



<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>SEP 20</b>	<b>OCT 20</b>	<b>DEC 20</b>	<b>JAN 21</b>	<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>MAR 21</b>	<b>APR 21</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>JUN 21</b>
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, <del>B. Patel</del> , S. Vienna)	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa</del> , 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, A. Clymo)	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	A
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis</del> , L. Samuels)	P	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	A	A

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A unnoticed absence*

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D. Bilsle, Transportation Engineer							P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	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	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
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Burke-Vasquez, GO831 Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Paul Schlesinger	Alcalde & Fay	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Barbara Meister	Monterey Bay Aquarium	Kathleen Azevedo	Resident
Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 Office	Steve Nelson	
Norm Groot	Farm Bureau of Monterey Co	Perrin Badini	Alcalde & Fay
Gary Cursio	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.	Dirk Giannini	Grower
		Dominic Dursa	Office of Assm Robert Rivas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Board Member Angela Untalon led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Craig/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 May 26, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for May 2021 and credit card statement for the month of April 2021.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Title VI & Language Assistance Plan:
1. Adopted Resolution 2021-09 adopting the Agency's updated Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan; and
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative modifications to the Plan, execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts and/or agreements required in execution and implementation of the Title VI Plan.
- 3.1.5** Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.
- 3.1.6** Executive Director Employment Agreement Amendment No. 1
1. Approved Amendment 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Debra L. Hale; and
  2. Authorized the Chair of the Board of Directors to sign Amendment 1.
- 3.1.7** Approved delaying the annual evaluation for the Agency Executive Director and Counsel to 2022 from June 2021 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

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

- 3.2.1** Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

**PLANNING**

**3.3.1** No items this month.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

**3.4.1** Regarding Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance - Contract Amendment

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Kimley-Horn Associates to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to complete the Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance for Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director 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.

**3.4.2** Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Call for Construction Bids:

1. Approved the draft Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions, Bid Forms and Plans for construction of Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Signs, subject to Agency Counsel approval;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to publish the final bid documents and any addenda, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a contract with the lowest responsive responsible bidder; and
3. Approved the use of construction funds from the approved project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$735,000, included in the \$887,000 allocation approved by the California Transportation Commission at their December 2020 meeting, plus local matching funds.

**3.4.3** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Marina to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Del Monte Boulevard Extension Project in the amount of \$303,807.71; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

**RAIL PROGRAM****3.5.1** Regarding Monterey Branch Line Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company

1. Approved the Easement Purchase Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company regarding a permanent non-exclusive utility easement within the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way near Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road in Marina, California for improvements for an existing gas transmission line, subject to approval by legal counsel;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Easement Purchase Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Easement Purchase Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Easement Purchase Agreement;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a deed granting a permanent non-exclusive utility easement in favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to install improvements for an existing gas transmission line; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the permanent non-exclusive utility easement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or significantly change the approved easement terms or amounts.

**3.5.2** Regarding Salinas Rail Project - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #9:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #9 to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the design work for Package 1 at the Salinas train station; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director 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.

**3.5.3** Regarding Rail Network Integration Study Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with AECOM, to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director 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 items this month.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
  - Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of June 7, 2021
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
  - Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of June 3, 2021
  - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for June 2021.
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**4. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Board received update on federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, introduced Paul Schlesinger of Alcalde & Fay, the Agency's newly hired federal legislative analyst.

Paul Schlesinger reported that negotiations on the transportation authorization legislation and a broader infrastructure package continue. He noted that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reported out the highway portion of the surface transportation bill and that the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee received nearly \$14.9 billion in member designated project funding requests for inclusion in the bill, including a \$2 million earmark for the US 101 South of Salinas project. He noted that the appropriations process might also include earmarks, but it is also possible that they would adopt a continuing resolution instead of individual appropriations bills, which would be less likely to include earmarks.

**5. US 101- SOUTH OF SALINAS PROJECT UPDATE**

**M/S/C** LeBarre/Kerr/unanimous

The Board received an overview of the preliminary concepts for the US 101- South of Salinas corridor study and provided input and concerns, the Board authorized staff to conduct public outreach on the corridor study to collect input on the project.

Doug Bilse, Transportation Engineer, presented the preliminary concepts of the US 101- South of Salinas corridor study to the TAMC Board of Directors. Mr. Bilse noted Transportation Agency staff is working with a consultant team to develop a project study report that will identify measures to improve safety along US 101. These conceptual plans are expected to be reviewed and revised as part of input received during the upcoming public outreach. This work is being coordinated with the South of Salinas (SOS) US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance, Caltrans, County of Monterey, and City of Salinas to identify and address safety and other concerns raised by project stakeholders. Following public outreach, a revised report will be presented to the TAMC Board of Directors in September. The results

of the study will be a set of project improvements that meet the safety goals of the corridor while minimizing the impacts to local businesses and residents. The US 101 South of Salinas study is funded with \$440,000 of Measure X funds. As a regional Measure X priority project, a total of \$30 million of measure funds are allocated to the corridor. These funds will be used to leverage state and federal funds to construct project improvements.

