



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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Executive Committee

Members are: Chaps Poduri, Chair; Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair; Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair; Wendy Askew, Past Chair; Glenn Church, County Representative; Dennis Donohue, City Representative

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of June 3, 2026.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. **Legislative update:**

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board adopt positions on legislation.

- Christina Watson

Staff and consultants will provide an update on state and federal legislative issues.

5. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for August 26, 2026, TAMC Board meeting.

- Todd Muck

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant
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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Subject: Executive Committee Draft Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of June 3, 2026.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exec draft minutes June 3 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT 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: Chaps Poduri (Chair), Luis Alejo (1st Vice Chair), Jose Rios (2nd Vice Chair), Wendy Root Askew (Past Chair), Glenn Church (County representative), Dennis Donohue (City representative)

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26
Chaps Poduri, Chair , Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair , Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Wendy Root Askew, Past Chair , Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson , Kera Abraham Panni)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Glenn Church, County Representative , Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P(A)	P	P (VC)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Dennis Donohue, City Representative , City of Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)	*P	P	P	P	A

P = Present	A = Absent
P(A) = Alternate present	E = Excused
* = New Representative	(VC) Video Conference
(TC) = Teleconference	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guthrie, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sheehan, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Morgan Tade, Law Intern; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting; Javier Gomez & Jasmine Cortez Mejia, Monterey County District 1.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 6, 2026.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Gus Khouri, Agency State Legislative Analyst, reported on May 14, Governor Newsom released his proposed May Revise Budget. He reported that the budget anticipates a \$39 billion surplus (when the draft budget anticipated a \$2.9 billion deficit). Mr. Khouri also reported on changes to the Cap & Invest (formerly Cap & Trade) program being proposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that will dramatically decrease funding available for transportation and housing from that program. He noted that the bill list was unchanged from what was approved by the Board in May.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted federal legislative activities, noting that the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) transportation authorization bill expires on September 30. She reported that on May 17, leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unveiled legislative text of their highway and infrastructure funding reauthorization bill covering the next five years, the “Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America’s 250th Act”, or “BUILD America 250 Act” (HR 8870). She noted that the bill is evolving and staff would report back with updates.

5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of June 24, 2026. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Resolution of Appreciation for Doug Bilse
- Sand City Bike Trail and Parking Use Agreement
- 2026 Regional Transportation Plan
- 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update
- Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Analysis
- Closed Session: REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS: Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning Property: any property for sale in Monterey County

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Subject: **Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Legislative update:**

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board adopt positions on legislation.

SUMMARY:

Staff and consultants will provide an update on state and federal legislative issues.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Proposed legislation could impact transportation funding availability.

DISCUSSION:

Agency state legislative analyst Gus Khouri will present an update on state legislative activities.

Attachment 1 is a state legislative update focused on the budget bills and the Cap and Investment program.

Web attachment 1 is a draft bill list showing the recommended positions and relating to the adopted 2026 Legislative Program (**web attachment 2**). Bills that are "dead" as of the June Board meeting were removed from the list. Staff recommends the Executive Committee consider the following recommendations to the TAMC Board:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 2168 (Wicks): Active Transportation Program: guidelines — As amended on July 2, this bill requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to establish penalties for failure to use Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds in a timely manner, clarifies ATP eligibility criteria related to projects that provide access to transit, and expands the goals of ATP to include increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by accessing public transit. TAMC requested amendments to the previous version of the bill, which would have required that regional transportation planning agencies program their State Transportation Improvement Program dollars to receive preference in the statewide ATP grant cycle. As amended, TAMC staff recommends a "support" position.
- Senate Bill (SB) 667 (Archuleta): Railroads: safety: report — As amended on June 3, would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to review the list of hazardous railroad sites in its annual report to the Legislature, include an evaluation of each site on the list, and determine whether changes in conditions, operations, or safety data warrant the

removal, modification, or addition of any site. These amendments remove TAMC staff concerns; staff recommends a change from "oppose" to "watch".

- SB 741 (Blakespear): Low Carbon Transit Operations Program — As amended on July 1, this bill repeals the requirements for transit agencies to demonstrate that the expenditure of funds received under the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) reduces the emissions of greenhouse gases. TAMC staff recommends a “support” position to facilitate MST’s use of LCTOP funds.

