

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
 JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Agricultural Center Conference Room
 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, 1st Vice Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, Past Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Barrpn)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. LIntell)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P*	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. LeBarre, King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	-
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	-
E. Smith, Monterey, 2nd Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	-	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (C. Cromones , J. Gunter)	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	-
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	-	-	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik, K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey)	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)	-
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer – Michelle Overmeyer)	P(A)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P*	-	P	-	P	-	P	E	P	E
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-

TAMC STAFF	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner							P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Ramirez, Go831 Coordinator							P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sig & Dell Matt	Prunedale residents
Brenda Aguilar	Agency representative	Jason Retterer,	Property Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board confirmed a quorum was established. Board member Potter led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA**M/S/C** Smith/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of October 23, 2019.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2019 and credit card statements for the month of September 2019.
- 3.1.3** Receive report on conferences and trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2020 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Regarding Computer & Network Services Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Alvarez Technology Group in an amount not to exceed \$146,865 to provide computer and network services for the period ending December 31, 2024;
 2. Approved the use \$146,865 for the term of the agreement; 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.
- 3.1.6** Approved Resolution 2019-18 providing authority

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Pro
1. Adopted the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Program Guidelines for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2022/23; and
 2. Released the call for projects.
- 3.2.2** Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Measure X Funding Agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000, to support the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for the Highway 1 Busway project.
- 3.2.3** Authorized the Transportation Agency to be a joint applicant on a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant application supporting the Highway 1 Busway project.

PLANNING***No items this month.***

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding 2019 Integrated Funding Plan and 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:
1. Approved Resolution 2019-16 adopting the Monterey County 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program; and
 2. Approved Resolution 2019-17 adopting the 2019 Integrated Funding Plan.
- 3.4.2** Allocated funding for selected Safe Streets Pilot Program projects from the Regional Surface Transportation Program that the Board of Directors set aside as the TAMC Reserve for Complete Street implementation.
- 3.4.3** Regarding Monterey County Call Box Program: Verizon Wireless Contract Amendment:
1. Approved contract Amendment No. 3 with Verizon Wireless extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2020.
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute documentation necessary to enter into the updated Participating Addendum with NASPO Value Point (formerly Western States Contracting Alliance) and the State of California with respect to Verizon Wireless Communication and Equipment services; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.4.4** Regarding Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge Decorative Treatment Contract Amendment:
1. Approved contract Amendment No. 1 with the Arts Council for Monterey County extending the terms of the agreement to June 30, 2020; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's cost for the design, fabrication and installation of decorative treatments on the Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Bridge, subject to legal counsel approval.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project Final Design:
1. Approved the scope of work for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project Final Design Request for Proposals, subject to counsel approval;
 2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 3. Approved the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
- 3.5.2** Approved support for multi-county application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding.
- 3.5.3** Approved contract amendment #5 with Meyers Nave to extend the term of the agreement for legal services for the Salinas Rail Extension- Package 1 until December 31, 2020.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Technical Advisory Committee – November 7, 2019
- Rail Policy Committee – November 4, 2019
- Executive Committee – November 6, 2019
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – November 6, 2019
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for December 2019.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board appointed Board members Phillips and Orozco as Nominating Committee to meet and return to the Board of Directors on January 22, 2020 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, 2021 Board meeting.

5. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION KICK START PACKAGE 2 PROPERTY AQUISITION

M/S/C Phillips/Potter/unanimous

1. Received a presentation on the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start property acquisition process;
2. Received public testimony from the Property Owner(s);
3. Conducted a hearing on the Resolutions of Necessity 2019-13 through 2019-15 to authorize the acquisition of fee simple interests and to make the required findings for properties located at:
 - 320 West Market Street, Salinas, California
 - 330 West Market Street, Salinas, California
 - 346 West Market Street, Salinas, California
 - 356 West Market Street, Salinas, California
4. The Board adopted Resolutions of necessity 2019-13 through 2019-15 authorizing and directing TAMC's attorneys to prepare, commence, and file proceedings in eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring necessary real property interests for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start project and to make the required deposits of probable compensation for each of the property interests required; directed Agency staff to provide copies of the full appraisal report to the property owners; and directed staff to continue negotiations with the property owners for 60 days prior to commencing litigation.

Mike Zelller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's proposal to extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County to Salinas, the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project Package 2, requires acquisition of parcels near the Salinas Rail Station in order to improve rail access to the station and to build a train layover facility. Prior to initiating

condemnation proceedings to acquire needed right of way for this programmed project, the Board of Directors must first adopt a Resolution in which they declare that they have made the specific findings identified under Section 1245.230 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. This action will assure that property acquisition can move forward in a timely manner. Settlement negotiations with property owners will continue throughout this process.

