

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, April 3, 2025

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

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = Alternate Present

E = Excused

(VC) = Video conference

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Meg Henry, Caltrans District 5

Paul Ensley, City of Seaside

Brenda Villanueva, Monterey County Public Works

Chair Tugel, City of Greenfield, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Garcia / Jacobs / unanimous

3.1 Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for March 6, 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4 RE-ORGANIZATION OF CALTRANS PLANNING SERVICES

Tyler LeSage with Caltrans District 5 reported that Caltrans planning operations assists the Agency and its member agencies with guidance on funding resources. Staff collect and preset data, analyze alternatives, and create comprehensive, multimodal plans. He noted that these plans maximize state-of-the-art technological advancements to identify and initiate future State transportation investments. Mr. LeSage noted that Caltrans has recently gone through significant changes in the organizational structure of the Planning Division. He noted that the Planning Division is a bridge between its external partners and internal operational organizations. The District's Local Assistance branch works in partnership with the Regional Transportation Agencies for each county.

Committee member Marissa Garcia asked about the Caltrans Engagement Portal. Mr. LeSage reported that it is in a pilot phase and will develop further over time.

5 US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS UPDATE

Meg Henry, Caltrans project manager, reported that the Transportation Agency is working with Caltrans and the South Salinas US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to create a set of projects to address safety issues along this busy agriculture route. She noted that the project development team recently shared conceptual plans for long-term solutions to address safety and congestion issues along US 101 as follows:

- Eliminate left turn and U-turn movements along US 101 at uncontrolled intersections on US 101 between Salinas and Chualar;
- Relocate the existing interchanges at Abbott Street and Main Street in Chualar;
- Construct frontage roads to maintain access to properties currently served by direct links to US 101; and
- Eliminate uncontrolled rail crossings.

Ms. Henry noted that Caltrans has identified a series of short-term safety improvement projects that can be implemented while the team continues to develop plans, secure funding and construct long-term solutions. She noted that these safety improvements include the recent completion of the Spence Road Auxiliary Lane, which provides space for trucks to safely accelerate from Spence Road onto US 101 and provides a deceleration lane for traffic exiting Eckhardt Road. The other safety improvement is to construct center medians along US 101 between the Abbot Street and Chualar Main Street interchanges that will prohibit left and U-Turns.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported that the short-term safety improvements were motivated by a fatal collision last year that re-emphasized the need to address safety along this corridor. He noted that the Agency has been trying to get funding secured for the long-term solution, and the project team has been conducting extensive public outreach highlighted by 45 public meetings held last year.

6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner, announced the Regional Vision Zero task force meeting dates: April 10 at the TAMC office, April 16 in Monterey and April 17 in Greenfield.

7 **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.