

# TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

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## FINAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Monterey Bay Air Resources District Conference Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court,

MONTEREY CA 93940

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, <b>Chair</b> (L. Gonzales; <del>J. Gomez</del> )	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 <b>County Rep</b> (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
A.Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E
M. LeBarre, King City, <b>City Representative</b> (C. DeLeon)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)
E. Smith, Monterey, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (A. Renny)	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, <b>Past Chair</b> ( <del>N. Smith</del> , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas ( <del>C. Crommons</del> , J. Gunter)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	-
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	-
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; <del>B. Patel</del> , <del>S. Vienna</del> )	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa</del> , <del>J. Olejnik</del> , <del>K. McClendon</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District ( <del>A. Romero</del> , D. Frisbey, A. Clyde)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)	-	P	P(A)
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer – Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P	-	P	-	P	E	P	E	P	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis</del> , L. Samuels)	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-	P	-

TAMC STAFF	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	P	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	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Ramirez, Go831 Coordinator					P	P	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	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dan Burden	Blue Zones
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Kendra Howell	Salinas Valley Memorial
Sig & Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Sam Teel	Mo Co Hospitality Assn.
Mason & Todd Clark	Museum of Handcar		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant confirmed a quorum was established. Board member LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Oglesby/Lopez/unanimous (Note: Board Alternate Lintell voted for the City of Del Rey Oaks.)  
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 January 22, 2020.

- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for January 2020 and credit card statements for the month of December 2019.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Regarding Draft Overall Work Program & Budget:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 2020/21 budget and overall work program to state funding agencies for initial review;
  2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 2020/21 through 22/23, and the overall work program for fiscal year 2020/21; and
  3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget and one-year overall work program back to the Board on May 27, 2020 for approval.
- 3.1.6** Approved revisions to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations.
- 3.1.7** Regarding Assignment of TAMC Lease of Property:
1. Approved the Ground Lease Assignment and Assumption Agreement- Third Party Leased Property (“Assignment Agreement”), by and among P&S Real Estate Co. (Blackstock) and Cappo Management LIV, LLC (Victory Automotive Group) and TAMC, consenting to the assignment of two leases of property behind 1721 Del Monte Boulevard in Seaside, California; and
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Assignment Agreement.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit:
1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of projects in the amount of \$659,628 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes;
  2. Adopted Resolution 2020-01 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 program; and
  3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the program of projects.
- 3.2.2** Adopted Resolution 2020-02 apportioning \$18,750,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit and the Transportation Agency, as specified.
- 3.2.3** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a short-term Measure X loan agreement for \$3,000,000 with Monterey-Salinas Transit, subject to approval by Counsel, to support the construction of the King City Maintenance and Operations Facility, to be repaid upon receipt of U.S. Department of Transportation Funds.

**PLANNING**

- 3.3.1** Regarding Regional Traffic Counts Program Agreement:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Innovative Data Acquisitions in an amount not-to-exceed \$91,056 to conduct traffic counts in locations throughout Monterey County for the period ending in December 31, 2022.
  2. Approved the use of \$91,056 for the term of the agreement in funds budgeted for this purpose; and
  3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, pending approval by Agency counsel; and
  4. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a reimbursement agreement with TAMC member jurisdictions as requested by those jurisdictions, for the cost of additional counts requested.
- 3.3.2** Adopted goals, policy objectives and performance measures for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

- 3.4.1** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to allow the expenditure of \$2,593,665 of Federal Highway Improvement Program funds to complete the environmental review process for the Scenic State Route 68 project, subject to Agency Counsel approval.
- 3.4.2** Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Measure X Funding Agreement with the City of Marina, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000, to fund the construction of the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor: Imjin Road Widening project.
- 3.4.3** Regarding Measure X FY 2018/19 Annual Audit:
1. Received an update on the results of the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2018/19; and
  2. Approved remediation measures for the Cities of Pacific Grove and Salinas to remain in compliance with the Measure X implementing ordinance.
- 3.4.4** Received the Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report for fiscal year 2017-2018.
- 3.4.5** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the City of Pacific Grove to program \$53,862.71 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Congress Avenue Road Rehabilitation Project; and
  2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** Appointed Dave Potter as the TAMC Representative and Mike LeBarre as the alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

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**3.6.1** No Report this month.

