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Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission  
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways  
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency  
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**Technical Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**\*\*9:30 AM\*\***

**MEETING LOCATION**

*55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901  
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

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## 1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Page 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 Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two 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 Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto: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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### **COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO:**

Cualquier miembro del público podrá dirigirse a la Comité sobre cualquier punto no incluido en

la agenda, pero que sea de su competencia. En este punto, cada miembro del público tendrá dos minutos para plantear sus inquietudes. Se podrán formular comentarios sobre los puntos de este agenda cuando se discuta dicho punto. Se anima a quienes deseen dirigirse a la Comité para recibir comentarios del público o sobre un punto de la agenda que envíen sus comentarios por escrito a Maria en [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes anterior a la reunión. Dichos comentarios se distribuirán a la Comité antes de la reunión.

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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 May 7, 2026.

- Maria Montiel

*The draft minutes of the May 7, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.*

4. **RECEIVE** update on the 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update

- Aaron Hernandez

*The Transportation Agency is required to update the Regional Development Impact Fee every eight years. This process includes reviewing land use and development assumptions in the regional travel demand model, forecasting future travel demands, updating the project list as necessary to meet those demands, revising project costs, and developing the nexus-based fee schedule.*

5. **NOMINATE** up to three members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Application Review Committee.

- Janneke Strause

*The Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2026 meeting. The grant applications for projects proposed for funding are due*

**June 5, 2026. Agency staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations.**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting:

**Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.**

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

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Doug Bilsse, Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator

[Doug@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Doug@tamcmonterey.org)

Important Meeting Information

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2026  
**Subject:** Draft TAC minutes

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for May 7, 2026.

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the May 7, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft TAC minutes May 7, 2026

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE**

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

**Draft Minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2026**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>JUN 25</b>	<b>JUL 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>SEP 25</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>NOV 25</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>	<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>APR 26</b>	<b>MAY 26</b>
Ken Wysocki, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Shari Carlet, Robert Culver)	P	<b>N</b>	P	P	A	A	P	P(A)	P	P(VC)	P
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	<b>O</b>	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	E	E
Octavio Hurtado, Gonzales (vacant)	P	<b>M</b>	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield, (Doug Pike)	P	<b>E</b>	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	E
Jeff Vanden Eikof, King City (Geoff English Esmeralda Alvarez)	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	P	A	-	A	P(VC)
Ismael Hernandez, Marina (Scott Shepard, Lizandro Salazar)	A	<b>T</b>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(VC)
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	<b>I</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	A	<b>N</b>	A	P	P	E	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
David Jacobs, Salinas <b>Chair</b> (Adrian Robles)	P	<b>G</b>	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P
Thomas Korman, Seaside <b>Vice Chair</b> (Leslie Lantero, Paul Ensley)	A		P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Juan Huerta)	A		A	P(A)	P	P	A	P(A)	P	A	P(A)
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	A		P(A)	P	A	P	A	P(A)	P	P	A
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	P		P	P	P	P	P(AV)	P	P	P	P(VC)
Tyler LeSage, Caltrans (Kelly McClendon, Jill Leal)	P(VC)		P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(VC)	P
Kyle Jordan CSUMB	A		A	A	A	-	A	A	A	A	A
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	A		A	A	A	-	A	A	A	A	A
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	P		P(A)	P(A)	P(VC)	P	P(AV)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)

P = Present      A = Absent      P(A) = Alternate Present      E = Excused      (VC) = Video conference

STAFF	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner		N						P	P	A	A
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	O	-	-	A	P	P(VC)	A	A	P(VC)	P(VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
A.Cook, Asso. Transportation Planner										*P(VC)	A
A. Guther, Asso. Transportation Planner	E	E	A	E	P(VC)	A	E	A	P(VC)	A	P
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	P(VC)	E	A	E	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.	E	T	A	P(VC)	A	A	E	A	A	A	P
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner										*P(VC)	A
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	I	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	N	P	P	A	P	P	A	P(VC)	A	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board		G					P	A	A	A	A
M. Sheehan, Accounting Assistance	A		A	A	A	P	E	A	A	A	A
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P		A	E	P	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P(VC)		A	E	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P(VC)		A	E	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coord.	E		A	E	A	A	E	A	A	A	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P(VC)		A	P(VC)	P	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Azadeh Heydari, GHD

Barry Jones, Public

Dwight Stump, Public

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair David Jacobs, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M / S / C:** Garcia / Hurtado / unanimous

**3.1** Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for April 2, 2026, and correct the previous year on the attendance log.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. USE A MODERN TRAFFIC DATA AND PREDICTIVE MODELING FOR STATE ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR AND HILLTOP PROJECTS**

The Committee received a presentation on the use of advanced traffic data sources, analytical tools, and predictive modeling techniques to support the State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project and the Hilltop Cut-Through Traffic Project.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that Caltrans has recently installed an adaptive signal system on State Route 68. This system uses real-time traffic inputs to automatically adjust signal timing. He noted that data collected from this system will be used to calibrate traffic models, evaluate corridor performance, and test improvement scenarios.

