

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

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; AB2=AB 2449;

AB2a=AB 2449 alternate; A = absence; P= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	JUNE 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	DEC 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Conlen, Senior Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant					P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Patty Howard	Regional Government Services	Tyler LeSage	Caltrans
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Bryan Rosen	Public	Lorna Moffat	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Agency Counsel Shane Strong led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorna Moffatt, resident, commented she was stranded due to the MST bus never arriving as scheduled.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented that TAMC and MST are unresponsive to the public.

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the Highway 68 Adaptive Signals project.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Smith/Carbone/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Board Member Velasquez pulled 3.1.4 for comment.

Byan Rosen, public, pulled items 3.4.1 and 3.5.1 for comment.

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 April 23, 2025.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for April 2025 and the credit card statement for March 2025.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Disposition of Surplus Equipment:
 - 1. Approved Resolution 2025-05 declaring as surplus selected equipment and computers; and
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus property in accordance with the Disposition of Surplus Property Policy, paragraph 4.

Board member Velasquez asked that the nonprofit Loaves Fishes and Computers be notified of the equipment surplus.

Aaron Hernandez noted that both are on the surplus distribution list.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved the appointment of Brian McMinn as an alternate representative for the City of Salinas and Tim David as the newly appointed representative for the City of Pacific Grove to the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Adopted a "support" position on Assembly Bill 1014 (Rogers): Traffic safety: speed limits.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Regarding SURF! Busway - Measure X Funding Agreement Amendment 1

1. Approved Master Amendment #1 to the Environmental/Capital Investment Grant, Final Design/Preconstruction, and Construction Measure X regional funding agreements between the Transportation Agency and the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for the SURF! Busway project, pending legal counsel approval; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the amendment.

Bryan Rosen, public, commented on the rising cost of construction on the SURF! Project.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, replied that the SURF! Project has an adequate contingency to cover rising costs.

Board Member Delgado expressed concern that other funded Measure X projects will be impacted.

Executive Director Muck noted there is no funding impact on any other Measure X projects resulting from this agreement.

3.4.2 Regarding the Traffic Crash Database Management System

1. Approved the Scope of Work for the Request for Proposals for a vendor to provide a crash database management system;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals;
3. Approved the use of Office of Traffic Safety grant funds awarded to this project; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to award a contract based on a responsive proposal not to exceed \$250,000.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** Approved resolution 2025-03 for the Proposition 116 Repayment Annual Report, pending legal counsel approval, which:

1. Identifies future rail investments in Monterey County up to \$16,765,000 as a repayment of Proposition 116 funds to the State; and
2. Approves and authorizes the Executive Director, or their designee, to submit the listing of rail investments to the California Transportation Commission.

Bryan Rosen, public, expressed concern about the deferral of rail service on the coast.

Lorna Moffat, public, commented that mass transit is one of the solutions for global warming, noting rail service could have brought thousands of people that would not have to use their cars.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of May 7, 2025
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of May 5, 2025
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of May 7, 2025
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of May 1, 2025
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MONTEREY COUNTY GRAND JURY - REPORTING ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

M/S/C Carbone/Velasquez/unanimous

The Board of Directors received an update on road safety public outreach efforts in Monterey County; approved staff's recommended responses to the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's findings related to TAMC; and authorized the Chair of the TAMC Board of Directors to sign a letter responding to the report.

Amelia Conlen, Senior Planner, reported on the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's report titled "Road Safety in Monterey County: Where to Report a Problem," and presented a formal response that outlines several actions to improve public access to road safety information.

The Grand Jury found that TAMC's online collision data map was outdated and recommended expanding public outreach tools to allow residents to report unsafe road conditions. In response, TAMC committed to:

- Updating the collision data map with current data from the Regional Vision Zero Plan by the end of 2025.
- Enhancing the TAMC website's "Contact Us" form to allow the public to report safety concerns directly.

TAMC's response highlights the Agency's broader safety initiatives, including:

- A \$250,000 grant-funded regional traffic crash database and e-citation system.
- Development of Vision Zero Action Plans for ten jurisdictions that do not currently have a plan.
- Ongoing Safe Routes to School planning in North Monterey County.

Executive Director Todd Muck expressed his appreciation for the Grand Jury's attention to this important issue, noting staff are taking their recommendations seriously and are already implementing changes to make it easier for the public to report safety concerns and access data. TAMC's goal is to make Monterey County's roads safer for everyone.

5. ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON PUBLIC ROADS

The Board of Directors reviewed how speed limits are established on public roads and associated legislation that was recently passed.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the severity of a crash on public roads has a direct correlation to vehicle speed. The California Vehicle Code establishes the process used by local agencies to establish speed limits on public roads. On many roads, the public agency primarily relies on the statistical driver speed, which has traditionally been the 85th percentile speed, to define the safe speed. Recent state regulations revised this process allowing jurisdictions to have more latitude to post speed limits below the 85th percentile speed. He noted that establishing lower speed limits and associated enforcement can decrease the severity of crashes and their associated costs. Many grants use scoring criteria based on posted speed limits or the project's ability to lower vehicle speed.

Since the 85th percentile speed typically falls between 5 mph increments, it cannot be used as the speed limit. That is, there cannot be a 32.5 mph speed limit, so it must be rounded up to 35 mph or rounded down to 30 mph. The selection of the appropriate speed limit becomes more complex because the engineering and traffic survey can reduce the 85th percentile speed by 5 mph to set the speed limit when there are "significant conditions not readily apparent to the driver." Different agencies have used different approaches applying these criteria.

