

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: Jerry Edelen (Chair),
Jane Parker (1st Vice Chair), Kimbley Craig (2nd Vice Chair),
Simon Salinas (Past Chair),
Fernando Armenta (County representative), Alejandro Chavez (City representative)*

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Edelen, Parker, and Salinas. Staff present: Cook, Green, Hale, Leonard, Muck, Rodriguez, and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann. Committee member Armenta arrived after approval of the consent agenda. Chair Edelen asked the committee to take up Item 6 before Item 4 due to staff obligations later in the morning.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Chavez and seconded by Board member Parker, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.

- 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of November 6, 2013.
- 3.2 **RECEIVED** report on proposed federal bicycle and pedestrian legislation.
- 3.3 **RECEIVED** update on proposed statewide transportation ballot measure.

END OF CONSENT

4. **APPROVED** recommendations for the 12th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards.

On a motion by Board member Craig and seconded by Board member Parker, the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve the recommendations for the 12th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards.

Grant Leonard, TAMC Intern, reported that the Transportation Agency received ten nominations for the Transportation Excellence Awards. The Awards ceremony will be held during the January 22, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Leonard highlighted the nominees recommended to receive awards.

Board member Craig requested that the Board of the nominee ITN Monterey County be invited to the ceremony, noting they are very active and involved. Ms. Craig also noted that the Ciclovía Salinas event was very successful and requested that the business owners be acknowledged at the meeting. Chair Edelen requested that staff announce the event in the newspaper. Executive Director Hale noted that staff will work with the nominators to ensure the proper people are invited, and send the board members invitations to distribute.

5. **DISCUSSED** the basic concept for the 2013 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.

Andy Cook, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the 2013 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report is a public outreach tool that the Agency has distributed by mail to Monterey County households since 2005. The 2013 report will summarize the Agency's accomplishments in the last year, as well as describe important projects that are still in need of funding. The theme proposed by staff for the 2013 Annual Report will focus on "Moving Forward," or what's next for transportation in Monterey County given the Agency's planning efforts last year and also given that work is winding down on the significant priority highway projects that the Agency has worked to deliver. He also noted that the cost to prepare the 2013 Annual Report is included in the Agency's approved budget. Staff estimates that the total cost for design, printing, postage and Spanish translation of the report will be \$56,000.

Board member Craig reported that staff has done an excellent job in the past years and mailing the Annual Report is the best way to distribute it to the public. She noted that this document has been a good outreach tool. Board member Chavez also commented that the 2012 Annual Report was one of the best and it described the important work that the Agency was undertaking.

6. **RECEIVED** an update on the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to local and regionally-significant projects. He noted that The Transportation Agency in the past has Regional Surface Transportation Program funding to three categories: fair-share, competitive and Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC). Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on their population. The total fair-share allocation over the next three years is estimated to be \$3.6 million. The three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2014/15/16 is \$3.6 million for fair share and \$7.2 million for competitive grants.

Transportation Agency staff is proposing to deprogram inactive competitive grant and TLC funded projects with the unused funding returned to the program for use in an upcoming grant cycle. The upcoming grant cycle, with updated guidelines, is planned for Spring 2014. Agency staff is recommending incorporating the complete streets checklist into the grant process and discontinuing the TLC program. Mr. Zeller noted that staff will be working with the local jurisdictions to help identify which fair-share funded projects are active and ready to move forward and if not ready move the funds to a project that is ready. Mr. Zeller reported in response to State audit findings the Transportation Agency will also be updating its policies and procedures related to the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

7. **RECEIVED** an update on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, presented an overview of the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan and outlined route alternatives being evaluated. The major corridor constraints are concentrated in the middle portion of the corridor and have to do with crossing the Salinas River and impacting productive agricultural land. Other constraints include impacts to wildlife habitat along Inter-Garrison Road, steep terrain along a portion of Reservation Rd and project cost. Staff will provide a project update to the TAMC Board at the end of January.

Supervisor Parker recommended that staff watch videos from the FORA Colloquium regarding complete streets; she recommended the talk by Victor Dover in particular.

Committee member Craig stated that although there are great opportunities associated with routing the corridor along S. Main Street to access Salinas, probably the most practical alignment would use West Alisal Street to Lincoln.

Supervisor Armenta asked if a sales tax would pay for the construction of the Multimodal Corridor project. Executive Director Debbie Hale replied that this project was not directly connected to any sales tax measure, and that the board would need to decide on priority projects that a sales tax would fund. Chair Edelen stated it might be helpful to

have traffic count information by various routes to help determine the best route for the corridor.

Committee member Craig requested that staff send her more information on the upcoming community workshops so she could include it in her newsletter.

Transportation Planner Ariana Green replied that she would provide that information to her.

8. RECEIVED report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of January 22, 2014.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the January 22, 2014 draft agenda and took committee comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.



Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant