

FINAL MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY
COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Alejandro Chavez (Chair),
John Phillips (1st Vice Chair), Robert Huitt (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
Luis Alejo (County representative), Ed Smith (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Alejo, Craig, Huitt, Phillips, and Smith. Staff present: Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Wright. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, Linda Gonzalez, Supervisor Alejo's office; and Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee member Huitt and seconded by Craig, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 1, 2017, with correction noticed Committee member Smith was in attendance.

END OF CONSENT

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, concerning the employment contract with the Agency's Executive Director.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Agency Counsel Reimann reported that direction was given to her from the Committee.

5. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING:

On a motion by Committee member Smith and seconded by Craig, the committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval to the Transportation Agency Board to:

1. Program three years (2017/18/19) Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) fair share funds to the cities and County;
2. Program 10% of RSTP funds to the RSTP Reserve;
3. Initiate a call for projects to program competitive RSTP funds; and
4. Program three years (2017/18/19) Transportation Development Act 2% funds for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project, contingent that they receive a matching Federal Land Access Program grant.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reported the three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2017/18/19 is \$3.6 million for fair share allocations, \$6.95 million for competitive grants, and \$1.32 million for the RSTP reserve. He noted that the Agency programs RSTP, Transportation Development Act 2%, and Regional Development Impact Fee funds to local and regional projects.

The Committee expressed concern that setting aside three years of the Transportation Development Act 2% funds to the FORTAG project, this would take it out of a competitive pot and expressed that there are a lot of other competitive projects that could benefit from these funds. Mr. Muck noted that it is the Board's option to include in the competitive cycle, noting our rationale is that the FORTAG project is a Measure X priority project, and allowing it to use local funds as a match to a federal grant multiplies the effect of the local funding. Executive Director Hale commented because the grant application is due in May the timing of the grant application was important to the staff recommendation.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

On a motion by Committee member Craig and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive a state legislative update and recommend the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the main focus of transportation legislation this session is the \$6 billion a year transportation funding package, Senate Bill 1 and Assembly Bill 1, proposed by Senator Beall and Assembly Member Frazier. She also discussed AB 696 by Assembly Member Caballero, a bill that would keep funds from the sale of excess properties originally purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project in Monterey County. She presented the draft bill list, and noted that the list presented to the Board on March 22 would have more bills.

Supervisor Alejo noted that the Governor’s desire for a transportation deal by early April is not realistic, and predicted September would be the soonest we would see a deal.

7. The Board received a report on the draft agenda for March 22, 2017, TAMC Board meeting.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. She reported that the Board would hold two closed sessions on rail property acquisitions and Executive Director’s employment contract. The Board will receive nominations for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee; and appoint nominees and their alternates to the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee. On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve funding each 2017 Bicycle Secure Program application, with a partial allocation to the Monterey Bay Air Resources Board; and approve opening the program for additional applications this calendar year; and approve the use of surplus funds to fund additional applications this calendar year. The Board will receive a state legislative update and authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals for state legislative assistance, not to exceed \$30,000 per year as noted in the fiscal year 2017/18 Agency budget, for two years and the option for a one-year renewal, pending approval by the Executive Director. The Executive Committee directed the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.