

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

April 24, 2013 Meeting

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS 2013



Before the start of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's April Board meeting, Board members gathered outside the Monterey County Agricultural Center for their annual photo. The 2013 Board members pictured are (left to right): Lou Calcagno, Supv. District 2; Aileen Loe, Caltrans; Belinda Hendrickson, King City; Randy Hurley, Greenfield; Maura Twomey, AMBAG Director; Alvin Edwards, Seaside (alternate); Kristi Markey, alternate for Jane Parker Supv. District 4; Rich Deal, Monterey; Alejandro Chavez, Soledad; Carl Sedoryk, MST Gen. Manager; Dave Potter, District Dist. 5; Maria Orozco, Gonzales; Jerry Edelen, Del Rey Oaks, TAMC Chair; Kimbley Craig, Salinas; Jason Burnett, Carmel; Robert Huit, Pacific Grove; Fernando Armenta, Supv. District 1; Bruce Delgado, Marina; and Simon Salinas, Supv. District 3.

Interested in attending a Transportation Agency Board meeting? They are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. You can find more information about meeting dates, times, and agendas on the TAMC website: <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/committees/tamc/meetings.html>

CAP AND TRADE: NEW FUNDING SOURCE FOR TRANSPORTATION?

A review of the cap and trade program, which is part of the three-pronged approach to address the emissions reduction goals set forth in AB 32, highlighted that the Air Resources Board's first cap and trade auction, held on November 14, 2012, resulted in \$55.8 million in proceeds to the state. These proceeds, and those of future auctions, are a potentially substantial new source of funding for transportation projects in an era of declining transportation revenues.

The Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities is working to develop a proposal for cap and trade revenue investment in transportation. The key Coalition principles include directing auction revenues from fuels to fund transportation projects, allowing regions to select projects under statewide criteria, and allocating funding within regions to achieve an optimal mix of greenhouse gas reductions and air quality, public health and safety benefits.

The Transportation Agency Board voted to contribute no more than \$800 to the program's advocacy effort.

RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY KEEPS CHUGGING FORWARD

Transportation Agency staff received direction from the board to continue working with the Federal Transit Administration and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to ensure the Rail Extension to Monterey County project is eligible for federal funds.

The project, which will extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas, will function as an extension of existing state-sponsored Capitol Corridor passenger rail service. As the project sponsor for the Salinas train service extension, the Transportation Agency has been working cooperatively with the staff of the Capitol Corridor; in February, both agencies adopted Principles of Agreement for moving forward with the project. The agencies are now collaboratively developing a draft operating plan for presentation to the California Transportation Commission at its June 11, 2013 meeting.