

## 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*

### Final Minutes of Thursday, June 4, 2025

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

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elouise Rodriguez, TAMC staff                      Paul Ensley, City of Seaside

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tugel, City of Greenfield, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M / S / C:** Garcia / Gomez  
 Abstain: Dobbins, Jacobs

**3.1**     Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for May 1, 2025.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### 4. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on bills proposed by the state that may impact Monterey County jurisdictions.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that bills are moving between houses. She highlighted the Brown Act Bills of interest:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 259 (Rubio) Open Meetings: Support
- Senate Bill (SB) 239 (Arreguin) Open Meetings: Support
- Senate Bill (SB) 707 (Durazo) Open Meetings: Watch

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner, highlighted the roadway and safety bills of interest:

- AB 289 (Haney) State highway work zone speed safety program: Watch
- AB 382 (Berman) Pedestrian safety: school zones: speed limits: Support
- AB 1014 (Rogers) Traffic safety: speed limits: Support
- SB 671 (Cervantes) Pedestrian crossing signals: Watch
- SB 720 (Ashby) Automated traffic enforcement system programs: Watch

Committee member Dobbins recommended clarification should be made on AB707 differentiating the requirement to translate the agenda or entire agenda package and he requested that the League of Cities data be included in the matrix.

Committee member Garcia expressed concern that removing engineering judgement could lead to increased liability.

#### 5. **ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON PUBLIC ROADS**

The Committee reviewed how speed limits are established on public roads and associated legislation that was recently passed.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the severity of a crash on public roads is typically a direct correlation to vehicle speed. The California Vehicle Code establishes the process used by local agencies to establish speed limits on public roads. On many roads, the public agency primarily relies on the statistical driver speed, which has traditionally been the 85th percentile speed, to define the safe speed. Recent state regulations revised this process allowing jurisdictions to have more latitude to post speed limits below the 85th percentile speed. He noted that establishing lower speed limits and associated enforcement can influence the severity of crashes and their associated costs. Many grants use scoring criteria based on posted speed limits or the project's ability to lower vehicle speed.

Mr. Bilse noted in specific circumstances; a speed limit can exist on a road segment with no action from local government. For example, some roads do not have the speed limit posted on a sign, and a driver is expected to understand these prima facie speed limits that are listed in the California Driver's Handbook. When the prima facie speed limits are not applicable, a speed limit can be established that allows the posting of legally defensible speed limit signs after a local governing body (e.g. city council or county board of supervisors) has voted on and passed an ordinance or resolution based on an engineering and traffic survey. Prior to AB 43, the considerations reviewed in the engineering and traffic survey were limited to:

- Prevailing speeds
- Collision History
- Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver

Since the 85th percentile speed typically falls between 5 mph increments, it cannot be used as the speed limit. That is, there cannot be a 32.5 mph speed limit, so it must be rounded up to 35 mph or rounded down to 30 mph. The selection of the appropriate speed limit becomes more complex because the engineering and traffic survey can reduce the 85th percentile speed by 5 mph to set the speed limit when there are "significant conditions not readily apparent to the driver." Different agencies have used different approaches applying these criteria.

Committee member Gomez recommended agencies include installation of new speed limit signs in the scope of work for updating speed limits.

## **6. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Committee Reviewed and Provided INPUT on the proposed request for services for Traffic Engineering On-Call Services.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the on-call services contract is expected to be \$1,000,000 covering a 3-year contract life. A minimum of two firms will be selected to ensure a competitive process is used to perform tasks at \$500,000 each. The on-call Traffic Engineering Request for Qualifications for On-Call Traffic Engineering Services. He noted that other services may involve specific funding sources for other types of projects (e.g., Safe Streets for All, Safe Routes to School).

Committee member Hernandez recommended committee members submit a question to clarify that other cities may "piggy-back" on this contract, adding the potential for more work.

Committee member Hurtado volunteered to be on the evaluation committee.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amelia Conlen, TAMC Staff, Vision Zero Plan next steps: second round task force meetings in July. DKS will follow up with each jurisdiction to schedule a meeting to identify locations where they will develop recommendations, based on collision data and agency feedback. Site visits are available to review recommendations for specific locations.

Tyler Lesage, Caltrans, reported his team is available to explain the project review process, and he invited agencies to meet and discuss issues related to project delivery.

Chair Tugel announced there will be no meeting in July, the next meeting will be on August 7, 2025.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Tugel adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.