

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

Wednesday, August 6, 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

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

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting; Javier Gomez and Jasmine Mejia Cortez, District 1; Margaret D'Arrigo, City of Salinas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 4, 2025.

Committee member Church arrived after the consent agenda item.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that State legislators will return from recess on August 18th and will take action on all bills by August 29th. Mr. Khouri noted that the negotiations on extending the Cap and Trade program are ongoing.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported that on June 30, 2025, the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) unveiled a sweeping overhaul of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) designed to fast-track infrastructure projects.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that California's Senators nominated the SR 156 and Seaside Broadway projects for funding in the Transportation Housing Urban Development appropriations bill, but unfortunately those nominations were not included in the bill that was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee.

5. MID-CYCLE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

On a motion by Committee Member Church and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt programming \$10.5 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for a Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program of Projects. The Committee agreed that a full list of all the projects with detailed information be presented to the Board of Directors on August 27 and maintaining the \$3 million in reserve for future issues that come up.

Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner, reported The Transportation Agency has \$13.5 million of unprogrammed surplus that the Agency is committed to disbursing to local agencies. Staff recommends utilizing \$10.5 million of excess funds for the Mid-cycle RSTP Grant Program. She noted that the Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program establishes a new, one-time funding opportunity prior to the 2026 Competitive Grant Program with the objective of disbursing previously unaccounted-for funds as quickly as possible.

Agency staff received 15 funding requests from 10 jurisdictions with a total request of \$22.3 million. Of the 15 requests, 7 have completed design and will release bids for construction between August 2025 and February 2026. Three projects are currently under construction. The Transportation Agency recommends funding the following program of 10 projects with the Mid-cycle Competitive Grant funds for a total of \$10.5 million:

- City of Gonzales – Fifth Street Truck Ban Signage: \$38,512
- City of Greenfield – Walnut Avenue Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvement Project: \$100,000
- City of King – US 101/ Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement Project: \$1,488,000
- City of Marina – Imjin Parkway & 3rd Avenue Signal Improvements Project: \$450,000
- City of Monterey – Madison/ Hermann/ Larkin Traffic Circle: \$130,000
- City of Salinas – Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project (Phase 1): \$1,000,000
- City of Sand City – West End Improvement Project: \$2,000,000
- City of Seaside – Broadway Corridor Improvements: \$4,000,000
- City of Soledad – West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project: \$882,480
- County of Monterey – Laureles Grade/ Carmel Valley Road Roundabout: \$450,000

The Cities of Pacific Grove, Del Rey Oaks and Carmel-by-the-Sea did not have any projects that fit the criteria for the mid-cycle RSTP Grant Program.

6. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of August 27, 2025. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Mid-cycle Competitive Grant Program of Projects
- SR 156 / Castroville Boulevard – SB 1 Baseline Agreement
- Proposition 116 Annual Report
- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway – California Avenue and Jerry Smith Trailhead Segments Update
- Closed Session

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.