Mr. Bilse noted that the Hilltop project will use similar analytical methods to understand diversion routes, neighborhood impacts, and the effectiveness of potential mitigation strategies. He noted that by integrating these data sources with forecasting and scenario-testing models, the Agency can more accurately evaluate project alternatives, support grant applications with detailed performance measures, and improve long-term planning and monitoring efforts for both corridors.

Public comment

Berry Jones, member of public emphasized the need to focus on the main project objective to alleviate traffic.

Dwight Sump, member of public, noted that traffic queues were reduced by adaptive operations based on camera feeds of traffic flow near Portola interchange to San Benancio intersection. He suggested using real time simulation.

**5. DESIGNING FOR TRANSIT GUIDELINES**

The Committee received a report and provided input on the Monterey-Salinas Transit District's (MST) Designing for Transit guidelines.

Vince Dang, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) reported that Transit District's Designing for Transit Guidelines provide an important framework for ensuring that complete streets projects support, and not inadvertently hinder, existing and future transit service. He noted that by incorporating these guidelines early in the planning and design process and maintaining close coordination with MST staff, agencies and project sponsors can avoid costly redesigns, preserve transit operations, and enhance safety and accessibility for all roadway users.

**6. SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROAD SAFETY AUDIT AND SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Committee provided feedback on the proposed Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant application for a Road Safety Audit and Speed Management Plan on the High-Injury Network and indicates preliminary agency support for participation and coordination.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the Agency is considering submitting a grant for Safe Streets for All funds that could include aspects of a road safety audit and speed management plan. He noted that among other deliverables are an inventory of traffic signal preemption devices, signing and striping plans, speed limit studies and traffic signal timing plans for clearance intervals. Mr. Bilse noted that all this work will be on the established high-injury network developed as part of the comprehensive safety action plans for each jurisdiction in Monterey County.

Seval TAC members noted that an inventory of the existing traffic signal preemption system used by local emergency responders is of little value since few agencies maintain emitters on emergency response vehicles or receptors on traffic signal equipment. Mr. Bilse suggested the grant could include an evaluation of a new system that could better utilize new technology.

**7. NORTH MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW AND RESULTS**

The Committee received a presentation on the draft North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Agency, reported that the North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment is a document that identifies and assesses hazards related to climate that impact the north Monterey County area Moss Landing, Elkhorn, Pajaro, Castroville and the unincorporated region of Monterey County coastal area. She noted that the document then uses the data, in conjunction with public engagement, to prioritize vulnerable road areas for future improvements. Ms. Guther noted that vulnerability assessment draws on existing studies done in the county and at the state level with the Caltrans District 5 Climate Change Adaptation Priorities Report to understand how these impacts will affect transportation throughout the county and region including local roads and streets, railroad lines and crossings, active transportation infrastructure, and transit infrastructure.

**8**      **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janneke Strause, Principal Planner, announced that the Master agreements are due June 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2026 Competitive Grants Program – Call for Projects are due June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Janneke Strause to discuss the application and answer any questions.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, announced the Vision Zero for individual agencies should be delivered soon and suggested agencies try to adopt the plans in June so that Mr. Bilse can be available answer questions.

**9.**      **ADJOURN**

Chair Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **2026 Regional Development Fee Nexus Study Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on the 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency is required to update the Regional Development Impact Fee every eight years. This process includes reviewing land use and development assumptions in the regional travel demand model, forecasting future travel demands, updating the project list as necessary to meet those demands, revising project costs, and developing the nexus-based fee schedule.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

In the past analysis, the Regional Development Impact Fee program was projected to generate \$109 million up to year 2035, with one-percent reimbursing the agency's fee program administrative expenses. The agency's approved budget includes \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025/26 for the 2026 Nexus Study Update.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Regional Development Impact Fee program was adopted by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and all participating jurisdictions, going into effect in August 2008. Under the Joint Powers Agreement and state law, the Agency must complete a major update to the fee program every eight years.

In February 2025, the TAMC Board selected Kimley-Horn to lead the technical update, reflecting changes over the past eight years such as: population changes, employment and housing projections utilized in the regional travel forecast model, development trends, land use plans, project needs and costs, and population growth changes. The study will also include a safety-based analysis focused on the Agency's Vision Zero High Injury Network.

After performing a validation of the AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model, Kimley-Horn identified existing and future deficiencies to the regional transportation network. Existing and projected future conditions deficiencies on the regional roadway facilities throughout Monterey County were identified to assist TAMC staff with the selection of the transportation improvement projects to be included in the current 2026 Regional Fee Nexus Study Update. Deficiencies were identified using current traffic count data, the latest available version of the AMBAG regional travel demand model, standard Highway Capacity Manual methodologies, and the Vision Zero High Injury Network.

Staff presented the existing and future deficiencies, along with the draft project list, to the Technical

Advisory Committee at their March 2026 meeting, and made updates based on feedback from Committee members. With confirmation of a draft project list, the next steps in the update process were for Kimley-Horn to conduct additional model runs assuming the construction of the proposed improvement projects to evaluate network system performance, and to prepare planning-level project cost updates. The additional model run, known as the "select link analysis", verifies the number of trips that are using the new improved roadways, and where those trips begin and end. With this information, we are able to assign the number of new trips using a regional fee program project with the benefit zones. As such, each zone contributes its proportionate share of the project based on the trips generated by that zone.

There are five benefit zones where impact fees are currently assessed:

1. Benefit Zone 1 - North County
2. Benefit Zone 2 - Greater Salinas
3. Benefit Zone 3 - Peninsula and South Coast
4. Benefit Zone 4 - South County
5. Benefit Zone 5 - FORA (Fort Ord Reuse Authority)

In the 2018 Regional Fee Nexus Study Update, Zone 5 was established to transition traffic impact fees originally collected under the FORA Community Facilities District fee to the regional fee. Since FORA sunset in 2020, there is no longer a need treat the FORA boundary as a distinct zone. For the 2026 Regional Fee Nexus Study Update, Zone 5 will dissolve into Zone 3.

The next step is to review the select link analysis with the Technical Advisory Committee and validate the model run. Validation with the TAC will allow Kimley-Horn to proceed with finalizing the draft fee schedule, which will be reviewed by the TAMC Board of Directors on their June 24, 2026 meeting. Afterward, the TAC will review the draft fees and updates on policy direction from the Board in August. Final adoption of the nexus study and fees will occur at the August TAMC Board meeting and thereafter for approval from jurisdictions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **Competitive Grants - Review Committee**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**NOMINATE** up to three members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Application Review Committee.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2026 meeting. The grant applications for projects proposed for funding are due June 5, 2026. Agency staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The three-year estimated funding of the Regional Surface Transportation Program is \$3,600,000 for fair share and up to \$15,423,954 for the competitive program. The \$15,423,954 includes \$11,680,000 of new Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, \$1,050,000 of new Transportation Development Act 2% for bicycle and pedestrian project funds, and \$693,954 estimated amount available from deprogrammed competitive projects. Of the total competitive funds, \$2 million of funds are proposed to be set aside for a Quick-Build / Pilot Project Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Surface Transportation on Block Grant Program (formerly the "Regional Surface Transportation Program" or "RSTP") is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of these funds passed through the State. Because Monterey County didn't have an urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000 in the 1990 census, it qualified for the state exchange program, whereby Caltrans keeps the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program apportionments for a region and gives the regional agency an equivalent amount of state cash.

The Transportation Agency distributes these funds in both fair-share and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share funds based on a formula of 50% population and 50% centerline miles. The total fair share allocation over the next three years is \$3.6 million.

The Transportation Agency distributes the remaining portion of the funding on a competitive basis to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria, including safety, traffic volume and project readiness. The competitive grants process starts with a call for projects, which was approved by the Transportation Agency Board at the March 2026 meeting, and the release of grant application

materials (more information is included in the Web Attachment).

With the grant application deadline set for June 5, 2026, staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee made up of members of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, partner agencies, and Transportation Agency staff to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors. Staff is requesting the Committee nominate up to three members for the grants review committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[2026 Competitive Grant Program — Call for Projects](#)