

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV 21*	DEC 21	DEC 21*	JAN 22*	JAN 22	FEB 22*	FEB 22	MAR 22
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Josh Stratton)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 2nd Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Rep (Yuri Anderson)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	A	P	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Chair (Sarah Hardgrave , Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	A	A	P
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, 1st Vice Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, Past Chair (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, City Representative (Christie Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz)	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	A	P	A	P	P	A
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A

Ex Officio Members:	OCT* 21	OCT 21	NOV * 21	DEC 21	DEC *21	JAN *22	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22	MAR 22
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	A	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P	A	P(A)	P(A)
Tim Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Scott Eades, Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales)	A	P	A	P(A)	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (Alan Romero, David Frisbey, Amy Clymo)	A	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P	P
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	A	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	A	P(A)	A	A	A	A	P(A)	A	P	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Eduardo Ochoa, CSUMB (Andre Lewis, Larry Samuels)	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(A)	A

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

**Special Meeting*

TAMC STAFF	OCT 21*	OCT 21	NOV * 21	DEC 21	DEC* 21	JAN* 22	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22	MAR 22
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner		P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner				P	P	E	P	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	E	A	E	E	E	E	P	E	P	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Delgado	City of Marina	Mason Clark	Museum of Handcar Technology
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting	Chris Hart	Mendocino Railway
Paul Schlesinger	Thorn Run Partners		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams 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. Chair Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment reported.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Oglesby/Askew/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 February 23, 2022.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of February 2022 and credit card statements for the month of January 2022.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.
- 3.1.5** Approved revisions to the Human Resources Rules and Regulations.
- 3.1.6** Regarding Graphic Design for Public Outreach and Marketing Materials:
 - 1. Approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant graphic design work of the Transportation Agency's public outreach/marketing documents, subject to counsel approval;
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFQ, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
 - 3. Approved the use of funds from the Agency's approved budget for this contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 No items this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1 No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 No items this month.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Adopted Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Gilroy area rail improvements to support the Monterey County Rail Extension project.

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 March 2, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of March 7, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 2, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of March 3, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2022.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**M/S/C** Potter/Smith/unanimous

The Board received update on State and federal legislative issues and adopted positions on proposed legislation.

Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on state legislative activities and recommended positions on certain bills. He reviewed the revised bill list and noted the recommended positions to support, oppose or watch. Agency legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger presented an update on federal legislative activities.

M/S/C Phillips/Kerr/unanimous

Director of Planning Christina Watson requested Board direction as to the project to nominate for Community Project Funding Earmarks this year. The Board moved forward with directing staff to submit a funding request for the construction phase of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project.

Past Chair Smith agreed, noting it makes sense to do this. Board member Phillips noting it is important and supports staff's recommendation.

5. UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS FOR MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE**M/S/C** Medina-Dirksen/Alejo/unanimous

The Board received information about unsolicited proposals from the Museum of Handcar Technology and the Mendocino Railway for interim uses of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City for a recreational enterprise in 2022; received an update on the feasibility of creating a lease agreement with the City of Marina for recreational use of the line; and provided direction to staff.

After a lengthy discussion, in which the Board expressed support for using the Branch Line corridor for recreational purposes on a temporary basis, the Board unanimously directed staff to proceed with executing a lease agreement with the City of Marina for the coordination of a request for proposals for a recreational use of the Branch Line corridor, contingent upon the following:

- the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project remains the top priority for the Branch Line and nothing in the lease agreement will impede the progress of that project;
- as the property owner, TAMC will be involved in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process;
- TAMC will coordinate with the selected vendor on any required permits from the California Public Utilities Commission;
- Marina will ensure the cost recovery of TAMC staff expenses; and
- Marina will consult with the TAMC Rail Policy Committee on the lease agreement.

Terms for the lease agreement with the City of Marina will be brought back to the Board of Directors for authorization to proceed.

Board Member Cristina Medina-Dirksen reported that the City of Marina is prepared to support a lease agreement for a temporary recreational use on the Branch Line. Board Alternate Delgado suggested that the Rail Policy Committee be involved in coordination with the City of Marina.

6. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Tim Gubbins, Caltrans Director, announced the statewide Clean California Program, through which Caltrans is funding more than \$311 million in beautification projects statewide, 12 projects in District 5, and the following 4 projects in Monterey County: Castroville historic main street landmark restoration; Castroville pedestrian overcrossing beautification project; King City Highway beautification and Canal Street pedestrian enhancements; Salinas Alisal Vibrancy neighborhood beautification. Director Gubbins announced that he had attended the Clean California kickoff event in Salinas on Alisal Street, noting it was a good event. In conclusion, he reported that a new nine-member litter crew has been hired and will be based in their Salinas office to clean-up litter along local portions of the highways in the region.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported the Airport continues to do well, although it is the slowest time of year. He announced that the COVID testing in the airport parking lot has been discontinued. He noted that the airport is expecting the federal infrastructure bill that will have a substantial component for terminal construction and improvements that the Airport will use to make much-needed upgrades to the terminals and boarding areas and the Airport District is seeking grants for marketing and establishing customs for international flights to Mexico and Canada.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced MST ridership is increasing with hospitality coming back and the rise of fuel prices, noting still at 50% since the pandemic. Mr. Sedoryk noted that MST is implementing a new service model, to provide faster service, new fare structure and reduced timing in both directions. Mr. Sedoryk announced MST has 16 graduated drivers and is hiring at www.mst.org. In conclusion, he noted that it is Transit Driver appreciation day, noting he met with all MST drivers.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey announced California Assembly Bill 2766 (AB2766), signed into law in 1990, permits MBARD to allocate a \$4 per vehicle registration surcharge fee towards grant projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions such as roundabouts, adaptive traffic signal control systems, medium to heavy-duty vehicle electrification and light-duty zero emission vehicle incentives. Funds may also be used for related planning, monitoring,

enforcement, and technical studies pursuant to the California Clean Air Act. Examples of eligible Clean Air Management Program projects are:

- Roundabout design and construction
- Adaptive Traffic Signal Control
- Advanced Clean Transportation
- Bicycle Infrastructure

Mr. Frisbey encouraged everyone to consider the district's rebate incentive program for new and used electric vehicles for low-income participants, noting they still have \$200,000 left for reimbursements. In conclusion, Mr. Frisbey announced the Biden administration is expected to reinstate California's authority to set stricter tail pipe emissions rules.

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

None this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced TAMC partnered with the City of Salinas to get a Clean CA grant for the "Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety" project. He noted that TAMC staff would work with the community to develop sidewalk art showing safe routes to 7 schools in East Salinas and with Ecology Action to provide safe walking education to children and seniors. TAMC is providing a \$150,000 match for the project.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Adams requested that the Executive Committee discuss a possible ad-hoc legislative committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.