

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**  
**JOINT POWERS AGENCY**  
**FINAL MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING**  
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>NOV 21*</b>	<b>DEC 21</b>	<b>DEC 21*</b>	<b>JAN 22*</b>	<b>JAN 22</b>	<b>FEB 22*</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Claudia Link)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Priscilla Barba)	P(A)	P(A)	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, <b>County Rep</b> (Yuri Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	A	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, <b>Chair</b> (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	P	P	P	E	P	A	A	P	P	P
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, <b>Past Chair</b> (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, <b>City Representative</b> (Christie Cromeenes)	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; <del>Kim Cruz</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	P(A)
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P



**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brian McMinn      APWA Past President/City of Marina      Kevin Dayton      Measure X Committee  
 Colleen Courtney      Supervisor District 5 alternate

**1.      CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Vice Chair LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

**2.      PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Allen Tarp read a letter from Brad Tarp that was sent to the Board dated May 22, 2022, regarding the property on West Market and New Street.

**3.      CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C**      Potter/Lopez/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

***ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET***

- 3.1.1**      Approved 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 April 27, 2022.
- 3.1.2**      Accepted the list of checks written for the month of April 2022 and credit card statements for the month of March 2022.
- 3.1.3**      Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4**      Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.
- 3.1.5**      Approved Resolution 2022-05 adopting the fiscal year 22/23 budget and estimated budgets for fiscal years 23/24 and 24/25, Overall Work Program for FY 22/23 and the 2022 Integrated Funding Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.6**      Regarding On-Call Graphic Design Consultant:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with We The Creative, for an amount not to exceed \$90,000, to provide on-call consultant services for graphic design of public outreach, marketing, and website materials for three years, July 2022 through June 2025;
  2. Approved the use of reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; 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.

- 3.1.7** Regarding Disposition of Surplus Equipment:
1. Approved Resolution 2022-04 declaring as surplus selected equipment and computers; and
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus property in accordance with the Disposition of Surplus Property Policy, paragraph 4.
- 3.1.8** Authorized the Executive Director to sign a lease extension with Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas for an additional five years for office space at 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas.

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

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Operations:
1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$3,245,140 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes;
  2. Approved the Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$451,853 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 84: King City-Paso Robles;
  3. Adopted Resolution 2022-06 and Resolution 2022-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs; and
  4. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan Contracts
1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan contracts with Monterey County Health Department and City of Salinas extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, subject to approval by Agency counsel; and
  2. Authorized 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.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Legislative Update:
1. Received update on State legislative issues; and
  2. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

**3.4.1** Regarding Every Child Grant Contracts

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Every Child Grant Contract with the Monterey County Health Department extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2022 to December 31, 2023, subject to approval by Agency counsel;
2. Approved Amendment #2 to the Safe Routes to School Implementation Contract with Ecology Action extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023, subject to approval by Agency counsel; and
3. Authorized 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.

**3.4.2** Regarding Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 Grant Applications

1. Authorized staff to submit Active Transportation Program grant applications for Safe Routes to School projects in Salinas, King City, Castroville, and San Ardo; and the California Avenue segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project in the City of Marina;
2. Authorized staff to be a joint grant applicant with the City of Salinas, City of King, and County of Monterey in each of their separate applications; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

**3.5.1** No items this month.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

**3.6.1** No items this month.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of May 4, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of May 2, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 4, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 5, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2022.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY - SR 218 CANYON DEL REY SEGMENT UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation on the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported the Phase 1 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway stretches 1.5 miles along the State Route 218 / Canyon Del Rey corridor through Del Rey Oaks and Seaside. The project has reached several milestones including 65% final design after incorporating several modifications to the project in response to community feedback. The vision for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project is to create a multimodal route designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community, and recreation centers. Pending the results of the June 7th election, final design and right-of-way certification are anticipated for completion by Spring 2023, and construction is scheduled to start thereafter.

Board member Kerr thanked the team, noting this is an amazing path, and a grand vision of safety.

Larry Samuels, CSUMB expressed he is enthusiastic, and noted he continues to support all efforts to implement this vision.

