

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

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Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	P	P	P	P	E	E	P(V) JC 1	P	P	P
Ex Officio Members:	SEP 24	OCT 25	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson , Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik , Richard Rosales , Brandy Rider, Kyle Birch, Kelly McClendon, Paul Valadão)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Dino Pick, Monterey Regional Airport District (Carl Miller)	A	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P(A)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	E	E	A

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; ADA= American Disabilities Act; JC# =Just Cause; A = absent; P= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	SEP 25	OCT 25	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner						P*	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Principal Transp. Planner						P*	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	E	E	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	P	P
A. Guthrie, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)
A. Hernandez, Assoc. Transp. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Hernandez, Principal Engineer									P*	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	E	E	P
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner							P*	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
J. Strause, Sr. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	P*	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P	P	E	E	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	E	E	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Chad Alinio	County of Monterey	Eric Petersen	Public
Randell Ishii	County of Monterey	Barry Jones	Public
Enrique Saavedra	County of Monterey	Tyler Laing	Public
Andrea Renny	City of Monterey	Michael Miller	Public
Tyler Lesage	Caltrans District 5	Shelly Mow Schmidt	Public
Ryan Caldera	Caltrans District 5	Kamesh Vedula	GHD
Jacob Domine, PE	Caltrans District 5	Wendy Brikman	Public
Ryan Bissegger	Mark Thomas	Richard Ruccello	President Casanova
Azadeh Heydar	GHD Consultant	Chris Gregerson	Kimely-Horn
Evan Snider	Public	Kera Panni	Monterey County
Paul Valadao	Caltrans District 5	Reginald Paulding	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Poduri led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Stump requested that power point presentations be posted at the same time as the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Church/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the 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 June 24, 2026.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for the list of payments and deposits for June and July 2026 and the corresponding credit card statements.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Adopted Resolution 2026-12 to enable TAMC Committees to use provisions of Government Code Section 54953.8.6 allowing Eligible Subsidiary Bodies to use teleconferencing in specific circumstances.

Board Member Church pulled this item for correction on end date of February 26, 2027:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Board of Directors for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County that TAMC's Eligible Subsidiary Bodies may use teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.6 until February 26, 2027.
- 3.1.6** Approved revised contract template for use in contracting for professional services.
- 3.1.7** Approved the evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing the annual evaluation for the Executive Director and County Counsel.

3.1.8 Regarding Legislative Advocacy Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Actum II, LLC, consenting to the assignment of a contract to provide legislative advocacy services, for the period ending October 31, 2027;
2. Approved the use of Reserves funds budgeted for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract amount or term.

3.1.9 Regarding Contract with Regional Government Services Authority for Limited Classification Study:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with the Regional Government Services Authority, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$23,600, to provide human resources consulting services, for the period ending June 30, 2027;
2. Approved the use of \$23,600 of reserve funds for this project;
3. Approved a sole source finding due to highly specialized expertise; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.1.10 Regarding Contract with Client First Technology:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute Amendment #1 to the contract with Client First Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide project management and oversight services, for the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. Approved the use of \$100,000 of funds budgeted for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.1.11 Regarding Contract with Aclarian LLC for Enterprise Resource Planning Software

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Aclarian LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$344,000, to provide Enterprise Resource Planning software, for the period ending June 30, 2031;
2. Approved the use of \$344,000 of funds budgeted for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.1.12 Regarding Ausonio Construction Management — Contract Amendment #1

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute Amendment #1 with Ausonio Construction Management, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget by \$102,168 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$302,168, and to add scope for construction management and on-call property inspection services, for the period ending June 30, 2028;
2. Approved the use of reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved amendment term or amount.

