

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair),  
 Luis Alejo (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Chris Lopez (Past Chair),  
 Glenn Church (County representative), Jose Rios (City representative)*

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

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

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

Alternate locations:

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933*

*1011 Broadway Street, Suite C, King City, California 93930*

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

*147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926*

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

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting; Javier Gomez and Linda Gonzales, District 1; Monica Hale, District 3.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Committee Member Rios 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 August 6, 2025.

## **4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on state and federal legislative issues.

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that State legislators returned from recess on August 18. Mr. Khouri highlighted bills of interest:

- SB 71 (Wiener) would indefinitely extend California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for active transportation plans, restriping on streets and highways, bicycle parking, signage, and storage, transit projects, and transit planning. This bill was passed out of the Assembly Appropriations and now awaits action on the Assembly floor.
- SB 79 (Wiener) would allow more housing to be built near major public transportation stops by establishing state standards for transit-oriented zoning around major transit stops. Recent amendments struck out provisions that might have made projects in Monterey County eligible.
- AB 761 (Addis) allows the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, upon the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of its board, to submit to the voters of the district a measure proposing a retail transaction and use tax ordinance of not more than 0.25% in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law before January 1, 2035. The measure exempts this tax from the 2% limit for sales taxes. The bill is awaiting action on the Senate floor.
- AB 1207 (Irwin) is a placeholder bill for the extension of the Cap & Trade funding program. It is awaiting resolution among the negotiators and pending action on the Senate floor.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported on the federal legislative program, and highlighted two major updates: the US DOT rescinded \$2.2 billion in unobligated Neighborhood Access & Equity funds and overhauled the \$5 billion Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

#### **5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of September 24, 2025. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Caltrans Road Charge Program
- Construction Management/General Contractor approach for US 101 South of Salinas Project
- North Monterey County Safe Routes to Schools Plan and Participatory Budgeting

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.