

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: Wendy Root Askew (Chair), Chaps Poduri (1st Vice Chair),
 Luis Alejo (2nd Vice Chair), Chris Lopez (Past Chair),
 Glenn Church (County representative), Jose Rios (City representative)*

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

Alternate locations:

2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933

599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, 93927

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901

147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25
Wendy Root Askew, Chair Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chaps Poduri, 1st Vice Chair Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 2nd Vice Chair Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; <u>Javier Gomez</u>)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Chris Lopez, Past Chair Supervisor District 3 (Priscilla Ramos)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P	E	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Glenn Church, County Representative Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	*P(A) (VC)	P	P	P	P(A)
Jose Rios, City Representative , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	A	*P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

P = Present

P(A) = Alternate present

*= New Representative

TC = Teleconference

A = Absent

E = Excused

(VC) Video Conference

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Hernandez, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting Services; Javier Gomez, District 1; Margaret D'Arrigo; Jasmine Mejia Cortez.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri and seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 7, 2025.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation as follows:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 382 (Berman): Pedestrian safety: school zones: speed limits – SUPPORT.

Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting, presented an update on state legislative activities and Ariadne Sambrano, Agency staff, presented an update on federal legislative activities.

Mr. Weiss reported that on May 14, Governor Newsom released the May Revise budget proposal. He noted that the General Fund has a \$12 billion deficit. He reported that Governor proposes to rename Cap and Trade to "Cap and Invest", proposes to make the High Speed Rail Authority eligible for \$1 billion annually (instead of the 25% it gets now), and proposes to use \$1.5 billion for Cal Fire Operations, which raises concerns that this will open the door for general fund activities and jeopardize funding for rail and transit projects. He mentioned that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is expected to announce recommendations for Senate Bill 1 grants this Friday.

Director Muck noted that the proposed changes to Cap & Trade would be a significant shift that could impact the Agency's rail projects and ability to repay the CTC for the

Proposition 116 funding. He mentioned that TAMC submitted an \$80 million SB 1 grant application for the Highway 156 Castroville Boulevard project, with Caltrans support.

Chair Askew noted that she fully supports Cal Fire funding and the safety of the residents in Monterey County and recognizes the importance of having sustainable and predictable funding for the rail and transit system.

Mr. Weiss highlighted two bills of interest, recommending a support position on AB 382 related to school zone speed limits and a watch position on SB 741 related to rail corridor permits in southern California.

Ariadne Sambrano reported that on April 24, US DOT Secretary Sean Duffy issued a letter to all funding recipients warning that programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are a violation of new federal laws. She noted that on May 2, the administration released a “skinny budget” for the 2026 fiscal year. The budget proposal prioritizes defense and border security while cutting more than \$160 billion from domestic programs.

Ms. Sambrano remarked that there would be scrutiny of specific grant language pertaining to DEI and climate change that may trigger additional reviews or disqualification from federal funds.

5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of June 25, 2025. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Legislative Update - Gas Tax Replacement Mechanisms
- Closed Session if necessary

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.