3.1.13 Regarding Request for Proposals for Property Management Services:

1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for property management services, subject to Agency counsel approval;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a vendor, including the final scope of work; and
3. Approved the use of up to \$65,000 per year of the Agency rail lease revenues for lease and property management services.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation:

1. Received the 2026 Unmet Transit Needs List;
2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
3. Adopted Resolution 2026-14 allocating a total of \$27,641,657 in Transportation Development Act funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit, consisting of \$22,415,515 in Local Transportation Funds and \$5,226,142 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

3.2.2 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 \$944,351 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes;
2. Approved the Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$600,000 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 59: Salinas-Gilroy and Line 84: King City-Paso Robles;
3. Approved the Federal Transit Administration 5339(a) Program of Projects in the amount of \$900,000 for Monterey-Salinas Transit for the purchase of one replacement bus for MST Line 23: Salinas-King City and Line 84: King City-Paso Robles;
4. Adopted Resolution 2026-13 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5339 programs; and
5. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

PLANNING**3.3.1** Regarding Legislative update:

1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Time Extension Requests:

1. Approved time extensions on the use of Transportation Agency competitive funds until August 22, 2027 for the following projects:
 - a. City of Marina's Del Monte and Reservation Road Roundabout project;
 - b. City of Soledad's West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets project;
 - c. City of King's U.S. 101/Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement project; and
 - d. City of Salinas's Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School project;
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include updated funding deadlines for these projects.

3.4.2 Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway California Avenue - GHD Contract Renewal:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract Renewal and Amendment #3 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to renew the agreement retroactive to July 1, 2026 and extend the term to December 31, 2029, for continued design services;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.3 Regarding Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract Amendment #2

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute amendment #2 with Action Council of Monterey County, Inc., to increase the budget by \$2,500 for a total agreement amount of \$117,500, and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2032, to establish a long-term maintenance schedule of sidewalk art that will be installed in East Salinas near Alisal High School;
2. Authorized the use of Measure X funding budgeted for this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source because of their unique qualifications to do this work; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.4 Approved programming \$15.4 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) 2% funds to the 2026 Competitive Grants Program of Projects.

Wendy Brickman, public, expressed support for funding the North Freemon Gap Project.

Richard Rucello, President of Casanova Oak Knolls Neighborhood Association, expressed support for funding the North Freemont Gap Project.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1 Regarding King City Multimodal Transportation Center - Union Pacific Railroad Design Review Agreement:**

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute reimbursement agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to review design submittals for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000;
2. Authorized the use of State Rail Assistance and SB 125 funds for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**3.6.1** Regarding Kimley-Horn - 2026 Nexus Study Update Contract Amendment #1

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with Kimley-Horn & Associates for the 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update contract to increase the budget by \$19,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$117,980 to cover additional to reevaluate the administrative draft cost per trip including costs to attend additional meetings;
2. Authorized the use of Regional Development Impact Fee Administrative funds budgeted for this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of August 5, 2026
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of August 3, 2026
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – August 5, 2026
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of August 6, 2026
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – August 18, 2026

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for July and August 2026.**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board of Directors presented the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Aaron Hernandez. The Agency employees recognized Aaron for his professionalism, his positive attitude, and his hard work on Information Technology and his great work onboarding new staff. Staff appreciate Aaron's assistance in the Safe Routes to School, and Safe Streets Together Monterey County programs; and translating materials into Spanish. He also successfully managed a comprehensive Senior & Disabled grant award process.

5. SCENIC STATE ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C Askew/ Smith/ unanimous

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors received an update on the Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (ATSC) pilot project performance and Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project traffic operations analyses and benefit-cost analysis results and authorized staff to submit a Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) application to the California Transportation Commission for construction funding for Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1 (San Benancio Road, Corral De Tierra Road, and Laureles Grade Road).

Ryan Caldera, Caltrans, reported that Caltrans completed an evaluation of the Phase I roundabout project using updated traffic data and conditions reflecting the implementation of adaptive signal operations as the baseline. He noted that the analysis confirms that the Phase I roundabout project is expected to improve safety and traffic operations along the corridor. He stated that based on this evaluation, the Phase 1 improvements are projected to reduce the potential for serious injury and fatal collisions by simplifying intersection movements and lowering travel speeds.