Property Owner Testimony:

Jason Retterer, representative for the property owners located at 320/330 West Market Street and 356 West Market Street, commented that they are in the process of evaluating the Transportation Agency's offers and are securing their own appraisals. He further stated that it is difficult to evaluate the Agency's offer from the summary appraisal that was provided, as it does not include all the information pertaining to how the appraiser valued the property. He indicated that he thought the remediation costs were too high, and there is no recognition of pre-condemnation damages. Mr. Retterer requested a 60-day continuance of the hearing and a full copy of the appraisal to really understand the basis for the Transportation Agency's offer.

Public comment:

Eric Peterson, Salinas resident, commented that getting commuter rail to Salinas is a necessity, Highway 101 is a nightmare, noting the sooner the project is completed, the better.

Board Members Phillips and Kerr asked what the harm is of continuing the hearing for 60 days and why the Agency did not provide the full appraisal reports to the property owners. Mike Zeller replied that the appraisals will go to stale within 6 months and the properties would likely need to be re-appraised, which would start the acquisition process over. Mr. Zeller also added that if the Board were to approve the resolutions today, the Agency would continue to negotiate with the property owners to attempt to reach settlements. He noted that a full offer has been made and all four criteria listed in the required findings have been met.

Brenda Aguilar-Guerrero, Agency representative, commented that the Agency is not legally required to provide the full appraisal reports to the property owners, but the Board could elect to do so.

Chair Huitt commented that this project has been extremely important for TAMC and moving forward to the next stage is important.

6. FOR ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – PUBLIC HEARING

1. Received presentation on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway draft environmental impact report;
2. Opened public hearing;
3. Received public comment; and
4. Closed public hearing

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the proposed Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project would involve the phased construction of a multi-use trail in northwestern Monterey County, generally encircling the cities of Seaside and Marina and the California State University Monterey Bay campus. She noted that the project would result in significant but mitigatable impacts for the following California Environmental Quality Act resource topics: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, noise, public safety and services, tribal cultural resources and wildfire.

Chair Huitt opened the public hearing:

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented that this Project is a major step forward in promoting cycling in the region. He asked that the project be constructed in accordance with the Caltrans design manual, which is very safety oriented.

Chair Huitt closed the public hearing.

Board Member Comments:

Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport, commented for the record the trail goes through the airport safety zone, but it is an allowed use. Stefania Castillo noted that the project is generally on a separate route from roadways, with road crossings at certain locations.

Board Alternate Wendy Askew asked about the proposed northern crossing at the Frog Pond. Ms. Castillo noted that while the southern route is on the existing path, the northern alignment would be above the existing path, largely out of sight and noise range. An additional route could be explored. Any tunnels would be well lit and designed for safety, noting art on the tunnel walls may deter graffiti. No new restrooms are proposed along the trail, but existing parks have restrooms.

Board Member Jerry Blackwelder expressed concern with the use of battery-assisted bikes conflicting with slower users such as pedestrians, moms with strollers and kids. Ms Castillo replied that there will be signs restricting speeds along the trail and each jurisdiction will decide if they want electric bikes or not. The trail will strive for continuity in similar terrain, but the design will be tailored to different contexts.

Board Member Ed Smith asked that the trail design be open to nature rather than an “industrial” experience. Board Member Phillips asked if there was a cost estimate yet; that information will be provided in the design phase of each segment.

7. STATE ROUTE 156/CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD PROJECT UPDATE

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item was postponed to the February Board meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe reported the Big Sur Highway has re-opened at Mud Creek and Paul’s Slide, noting that Caltrans has taken proactive measures to ensure safety to the public. She reported the Freight Mobility Plan is being presented to the California Transportation Commission.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that passenger counts at the airport remain strong and growing. American Airlines was impressed with the Dallas/Fort Worth service usage and it service will resume early spring. Monterey Airport is talking with Alaska Airlines about adding flights to Seattle. The Airport has received \$10 million in FAA funding to make taxiway improvements, relocate the firehouse, and construct other improvements in support of the master plan. He added that it remains important to provide quick and easy ground access to the airport.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Michelle Overmeyer announced she has been promoted to the position of Director of Planning and Innovation and will serve as an alternate representative to the TAMC Board. She reported that in the past quarter, MST reached a record high level of passengers, with service supported by the funds raised by the Measure Q.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report

California State University Monterey Bay – No report

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE

None this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hale thanked those Board members who stayed until the end of the meeting to maintain a quorum. She reminded them that seven city representatives are required for a quorum in order to conduct business and encouraged Board members to send their alternate if they are to be absent.

TAMC is accepting nominations for its annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The award honors Monterey County residents, businesses, employees, individuals, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system, applications are due Friday, December 6.

Director Hale thanked the Board of Directors for their commitment to regional transportation and their service to the Agency. She noted that TAMC Offices will be closed for the holiday December 23-27. The next TAMC Board meeting will be on January 22, 2020.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.