

**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: Michael LeBarre (Chair), Chris Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair),  
 Dave Potter (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Mary Adams (Past Chair),  
 Wendy Root Askew (County representative), Chaps Poduri (City representative)*

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

\*\*\* 8:30 a.m. \*\*\*

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

Alternate locations:

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office*

*599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, California 93927, Supervisor Lopez's Office*

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>NOV 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>
Michael LeBarre, <b>Chair</b> King City (C. DeLeon)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P
Mary Adams, <b>Past Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 5 (C. Courtney)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (TC)	P (VC)	P	P
Chris Lopez, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Dave Potter, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> Carmel-By-The-Sea (J. Baron)	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	P*	P
Wendy Root Askew, <b>County Representative</b> Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, E. Mora)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chaps Poduri, <b>City Representative</b> (Joe Amelio)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P* (VC)	P	P

*TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference*

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P\*= New Representative

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present (PV): Robert Brayer, County Counsel; Paul Schlesinger, Thorn Run Partners; and Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

## 3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Adams, seconded by Committee Member Potter, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 1, 2023.

## 4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On a motion by Committee Member Potter, seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 6-0 to receive an update on state and federal legislative issues; and recommended the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation, as follows:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 557 (Hart) would remove the January 1, 2024 sunset on the Brown Act exemptions for boards to meet virtually during a declared state of emergency declaration provided under AB 361 (Rivas), Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 – SUPPORT
- AB 817 (Pacheco) would authorize a subsidiary body to use alternative teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency – SUPPORT
- Senate Bill (SB) 537 (Becker) would allow multijurisdictional agencies to teleconference without posting requirements – SUPPORT
- SB 746 (Eggman) would add hydrogen to the list of primary fuel sources under the definition of “alternate energy equipment” and allow transit districts to engage in contracting for the financing, construction, operation, and use of hydrogen as a form of alternative energy – SUPPORT

Gus Khouri, Agency state legislative analyst, presented the draft state bill list. He noted that the state budget deficit has grown to \$26 billion and continues to grow, possibly to \$40 billion by May. He noted that Assembly Member Addis is chairing a new Central Coast Caucus that will focus on the US 101 and mainline rail corridors. He noted he would add AB 463 (Hart) to the list going to the Board as it elevates transit as a priority for electricity during blackouts and emergencies.

Committee Member Askew noted TAMC should watch AB 1525 (Bonta) related to transportation funding for “priority” populations, and asked if TAMC has an adopted definition for “priority” populations.

Paul Schlesinger, Agency federal legislative analyst, noted that the federal appropriations funding request for the Pajaro to Prunedale G12 Project was not supported by Rep. Panetta or Rep. Lofgren, noting both said it was not in their district, while in fact the corridor follows the border between their districts. Their deadline for submittal of their nominated projects to Congress was March 31.

Committee Member Potter expressed his disappointment regarding the G-12 corridor not getting support from our representatives in Washington.

Committee Member Lopez noted the importance of celebrating the previous federal funding award to the US 101 South of Salinas auxiliary lane project.

## **5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of April 26, 2023. Director Muck announced that the meeting will be held in person with a hybrid option, located at the Monterey County Government Center, Cinnamon Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas. After Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Presentation to the Employee of the Quarter
- Presentation on the Marina to Salinas Multimodal Corridor: Imjin Road Widening Project
- Update on the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project in the Monterey Branch Line Corridor

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Past Chair Adams noted that she would not be available for the May Executive Committee meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.