

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**  
**FINAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026, TAMC BOARD MEETING**  
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room  
**Alternate Locations with Zoom Connection Open to the Public:**  
168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901  
Supervisor Alejo's office  
212 S. Vanderhurst Avenue, King City, California 93930  
Alternate Member Carlos DeLeon

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</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>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Linda Gonzales, <del>Javier Gomez</del> )	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, <b>County Representative</b> ( <del>Marilyn Viera</del> , Leonie Gray)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, (Priscilla Ramos)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, <b>Past Chair</b> (Yuri Anderson, <del>Kera Abraham Panni, Eric Mora</del> )	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(V)	P	P(A)
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbly Craig)	P	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	E	P
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves, Dale Byrne)	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	A	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(V) (ADA)
Robert White, Greenfield (Rachel Ortiz)	E	P	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Gino Garcia, <del>Marissa Garcia, Andrew Easterling</del> )	AB2	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, <b>Chair</b> (Joe Amelio)	E	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Dennis Donohue, Salinas <b>City Representative</b> (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P*	P	P

Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E
<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>MAR 25</b>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>JUN 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>SEP 24</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	P	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kyle Birch, Kelly McClendon, Paul Valadao)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Dino Pick, Monterey Regional Airport District (Carl Miller)	A	P(A) (V)	P(V)	A	A	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(V)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)
<i>P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; ADA= American Disabilities Act; JC# =Just Cause; A = absent; P*= New Representative</i>										
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Ryan Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	P	-	-	-	-	P*	P	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)	E	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	E	E	P	P	P
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(V)
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	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	Tyler LeSage	Caltrans
Linda Gonzales	Monterey County District 1	Lauren Prehoda	Caltrans
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	Monterey County District 1	Tony Harris	Point C
Doreen Liberto	City of King	Dwight Stump	Public
Michelle Overmeyer	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Evan Snider	Public
Ed Smith	City of Monterey	Ryan Caldera	Public
Priscilla Ramos	Monterey County District	Eric Petersen	Public
Anna Nunez	North Monterey County resident	Luiza Hatlestad	Public
Diana Jimenez	North Monterey County resident	Carolyn Meyer	Public
Ana Rueda de Vidales	Public	John Baucke	Public
Maria Norma Ayala	Public	Barry Jones	Public
Victor M Tafoya	Public	Bryan Rosen	Public
Kevin Forbes	Public		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Poduri led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** on the Closed Session: None

The Board entered into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Position: Executive Director.
2. Consultation with Agency Counsel Shane Strong (or County Counsel designee) pursuant to Government Code section 54957: THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND SECURITY.

Enclosures are provided only to Board members.

**RECONVENED**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the Highway 68 Adaptive Signals project costs and conflicting information.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the MST SURF! project.

Kevin Forbes, bike shop owner, commented on the loss of access for bike paths at Dunes State Park.

Eric Petersen, resident, expressed his support for the SURF! project.

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#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Oglesby/ Church/ passed

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

##### ***ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET***

- 4.1.1** 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 January 25, 2026.
- 4.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for January 2026 and the credit card statements for December 2025.
- 4.1.3** Received report on contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 4.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings by agency staff.
- 4.1.5** Regarding Vasquez and Company LLP Contract Amendment #1:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract amendment with Vasquez and Company LLP, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a total contract amount of \$254,600, to provide auditing services for the period ending December 31, 2029;
  2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted for the work;
  3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; 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 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.
- 4.1.6** Regarding Brown Act Resolutions:
1. Adopted Resolution 2026-01 to enable the TAMC Board to utilize the Multijurisdictional Body provisions of Government Code Section 54953.8.7 allowing teleconferencing; and
  2. Adopted Resolution 2026-02 to enable TAMC Committees to use provisions of Government Code Section 54953.8.6 allowing Eligible Subsidiary Bodies to use teleconferencing in specific circumstances.

- 4.1.7** Approved revised contract template for use in contracting for professional services.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 4.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2026-03 apportioning \$23,800,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

***PLANNING***

- 4.3.1** Received summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2025.
- 4.3.2** Approved community funding project nominations for federal appropriations funding.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 4.4.1** Regarding School Pool Agreements:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a data sharing agreement with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, related to school-based carpooling ride-share platform services for the period ending December 30, 2028;
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with GoKid Corp., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$49,831, to provide school-based carpooling ride-share platform services for the period ending June 30, 2028;
3. Approved the use of Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) funds budgeted for the School Pool pilot project with Go Kid Corp.; 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 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.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 4.5.1** No report this month.

***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

- 4.6.1** No report this month.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of February 4, 2026
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of February 4, 2026
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of February 5, 2026
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting

**4.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for February 2026.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM & SAFE STREETS TOGETHER CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received an update on the Safe Routes to School Program and Safe Streets Together Campaign in Monterey County.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Measure X Safe Routes to Schools Program has supported safer walking and bicycling for youth and families across Monterey County since 2018, building a foundation of community-based safety education and infrastructure needs. Building on this work, the Monterey County Vision Zero Plan is now being developed to identify and prioritize the projects and programs needed to eliminate severe and fatal traffic crashes countywide. Safe Streets Together Monterey County serves as the public-facing safety campaign that will help implement the Vision Zero Plan, reinforcing Safe Routes to Schools goals and advancing countywide safety policies through education, outreach, and behavior-change messaging.

Board Member Lopez thanked Ms. Green, asking her to invite him to walking school bus events.

Board Member Delgado thanked Ms. Green, noting there is a glaring example in Marina that needs attention.

Board Alternate Garcia, a Safe Routes team member, noted that there was an incredible amount of work that goes into these projects in engaging our community.