Board members discussed the level of public complaints about current conditions and asked for clarifications about the potential solutions and benefits from the proposed project. Presenters noted that the proposed roundabouts would facilitate safe traffic movements through intersections, an improvement over the existing conditions.

Board Chair Poduri asked staff to prepare and post answers to frequently asked questions on the TAMC website.

Public comment:

Eric Petersen noted that it is safer for bicyclists to ride through roundabouts with motorized traffic than to use parallel paths and crosswalks through intersections.

Barry Jones commented that the SB1 grant application should be delayed until the next cycle.

Dwight Stump commented that more time is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of Adaptive Signals.

6. 2026 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE NEXUS STUDY UPDATE

The Board of Directors received an update on the 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study and provided direction on the structure of the benefit zones and coverage of eligible project costs.

Aaron Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency is required to update the Regional Development Impact Fee every eight years. He noted that this process includes reviewing the land use and population assumption in the regional travel demand model, forecasting future travel demands, updating the project list as necessary to meet those demands, revising project costs, and developing an updated fee schedule.

Chris Gregerson, Kimley-Horn, reported that Kimley-Horn reviewed and tested the AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model to better understand how traffic impacts are reflected in real-world conditions. He said that through this review, the team identified areas where the transportation system in Monterey County is currently experiencing traffic impacts and where additional impacts are expected in the future. He reported that these problem areas, such as roads that are congested or unsafe, were mapped across the county to help TAMC staff choose which transportation improvement projects should be included in the 2026 Regional Fee Nexus Study Update. To identify these needs, Kimley-Horn used current traffic data, the regional travel model, established traffic analysis methods, land use patterns, and information about locations with higher rates of serious crashes (known as the Vision Zero High Injury Network).

Mr. Gregerson responded to the Board's request in their June meeting for different land use scenarios and options of what the fee program could like if the board decided to keep the existing four benefit zones or switch to a single benefit zone. He presented examples of fees charged if the program were to be updated with the highest eligible project cost. He noted that overall, the fees would significantly increase due to the increase in project costs and decrease in expected new trip growth.

Board members expressed frustration with the single benefit zone reflecting an increase in development impact fees that could suppress needed housing development.

Board Chair Poduri formed an Ad Hoc Committee with Board Members Askew, Church, Donohue, LeBarre, Oglesby, Smith, and Velazquez, to further discuss the Regional Impact Fees and return to the Board with a recommendation at a future meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Orchid Monroy announced the following:

- Caltrans hosted a Sustainable Planning Grant workshop on August 19, 2026, for an overview of the grant programs and tips for developing a competitive grant application. Grant Application Deadline: September 18, 5 pm.

Monterey Regional Airport District (MRY) — Dino Pick announced the following:

- Monterey Airport is hosting a tour of the new terminal on August 29, 2026, and invited the Board, please contact Chris Murrillo to reserve your spot on the tour.

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- Hartnell College students will be able to ride MST (free!) more easily than ever through a new Tap2Ride pilot program that allows students to board by simply tapping a contactless bankcard on the fare reader.
- South County Uber Transit will provide same day on-demand taxi like services via uber vouchers for seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in south county cities.
- MST Trolley will close service on September 7, 2026.
- Survey for the Salinas Rapid Bus Study on the MST website expires on August 31, 2026.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- Grants available for Electric Vehicle fast-charge stations.

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

No report this month.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Todd acknowledged Eric Peterson, who retired from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee after 25 years; for his enthusiasm.

- TAMC Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026, 9:00 a.m., at 1441 Schilling Place, Cayenne Conference Room.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

No report this month.

11. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT on the Closed Session:

The Board entered Closed Session pursuant to **REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS** Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning:

- Property: any property for sale in Monterey County
- Agency negotiators: Todd Muck, Jeff Kise
- Negotiating parties: TAMC and seller
- Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENED

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session and Chair Poduri reported no actions were taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.