

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: Luis Alejo (Chair),
 Ed Smith (1st Vice Chair), Mary Adams (2nd Vice Chair),
 Robert Huitt (Past Chair),
 Chris Lopez (County representative), Michael LeBarre (City representative)*

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20
Luis Alejo, Chair Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P (TC)	P (TC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Michael LeBarre, City Representative King City (C. DeLeon)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Robert Huitt, Past Chair Pacific Grove (D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chris Lopez, County Representative Supr. Dist. 2						P*	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Mary Adams, 2nd Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 5 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (A) (VC)
Ed Smith, 1st Vice Monterey (A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

TC: via teleconference; VC: via Zoom video conference

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson
 Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann; Gus Khouri, Legislative Analyst; and
 County Counsel Katherine Hansen

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S/C Lopez/Smith/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member Smith, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 6, 2020.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Lopez/LeBarre/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez, seconded by Committee Member Smith, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend Board approval of positions on legislation, with the addition of an “oppose unless amended” position on Senate Bill (SB) 1351 (Beall): Transportation Planning.

Gus Khouri, Agency legislative consultant, reported that the Legislature has returned from an extended spring break due to the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home order. After reconvening, their priority will be to enact a budget by June 15, 2020. The May Revise shows sales tax revenue at 27% below January’s budget projections, which impacts transportation revenues. Since data on sales and income tax revenues will not be fully available until July or August, the Legislature will reevaluate the budget in August.

Mr. Khouri noted that 90% of the bills in the attached bill list will not proceed this legislative session due to its shortened timeframe and will be deleted from the list going forward. Mr. Khouri noted that Senator Monning’s top priority is the TAMC-sponsored SB 1231, related to habitat mitigation for State Route 156, noting that bill is on consent for the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 9 and is considered an urgency item. He reviewed the other new bill recommendations in the matrix, including Assembly Bill 2323 (Friedman): California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for transit-oriented development. The Committee recommended the Board approve a “support” position on this bill.

Regarding the other new bill recommendation, Mr. Khouri noted that statute currently allows 3% of Transportation Development Act/ Local Transportation Funds for planning purposes, unless Caltrans approves an increase to this amount. Senator Beall’s SB 1351 would place a 5% cap on the amount Caltrans could approve. TAMC currently uses 4.62% for planning purposes; if the overall fund source decreases due to declining sales tax income, the percentage needed to cover planning would increase. The Committee recommended the Board approve an “oppose unless amended” position on this bill to exempt smaller counties.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the House’s proposed transportation reauthorization act, the “INVEST in America” Act, was announced that

morning and that Ms. Watson will provide more information in the report to the TAMC Board. Executive Director Hale noted that the proposal of \$500 billion over 5 years was an increase over the previous authorization bill, but that the Senate has not indicated their support for this bill, so staff was still expecting a continuing resolution before the September 30 expiration of the prior bill.

5. EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & COUNSEL

M/S/C Lopez/Smith/unanimous

On a motion by Committee member Lopez and seconded by Committee member Smith the Committee approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and received report on transition of Counsel.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration reported that the Agency Bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel. She also noted that the Executive Director contract expires June 30, 2021. However, as current Counsel Kay Reimann will be retiring in December, and a new Counsel will be appointed, the Executive Committee recommended not doing the Counsel evaluation this year.

Katherine Reimann, Agency Counsel, announced that she will be leaving at the end of next year, and introduced Katherine Hansen as the incoming Agency Counsel replacement. Chair Alejo thanked Counsel Reimann for her efforts and commended her for doing a great job.

Katherine Hansen reported that she is relatively new with the county counsel office. She started last year, but has worked in the private sector, Washington D.C., and in Government Affairs.

Committee member LeBarre recommended that a final statement of work for counsel would be sufficient instead of a full evaluation. Chair Alejo concurred with LeBarre, noting an acknowledgment would be fine.

Committee member Huitt recommended that the counsel evaluation form is not necessary, noting that Board members really don't know all the details. Committee member Lopez concurred with Huitt. He also noted he appreciated all Kay has done, but the evaluation is a tedious process and did not think it needed to be done.

6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of June 22, 2020. After Executive Committee discussion, the following items will be considered on the regular agenda:

- Executive Director Evaluation and Counsel Final Statement
- State Route 156 Plan
- Regional Conversation Investment Strategy update

On the consent agenda, the Board will consider actions related to several items including:

- Weighted Vote Table update
- COVID 19 Protection Protocols and Benefits
- Legislative Update
- Fort Ord Trail & Greenway Segment 1 Design Request for Proposals
- SB 743 VMT Threshold Development - Request for Proposals and Contract
- Central Coast Coalition MOU
- Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments
- Call Box Maintenance and Improvements Agreement; and
- Regional Fee Agreement

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Hale announced that she will be on vacation leave for two weeks on July 1, to July 15 noting that her husband will be having heart surgery. Board Alejo wished him a well surgery and recovery.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.