

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2025, TAMC BOARD MEETING
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room
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168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 2nd Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, Past Chair (Priscilla Ramos)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Chair (Yuri Anderson , Eric Mora)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbley Craig)	P	P	P	P(A)	P*	P	P	P(A) (V)	E	P
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves)	P(V)	P	P	P	P(A)*	P(A)	P*	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, City Representative (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	AB2	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	A	P(V)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	PA)	P	P	P	P	AB2	P	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, 1st Vice Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P
Anna Velasquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	E
Ex Officio Members:	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P(A) (V)	P (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P (V)	P (V)	P	P	P(A)	A
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kelly McClendon, Dave Silberberger)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	A	A	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(V)	A
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth, Matthew McCluney)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; AB2=AB 2449;

AB2a=AB 2449 alternate; A = absent; P= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Conlen, Senior Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P(V)	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant				P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	E
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P(V)	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez Monterey County District 1 Dwight Stump Public
 Gus Khouri Khouri Consulting Luiza Hatlestad MST
 Mitch Weiss Khouri Consulting Paul Ensley

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the Highway 68 Adaptive Signals project.
 Anonymous resident commented on the Toro Park Pilot Program.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Smith/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Board Member Church pulled agenda item 3.2.3 for comment.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the 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 May 28, 2025.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for May 2025 and the credit card statement for April 2025.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Approved the evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing the annual evaluation for Executive Director and County Counsel.
- 3.1.5** Regarding Contract with Office of County Counsel:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with the County Counsel's office in order to add \$54,000 to the contract budget for a new total contract budget of \$160,000 for fiscal year 2024-25;
 2. Approved the use of reserve funds for this purpose; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Local Access Fund – Access Provider Contract:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Community Bridges in an amount not to exceed \$171,040 to provide Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle services for the period ending in June 30, 2027, pending approval by Agency Counsel;
 2. Approved the use of the California Public Utilities Commission Transportation Network Company Access for All program funds budgeted to Local Access Fund Administration for payment of the contract to Community Bridges in the amount of \$171,040; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract amount.

3.2.2 Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Operations:

1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$1,659,318 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes;
2. Approved the Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$1,084,402 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 59: Salinas-Gilroy and Line 84: King City-Paso Robles;
3. Adopted Resolution 2025-06 and Resolution 2025-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs; and
4. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

3.2.3 Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

Board Member Church asked about the 2014 unmet transit needs item to add transit bus stops on Russell Road and San Juan Grade Road. Mr. Hernandez noted that this item is reviewed with MST every year but found that in order to provide bus stops at this intersection, the City of Salinas would need to make major infrastructure improvements before a bus stop can be placed at that location. Currently, there are no sidewalks or ADA features that would allow safe placement of a bus stop.

PLANNING**3.3.1** No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Approved the appointment of Anthony Medrano to serve as the youth representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

3.4.2 Regarding Public Outreach Graphic Design On-Call Services:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract with Waltz Creative, LLC, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to provide on-call graphic design services for the period ending June 30, 2028;
2. Approved the use of Reserve and Measure X funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.3 Regarding PublicInput Contract Extension:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with PublicInput to provide public engagement software for an amount not-to-exceed \$135,903 for the period ending August 16, 2028;
2. Approved the use of Reserves and Measure X funds budgeted to this purpose;
3. Found that this agreement is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support renewing the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

3.4.4 Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Services - Contract Amendments:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendments #1 with California Towing and Transport for the Freeway Service Patrol Beat 1, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in order to extend the term of service by six months;
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendments #1 with California Towing and Transport for the Freeway Service Patrol Beat 2, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in order to extend the term of service by six months;
3. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendments #1 with California Towing and Transport for the Freeway Service Patrol Beat 3, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in order to extend the term of service by six months;
4. Authorized the use of \$246,000 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds and State Freeway Service Patrol funds budgeted for this purpose; and
5. Found that these amendments are justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contracts with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under competitively awarded contracts; and
6. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contracts, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.5 Regarding Traffic Engineering On-Call Services Request for Qualifications:

1. Approved the scope of services for a Request for Qualifications for on-call traffic engineering services, subject to agency counsel approval;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Qualifications and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant shortlist; and
3. Approved the use of regional Measure X and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #4:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #4 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the deadline on the contract from June 30, 2025, to December 31, 2025, to continue the design work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of June 4, 2025
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of June 2, 2025
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of June 5, 2025
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for June 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – GAS TAX REPLACEMENT MECHANISMS**M/S/C** LeBarre/Smith/unanimous

The Board of Directors received an update on state legislative issues, a presentation on potential gas tax replacement mechanisms, and an update on federal legislative issues; and adopted a support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 382 (Berman) that would reduce the speed limit in a school zone when children are present from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph.

Agency state legislative analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on state legislative activities, including state negotiations related to potential replacement mechanisms for the gas tax as the primary source of transportation funding. Potential replacement mechanisms include a mileage-based user fee (also known as a vehicle miles travel fee or a road user charge) or a vehicle registration fee. Mr. Khouri discussed the issues of equity and regressive vs. progressive fees.

After discussion, the Board members concurred with Board Member LeBarre that this issue be discussed at future meetings to reach a consensus to “pick a lane” on a position on gas tax replacement options that best serves the residents and businesses of Monterey County.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, provided an update on federal activities that may impact transportation projects and funding.

5. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Kelly McClendon, Caltrans, announced the following:

- A “Clean California” grant for Highway 183 and Merritt Street in Castroville has started removing the “Artichoke Center of the World” sign and replacing with a new sign.
- A drainage project began last Sunday on US 101 in Prunedale at Crazy Horse Road installing drainage, concrete barriers, and rails, working at night 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Highway 1: Rocky Creek Bridge – Rocky Creek Viaduct: In Big Sur, the Rocky Creek repair project has continued progress with overnight closures on Sundays in June from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. One-way traffic controls will be in place along northbound and southbound Highway 1 between Rocky Creek Bridge and the Rocky Creek Viaduct for bridge work.
- Governor Newsom has appointed Dina El Tawansy as the new Caltrans District 4 Director.

Board Member Alejo asked that the original Artichoke Center sign be preserved and given to an interested entity, and that the new sign be introduced to the public.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) has a new contractor for the MST small bus and ADA Transit service.
- Summer Youth pass on sale for \$38 for transit service from June through August for ages 18 and under.
- SURF! Groundbreaking Celebration will be held on June 28, 2025, at 2 p.m. on 5th Street.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is proud to announce that it has been selected by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) as the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award in the small operator category.

Monterey Regional Airport District—No report this month

Monterey Bay Air Resources District—No report this month

6. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No report this month

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- New acronyms list on the dais.
- Board Clerk Rodriguez will be scheduling individual check-in meetings with TAMC Board members.
- No meetings in July, next meeting August 27, 2025.
- TAMC has released a job announcement for a Contract & Grant Coordinator.
- Vision Zero Action Plan is in the outreach phase and seeking safety concerns on Monterey County Roads.
- Toro Park temporary road closure project will end August 1, 2025.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. Museum of Handcar Technology, LLC v. TAMC (Federal District Court for the Northern District of California Case No. 5:24CV08598)
2. Museum of Handcar Technology, LLC v. California Transportation Commission, Respondent; TAMC, Real Party in Interest (Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25WM000004)

The Board of Director reconvened in open session and Chair Askew reported no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.