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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, April 3, 2025**

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

**MEETING LOCATION**

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901*

*Transportation Agency Conference Room*

**Alternate Location with Zoom Connection Open to the Public**

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933*

*Supervisor Askew's Office*

**Members of the public & non-voting members may join meeting online at:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88607651053?pwd=FHOmkHFdIXaOvh8buUVnKSeskLyUb8.1>**

**OR**

**By teleconference at: +1 669 900 6833**

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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. All public comments are limited to two (2) minutes, unless specified otherwise by the committee chair. 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 Tuesday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

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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 March 6, 2025

**- Maria Montiel**

***The draft minutes of the March 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.***

**4. RECEIVE** presentation on Caltrans organizational changes related to planning activities.

**- Doug Bilse**

***Caltrans has recently gone through significant changes in the organizational structure of the planning group. This is intended to improve efficiency and streamline processes managed by the planning team.***

**5. RECEIVE** a report from Caltrans regarding interim safety improvements on US 101 South of Salinas.

**- Doug Bilse**

***A project to upgrade the US 101 South of Salinas corridor is currently under way, but is expected to take several years to fully construct. Interim safety improvements are being considered by Caltrans that address specific issues in advance of the permanent solution. Caltrans will update the Agency on these interim safety projects.***

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting:

**Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.**

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

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

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

Doug Bilse, Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator

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

Important Meeting Information

Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

[www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)

55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901

TEL: 831-775-0903

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Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon five (5) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Committee may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any support papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** April 3, 2025  
**Subject:** **Draft TAC Minutes**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for March 6, 2025

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the March 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

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

1. Draft TAC minutes March 6, 2025

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Meeting held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Office

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

*Alternate Location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office*

### Draft Minutes of Thursday, March 6, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25
Javier Hernandez, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Culver)	P	P	P	C	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	C	P	P
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-
Patrick Dobbins Gonzales (vacant)	P	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	N	E	E
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield, <b>Chair</b> (Doug Pike)	E	P	E	C	P	P	E	P	C	P	E
Octavio Hurtado, King City (Steve Adams)	P	P	P	E	A	P	A	P	E	P	P
Nourdin Khayata, Marina (Edrie Delos Santos)	P(A)	P(A)	A	L	A	P	A	P	L	A	A
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	P	P	L	P	P	P	P	L	E	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	P	P	A	E	P(A)	P	P	A	E	P(VC)	P(VC)
David Jacobs, Salinas <b>Vice Chair</b> (Adrian Robles)	P	P	P	D	P	P	P	P	D	P	P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	P	P	P	M	P	P	P	P	M	P	P
Leslie Llantero, Seaside (Patrick Grogan)	P(A)	P(A)	E	E	P(A)	P(A)	E	P(A)	E	A	P(A)
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Kao Nou Yang)	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P(A)	P	P	E	E	P
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	A	A	P(A)	T	A	P(A)	A	A	T	P(A)	P
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	P	P	P	I	P	P	P(VC)	P	I	P	P
Tyler LeSage, Caltrans (Kelly McClendon, Jill Leal)	P	P(A)	P(VC)	N	P	P(A)	P	P(VC)	N	P(A)	P
Kyle Jordan CSUMB	P	P	P	G	P	P	A	A	G	-	-
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	P	P	P		P	P	A	P		E	-
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P(A)		P(VC)	P	P	P(VC)		P(VC)	P(VC)

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

STAFF	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	E		P	P	P	P		P	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	E	E	P(VC)		P(VC)	A	P(VC)	P(VC)		A	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	E	P(VC)		E	P(VC)	A			P	P(VC)
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	A	P		P	P	P	P		P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	A	A	A		P	A	P(VC)	P(VC)		A	A
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	A	A	A		A	A	A	A		A	A
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A		A	A	A	A		A	P(VC)
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	A	P	A		P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A		P	A
A. Conlen, Assoc. Transportation Planner											
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	A	P	P		P	A	P(VC)	A		A	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.	P(VC)	P	P(VC)		-	A	P(VC)	A		A	A
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P(VC)	E	P(VC)		P(VC)	P(VC)	P	A		P(VC)	A

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Patrick Dobbins City of Gonzales  
 Jamie Tugel, City of Greenfield

Regina Valentine, AMBAG  
 John Huerta

Vice Chair Jacobs, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**2. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M / S / C: Wilcox / Hernandez / unanimous**

**3.1** Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for February 6, 2025.

**3.2** Received update on adopted state laws as of January 1, 2025.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4 MEASURE X REGIONAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer reported that the Transportation Agency is offering to coordinate a joint procurement for pavement condition assessments to assist jurisdictions in meeting their ongoing pavement management program requirements under Measure X. Ms. Williamson noted that to assist jurisdictions in meeting their ongoing Pavement management Program requirements, the Transportation Agency staff is again prepared to move forward with the preparation and release of a Request for Proposals for consultant services to provide pavement management program services based on the interest of member agencies. In conclusion Ms. Williamson noted that Agency staff is requesting that each jurisdiction indicate their interest, or not, in participating in a joint procurement for pavement management program services. Based on the level of interest, Agency staff may then choose to move forward with joint procurement and participating agencies will be required to contribute a proportionate share of the costs for the work.

