

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Craig, Edelen and alternate's Mohammadi for Potter and Martinez for Armenta. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Myers, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, Sam Teel, MCHA; Heather Adamson, AMBAG; and Carl Holm, Resource Management Agency.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Edelen and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 4 – 0, to approve the consent agenda.

3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 4, 2014.

3.2 **RECOMMENDED** the Board of Directors take an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill 69 (Perea): “California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.”

3.3 **RECEIVED** federal legislative update.

3.4 **RECEIVED** state legislative update.

END OF CONSENT

4. **RECEIVED** an update on SR 156 improvement project and next steps.

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck reported on the SR 156 West Corridor project timeline and the public-private partnership features. He noted that the timeline reflects project milestones—what has been accomplished and what needs to be done. Staff is working with Caltrans to produce a project proposal report, business case and request for qualifications to submit to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to allow the project to proceed. He noted that although TAMC is in partnership with Caltrans, Caltrans is the lead agency to submit documentation to the CTC. Mr. Muck reported that the pre-development work will produce the studies needed to determine if tolling SR 156 West Corridor project is financially viable. The draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report is scheduled for release in July 2016. He noted that the current public-private partnership law expires in January, 2017, so TAMC and Caltrans must contract for a public-private partnership no later than December 2016. He also noted that the schedule of milestones could change dramatically depending on how the CTC wants to proceed with the project.

Committee member Craig asked how many private development teams were expected to reply to the request for qualifications. Mr. Muck commented that there were at least eight teams showing interest at the private industry workshop conducted by Caltrans in December 2014.

Executive Director Hale reported that staff has spent a great deal of time thinking about how to improve the public engagement process and the operations of the Community Advisory Group. Interested community members will be invited to the workshop scheduled at the August 27, TAMC Board meeting.

5. On a motion by Board member Craig and seconded by Board member Edelen, the committee voted 4 – 0, to **RECOMMEND** approval of the proposed program of projects to receive Regional Surface Transportation Program 2014 Competitive Grants funding.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that in February 2014 the Agency issued a call for projects to receive competitive Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. The Agency received twelve applications, totaling \$31.9 million in requested funding. A multi-agency review committee reviewed and ranked the projects for consideration. He noted that the three-year estimated funding in RSTP competitive grants is \$5.5 million. Combined with \$900,000 in TDA 2% funding and over \$650,000 in Regional Development Impact Fees, the total competitive grants available funding for this cycle is a little higher than \$7.0 million. The recommended projects are:

- City of Seaside's West Broadway Urban Village Infrastructure Improvement Project;
- City of Monterey's Holman Highway 68 Roundabout, Marina's Beach Road Improvements – SR 1 to Marina Drive; and,
- County of Monterey's SR 68/ Corral de Tierra Intersection Improvement Project.

Mr. Zeller noted that staff is recommending that the City of Marina's \$300,000 for the MST Transit Village project be reprogrammed to the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout project. He added that the City of Marina is aware of this change and is not objecting, since it has had many years of deadline extensions. Committee member Edelen expressed his appreciation that the proposed grants reflect geographic entity and include a project in South County, the City of King City's Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements. Vice Chair Craig noted that the City of Salinas staff supported the recommendation for project development funding for the West Alisal Corridor, since the project is only in the planning stage.

6. **RECEIVED** an update on the Caltrans Incurred Cost Audit and **RECOMMENDED** next steps.

Executive Director Hale reported staff has spent a lot of time working with Caltrans on the audit responses. She noted that the Agency's audit and audits of other agencies around the state are because the federal government gave Caltrans funding to conduct additional audits. Director Hale noted that staff is developing a corrective action plan that includes: adopting a procurement manual and checklist, in coordination with other rural counties; adopting updated Regional Surface Transportation Program policies; set up a Master Agreement for funding allocations to other jurisdictions; updating the Professional Services Contract; preparing Construction Project Administration and Construction Change Policies; preparing an Accounting and Finance Manual; and adjusting billing procedures as requested.

Ms. Hale noted that the Agency is still negotiating with Caltrans on a payback amount, which can be paid down over 10 years without interest and would be substantially less than proposed in the original audit finding. She is asking that the Agency and Caltrans focus on learning from the findings and moving forward, rather than charging a large repayment penalty. She added that the funding in question paid for construction of two important bicycle and pedestrian projects, and funded environmental, preliminary design and project management for the Rail to Salinas project. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the Agency will be asked to sign an agreement with Caltrans on the action plan once it is final. A draft plan is due by the end of September and a final plan will likely be signed by the end of 2014. A few years after the action plan is implemented, TAMC can expect an audit to review the extent to which the Agency has followed its updated policies.

Committee member Edelen appreciated staff's work on addressing the issues and significantly reducing the required payback.

7. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of August 27, 2014.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the August 27, 2014 draft agenda and took committee comments. She noted the Agency will hold a workshop on Highway 156 Improvement project with guest speaker Kome Ajise, Caltrans. She also noted the Board would be asked to adopt Resolution 2014-12 programming Regional Surface Transportation Competitive grant funding for fiscal years 2014/15 to 2017/18.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.



Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant