

TAMC STAFF	JUN 13	AUG 13	SEP 13	OCT 13	DEC 13	JAN 14	FEB 14	MAR 14	APR 14	MAY 14	JUN 14
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Leslie Girard	Agency Legal Counsel	Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside
Paul Greenway	Monterey County Public Works	Doug Kasunich	Prunedale resident
Tom Shields	Moss Landing resident	Denise Kenck	Prunedale resident
Ken Ballard	Prunedale resident	Tom Kenck	Prunedale resident
Jonathan Bernhardt	Prunedale resident	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Jeff Irwin	Prunedale resident	Theresa Wright	Salinas resident
Barbara Joachin	Prunedale resident		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Parker called the meeting to order. Dell Matt led the pledge of allegiance.

Board member's Burnett and Delgado arrived at 9:09 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Orozco/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board approved the Consent Agenda excluding item 3.2.1

Board alternate Gowin pulled item 3.2.1 for a separate vote.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of May 28, 2014.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for May 2014 and credit card statements for the month of April 2014.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.

3.1.4 Approved revisions to the Administrative Policies.

3.1.5 Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.

- 3.1.6 Approved Resolution 2014-07 for Employer Paid Member Contributions, which requires full-time employees of the agency to pay a portion of their employee contributions towards retirement benefits.
- 3.1.7 Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel as recommended by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.8 Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 22, 23, and 26, 2014.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1

M/S/C Salinas/Craig
Noes: Gowin

Regarding Local Transportation Fund Allocations and Unmet Transit Needs:

1. Adopted Resolution 2014-08 finding that within Monterey County there are unmet transit needs, including unmet needs that are reasonable to meet; and
2. Adopted Resolution 2014-09 allocating Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

3.2.2

Approved appointment of Bernard Green to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Marina.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Approved letter to the City of Salinas commenting on the Draft Salinas General Plan Economic Development Element.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1

Regarding Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan:

1. Received an update on the Multimodal Corridor Plan; and
2. Supported the recommended multimodal corridor alignment.

3.4.2

Regarding State Route 156 Public-Private Partnership Legal Services:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Nossaman, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000, to provide Public Private Partnership legal services for the State Route 156 West Corridor Project, for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. Approved the use of Congestion Management Program or Agency reserve funds not yet budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1

Regarding Salinas Rail Extension Right of Way Legal Contract:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Meyers Nave, subject to approval by Caltrans Division of Audits and Investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to provide legal services for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. Approved the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

3.5.2 Regarding Salinas Extension Kick-Start Design Contract:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., subject to approval by Caltrans Division of Audits and Investigations, in an amount not to exceed \$2,191,997, to provide design services for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project; for the three-year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. Approved the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

3.5.3 Authorized the Executive Director to execute updated leases with Sam Linder Monterey LLC and P & S Real Estate Co.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft June 4, 2014
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft June 4, 2014
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft June 2, 2014
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft June 5, 2014

END OF CONSENT

4. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

The Board received a report by EMC Research on results of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Priorities and Preferences Survey.

Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research, reported that they conducted the Regional Transportation Plan Priorities and Preferences Telephone Survey between May 14 and May 23, 2014. Agency staff worked with EMC Research to draft the questionnaire, which covered topics such as the level of concern about community issues; use of local transportation system and regional travel behavior; and, attitudes regarding tax measures generally and funding for transportation specifically. She noted that a sales tax is well supported with more than 2/3 approval; however, some of that support is vulnerable. Survey results will be used to engage the public in evaluating scenarios for long-range transportation investments that support the Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Bernstein noted that although the people surveyed were concerned with safety and transportation, transportation is not at the top of the list. She remarked that it is very important for TAMC to work with local stakeholders and communities to increase awareness about transportation issues.

Board member Delgado suggested that future surveys expand the definition of the proposed light rail service to note that service extends from Monterey to Marina, with connections to Salinas. First Vice Chair Craig asked about the proposed ballot language and how to distinguish it from the measure that Monterey-Salinas Transit has adopted to fund transit for “veterans, the elderly and disabled”. Ms. Bernstein responded that the next survey will test ballot measure language and will consider the results of the November, 2014 elections. Board ex officio Sabo asked why broader programs seem to receive higher approval levels. Ms. Bernstein noted that support for a broad program of projects generally receives higher support throughout California, not just in Monterey County.

Board member Burnett asked that staff estimate how much in matching funds the Agency has lost by not being a self-help county.

Director Hale noted that the next steps are public education and outreach development of an expenditure plan and lastly, marketing. In conclusion, Director Hale pointed out that there is a state cap of 2% tax local option sales taxes. If the City of Salinas' one cent measure and MST's eighth of a cent measure are approved, there will not be ½ cent available for TAMC to propose for transportation. Staff will be coordinating with other counties in a similar situation to determine if legislation should be proposed to raise the 2% cap for areas whose sales tax is still below 10%.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed the concern that people do not know what a "self-help county" is and the amount of funds lost because we are not a self-help county, noting we need to educate the public. Director Hale responded that being a self-help county will qualify the Agency for both state and federal matching funds, noting we have missed out on several funding opportunities. Doug Kasunich, Prunedale Resident, suggested that a future sales tax should list specific high priority projects, with a specific budget, and a sunset date, and should have no unspecified city pothole repair money.

5. STATE ROUTE 156 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

M/S/C Burnett/Sollecito
Noes: Gowin

The Board received an update on the Highway 156 West Corridor improvement project and authorized the Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans outlining agency roles and responsibilities while considering a public-private partnership for the project.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported that the Highway 156 West Corridor Project has completed preliminary design and environmental review, but lack of available funding is preventing the project from being built. Mr. Muck noted that waiting for traditional funding sources from state and federal sources to fill the \$224 million funding gap would delay project construction for 20 years or longer.

Recognizing the funding challenges, TAMC and Caltrans are proposing to study whether partnering with a private entity could help find the funding needed to build the project sooner rather than later. The State Route 156 Improvement Project Cooperative Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the Transportation Agency and Caltrans in a joint effort to determine whether or not to pursue the project as a public-private partnership, financed by tolling.

Public comment:

Residents of Prunedale and Moss Landing, Jeff Irwin, Tom Shields, Doug Kasunich, Ken Ballard, Dennis Keck, Mary "from North County", and Tom Kenck, expressed concerns regarding tolling and a public-private partnership related to: congestion and increased traffic on frontage roads by motorists seeking to avoid paying the toll; farmland impacts; and, the project possibly going bankrupt. Several of them asked that this issue go to the voters to decide.

Board alternate Gowin stated that he could not support this agreement until there is more concrete information on the public-private partnership and tolling proposals.

Board member Sollecito commented that he is a member of the 156 Ad Hoc Committee and that approving the agreement does not lock TAMC into anything except further study. He agreed that the

project will not solve problems in other corridors, and noted that the agricultural land affected by the project is not very good farmland. He added that if a tolling concession goes into bankruptcy, TAMC could buy the project back at 25 cents to 30 cents on the dollar, as happened in San Diego, which would be a substantial discount from having to pay the full project cost.

Board member Burnett clarified that a private entity would be loaning the money to the project, not TAMC or Caltrans. He added that the status quo does not work, for safety and congestion on the highway or on local roads. He expressed that TAMC will only move forward if the project improves the status quo on local roads, but it is important to continue to gather information.

Board member Rubio commented that it would be helpful to have a paper of the cooperative agreement in the packet, instead of as web attachment, for full transparency. Board Chair Parker announced that clearly there are a lot of questions and comments and asked that the Agency hold a workshop to discuss the public-private partnership process in August or September. She requested that staff prepare a more comprehensive process timeline.

