

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: Fernando Armenta (Chair),
Alejandro Chavez (1st Vice Chair), Dave Potter (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
John Phillips (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Craig, Huitt, Potter, alternate Stratton (for Phillips, arrived after the Consent Agenda approval). Staff present: Hale, Goel, Leonard, Rodriguez Watson and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann via phone.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by Committee member Craig and seconded by Vice Chair Chavez, the committee voted 4 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.

 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 5, 2016.
 - 3.2 Amended the Executive Committee schedule to change the first meeting of 2017 to January 4, and recommended that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve the calendar year 2017 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

END OF CONSENT

4. The Committee provided direction and guidance to staff on the assumptions for the three-year operating budget

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, highlighted the proposed three-year budget assumptions for fiscal years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20. She noted that one of the major differences in the operating budget will be for the Congestion Management funding--10 percent of the operating revenue which is paid by the member agencies. Staff is requesting that it be specified that contributions must be local funding. This funding from the cities and counties needs to come from a local fund source in order for TAMC to use it for various activities not eligible for state or federal funding, or to provide a local match. Board members suggested that the funding not be renamed to "local dues". Staff is also proposing a 3 percent cost of living increase, but no increase to the health benefit allowance. Merit and promotions will continue and agency will continue to keep a six-month reserve fund balance.

Staff has begun to consider updates to the budget and activities needed to implement the transportation sales tax safety and investment plan. Past Chair Craig encouraged staff to set expectations early that the funding will not start to flow in until next July. Staff agreed to begin discussions with stakeholders and issue a news release with information on next steps and funding as soon as the election results are final.

In conclusion, Director Goel noted next steps will be that the draft budget will go to the Executive Committee in January or February 2017 and to the Board in February. Final budget adoption will be in May, 2017.

5. The Committee recommended that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County appoint Board members Edelen, Orozco and Salinas to serve as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to the Board of Directors on January 25, 2017 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2018 Board meeting. Chair Armenta and Vice Chair Chavez will confirm that the members being recommended are willing to serve on the committee. Executive Director Hale agreed to brief the Nominating Committee prior to its first meeting.

6. The Committee received a presentation on the evaluation of the Monterey County Call Box Program; and provided direction on the development of a Monterey County Call Box Modernization Plan.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner, reported the Service Authority for Freeways Emergencies program provides free emergency telephone service at call boxes to stranded motorists. The Agency operates Monterey County's call box program in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol. Call boxes enhance public safety and provide emergency roadside assistance to motorists, particularly in area with poor or no cell phone service. He noted that there are currently 190 active call boxes in Monterey County. Call boxes are located along the following routes: State Route 1, State Route 68, State Route 156, US Highway 101, Jolon Road, Carmel Valley Road, and Arroyo Seco Road.

Mr. Leonard reviewed the results of the analysis and presented options to the committee to keep the status quo, remove call boxes, add new callboxes, or have a combined strategy of removing low-performing call boxes and adding new callboxes in high need areas with low cell coverage. Committee members asked for: analysis of north county roadways for possible call box installation, including San Miguel Canyon Road; further evaluation into the ability to transition to 4G instead of 3G equipment; a closer look at the call use and stratification of calls by types of accidents; additional CHP information regarding how incidents are reported; and, more info on cost-benefit of the program. This information will be included in the staff presentation to the Agency Board of Directors in December.

7. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 7, 2016:

Executive Director Hale reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. She reported that the Board would receive a debrief on the November 8, 2016, election and receive an update on the proposed property acquisitions for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start projects. The Board will also receive a presentation on the evaluation of the Monterey County call box program, and will receive an update on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority transition plans and discussions regarding extension to 2037. Board Member Potter suggested that staff focus the Board item on providing information on the FORA transition and requesting a seat on the FORA transition committee. Executive Director Hale expressed her goal that disbursement of funding for regional projects be improved under either FORA transition scenario, and noted that regional projects had received only 5% of the FORA fees to-date, but comprise over 1/3 of the total obligations. She suggested that under either scenario the regional component of the FORA fee could be incorporated into the TAMC regional development impact fee.

On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve the selection of on-call consultants for engineering services.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None this month.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.