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**3.7.1** Accept draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Final minutes of January 8, 2020, and draft minutes of February 5, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee – Final minutes of January 6, 2020, and draft minutes of February 3, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – draft minutes of February 5, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of February 6, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No meeting

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for the month of February 2020.

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## **4. BLUE ZONES MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PROGRAM**

Dan Burden, the nationally recognized authority on walkability and bikeability gave a presentation to the TAMC Board on the activities of the Blue Zones Project Monterey County. Mr. Burden's focus was to set the framework for activities and ideas for reducing pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities, and strategies for improving community health through active transportation. The Blue Zones Project Monterey County is an initiative sponsored by the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Montage Health, and Taylor Farms. The project is a community well-being improvement initiative designed to help people lead longer, better lives by making healthy choices easier. The focus of this initiative is consistent with the Transportation Agency's safe routes to schools' programs and bicycle/pedestrian safety improvement activities.

Board Member Comments:

Past Chair Huitt commented that the City of Pacific Grove has challenges with a state highway running through town and to address them created the Highway 68 corridor plan. He noted that the City is working to make that stretch of road a complete street, but there are conflicts with state highway standards and what the local community wants. Mr. Burden suggested that the City should look at tools utilized by other states, and given the new Caltrans Director, Toks Omishakin's support for bicycle and pedestrian safety features, there may be more tools available in California as well.

Board member Ogelsby noted he was very impressed and is looking forward to working with Blue Zones. He added that Seaside has already benefited from these design changes proposed in the Safe Routes to Schools program.

Board member Phillips commented some shopping centers are hurting due to online buying and more delivery truck and asked how accommodating freight factors into project design. Mr. Burden replied that features that benefit freight include replacing signals with roundabouts to keep trucks moving. He added that it is important to accommodate freight at the right speed and the right location.

Public comments:

Kendra Howell, Blue Zones/Salinas Valley Memorial Health Services, gave an overview of the Blue Zones program and noted that it may be expanding countywide. She added that the City of Salinas has just passed a Vision Zero policy that is focused on zero traffic fatalities. She noted that the goals of the Blue Zones program can't be done without support from the community.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee asked how to change the culture for walking, adding that it's not safe for children to go out and walk. She stated that in the rural areas, there is a need to promote connectivity when a community is divided by the highway, yet the Prunedale bridge doesn't allow pedestrian or bicycles. Mr. Burden replied if you build the right facilities, people will walk. If you build it incorrectly, they'll stay away.

Vice Chair Smith thanked Mr. Burden for his work and collaboration.

**5. SEASIDE & MARINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

**M/S/C** Huitt/Askew/unanimous

The Board adopted Resolution 2020-03 which: determined that the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking and Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan and its proposed improvements were identified and analyzed in the program level EIR for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Regional Transportation Plan; and, adopts the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking and Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan.

Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner, presented an overview of the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking and Biking to School: Complete Streets Plan. She noted that the plan was developed with input from partner agencies, stakeholders and community members. The plan documents existing bike and pedestrian conditions analyzes demographic and safety data and includes a list of infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations for fifteen K-12 public schools in Seaside and Marina.

Board members LeBarre and Askey thanked TAMC staff and the team for their collaborative work with the schools on this project.

**6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency annually conducts outreach to identify unmet transit needs. This unmet need process is associated with Local Transportation Funds, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act. Ms. Castillo noted that the Transportation Agency will be accepting comments on unmet transit needs until April 30, 2020.

Vice Chair Smith opened the Public Hearing:

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Smith closed public hearing.

Ms. Castillo concluded that staff will present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June, 2020. Given that additional funding has not been available to fund unmet transit needs for several years, staff will also be working with Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee to prioritize unmet needs identified through this process.

**7. STATE ROUTE 156/CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board received an update on State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange project and presentation on the current project design.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, reported the Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is the first of three segments that make up the larger State Route 156 Widening project. The full corridor project envisions not only the Castroville Boulevard Interchange, but also a new 4-lane corridor to the south of the existing highway and a new interchange at US 101 with improved connections to San Miguel Canyon Road. Segment 1 will provide critical safety improvements by removing the only stop light in the corridor, constructing a new interchange to separate traffic movements, and improving the connection between the new bridge and existing pathway for students walking and bicycling to North County High School.

