

**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: Chris Lopez (Chair), Dave Potter (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair),  
Wendy Root Askew (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (Past Chair),  
Luis Alejo (County representative), Chaps Poduri (City representative)*

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. \*\*\*

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

Alternate locations:

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, CA 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office*

*168 West Alisal Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office*

*599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927, Supervisor Lopez's Office*

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>SEP 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>NOV 23</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>MAR 24</b>
Chris Lopez, <b>Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
Dave Potter, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> Carmel-By-The-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Wendy Root Askew, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Michael LeBarre, <b>Past Chair</b> King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, <b>County Representative</b> Supr. Dist. 5 (L. Gonzales)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P*	P(A) (VC)
Chaps Poduri, <b>City Representative</b> (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P (VC)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

*TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference*

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P\*= New Representative

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. Chair Lopez welcomed Agency Counsel Shane Strong.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Watson, Wright, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, County Counsel; Monica Hale, Supervisor 3 District office; and Jasmine Mejia Cortez, Supervisor District 1 office; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment

## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre, seconded by Committee Alternate Member Anderson, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 7, 2024.

## **4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri, seconded by Committee Alternate Member Anderson, the Committee voted 5-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation as follows:

- AB 817: Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body – support
- AB 2535: Trade Corridor Enhancement Program – oppose
- AB 3005: Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension – oppose
- SB 537: Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences – support
- SB 768: California Environmental Quality Act: State Air Resources Board: vehicle miles traveled: study – support
- Support legislation that would clarify the intent of Proposition 116

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, highlighted the bills of interest and presented a state legislative update.

Director Muck noted that TAMC may need to pursue legislation to clarify Proposition 116 funding eligibility, which was used to purchase the Monterey Branch Line in 2003. Proposition 116 was primarily intended to fund rail projects, but “fixed guideway” projects are also eligible. The MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project is intended to be an interim project that will provide transit service in the near-term. Rail service on the Monterey Branch Line is included in the State Rail Plan as a long-term project. Legislation may be helpful to clarify Bus Rapid Transit projects on dedicated alignments, such as the SURF project, are “fixed guideway” projects.

## **TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 27, 2024. After Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update
- FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Contract
- Regional Transportation Plan Policy Element
- Transportation Agency Membership in Business Organizations

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.