

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
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MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2025, TAMC BOARD MEETING
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room
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168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
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Supervisor Askew's Remote Location

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	DEC 25
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 2nd Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (Marilyn Viera , Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, Past Chair (Priscilla Ramos)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(V)
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbly Craig)	p*	P	P	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves, Dale Byrne)	P(A)*	P(A)	p*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	A	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, City Representative (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	E	P	P	E	A	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P	AB2	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, 1st Vice Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P
Dennis Donohue, Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	p*

Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)	P
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Ex Officio Members:	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 24	OCT 25	DEC 25
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P (V)	P (V)	P	P	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kyle Birch, Kelly McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(V)	A	A	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	A	A	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; AB2=AB 2449;
AB2a=AB 2449 alternate; A = absent; P*= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	DEC 25
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	E	E	E
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P

S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Barry Jones	Public
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Tyler LeSage	Caltrans	Lorna Moffat	Public
Luiza Hatlestad	MST	Bryan Rosen	Public
Tony Harris	Point C Consulting	Heather Norton	Public
Monica Hale	Monterey County District 3	Evan Snider	Monterey County District 5

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Board Member Donohue led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Rosen, resident, thanked the Board for the project to bring trains to Salinas.

Lorna Moffat, resident, thanked the Board for working on the train project.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Items pulled by the Board:

3.1.7, 3.3.2 and 3.4.1

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of October 22, 2025.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for October 2025 and the credit card statements for September 2025.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2026 schedule of meetings for the Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Appointed Chair Askew and Board Member LeBarre as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 28, 2026, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027, Board meeting.

3.1.6 Regarding Fiscal Year 23025-2026 Overall Work Program Amendment #4:

Approved Resolution 2025-14, pending legal counsel approval, providing:

1. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to transfer \$318,589.97 in state Rural Planning Assistance, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5304 Strategic Partnership, and State Highway Account (SHA) Climate Adaptation Planning carry-over funds into the Agency's fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 work program and budget;
2. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute work program and budget amendment No. 4 in accordance with this Resolution; and
3. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

3.1.7 Regarding Agreement for Accounting Services:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #4 with Oppidea, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 per year for an additional twenty-four months to provide accounting services through the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

Board Member Velazquez pulled this item for comment, noting that this contract should follow the procurement policy and use a Request for Qualification process next time.

Director Muck noted that TAMC is updating accounting software and that it is important that our long-time accountant be a part of this process, and when this contract expires, we will put it out to bid.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** No report this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis - Monterey County Health Department Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with the Monterey County Health Department, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 to provide community engagement support services for the period ending December 2028;
2. Approved the use of Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.3.2 Adopted the Fouth Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

Board Member Smith pulled this item for acknowledgement of the minor addendum.

3.3.3 Received update on state and federal issues.

3.3.4 Authorized staff to release the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan for public review.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Regarding 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:

Approved Resolution 2025-15 for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program which:

- Finds that the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is consistent with State Improvement Program Guidelines adopted by the CTC in August 2025, the RTIP does not conflict with other RTIPs or with the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and the RTIP is consistent with the Congestion Management Program and the Regional Transportation Plan;
- Adopts the Monterey County 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the CTC by December 15, 2025;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and
- Amends the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program into the Congestion Management Program Capital Improvement Program.

Board Member Delgado pulled this item for comment, noting that the Highway 68 corridor roundabout project is exciting, asking staff if \$22 million for the right of way phase will be spent by June 2026. Director Muck noted that these funds will not be spent by June 2026.

Public comment:

Dwight Stump, resident, commented that hybrid two-lane roundabouts are dangerous and were not reviewed in the draft environmental impact report.

3.4.2 Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Services - Contract Amendments:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendments #2 with California Towing and Transport for the Freeway Service Patrol Beats 1, 2, and 3, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term of service to June 30, 2026;
2. Authorized the use of \$215,000 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds and State Freeway Service Patrol funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Found that these amendments are justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contracts with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under competitively awarded contracts; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contracts, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #5:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #5 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the deadline on the contract from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, to continue the design work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.2 Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 Union Pacific Right of Way — Bender Rosenthal Incorporated Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute amendment #1 with Bender Rosenthal Incorporated, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the deadline on the contract from December 31, 2025, to June 30, 2027, to continue the right-of-way acquisition work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.3 Approved the allocation of \$20,000 in Agency Reserve funding as a cost-share with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to develop a federal grant application for improvements on the coast rail corridor that would support an increase in passenger rail service between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of November 5, 2025
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of November 3, 2025
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 5, 2025
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 6, 2025
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Transportation Agency presented TAMC Employee of the quarter to Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner, for July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025. The Agency employees recognized Janneke for her professionalism, diligence, knowledge, and most notably for helping the US 101 and State Route 68 teams to prepare for upcoming grant opportunities, managing the Regional Surface Transportation Program Mid-Cycle grant program, assisting with the development of new quick-build and vision zero programs, and outstanding efforts to keep the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway California Avenue segment on track for construction.

5. ELECTRIC VEHICLE TAKEOFF AND LANDING INTEGRATED PILOT PROGRAM SUPPORT (EIPP)

M/S/C LeBarre/Carbone/unanimous

The Board of Directors authorized TAMC to participate in the American Air Advantage (A3) Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) Consortium and similar efforts to support local Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) based transportation innovation, economic growth, and job creation.