Depending on when matching funds are secured, project construction is scheduled to begin in October 2022 and be completed in July 2024. Director Hale noted that she was pleased that Senator Monning has introduced Senate Bill 1231, which will allow the project move forward and properly mitigate any potential impacts to the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander habitat. She added that the Agency's integrated funding plan calls for applying for \$20 million SB 1 matching funds to fully fund the project.

Cynthia Suvercrop, Oak Hills resident, commented that Oak Hills residents are held hostage by the highway. She asked the Board to please consider and plan for a bike lane to help provide an active transportation option.

Board Member Phillips praised the project and added that the Blackie Road extension will be an important County project to connect to this interchange and move trucks out of the center of town.

Board Member LeBarre noted that the King city will support the legislation and the grant funding.

Board Alternate Anderson asked what the plan is if the SB 1 matching funds are not granted? Staff noted that there were additional Measure X funds available, but either bonding or waiting for funds to accumulate would be required. Vice Chair Smith noted that a TAMC delegation had met with the Caltrans Chief Deputy Jim Davis and District 5 director Tim Gubbins and they were receptive to the proposal.

## **8. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE HANDCAR LEASE AGREEMENT**

**M/S/C** Phillips/Lopez

Abstentions: Alternate members O'Connell & Anderson

The Board took the following action:

1. Determined that approval of a Lease Agreement with the Museum of Handcar Technology LLC for a temporary use of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way for a demonstration project for a possible recreational enterprise during the summer of 2020 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act enterprise pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15306 (Information Collection);
2. Approved the Lease Agreement;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Lease Agreement; and
4. Authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption on the Lease Agreement.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported staff has worked with Agency counsel regarding the recreational use of three miles of the Monterey Branch Line rail corridor for a one-month demonstration of tourist handcar operations in the summer of 2020. Under the draft lease, the demonstration is contingent on the proposers securing the necessary permits. The project proponent is responsible for obtaining all reviews and permits. The Lease agreement is clear that this is for demonstration-proof of concept purposes only, and that any possible future request to use TAMC property would have to be considered independently.

Board Alternate O'Connell inquired as to the benefits to TAMC of the lease. Board Alternate Askew asked what the position of the City of Marina was on the project, and whether the fencing would be removed after the project. Staff noted that the project will provide activity on the branch line, and the fencing will be removed after the lease expires. The City of Marina will likely have to approve a use permit for the project but had not indicated its opinion on the project to TAMC.



**9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Tim Gubbins, Director of Caltrans, reported he is excited to be working together with TAMC on bringing the State Route 156 interchange improvements fruition. He noted that the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge project just got an award from the American Institute of Steel Bridge builders. He announced that the California Transportation Commission will be visiting Santa Barbara on March 25, 2020. Director Gubbins agreed to look into an inquiry from Board member Lopez regarding a deck overhaul project on the Salinas River Bridge in King City. Vice Chair Smith asked Director Gubbins to look into a stretch of road on Highway 1 needing resurfacing.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that passenger counts at the airport remain strong and growing. Monterey Airport is starting Monterey Jet Center service to Burbank and Seattle with Alaska Airlines in June. He added that American Airlines will possibly be adding a second flight to Dallas. He noted that there is the highest level ever of emplacements at the airport.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, thanked the TAMC Board for approving the loan to move forward with construction of the King City maintenance facility. He added that the Busway along Highway 1 project is moving forward and he praised the collaboration between MST and TAMC staff which included filed a joint state grant application and many shared meetings. He noted that MST may look into legislation to expedite the permitting for the project. He also stated that he has learned that the Garrison Commander will support existing transit services to the Presidio, which will defer further service cuts.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Amy Clymo, Engineering & Compliance Manager, reported that the Electric Vehicle incentive program will be open until funding runs out. She also reported AB 2766 grant program be considered by their Board for approval in March.

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

Board Vice Chair Smith reported that on February 18, 2020, he and Board members Potter and Alejo attended the Central Coast Coalition Legislative meeting in Sacramento.

Board member Lopez thanked staff for putting together the US 101 South of Salinas community stakeholders meeting.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale announced farewell to Justine Ramirez, Go 831 Coordinator. Justine will be leaving TAMC to move to the Fresno area. She announced that the March TAMC Board meeting will be held back at the Agricultural Center in Salinas. Director Hale thanked Chair Alejo, Vice Chair Smith and Board Member Potter for attending the Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day in Sacramento.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.