6. COMPENSATION STUDY RESULTS AND APPROVE PROPOSED SALARY RANGES

M/S/C Smith/Carbone/unanimous

The Board of Directors accepted the compensation study and approved the new salary table.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that Regional Government Services Authority conducted a compensation study of ten position classifications using data from eleven comparable agencies. TAMC has not conducted a formal salary survey in 25 years.

Patty Howard, RGS, reported that RGS found little difference in the Agency's benefits costs and those of the comparable agencies. RGS recommended using 15% position level adjustments up and down from benchmark positions in the study. RGS recommended the Agency establish a compensation policy to establish and codify a strategy for setting compensation. The survey found six of the ten salary classifications to be under the market median by more than 10%. On May 7, the Executive Committee voted to recommend the Board adopt the consultant's recommendation to revise the salary table to align compensation levels with the median market values.

7. FINAL OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INTEGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY

M/S/C Delgado/Donaldson/unanimous

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 2025-04 adopting the fiscal year 2025/26 budget and estimated budgets for fiscal years 2026/27 and 2027/28 and the Overall Work Program for FY 2025/26, and approved the 2025 Integrated Funding Strategy

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, presented the Integrated Funding Strategy and Overall Work Program. Mr. Zeller noted that the Hilltop Road Pilot Project is a new project added to the list.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and services, and equipment. Direct program expenditures for outside consultants, contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery with continuous funding, such as Freeway Service Patrol and Call Boxes, are in the Agency's budget and the Overall Work Program.

The budget includes:

- \$4.5 million in operating expenditures, supporting regional planning, public engagement, grant development, and administration.
- \$5.2 million in direct program expenditures, funding project development, construction, and implementation of transportation initiatives.

The budget and work program prioritize the following key projects and programs:

- US 101 South of Salinas Improvements: Continued environmental review and design to address congestion and safety on this vital corridor.
- State Route 68 Scenic Corridor: Installation of adaptive traffic signal technology and planning for future roundabouts to improve traffic flow and safety.
- SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project: Preparing for construction of a dedicated busway connecting Marina to Sand City.
- Rail Extension to Salinas: Coordination with Caltrain and Capitol Corridor to prepare for expanded passenger rail service.
- Safe Routes to School Program: Expansion of education, outreach, and infrastructure planning to support safe walking and biking to schools.
- Vision Zero Planning: Development of local safety action plans for ten jurisdictions to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

- Measure X Program Delivery: Continued support for local road maintenance, regional safety projects, and active transportation infrastructure.

Executive Director Muck noted that this budget is a roadmap for delivering real transportation solutions, from major highway improvements to safer routes for kids walking to school, TAMC is investing in projects that make a difference in people's daily lives.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades, Caltrans Director announced the following:

- In Big Sur, the Rocky Creek repair project has continued progress with overnight closures on Sundays in June from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.
- Regions Slide is a massive, challenging slide; Caltrans is using remote control bulldozers due to the height and steepness, and the slide continues to move a foot a day, Caltrans working 7 days a week with extended hours.
- Caltrans plans to install all nine adaptive signals on Highway 68 by the fall 2025.
- A drainage project will begin next week on US 101 in Prunedale at Crazy Horse Road installing drainage, concrete barriers, and rails, working at night 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- Trolley service back starting May 24, 2025.
- Line 33, new Greenfield circulator fixed route service, pilot project for the month of June.
- MST public budget meeting June 9, 2025.
- Carl Sedoryk is celebrating 25-years of service at MST
- SURF! Groundbreaking Celebration will be held on June 28, 2025, at 2 p.m. on 5th Street.

Monterey Regional Airport District- Carl Miller announced the following:

- Executive Director Mike La Pier will retire on June 6, 2025; Chris Morello will act as interim Executive Director.
- On June 6, 2025, the Airport will have a groundbreaking for the new terminal.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District- David Frisbey announced the following:

- Electric Vehicle Incentive Program starts July 1, 2025, for the purchase of a light duty vehicles in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, including a \$5,000 incentive for public agencies within the 3 counties.

- DMV Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program, funds received through DMV fees, offers grants for medium duty electric vehicles, such as street sweepers and electric busses; application deadline is August 1, 2025.
- The Monterey Bay Air Resources District's Electric Vehicle charging station at Westridge Shopping Center, North Davis Road in Salinas is open.

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

Executive Director Muck reported that Board Member LeBarre attended the Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting in San Jose on May 16, 2025.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced that beginning in June, Board Clerk Rodriguez will be scheduling individual check-in meetings with TAMC Board members.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member Delgado thanked staff for adding the summary of TAMC Roles and Responsibilities in Statutes to the agenda last month.

Board Member Velasquez thanked Doug Bilse and team for a great job on the Vision Zero outreach meeting at the City of Soledad.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. TAMC v. City of Marina (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV005108)
2. Museum of Handcar Technology, LLC v. TAMC (Federal District Court for the Northern District of California Case No. 5:24CV08598)
3. Museum of Handcar Technology, LLC v. California Transportation Commission, Respondent; TAMC, Real Party in Interest (Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 25WM000004)

The Board of Director reconvened in open session and Agency Counsel Strong reported no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.