Board alternates Barba and Stratton expressed concerns with adding additional truck traffic on Alisal and Old Stage Road if left turns are eliminated from US 101. They noted that the roads are not wide enough and would not be able to hold the weight. Board member Craig suggested that the team coordinate with law enforcement and the City of Salinas on the proposed concepts; staff noted that they are coordinating with the City and the California Highway Patrol.

Public comment:

Kathleen Azevedo, resident, reported she lives off Spence Road, and there is a lot of truck traffic, noting the big problem is vehicles speeding, since the highway is already signed for no left turns.

Norm Groot, Farm Bureau, also noted the need to address high speeds and volumes, not just truck traffic. He noted also that if left turns are cut off there could be a question of available capacity on and a need for traffic calming on arterials; it could also lead to more traffic on Airport Boulevard. He appreciated the focus on both short-term and long-term improvements.

Dirk Giannini, east side of US 101 grower, concurred that Alisal and Old Stage Road have poor road quality, noting narrow widths, potholes and roadway edges rotting away. He expressed concerns with the potential impact on these roads if vehicles were forced to take alternates to US 101 in the short-term.

Dominic Dursa, staff to Assembly member Robert Rivas, asked when there would be public events and asked the team to determine what would be considered a success.

## **6. RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM**

Reviewed and commented on the proposed racial equity program for the Transportation Agency.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Transportation Agency includes equity as a policy goal in its Regional Transportation Plan and several of its funding programs. In these instances, equity is evaluated primarily in terms of geographic equity. However, given the impact that low incomes and in some cases historic disinvestment has had in certain communities, expansion of equity metrics to include racial diversity is worth considering in the Agency's programs.

The County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office provides a racial equity toolkit to help agencies to look at various programs to determine how to improve outcomes for diverse racial groups. TAMC staff has utilized the toolkit to evaluate how the Agency can better improve the transportation system in

communities that have experienced historical underinvestment. The staff brainstormed three areas for focus: funding, public outreach and hiring. Within each area, a team developed a set of issues, potential solutions, action items and a racial equity goal. Director Hale reported when hiring the most difficult is to expand our outreach to different groups, but partnerships with local schools is one strategy.

The Board members concurred with the goals of diversity and the need to reach out to all segments of the county, particularly disadvantaged communities.

Board Member LeBarre suggested that the Bike/Pedestrian program consider mini-grants for disadvantaged communities and liked the idea of a pilot program. Board member Delgado suggested that in addition to diversity in hiring, there should be culturally-supportive retention policies. Board member Kerr encouraged the Agency to hire Hartnell College students; Board alternate Andersen asked the Agency not to forget Monterey Peninsula College, whose student body is 45% persons of color. Board member Poduri suggested that there be benchmarks established and asked that equity in procurement be considered as well. Board member Craig noted that TAMC does a good job considering geographic equity in funding projects but noted that Carmel Valley and Big Sur should also be considered. Caltrans Deputy Director Eades suggested that staff review the Caltrans Race and Equity Action Plan's goals and strategies. Board member Alejo and others thanked staff for preparing the program.

## 7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans, District 5** – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced the Federal Highway Administration reported an 11.2% increase of fatalities since 2006, noting most accidents are caused by distracted drivers. The construction projects are picking up, and he asked travelers to please slow down in construction areas. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is hosting a series of workshops in August on the SB 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines, noting this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the Program. TAMC has been successful in obtaining matching funds for its Measure X priority projects from these competitive programs.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, announced that flights are performing at a steady level with over 15,000 passengers in May, with 45% of passengers coming from the Salinas Valley. He noted that the Airport non-stop flights to Seattle are leaving full. The Airport is now using the TSA pre-check program, allowing for quicker service, including not having to remove your shoes through security. There is also COVID testing at the Airport. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager, announced that on June 14<sup>th</sup> the MST Board approved the environmental document for for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, which is part of a larger effort to build a modern mobility network for the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. The proposed SURF! line is a 6-mile bus-only corridor from Marina to Sand City and Seaside along the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line corridor parallel to



Highway 1. She also announced MST trolley service will begin in July and continue through September 2021. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer announced MST will welcome back its passengers and community with an event in front of the Monterey Conference Center on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – No report this month.

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

Board member LeBarre mentioned that on June 18<sup>th</sup> he represented TAMC at the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) Board of Directors meeting, noting Fred Strong of San Luis Obispo Council of Governments was elected CalCOG Chair.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale announced TAMC is now a certified Blue Zones Workplace, a program led by the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, Taylor Farms and the Montage Health Center. The goal of the program is to provide employees a safer, healthier environment. This designation is consistent with the Agency's focus on making our transportation system safer and healthier. Director Hale thanked Transportation Planner Tracy Burke for designing the TAMC Blue Zone logo.

Ms. Hale announced that there will be no TAMC Committee meetings in July but there will be a Special Board Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for Executive Director interviews. She noted that the Executive Director recruitment closes July 2, 2021.

In conclusion, Director Hale highlighted the TAMC Board COVID-19 survey results, noting 12 out of 17 responding Board members indicated that they were fully-vaccinated. Past Chair Alejo thanked Director Hale for the survey information.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Angela Untalon announced her resignation from the TAMC Board, and noted that Councilmember Bob White will be replacing her. Chair Smith thanked Ms. Untalon for her service over the past two-years.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.