Attachment 2 is a report on federal legislative activities, reviewing the status of transportation authorization and appropriations bills.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. State Leg Update-July
2. Federal Legislative Update - Aug 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [State bill list \(August\)](#)
2. [TAMC 2026 Legislative Program](#)



July 27, 2026

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, President, Khouri Consulting LLC

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JULY**

General Outlook

Governor Newsom has signed Assembly Bill (AB) 109, Senate Bill (SB) 111, and SB 169, which make modifications to the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 State Budget. AB 109 is the main budget bill, which authorize \$252.9 billion in General Fund spending in 2026-27 and retains \$29 billion in total reserves. This was the vehicle that the legislature sent to the Governor to meet the June 15th constitutional deadline. The legislature then sent SB 111, “the budget bill junior”, to amend AB 109 and represent the final three-party agreement between the Speaker, pro Temp, and Governor. It augments what was provided in total spending of \$351.7 billion, of which \$251.5 billion is from the General Fund, with a \$35.2 billion reserve. SB 169 is a budget trailer bill that includes a one-year extension of farebox ratio recovery relief statutory relief for transit agencies to receive full share of the Transportation Development Act’s (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) revenues without penalty for not meeting thresholds.

Cap and Invest Funding in Jeopardy

It remains to be seen whether the legislature can maintain ongoing commitments to transit capital operations, affordable housing, and air quality programs under Cap and Invest. That funding will be contingent upon the accrual of auction proceeds, which have been plummeting in an unstable credit market.

Under the Cap-and-Trade program, which runs through June 30, 2026, the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) receives 10%, and the Low Carbon Transit Operating Program (LCTOP) receives 5% of all proceeds. In FY 25-26, \$4.4 billion was generated, which results in \$440 million for TIRCP and \$220M for LCTOP. The extension and rebranding of Cap and Trade to

Cap and Invest has made things challenging, as those programs are the lowest priority. Funding is now being threatened with elimination entirely due to market instability, leading to a shrinking pie as industry has purchased fewer credits and to the repurposing of auction proceeds to provide industry subsidies and rebates to utility ratepayers beyond the levels provided since the program's inception in 2014.

With auction proceeds declining further to the \$3 billion level, TIRCP is estimated at \$209 million and LCTOP at \$105 million, based on the last two auctions, representing a 47% reduction from FY 25-26 for each program. Please [click here](#) to view the current projections for the various programs in Cap and Invest. The chart references GB, the January Governor's Budget, and MR, the May Revise. The bottom line is that only high-speed rail would be funded at \$3 billion, because the Governor wants to use \$2 billion to accelerate rebates for utility ratepayers, while California's Air Resources Board (ARB) attempts to placate industry by regulating a lower price for the purchase of credits. The legislature is struggling to stabilize the market and honor the commitments made in the Cap and Invest expenditure plan.

On May 29, the ARB approved proposed amendments to the Cap and Invest program at its May 28, 2026, meeting to prevent "industry leakage," meaning emission reductions achieved within a Cap and Invest jurisdiction are offset by emissions increases outside that jurisdiction, undermining the program's environmental effectiveness. An example is when a utility switches from regulated in-state power generation to importing electricity from unregulated out-of-state sources. Additionally, the Governor announced his intention to provide [larger utility credits](#) to ratepayers. Credits have been issued since Cap and Trade's inception in 2014.

The combined impact of underwhelming auction proceeds and the increased use of auction proceeds revenue for ratepayers (from \$8 billion to \$10 billion between 2027 and 2030) will eliminate funding for TIRCP, LCTOP, and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSCS). Furthermore, this action would reduce the likelihood of honoring the appropriation of the remaining SB 125 balance (\$690 million, including \$230 million for FY 26-27 and \$460 million for FY 27-28). The legislature will have until August 31 to develop a solution to secure funding for air quality and housing programs.

SB 125 Funding in Doubt

The legislature has appropriated \$4.4 billion of the \$5.1 billion made available by SB 125 of 2023. TAMC's total share is \$52.4 million. The state has not disbursed the full balance of TAMC's formulaic share of the \$4.4 billion, which is \$47.4 million. It appears unlikely that the state will appropriate the remaining \$690 million to exhaust the program appropriation authority and to honor the remaining \$5 million owed to TAMC. We will work with our delegation to secure all appropriated funding.

Solutions for Maintaining Cap and Invest Tier 3 Programs and Honoring SB 125 Commitments

The legislature enacted [SB 417 \(Limón\)](#), which will place an \$11.25 billion housing bond on the November 2026 ballot. Overall, the state has \$71 billion in bond debts service obligations and is adding with SB 417.

Since 2011, the legislature has been diverting truck weight fees, which generate \$1.3-\$1.4 billion to pay bond debt service for transportation bonds totaling \$18.1 billion, such as Proposition 116 of 1990 (\$174 million remains), Proposition 192 of 1996- Seismic Retrofit (\$414 million), Proposition 1B of 2006 (\$11.8 billion), Prop 1A of 2008 - High-speed Rail (\$5.8 billion).

Temporarily restoring the use of truck weight fee funding through FY 2030-31 would allow the legislature the honor the remaining \$690 million balance that should be appropriated for SB 125 and maintain annual funding for LCTOP (\$200M), TIRCP (\$400M), as enacted in SB 840 (Limón) of 2025. The legislature appropriated \$150 million for the Community Air Protection Program under AB 617, which is \$100 million less than prescribed in the SB 840 expenditure plan. A total of \$4.79 billion would be needed to fulfill the Cap and Invest Tier 3 and SB 125 commitments (\$6.5B available), as demonstrated below (SB 125 balance is rescheduled out to FY 28-29). This chart assumes a \$1.3 billion truck weight fee balance and that all programs are zeroed out and that auction proceeds do not rebound. If there is a balance, programs can be augmented accordingly. AHSC is not included due to SB 417.

	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31
SB 125	\$230M	\$230M	\$230M	-	
LCTOP	\$200M	\$200M	\$200M	\$200M	\$200M
TIRCP	\$400M	\$400M	\$400M	\$400M	\$400M
AB 617	\$100M	\$250M	\$250M	\$250M	\$250M
Total	\$930M	\$1.31B	\$1.08M	\$850M	\$850M
Remaining Truck Weight Fees Capacity	\$370M	\$0	\$220M	\$450M	\$450M

ACA 22 – Two-Thirds Vote Requirement on All Taxes

On June 25, the Governor signed [ACA 22 \(Wicks\)](#), which prohibits a local government, including through a citizens' initiative, from imposing, extending, or increasing any special tax, unless the tax is approved by a two-thirds vote, beginning January 1, 2027, if approved by voters this November. The measure applies to all taxes including sales tax, general taxes, parcels taxes, and renewals. This bill was a compromise agreement with proponents of the Local Taxpayers Protection Act, which includes the Howards Jarvis Taxpayers Association, chambers of commerce, and realtors to protect against invalidating all previous measures that were approved by less than a two-thirds vote of the electorate.

The legislature also enacted [ACA 21 \(Rivas\)](#), which removes [ACA 13 \(Ward\)](#) of 2023 from the November 2026 ballot. ACA 13 would have required that any voter initiative attempting to increase the voter approval threshold for subsequent ballot measures achieve that same voter

threshold it was attempting to implement (e.g. a measure that sought to require a 2/3 vote for ballot measures would itself need to receive a 2/3 vote to be enacted).



Memorandum

To: TAMC Executive Committee

From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026

Subject: Federal Legislative Update

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Congress passes multi-year Surface Transportation Acts to fund America's public works, including roads, bridges, transit, and rail, providing states with long-term certainty for infrastructure planning and project delivery. The current version, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, expires on September 30, 2026. TAMC continues monitoring federal discussions on the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

Key members of Congress and stakeholders are continuing to become more confident that an extension for surface transportation legislation will be necessary. House Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Sam Graves stated that he would prefer a short-term extension expiring prior to the end of the year - however, some groups have voiced a preference for a yearlong "clean" extension that would push the deadline into 2027.

Meanwhile, Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Sean Duffy last week sent a [letter](#) to Senate committee leaders outlining the Trump Administration's priorities for the reauthorization effort, which restates much of what they have suggested previously.

Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill

House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working toward enactment of fiscal year (FY) 2027 spending bills ahead of the Sept. 30, 2026 funding deadline. To date, the House Appropriations Committee has begun marking up the 12 appropriations bills in subcommittee and full committee. A [draft THUD appropriations bill \(text\)](#) was approved by the House committee (34-27) on June 3. The Senate has not yet published an appropriations bill.