

## 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 are: Jane Parker (Chair),  
Kimbley Craig (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Fernando Armenta (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Jerry Edelen (Past Chair),  
Dave Potter (County representative), Alejandro Chavez (City representative)*

**Wednesday, November 5, 2014**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Edelen, and Potter. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Murillo, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann; Barbara Meister, Monterey Bay Aquarium; and, Sam Teel, MCHA.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
On a motion by Board member Edelen and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 6 – 0, to approve the consent agenda items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4.
    - 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 1, 2014.
    - 3.2 **RECOMMENDED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve calendar year 2015 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
    - 3.3 **DEFERRED** action on recommendation to the Board to approve draft legislative contract evaluation protocol.

Chair Parker pulled this item for discussion, requesting that staff refine the question related to “positive relationships” to reflect the most important evaluation criteria.

On a motion by Board member Potter and seconded by Board member Armenta, the committee voted 6 – 0, to continue this item to the January 7, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting.

- 3.4 **RECEIVED** report regarding the basewide environmental insurance coverage offered to TAMC by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), and **RECOMMENDED** to TAMC Board that the Executive Director be given the authority to purchase \$2 Million of environmental insurance coverage.

#### **END OF CONSENT**

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4. **PROVIDED** direction and guidance to staff on the assumptions for the three-year operating budget for fiscal years 15/16, 16/17, and 17/18.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance and Administration, highlighted the proposed three-year budget for fiscal years 15/16, 16/17, and 17/18. She reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific work program tasks. She noted that staff is focused on developing the operating budget, noting that the direct program budget is based on grants that are confirmed prior to spending and therefore fluctuates more widely year after year.

Ms. Goel noted that the agency continues to have a six-month operating reserve account. She added that there is always a chance of risks if state and federal planning funds are cut. She noted that staff is proposing a 3.6% cost of living increase, which will be offset by staff having to contribute an additional 1% to their retirement plan. Staff is also proposing a 10% increase to the Cafeteria Health Plan allowance to cover the cost of premium increases. The last adjustment to this was made two years ago.

Ms. Goel expressed concern that the federal funds for the Highway 156 activity had not yet been confirmed and the Agency may have to find alternative sources for this work. Director Hale commented that the backup plan for funding the Highway 156 activity is state transportation funds. Ms. Hale remarked that Ms. Goel does an excellent job budgeting assumptions conservatively and that the Agency continues to have a reserve balance. She also noted that the Agency has maintained a steady level of staffing, is implementing new initiatives, and is preparing to be a self-help county.

Committee members agreed to support in concept the basic assumptions proposed by staff for the draft budget to be presented to the Committee and Board in early 2015.

5. **RECEIVED** update on Cap and Trade program guidelines.

The Committee received an update on statewide Cap and Trade program guidelines and regional efforts to influence the project selection criteria and “disadvantaged communities” definitions.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff has been reviewing and commenting on the draft guidelines for the greenhouse gas funding programs. Comments have been focused on ensuring priority projects in Monterey County would be eligible, such as the Rail Extension to Salinas, the Marina to Salinas Multimodal Corridor, bicycle and pedestrian, bus rapid transit, and transit-oriented development projects.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the recently published Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities guidelines, which will govern the largest pot of funding available for transportation projects. He noted that according to the current program guidelines, there are only three places in Monterey County that would qualify as “disadvantaged”: Pajaro/Watsonville, parts of Salinas, and Moss Landing. He said that a modification is under consideration to broaden the definition beyond the census tract area to include the entire zip code within which the census tract is found (this modification was accepted).

Board member Potter requested that staff coordinate with legislators to discuss the concerns and issues outlined in the letters.

Barbara Meister, Monterey Bay Aquarium, asked about the affordable housing program. Ms. Watson noted that the disadvantaged communities rules will encourage developments to be built where those communities live now, which would be counter to the program’s goal of decreasing vehicle miles traveled by encouraging transit-oriented development.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, asked how much funding was in the program. Ms. Watson noted that the Department of Finance has not made an estimate beyond the current budget year (over \$800 million), but that it is expected to be in the billions over the next five years.

Chair Parker requested a Cap and Trade presentation to the Board.

Board member Chavez requested more information about where Monterey County’s disadvantaged communities are shown pursuant to the currently proposed guidelines and more information about what is included in the metrics upon which the calculations are based. Staff agreed to present this information at the December 3, 2014 Board meeting.

6. **RECOMMENDED** the Board appoint a nominating committee.

On a motion by Board member Potter and seconded by Board member Armenta, the committee voted 6–0, to recommend that the Board appoint Board member Edelen as the Peninsula City Representative and Board member Salinas as the South County Representative on the Nominating Committee, to return to the Board of Directors on January 28, 2015, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, and Executive Committee Members, to serve a one-year term, beginning upon their election, through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2016, Board meeting.

7. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 3, 2014.

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda items proposed for December 3, 2014. She reported that there would be two public hearings, one held on Unmet Transit Needs and one on the Coast Corridor Draft Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR). On the consent agenda, the Board would be asked to approve the calendar year 2015 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

  
Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant