

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Held At
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

Final Minutes of Thursday, November 7, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)		C	P	P	P	C	P	C	P		P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks		A				A		A			P
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	P	N	P		P(A)	N	P	N	P/A	P	
R. Mullane, Greenfield		C	P(A)			C		C			
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	P	E	P	P		E	P	E	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina, Chair (E. Delos Santos)	P	L	P	P	P	L	P	L	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri)	P(A)	L	P(A)	P(A)	P	L	P(A)	L		P	P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	P	E	P	P	P	E	P(A)	E		P	P
A. Easterling, Salinas, Vice Chair (J. Serrano)	P	D	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (F. Meuer)			P(A)	P	P		P		P	P	P
S. Ottmeyer, Seaside (L. Llantero)			P(A)		P					P	P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (B. Slama, E. Waggoner)											
E. Saavedra, MCPW (R. Martinez)	P		P	P(A)	P(A)				P	P	P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development											
H. Adamson, AMBAG (P. Hierling)	P(A)		P(A)	P	P						P(A)
O. Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)			P(A)	P	P				P	P	
M. McCluney, CSUMB											
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
P. Said, FORA											
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)	P		P(A)	P	P		P			P(A)	

STAFF	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19
D. Hale, Exec. Director		C	P	P						P	P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	A	P	P	P		P		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		N	P	P	P		P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner		C									
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner		E							P	P	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator		L					P				
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	E	P		P		P			P	P
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner		D		P	P		P				
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner			P								
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer			P	P	P		P				

OTHERS PRESENT:

Will Conden, AMBAG

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Brian McMinn, City of Marina, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Harary/Gho/unanimous

3.1 APPROVE the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of October 3, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2020 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, presented the Transportation Agency's draft 2020 Legislative Program.

Mr. Deal noted that items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

3S: Promote jobs-housing balance.

5S: Support reauthorization of public private partnership authority.

6S: Support legislation to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities by modifying speed trap laws that prioritize higher automobile speeds over safety considerations.

7S: Support legislation to devote a permanent share of Cap and Trade funding to the Active

Transportation Program.

8S: Support streamlining project delivery, including simplifying grant program applications,

raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.

10S: Support transit-oriented development, complete streets, alternative commutes, multimodal transportation, and active transportation projects.

11S: Support member agencies.

Federal:

1F(6&7): Support federal funding applications.

2F: Allow California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

5F: Support changing the timeline for updating the Regional Transportation Plan to align with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

6F: Support member agencies.

Fernanda Roveri, City of Monterey, asked on item 8S if the Agency has suggestions for how to simplify grant applications. Mr. Deal responded that it depends on the program, and that the Agency is interested in streamlining applications and not being required to submit information that's not relevant to the grant.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, stated that the County runs into issues with funding for the Highway bridge program and would like to see reauthorization for seismic retrofits in bridge funding. Todd Muck, Deputy Director, responded that the issue is generally covered under item 1F, but that staff would get more information.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked if staff has more information on item 6S related to speed limits. Mr. Deal responded that the idea is to support allowing lower limits in areas of high pedestrian incidents. Debbie Hale, Executive Director, noted that this is just a support action and that there isn't legislation currently proposed.

5. FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Chair Brian McMinn, City of Marina, noted that the item was intended for the consent agenda and that it was deemed received by the Committee with no discussion.

6. SAFE STREETS PILOT PROGRAM

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, provided an update on Safe Streets Pilot Program development and project application process.

Ms. Jacobsen presented that Under the program, TAMC staff will work with jurisdictions to identify an eligible repaving project, and partner with city staff to create a "Safe Street" design. TAMC staff is proposing to use Regional Surface Transportation Program funds as incentive funding, up to a certain amount, for the project to include bicycle and/or pedestrian safety features above what the project would have constructed without the funding.

Staff developed a Project Application based on feedback received at the October 3rd meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Project Application adds structure to the project selection process and encourages interested jurisdictions to identify how the project aligns with goals of the Safe Streets Pilot Program.

Staff anticipates taking selected pilot projects to the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors for formal allocation of funds at the December 4th Board Meeting. Staff asks that interested jurisdictions submit completed Project Application to TAMC by November 14th for consideration in the pilot.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, asked if the Agency is trying to achieve geographic equity across the county? Ms. Jacobsen responded that we'd like to see that but we'll have to see what applications are submitted.

Scott Ottmeyer, City of Seaside, asked if all that is required to be submitted is a map and project description. Rich Deal responded that if a city has a striping plan or design, the Agency can work with you on potential improvements.

Robert Harary, City of Carmel, stated that Alta Planning did an initial bikeways plans and that the city is thinking of putting in the first segment that doesn't tie into other facilities right now, and asked if that would qualify. Mr. Deal responded that it would, and that staff would like to help cities complete projects that otherwise wouldn't get done.

Fernanda Roveri, City of Monterey, asked how staff would be ranking the projects. Todd Muck, Deputy Director, responded that staff will have to evaluate the applications that are received and see which ones help us meet the goals of the program with the funding available.

7. FORT ORD TRAIL AND GREENWAY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Stefani Castillo, Transportation Planner, presented on the Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

Ms. Castillo presented that TAMC staff has been working with the County of Monterey, the cities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey and Seaside, the California State University at Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the public to gather input to define alternatives to be evaluated. The consultant team has performed the field reviews, technical studies, outreach events, and public information meetings required to prepare the draft environmental impact report.

Staff is conducting an internal review of the consultant's work on the draft environmental impact report, which is expected to be ready for circulation on or about November 13, 2019. The environmental review process for the entire Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project is expected to be completed by early 2020.

A draft Master Agreement including maintenance responsibilities is being circulated by TAMC to the underlying jurisdictions for their review and is expected to be executed in early 2020, concurrent with the certification of the environmental impact report by TAMC as the lead agency and by the underlying jurisdictions as responsible agencies.

Dino Pick, City of Del Rey Oaks, asked if a link to the report would be sent out. Ms. Castillo responded that it would be.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked if staff has a phasing strategy. Ms. Castillo responded that yes, the Agency is pursuing construction of the trail in segments and has a grant application submitted for the Laguna Grande portion of the trail.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, announced that all jurisdictions must submit their Measure X annual reports by December 31, 2019.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, announced that the American Public Works Association will hold a new pavement technologies workshop on November 13th, and that the general meeting will be held November 20th at Hartnell College.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, announced that a presentation on full-depth reclamation will be held on November 14th at Shilling Place.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.