Michelle Overmeyer, MST, reported that MST would like to participate in the Safe Routes to School Program to teach and train students how to use the bus system.

Public comment:

Anna Nunez, Castroville resident, expressed that she was proud to be part of the North County Safe Routes project, working together to better our community.

Diana Jimenez, North Monterey County resident, acknowledged the work of TAMC and the community for their engagement with this important project.

## 6. 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Transportation Agency presented their 24th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards to honor community members, programs, and projects that made a significant contribution to improving transportation networks in Monterey County.

This year's awards honorees are:

- Individual: James Herrera, Reporter, Monterey Herald, was recognized for his coverage of transportation-related projects and programs for the daily newspaper.
- Program: "Safe Routes to School North County Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee" made up of residents and community advocates. The Steering Committee worked with Safe Routes to School program partners to identify barriers to safe access for eleven public schools across North Monterey County.
- Project: The Bardin Road Safe Routes to School Improvements Project, The City of Salinas, Kimley-Horn & Associates, MNS Engineers, and the Don Chapin Company were recognized for the project's design to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access to Bardin Elementary School.
- TAMC Employee Recognition: Elouise Rodriguez was recognized for twenty-five years of service.

Board Member Lopez expressed his appreciation, noting it is important that we all recognize that it is not just the process and outcomes that we highlighted today, but the fact that kids in our community are watching their parents and grandparents participate and be a part of the solutions.

## 7. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Unmet Transit Needs, opened the public hearing, received comments, and closed the public hearing.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency annually conducts outreach to identify unmet transit needs. This unmet needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit under the Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Board Member Daniels expressed the need for lighting at the bus stops on MST Line 24, and the need for reinstating service on MST Line 22, noting many visitors want to see the Big Sur Coast.

Board Member Lopez asked that bus service to Bradley be re-instated after completion of the Bradley pavement improvement project; he asked that sidewalk conditions be reviewed along the south county circulator routes, specifically in King City, to improve walking accessibility for seniors that use the service.

## **8. KING CITY MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

**M/S/C** Lopez/ Delgado/ unanimous

The Transportation Agency's Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to begin discussions with Caltrans and the City of King to transfer project funding and implementation for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center project to the TAMC Rail program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, noted that the City of King has requested that TAMC become the project sponsor for the Multimodal Transportation Center project, with the departure of several City staff with many years of experience working on the project. The City of King has secured funding for the project from the State Rail Assistance, Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and Senate Bill 125. Upon Board approval, TAMC staff will coordinate with Caltrans and the City of King to transfer the funding in order for TAMC to fund project-related planning activities.

Board Member Baron expressed concerns noting that this action may pose a risk to TAMC.

Executive Director Muck noted that like all regional projects they will go up in cost and we will pursue grants to secure the remaining funds to deliver the project. He noted that staff manages all TAMC projects to the best of our ability and we do charge staff time to the specific project.

Board Member Oglesby expressed his support for the transition, noting that it is appropriate for TAMC to include the project in its rail portfolio, and this is an important project for the whole county.

**9. EXPAND AGENCY HEADCOUNT FROM 18.75 TO 19.75 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF****M/S/C** Carbone/ Oglesby/ unanimous

The Board of Directors approved an update to the Agency position control list.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that to support the current workload list as well as additional projects starting soon, the agency needs to expand its Transportation Planner headcount from 7 to 8. This addition would bring the total agency headcount from 18.75 to 19.75 full-time equivalent staff.

Planner positions are fully paid for by projects, either through direct labor charge or indirect labor. The agency has a very active and growing list of rail projects to which a new staff person will be assigned.

Chair Poduri noted that this approval dovetails with implementation of for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center project and to the TAMC Rail program.

**10. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INTEGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY****M/S/C** Poduri/ Oglesby/ unanimous

Draft Overall Work Program, Budget, and Integrated Funding Strategy:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 26/27 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review;
2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 26/27 through 28/29, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 26/27, and the 2026 Integrated Funding Strategy; and
3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the 2026 Integrated Funding Strategy back to the Board on May 27, 2026 for approval.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, highlighted the Overall Work Program and Integrated Funding Strategy, including the Vision Zero Strategy, Active Transportation Plan, and Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, highlighted the Direct and Operating budget. The Direct budget includes capital expenditures, and the Operating budget includes existing contract

increases and the cost-of-living increase. He noted that next step is to send the draft budget to Caltrans for review and bring back to the board in May for final approval.

## **11. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades announced the following:

- Caltrans will reopen the portion of Highway 1 closed by Regent’s Slide. The reopening restores full travel access along the iconic Big Sur coast and revives a vital economic lifeline for local business owners and residents affected by the closure.
- SR 68 adaptive signal control: all traffic controllers have been updated, deployed, installed and is completely functioning. He noted that there have been some challenges along the way. The data collection will be shared in May 2026.

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) – Michelle Overmeyer announced the following:

- MST is replacing old bike racks on buses.
- MST received 13 zero emission buses, they now have a total fleet of 17.

Monterey Regional Airport District — Dino Pick announced the following:

- Progress continues for the new terminal.

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

- Electric Terrain Vehicle Incentive Program offers up to seventy-five percent replacement cost for zero emission vehicles.
- Tractor diesel engine replacement MBARD's Diesel Engine & Equipment Replacement Program is a collection of incentive programs that provides funding to encourage replacement of older heavy-duty motors/engines.

## **12. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

Board Member Daniels reported that she, Director Muck and Board Member Church attended the Union Pacific Railroad Capital Corridor meeting in Sacramento.

**13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck noted that all presentations and the video recording of the meeting are available on the TAMC website.

TAMC submitted a \$25 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for the US 101 South of Salinas Project. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.