appropriations bill \(text\)](#) was approved by the House

committee (34-27) on June 3. The Senate has not yet published an appropriations bill.

Other News

On August 14, 2026, U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Secretary Duffy announced the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is investing \$5.3 billion of [Federal-State Partnership \(FSP\)](#) funds into rail projects across the U.S. that will enhance safety, upgrade critical infrastructure, and purchase new trainsets for Amtrak as the Department ushers in the “[Golden Age of Rail](#)”. The Coast Rail Coordinating Council submitted an unsuccessful application for this grant for a suite of projects that would have included the Pajaro and King City stations.

On August 5, 2026, US DOT Secretary Duffy rolled out the [National Roadway Safety Strategy \(NRSS\)](#), a new interdepartmental plan to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on our nation’s roadways. TAMC adopted a county-wide Vision Zero plan in May.