

Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 11, 2024 **9:30 AM**

MEETING LOCATION

<u>Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum</u> 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 Transportation Agency Conference Room

> Alternate Location with Zoom Connection Open to the Public 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 Supervisor Askew's Office

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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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 the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for November 2, 2023.

- Maria Montiel

The draft minutes of the November 2, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

4. **RECEIVE** update on the US 101 South of Salinas project and **PROVIDE** input.

- Doug Bilse

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6. **RECEIVE** an update on the AMBAG Central California Sustainable Freight Study

- Doug Bilse

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS

8. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to: Doug Bilse, Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator Doug@tamcmonterey.org

Important Meeting Information

<u>Agenda Packet and Documents</u>: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows: Transportation Agency for Monterey County www.tamcmonterey.org 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901 TEL: 831-775-0903 EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org

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Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Date: January 11, 2024

Subject: Draft TAC Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for November 2, 2023.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the November 2, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft TAC minutes November 2, 2023

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Office

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Alternate Location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office Draft Minutes of Thursday, November 2, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NOV 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23
Robert Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Culver)		E	Р	P(VC)	Р	Р	Р	E	С	Р	Р
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	А	А	А	А	А	А	Ρ	-	А	А	-
Patrick Dobbins Gonzales, <mark>Vice</mark> <mark>Chair</mark> (vacant)	Ρ	Р	Р	E	E	Р	Р	E	N	Р	E
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield (Tony Nisich)	Ρ	А	P(A)	Ρ	Ρ	E	Е	E	С	Р	E
Octavio Hurtado, King City (Steve Adams)	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Р	Е	Р	P(VC)
Brian McMinn, Marina (Edrie Delos Santos)	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Р	L	Р	Р
Marissa Garcia, Monterey <mark>Chair</mark> (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	L	Р	Р
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	Ρ	А	Р	Р	А	А	Р	Р	E	Р	Р
David Jacobs, Salinas (Adrian Robles)	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	E	Р	D	Р	-
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	Р		E	P(VC)
Nisha Patel, Seaside (Patrick Grogan, Leslie Llantero, Carolyn Burke)	Ρ	А	А	Р	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		Р	P(A)
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Bryan Swanson)	А	Р	E	P(A)	P(VC)	E	E	Р		Р	P(A)
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	E	Е	Р	Е	Ρ	Р	E	P(A)		P(A)	-
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	Р	Р	Р	P(VC)	Р	Р	Р	-		P(A)	-
Orchid Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	Ρ	Р	Р	P(VC)	А	Р	Р	-		А	P(VC)
Raju Ceerla CSUMB (Kyle Jordan)	E	Р	Р	Р	А	А	-	-		-	Р
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	Ρ	Р	A	Р	Ρ	Р	-	Р		Р	Р
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	Ρ	А	P(A)	E	P(VC)	P(VC)	Р	Р		Р	P(VC)

STAFF	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV
	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
T. Muck, Executive Director	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Е		Е	Р
C. Watson, Director of Planning	Р	Α	Р	E	А	Р	E	Е		E	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Е	Ρ	Ρ		P(VC)	Р
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	Р	Р	Р	PV	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	Р	Р	Р	P(VC)	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	Р	А	Р	А	Р	Р	P(VC)	Р		Р	-
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	А	Р	А	А	А	Α	-	-		-	-
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	Р	Р	Р	Р	А	А	-	-		-	Р
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	Р	А	А	Р	А	Α	P(VC)	Р		-	-
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	P(VC)	Р		Р	P(VC)
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.	-										P(VC)
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner										P(VC)	P(VC)

Kyle Jordan CSUMB

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Garcia, City of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Harary /Gho /unanimous

- 3.1 **APPROVED** the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for October 5, 2023.
- 3.2 **RECEIVED** the call for nominations for the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
- 3.3 **ADOPTED** 2024 schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. DRAFT 2024 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Christina Watson, Director of Planning reported that the draft 2024 legislative program continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2024 legislative session. She noted the items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

3S. Leverage Measure X funding for projects in Monterey County.

5S. Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives.

10S. Support Vision Zero strategies and driver safety training.

11S. Support sustainable funding for the Active Transportation Program.

15S. Support transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

Federal:

2F. Support funding for zero-emission infrastructure and active transportation and vision zero projects.

6F. Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure.

5. AMBAG COMPLETE STREETS POLICIES

Regina Valentine, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) reported that staff will begin developing Complete Streets Policies in coordination with AMBAG's member agencies, including the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC). She noted that this is a new federal requirement, complete streets planning has been a priority historically for AMBAG and the jurisdictions in the Monterey Bay region.