## 5. **US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation and provided feedback on the US 101 South of Salinas project.

Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer, reported that Agency staff conducted extensive public outreach last year for the US 101 South of Salinas project. Stakeholder input has led to several changes in the proposed scope of work for this project. The US 101 South of Salinas project will improve safety for residents, travelers, and agricultural employees while improving traffic flow along 5.5 miles of US 101 from Airport Boulevard to the Main Street Overcrossing in Chualar. US 101 is the primary artery along the Central Coast and is vital to statewide commerce.

Mr. Bipse noted that the busy corridor of US 101 provides access from California's Central Coast agricultural operations to markets around the country and provides a link from Southern California to the tourist destinations along the Monterey Peninsula. It is projected that South County will be the fastest growing region in Monterey County, with an estimated growth of 35% by 2035.

Here are the highlights of the presentation:

- Construct no new additional interchanges or flyover structures
- Reconstruct the Abbot Street interchange
- Upgrade the interchange at Main Street in Chualar
- Build frontage roads adjacent to the US 101 corridor
- Upgrade interchanges and frontage roads first
- Fix the storm water flooding issue
- Look for early wins

Board members and community members praised the team's robust outreach and community engagement.

Todd Muck, Executive Director, announced that Congressman Panetta has nominated an early element of this project for a \$1 million Community Project Funding in the federal transportation appropriation bill for fiscal year 2023. If enacted, this funding would help the US 101 Auxiliary Lane project from Spence Road to Eckhardt Road go to construction next year.

## 6. **Monterey County Regional Projects & Alignment with State Goals**

The Board received a presentation on recent efforts to align State and local transportation funding with State climate action, equity, and vehicle-miles travelled reduction goals.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported on the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. The plan details how the state recommends investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety, and equity. Efforts are moving forward at the State level to more closely align transportation investments with State goals. Under the Plan, where feasible and within existing funding program structures, the State is proposing to invest discretionary transportation funds in sustainable infrastructure projects that align with its climate, health, and social equity goals. This could potentially impact the availability of State funds for the region's priority safety and congestion-relief transportation projects. Director Zeller noted that most important is the risk to the voter approved funding commitments in Measure X and SB 1.

## 7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans District 5** – John Olejnik announced the Clean California Program is hosting Litter Day on May 26, 2022. He also announced the City of Salinas Dump Day was a great success. The TAMC Region was awarded two Sustainable Communities Competitive Grants: \$220,000 for the Monterey County Outreach and Implementation Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study, and \$394,000 for the City of Salinas Active Transportation Plan: Ecology Action, Outreach, and Implementation. Caltrans is looking forward to additional opportunities of high-level grants. In conclusion, Mr. Olejnik thanked Director Muck for hosting their new young planners last week for a mini tour of TAMC's projects. For more information, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – No Report this month.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager/ Deputy Treasurer, announced that the MST Bus fare survey is closing next week. She also announced that the MST Trolley service will operate from June 25 through September 5. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer noted MST will begin public outreach for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project in late June. For more information, visit: [www.mst.org](http://www.mst.org).

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – No report this month.



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

None this month.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced Agency Counsel Katherine Hansen will be leaving the County and has taken a job with the Santa Cruz County Superior Court; he expressed his appreciation for her service. He welcomed Susan Blicht, Chief Assistant County Counsel, who will act as interim counsel to the Agency.

Katherine Hansen expressed she enjoyed working with the Board and has been appointed Santa Cruz County Superior Court Commissioner and will be working in the Watsonville Courthouse. Ms. Hansen noted that the Board is in exceptionally good hands with counsel Susan Blicht.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Alejo expressed concerns that Santa Cruz Measure D, if approved by the voters on June 7<sup>th</sup>, would lead to removal of 32 miles of tracks in that county, which could impact our future plans for the Pajaro Rail Station, noting we have been working on this for a long time.

Claudia Link, District 2 alternate, announced Caltrans is hosting a zoom meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., regarding State Route 183 Castroville Improvements.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.