Executive Director Muck reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched the eIPP to accelerate safe deployment of Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) and AAM technologies across the United States. This three-year program will select several regions for real-world testing and operational demonstrations. Applications are due December 11, 2025.

Mr. Muck noted that the A3 eIPP Consortium includes a range of public and private partners working in Northern California on AAM, including University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC); Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP); Drones, Aviation, and Robotics Technology (DART); and the support of 14 corporate entities operating in the unmanned aircraft space. The Monterey Bay Tech Hub, which includes local public and private partners listed above, in addition to Cal State Monterey Bay, all the tri-county community colleges, and the airports of Salinas, Marina, and Hollister, will be an important part of implementing the A3 eIPP designation.

Board Member Smith noted that it is the right choice to participate and support Caltrans as the lead agency.

Board Member Oglesby concurred, noting TAMC should be a participant to keep member jurisdictions in the loop on progress.

Public comment:

Luiza Hatlestad, public resident, commented that resources should be spent on providing high impact mobility to benefit our community.

6. TAMC REAL PROPERTY POLICIES

M/S/C Smith/Velazquez/unanimous

The Board of Directors approved the Transportation Agency's draft Real Property Ownership Policies.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported TAMC's Real Property Ownership Policies, last updated in 2016, require revision to reflect changes in property status, funding restrictions, and administrative practices. The Real Property Ownership Policies were updated to modernize TAMC's approach to managing its land holdings, ensuring consistent terms, fair market compensation, and compliance with funding requirements. The revisions provide flexibility for interim uses while preserving TAMC's long-term transportation mission and future infrastructure needs.

Board Member Smith asked if we looked at other agencies to see how they handle their policies.

Mr. Zeller noted that the policies from other agencies were not directly reviewed, but that the Agency's counsel did review the revised policies and best practices from the County of Monterey were considered as part of this process.

Board Member Oglesby noted that he was comfortable with the revised policies but concerned about the consequences of moving too fast to revoke long-standing leases.

Executive Director Muck responded that the policies would not change current use agreements and that all new or renewed use agreements would come before the board for consideration.

7. HIGHWAY 1 ELKHORN SLOUGH CORRIDOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT**M/S/C** Oglesby/Poduri/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project; received the draft outreach plan; and approved the draft project outreach schedule.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that this project focuses on an eight-mile stretch of Highway 1 through the disadvantaged community of Moss Landing and the parallel five miles of rail tracks traversing Elkhorn Slough. Providing multimodal options and integrating nature-based solutions are top priorities for this project. The corridor traverses Elkhorn Slough, a major estuary located in Monterey Bay, California, that provides valuable habitat area for hundreds of aquatic birds, fish, marine mammals, and invertebrate species.

The draft outreach plan provides a roadmap for the engagement process for the project and covers how the project will be aligned with the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study process, leverage concurrent planning processes and associated outreach, co-facilitate community engagement in disadvantaged communities, build partnerships and engage elected officials.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Kyle Birch announced the following:

- SR 68 adaptive signal control: Caltrans is working to get the system installed by end of 2025. Caltrans will begin testing in early spring and hopefully operations will begin in the spring.
- Caltrans will award approximately \$22 million for Sustainable Communities Competitive and Strategic Partnerships transportation planning grants; applications closed on November 21, 2025, awards to be announced in summer 2026.
- Happy Holidays and safe travels!

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- MST installed and activated nine new electric bus chargers .
- MST received their first Low or No Emission Grant from the Federal Transit Administration Program for a microgrid resiliency project.
- On Monday, MST will be participating in the trail closures workshop for the SURF! project.
- MST is deploying the free Holly Trolley on some routes.

Monterey Regional Airport District — Carl Miller announced the following:

- The Monterey Regional Airport continues replacement of their passenger terminal complex.
- Monterey Regional Airport Interim Executive Director Chris Morello has been named Executive Director by the Monterey Peninsula Airport District Board.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- Electric Vehicle Incentive Program is almost out of funds and as of September 30, 2026, the funds for federal tax credit in no longer available.

Public comment:

Barry Jones, resident, commented on the Caltrans report regarding the evaluation timeline for the adaptive signal installation on SR 68.

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

Vice Chair Poduri attended the California Councils of Governments (CalCOG) meeting in Palm Desert on November 6, 2025.

Board Member LeBarre and Board Member Daniels attended a Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting and tour of the rail station hosted by King City on November 21, 2025.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck wished all a happy holiday!

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member LeBarre expressed concerns about pedestrian, scooters and bicycle accidents, noting that we should remind people and drivers of their surroundings and consider providing funds for community outreach.

Board Member Donohue concurred with LeBarre, noting there have been too many incidents and fatalities and a serious strategic public education is needed.

Board Member Velazquez noted that the Vision Zero project is a perfect opportunity to be able to have the data to secure funds for the campaign.

Board Member Oglesby concurred, noting that it is our core mission and we are all spending a lot of money on traffic calming measures, and TAMC should lead a collaborative effort to improve safety.

Executive Director Muck noted that this is high priority within our current work program, and the Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero planning efforts are part of that and will be on multiple agendas next year as we work through this. He also asked if you have individual efforts in your communities that you coordinate with TAMC.

Board Member Carbone thanked Caltrans for the installation of the crosswalks on Highway 218 in Seaside where a fatality had occurred.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Positions: Executive Director & Agency Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT on the Closed Session: None

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session and Agency Counsel Strong reported no actions were taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.