

DRAFT 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 are: Alejandro Chavez (Chair),
John Phillips (1st Vice Chair), Robert Huitt (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
Luis Alejo (County representative), Ed Smith (City representative)*

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Alejo, Chavez, Huitt, Phillips and Smith. Staff present: Hale, Goel, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann; Javier Gomez, Supervisor Alejo's office; and Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office. Committee member Alejo arrived after the consent agenda.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee member Huitt and seconded by Phillips, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 7, 2017. Committee member Smith abstained, due to his absence.
 - 3.2. Approved out-of-state travel for agency staff member to attend the Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference.

END OF CONSENT

4. 2017 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS:

On a motion by Committee member Alejo and seconded by Phillips, the committee voted 5 – 0 to consider as separate actions programming the competitive grants and removing the contingency on the \$900,000 for the FORTAG project.

On a motion by Committee member Phillips and seconded by Alejo the committee voted 5 – 0 recommending the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$6.95 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the 2017 Competitive Grants Program of Projects.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the Board voted to use \$6.95 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from the Transportation Agency's FY 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 allocation for a new round of competitive grants. He noted that the grant application is composed of four sections, each with 25 available points, for a total possible score of 100 points; The Agency received thirteen grant applications, totaling over \$14.3 million in RSTP funding. The grant review committee reviewed and scored the applications.

Committee member Phillips expressed his support for the list of projects, but did not support changing the rules on the TDA % funding, noting we need to wait for the Federal Lands Access Program grant to be awarded. Committee member Alejo concurred with Phillips.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The Committee received an update on the state legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, welcomed TAMC's Legislative Consultant, Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting. Mr. Khouri reported that the legislators are currently on summer recess until August 21. Mr. Khouri reported on the development of Senate Bill 1 by Senator Jim Beall and signed into law by the Governor. Implementation of SB 1 is going through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for guideline development. Mr. Khouri discussed TAMC's eligibility for the various funding programs now available thanks to SB 1. Mr. Khouri will continue to coordinate with Agency staff on the guidelines and will also watch the repeal initiative effort that is proposed for the November 2018 ballot. Mr. Khouri noted the legislature approved a "deal" to extend the cap and trade emissions reductions program from its original 2020 expiration date to 2030. Next will come a deliberation on the funding programs that receive cap and trade dollars, and Mr. Khouri will track those negotiations as they develop. Mr. Khouri reported on AB 696 (Caballero): Department of Transportation: Prunedale Bypass: County of Monterey: disposition of excess properties, currently on the suspense file for the Senate Appropriations committee. On July 10, the Department of Finance sent a letter opposing the bill. Mr. Khouri is scheduling a meeting with the Governor's office regarding this bill. He also reported on SB 477 (Cannella): Intercity rail corridors: extensions, currently on the suspense file for the Assembly Appropriations committee. So far, the votes have been unanimous and no opposition is on file, so no hurdles are expected to get this bill to the Governor's desk.

6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23, 2017

Executive Director Hale reviewed some of the highlights of the draft regular and consent agenda for August 23, 2017, she reported that the Board will be asked to adopt on the 2017 Competitive Grant funding for fiscal years 2017/18 through 2019/20 and approve the revised State and Federal Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A with all jurisdictions. The Board will receive update on the State Route 156 Level 2 Traffic and Revenue study and lastly to accept the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan.

On the consent agenda the Board will be asked to:

- Approve proposed amendments to the Agency bylaws as announced at the June Board meeting;
- Receive a state legislative update.
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute a project loan agreement with the City of Gonzales to fund Alta Street Rehabilitation project with \$2.5 million to be repaid by the City's share of Measure X revenues.
- Approve the real estate acquisition settlement agreement with Chisum Trail, LLC for one parcel located at 18 Station Place for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project by increasing the amount currently deposited in the State Condemnation Fund by \$1,000 to a not to exceed amount of \$274,000; approve the payment of statutory costs not to exceed the amount of \$1,000; authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and authorize the use of no more than \$2,000 from Agency funds budgeted to this project

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None this month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.