6. 2014 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

M/S/C Delgado/Salinas/unanimous

The Board adopted the Resolution 2014-10 to adopt CEQA findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program related to the Environmental Impact Report certified by the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments for the 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan; and adopted Resolution 2014-11 to adopt the 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency must adopt a Regional Transportation Plan to provide a basis for allocating state and federal funding to transportation projects in Monterey County. He noted that the Agency has prepared the plan in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to be consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by AMBAG for the Monterey Bay Area. The three main conceptual components of the plan (the policy, financial and action/project list elements) were reviewed and approved by the Board in 2013 and are incorporated into the document. Specifically, the plan incorporates policy goals and objectives approved by the Board for project evaluation purposes, as well as the list of projects recommended in August 2013 for the Sustainable Communities Strategy Preferred Scenario. The plan identifies \$8.6 billion in total transportation costs countywide, of which \$4.4 billion is prioritized for funding based on revenues assumed over the lifetime of the plan.

Chair Parker applauded TAMC's coordinated efforts with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to develop this plan. She thanked the agencies for their extensive public outreach process which resulted in a plan that features infill, walkability and other sustainable transportation features.

7. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Board member Edelen reported that he and Executive Director Hale attended that CalCOG Conference on June 16th, in Sacramento. The Cap and Trade revenues are expected to generate billions in funding, and our efforts are focusing on how to assure that other smaller regions such as ours receive funding for our transportation projects.

Board member Delgado thanked TAMC staff Ariana Green, for her Multimodal Corridor presentation to the Marina City Council.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, Director, congratulated TAMC and the City of Pacific Grove on receiving a sustainable transportation program grant award to plan pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the Highway 68 corridor in Pacific Grove. She added that, during the summer, Caltrans is busy with maintenance activities, mowing, and removing weeds along the road sides for fire safety. Construction activity is ongoing in Prunedale US 101 corridor and at the San Juan Road interchange. She asked that everyone please be alert in the work zones, noting that Caltrans has launched a new campaign, the “Work Zone Alert”, in which children of construction workers are pleading with drivers to slow down so that their parents can come home from work safely.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked for an update on the Prunedale Improvement Project and San Juan Road interchange project at a future TAMC meeting. She asked if the sales tax and toll project affect each other and what is the timeline. Director Hale noted staff will be looking into that particular issue and will report back.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the runway safety project is under construction. He added that airport passenger counts remain steady, and he encourages the Board to “Fly Monterey” Regional Airport. He cautioned travelers that the San Francisco Airport is undergoing runway construction and is down to two available runways, so expect delays. The Airport is continuing to work to find a replacement for their Denver service discontinued by United Airlines.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, reported that MST’s very popular senior taxi discount voucher program is running out of grant funds, and the Cities of Monterey, Seaside, and Carmel, and the Carmel Foundation have come forth to fully fund the voucher program for the next six-months pending the outcome of a proposed MST sales tax on the November 2014 ballot. He also announced that fixed route changes will take place on July 19, 2014: MST will be deleting half of service to the Presidio because the military funding has been cut in half. Finally, in Fort Ord, there will now be hourly service to the new residential area at the Dunes, and to the Monterey County Integrated Health Clinic on 12th Street.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale introduced TAMC's new employee Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, who is starting in late July. Ms. Hale announced that her six-year term on the American Public Works Association (APWA) National Transportation Committee term is over in August, and she has been invited to participate in the APWA Government Affairs Committee for a two-year term that will allow her to advocate for transportation-related issues in Washington, DC. Director Hale announced that the Executive Director and Counsel evaluation forms are due to Chair Parker by August 1, 2014. In conclusion, Director Hale reminded those in attendance that there is no TAMC Board meeting in July due to the summer recess.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

In response to a board member request, TAMC Planner Grant Leonard reported that the San Juan Road construction is moving right along, and he also noted that the Prunedale Improvement Project on US 101 is in the final stages of construction and should be completed in September. Mr. Leonard added that replacement of a gas line on Highway 68 will cause shoulder closures during August and September; TAMC is working with Caltrans and others to avoid traffic impacts during car week. More information about the Highway 68 gas line work will be shared when it becomes available.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.