**5 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY & 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Regina Valentine with Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) reported that the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long-range plan, updated every four years. She noted that AMBAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay Area, incorporates the financial assumptions and project lists included in the Regional Transportation Plans for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Ms. Valentine reported that AMBAG is working with the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA's), transit operators, Caltrans, and local jurisdictions to update the transportation project list for the 2050 MTP/SCS.

In conclusion Ms. Valentine reported that AMBAG and Transportation Agency staff will continue to develop the various components of the 2050 MTP/SCS and 2026 Regional Transportation Plan by working with the Planning Directors Forum.

**6**     **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee member Marissa Garcia announced a community meeting is scheduled for tonight in the Monterey Community room. She also noted that the Wildfire meeting was well attended and good turn-out.

Amelia Conlon, Senior Transportation Planner announced the Regional Vision Zero task force meeting dates: April 10<sup>th</sup>, at the TAMC office, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Monterey and April 17<sup>th</sup> in Greenfield.

**7**     **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** April 3, 2025  
**Subject:** **Re-Organization of Caltrans Planning Services**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on Caltrans organizational changes related to planning activities.

**SUMMARY:**

Caltrans has recently gone through significant changes in the organizational structure of the planning group. This is intended to improve efficiency and streamline processes managed by the planning team.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Caltrans planning operations assist the Agency and its member agencies with guidance on funding resources.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Caltrans District 5 Planning Division supports project selection and delivery as well as system operations. Staff collects and presents data, analyzes alternatives, and creates comprehensive, multi-modal plans. These plans maximize state-of-the-art technological advancements to identify and initiate future State transportation investments.

The Planning Division is also a bridge between its external partners and internal operational organizations. District 5 Local Assistance provides services to local agencies in Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz Counties. The District's Local Assistance branch works in partnership with the Regional Transportation Agencies (RTPAs) for each county. They serve as the primary point of contact for local agencies and help them with their federal or state-funded projects from project implementation to project completion.

Caltrans has recently gone through significant changes in the organizational structure of the Planning Division. Caltrans staff will provide an overview of these changes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** April 3, 2025  
**Subject:** **US 101 South of Salinas Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** a report from Caltrans regarding interim safety improvements on US 101 South of Salinas.

**SUMMARY:**

A project to upgrade the US 101 South of Salinas corridor is currently under way, but is expected to take several years to fully construct. Interim safety improvements are being considered by Caltrans that address specific issues in advance of the permanent solution. Caltrans will update the Agency on these interim safety projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

These projects are expected to be funded by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

**DISCUSSION:**

Safety improvements are the focus of the US 101 South of Salinas corridor. The corridor provides access from California's Central Coast agricultural operations to markets around the country. US 101 is the primary artery along the Central Coast and is vital to statewide commerce. This segment of US 101 includes several uncontrolled intersections (i.e., no traffic signals or stop signs controlling traffic along the highway) that have been hot spots with high crash rates. Eliminating turning movements at these intersections is the main objective of the projects under development.

The Transportation Agency is working with Caltrans and the South of Salinas US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to create a set of projects to address safety issues along this busy agricultural route. The project development team recently shared conceptual plans to address safety issues along US 101. Work towards the ultimate goal of eliminating all uncontrolled intersections along US 101 as follows:

- Eliminate left turn movements along US 101 at uncontrolled intersections between Salinas and Chualar;
- Relocate the existing interchanges at Abbott Street and Main Street in Chualar;
- Construct frontage roads to maintain access to properties currently served by direct links to US 101; and
- Eliminate uncontrolled rail crossings.

In advance of these long-term objectives, Caltrans has identified a series of safety improvement projects that can be implemented while the team continues to develop plans, secure funding, and

construct the long-term solutions. These safety improvements include the recent completion of the Spence Road Auxiliary Lane, which provides space for trucks to safely accelerate from Spence Road onto US 101 and provides a deceleration lane for traffic exiting Eckhardt Road.

Caltrans has recently funded another safety improvement that includes center medians along US 101 between Salinas and Chualar. The project team will share the conceptual plans and schedule for this next safety improvement at the meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**