In conclusion, Ms. Valentine noted that staff will incorporate committee feedback and prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies in coordination with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions. She noted that the Final Complete Streets Policies will be incorporated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

6. 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, opened the discussion with the Committee on selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024. Mr. Bilse commented that the Committee bylaws state that the chairmanship is changed during the first quarter of every year. The new Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for the 2024 calendar year.

M / S / C: McMinn / Gho/ unanimous

Committee member Brian McMinn nominated Committee member Patrick Dobbins as Chair for 2024 and the motion was seconded by Committee member Daniel Gho.

M / S / C: Grogan / Gho/ unanimous

Committee member Patrick Grogan nominated Committee member Raju Ceerla as Vice-Chair for 2024 and the motion was seconded by Committee member Daniel Gho.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer announced that the Wayfinding signs are being fabricated and will start being installed at the beginning of 2024 in South County.

Committee Member Tyrone Bell announced that Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board of Directors approved the multi-use trail to improve bike lanes.

Committee member Orchid Monroy Ochoa announced the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Workshops on November 15th for the January 18, 2024, grant application deadline.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner announced the Regional Transportation Plan survey is live until November 30th take the flyer with the QR code.

Committee member Brian McMinn announced the next APWA Chapter meeting is scheduled for November 14, at the Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Club.

Committee member Raju Ceerla with CSUMB introduced himself to the committee. He also introduced his alternate Kyle Jordan.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer announced the TAMC Excellence Award call for nominations. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.



Memorandum

Subject:	US 101 South of Salinas Project Update
Meeting Date:	January 11, 2024
From:	Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer
То:	Technical Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the US 101 South of Salinas project and **PROVIDE** input.

SUMMARY:

The US 101 South of Salinas project proposes to remove uncontrolled intersections along US 101 between the City of Salinas and the Chualar community located to the south. Caltrans and TAMC are developing conceptual designs that include relocated interchanges at Abbot Street and Chualar Main Street. These interchange relocations and frontage roads on both sides of US 101 will be needed before specific turning movements are eliminated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$30 million in funding for the US 101 South of Salinas project was included in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan that formed the basis for the Measure X campaign, and TAMC will seek to leverage these funds to cover the construction costs.

DISCUSSION:

Safety improvements are the focus of the US 101 South of Salinas corridor. The corridor provides access from California's Central Coast agricultural operations to markets around the country. US 101 is the primary artery along the Central Coast and is vital to statewide commerce. The Transportation Agency is working with Caltrans and the South of Salinas US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to create a set of projects to address safety issues along this busy agricultural route. As part of this, the Agency and Caltrans recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Spence Road Auxiliary Lane, which provides space for trucks to safely accelerate from Spence Road onto US 101 and provides a deceleration lane for traffic exiting Eckhardt Road. The auxiliary lane is an initial safety improvement in the overall "US 101 South of Salinas" project along 5.5 miles of US 101 from Airport Boulevard to Main Street in Chualar.

The US 101 South of Salinas project was redefined last year after a thorough review of the approved Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS). The project development team is developing conceptual plans to address safety issues along US 101 as follows:

- 1. Relocating the existing interchanges at Abbott Street and Main Street in Chualar.
- Constructing frontage roads to maintain access to properties currently served by direct links to US 101
- 3. Eliminating left turn movements along US 101 at uncontrolled intersections between Salinas and Chualar

- 4. Eliminating uncontrolled rail crossings
- 5. Working towards the ultimate goal of eliminating all uncontrolled intersections along US 101

TAMC staff will be presenting a project overview and share conceptual designs at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



Memorandum

Subject:	Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update
Meeting Date:	January 11, 2024
From:	Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer
То:	Technical Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement project and **PROVIDE** input.

SUMMARY:

The Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project recently conducted a series of events to provide the public with opportunities to review the Draft Environmental Document. Once public comments are received, Caltrans will develop responses to comments and select a preferred alternative as part of the preparation of the Final Environmental Document.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$50 million in funding for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project was included in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan that formed the basis for the Measure X campaign. This funding is expected to cover expenses for the project design phase, and TAMC staff will try to leverage these funds to cover the construction costs.

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve traffic operations and reduce collisions with wildlife on an approximately nine-mile stretch of State Route 68 in Monterey County by modifying the design of nine intersections from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road and by providing five new underground culverts for wildlife to use to cross under the highway. Two build alternatives are being evaluated in the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase. Alternative 1 would convert nine intersections into roundabouts; eight would be converted into single-lane roundabouts, and one would be converted into a two-lane roundabout. Alternative 2 would include expanded signalized intersections with adaptive signal control technology and enhanced lane channelization to provide auxiliary through lanes and additional right and left turn lanes. Both alternatives would provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and replacement lighting where necessary. Both alternatives would replace drainage facilities and utilities that would necessitate relocation due to the intersection modifications. Temporary construction easements would be required for access to nearby properties for construction activities where necessary.

The Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project has three basic objectives:

- 1. Address safety issues
- 2. Improve traffic flow
- 3. Connect natural wildlife habitats

The Draft Environmental Document is being circulated for public review and comment. To facilitate community engagement, the project delivery team held three public hearings in December. TAMC and Caltrans each have project websites with **links below**. The deadline to provide formal public comments is January 8, 2024. Once the public comments are submitted, the project team will provide response to comments and take appropriate action before the preferred alternative is selected and the Final Environmental Document is prepared. Staff will give a project overview including conceptual designs of the two alternatives under consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TAMC Project Website for Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Caltrans Project Website for Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project



Memorandum

Subject:	AMBAG Central California Sustainable Freight Study
Meeting Date:	January 11, 2024
From:	Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer
То:	Technical Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE an update on the AMBAG Central California Sustainable Freight Study

SUMMARY:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), in partnership with Caltrans and other regional agencies is preparing the California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study (CCCSFS) to provide guidance on the policies and projects supporting freight movement across the Central Coast region. The Central Coast region along the U.S. 101 corridor is one of the most important agricultural production areas in the country and contributes to the economic prosperity of the region. However, the Central Coast also experiences freight transportation challenges that must be addressed to ensure the region's continued economic competitiveness. AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the development of this important study.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study is expected to assist TAMC prepare grant applications for projects that involve the movement of freight. This includes the US 101 South of Salinas project.

DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), in partnership with MPO and Caltrans partners in the region and the consultant Cambridge Systematics, is preparing the California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study (CCCSFS) to provide guidance on the policies and projects supporting freight movement across the Central Coast region. Agencies working with AMBAG consist of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG), Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), and Caltrans District 5. The Central Coast region along the U.S. 101 corridor is one of the most important agricultural production areas in the country. In addition, it has significant clusters of freight-dependent industries that rely on the multimodal freight network to serve their customers and contribute to the economic prosperity of the region. However, the Central Coast also experiences freight transportation challenges that must be addressed to ensure the region's continued economic competitiveness.

The CCCSFS is organized around three primary technical tasks:

- Existing Conditions and Performance Summary. The Existing Conditions and Performance Summary provides an in-depth analysis of the region as it pertains to goods movement, economics, freight flow trends and patterns, safety, and land use. It serves as the first step in conducting a performance-based needs assessment that determines the current and future freight needs and opportunities in the region. Key elements of the Existing Conditions and Performance Summary include the following: an inventory of the region's multimodal freight assets, an analysis of freight network's condition and performance (e.g., truck travel times, pavement and bridge conditions, safety, etc.), the examination of current and future freight demand as indicated by commodity flows, and an analysis of key industry supply chains and freight activity patterns.
- Analyze Freight Performance, Identify Potential Projects and Strategies. This task is one of the most critical for the CCCSFS because it will define, at a systems level, a comprehensive set of strategies for improving the performance and reducing the negative impacts of the regional goods movement system while capitalizing on development opportunities. It will develop short-, mid-, and long-term strategies for addressing critical freight needs and deficiencies while mitigating potential impacts. These strategies will be presented as "solution packages" that combine infrastructure, operational, and policy-level recommendations to address critical freight needs. Those solutions packages will then be integrated into an implementation plan that outlines the action steps, potential funding sources, and planninglevel cost estimates needed to execute the recommendations. This task will also include analyses of the environmental and equity implications of goods movement. Specifically, it will use CalEnviroScreen along with federal tools (e.g., Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool) to identify areas where freight activity may be disproportionately burdening disadvantaged communities within the Central Coast region. Regarding the environmental implications of freight, among other analyses this task will identify where the freight network intersects with environmentally sensitive areas and propose solutions for avoiding adverse impacts.
- Public Engagement. Public engagement is essential for ensuring that the CCCSFS is both data-driven and stakeholder-informed. As such, stakeholder engagement is occurring continuously throughout the CCCSFS. A characteristic of the most effective stakeholder engagement processes is that they obtain input by using a broad variety of outreach tools. To that end the CCCSFS is employing one-on-one interviews, online surveys, public information sessions, and a dedicated web page as tools for reaching stakeholders and gathering feedback.

The CCCSFS will conclude with a Final Report that describes how recommended projects, policies, and actions were developed, evaluated, and prioritized, and will include the short, mid, and long-term strategies. In addition, it will summarize for readers the conditions, issues, needs, and opportunities associated with the region's multimodal freight system.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to develop the CCCSFS working with Caltrans D5, SBCOG, SCCRTC, TAMC, SLOCOG, SBCAG, Technical Advisory Committees, partner agencies and key stakeholders.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS: