

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: 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, February 4, 2026

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

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

Alternate locations:

2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901

147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26
Chaps Poduri, Chair , Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P	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	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P
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)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (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	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P (VC)	P(A)	P(A)
Dennis Donohue, City Representative , City of Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)	*P

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: Bigelow, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sheehan, Strause, Watson, Wright, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Linda Gonzales and Javier Gomez, Monterey County District 1.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Donohue and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 7, 2026.

4. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INTERGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY

On a motion by Committee Member Alejo and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 26/27 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review; recommended that the Board provide 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 recommended that the Board direct 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 which include the Vision Zero Program, Safe Routes to Schools Projects, rail projects, and Measure X-funded regional projects.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported the Agency's budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, construction contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery.

Committee Member Askew commented that the Board should get a detailed budget summary, noting that this shows transparency and helps new board members understand.

5. 2025 TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

On a motion by Committee Member Church and seconded by Committee Member Askew, the Committee voted 5-0 to receive nominations for the 2025 Transportation Agency Excellence Awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation network in Monterey County and selected the following award recipients for the 24th awards ceremony to be held during the February 2026 Transportation Agency Board Meeting:

- Individual: James Herrera, Monterey County Herald
- Program: "SRTS North County Participatory Budgeting Steering Committees," Ecology Action, Center for Community Advocacy, Monterey County Health Department, Monterey County Public Works.
- Project: Bardin Road Safe Routes to School Improvements Project, City of Salinas, Kimley-Horn Associates

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Transportation Agency released a call for nominations for the "24th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards" in October 2025 to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses, and employees to improve the transportation network in Monterey County.

Committee Member Donohue left before the vote was taken.

6. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of February 25, 2026. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Safe Routes to School Program and Safety Campaign Update
- King City Multimodal Transportation Center
- 2025 Transportation Excellence Awards
- Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing
- Draft Overall Work Program, Budget, and Integrated Funding Strategy
- Expand agency Transportation Planner headcount

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.