



<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>DEC 14</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>MAR 15</b>	<b>APR 15</b>	<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>JUN 15</b>	<b>AUG 15</b>	<b>SEP 15</b>	<b>OCT 15</b>	<b>DEC 15</b>
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	John Arriaga	JEA & Associates
Meagan Edwards	Moxxy Marketing	Scott Waltz	FORTAG
Terry Feinberg	Moxxy Marketing	Kelly McClendon	Caltrans D5 Planning

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

**1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Parker/Huitt/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda excluding item 3.2.1, as follows:

M/S/C Parker/Delgado

Noes: Stratton

Item 3.2.1, was approved separately

Board alternate Stratton pulled item 3.2.1, for comment.

***ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET***

**3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of October 28, 2015.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2015 and credit card statements for the month of September 2015.

- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Approved calendar year 2016 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5 Approved the hiring of an additional staff position to FY 15/16 budget; and Authorized the use of Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies funds for this purpose.
- 3.1.6 FY 2015/16 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment No. 1,
- 3.1.7 Approved Resolution 2015-18 declaring as surplus selected furniture, equipment, and computers; and Authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus property in accordance with the Disposition of Surplus Property Policy, paragraph 4.

### ***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1 Adopted the revised unmet transit needs process, and amended the Agency's Transportation Development Act Guidelines to include the revised unmet transit needs process.  

Board alternate Stratton expressed concern that amending the unmet transit needs process could reduce the amount of funding available for local streets and roads in Monterey County. He noted that there are local and county roads that need repair. Director Hale replied that funding transit is the priority use of Transportation Development Act funds, and that TDA funds could be used for local streets and roads only if there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Director Hale noted that the Board adopted an unmet transit need finding in 2010 that allows Monterey-Salinas Transit to claim all available TDA funds to support public transit.
- 3.2.2 Released call for 2016 Bicycle Secure Program applications.
- 3.2.3 Approved appointments of Michael LeBarre representing King City and Lisa Rheinheimer representing Monterey-Salinas Transit to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

### ***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1 Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #2 with Kittelson & Associates to extend the Term of the Agreement to June 30, 2016.
- 3.3.2 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 Plan Contract:
  - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement not to exceed \$249,949 with Kittelson and Associates, Inc. to produce the Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 Plan;
  - 2. Authorized the use of federal, state and local funds budgeted to this project; and
  - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.3.3 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 Plan: Wildlife Connectivity Analysis Contract:
  - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement not to exceed \$52,980 with Pathways for Wildlife for the wildlife connectivity analysis for the Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 Plan;
  - 2. Authorized the use of federal, state and local funds budgeted to this project; and
  - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

**3.3.4** Regarding Fort Ord Reuse Authority Fee Reallocation Update:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement not to exceed \$74,998 with Kimley-Horn to produce the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Fee Reallocation Update, pending Agency counsel approval;
2. Authorized the use of local funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

*No items this month.*

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** Received Final Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Record of Decision (ROD) on the Coast Corridor rail project.

**3.5.2** Authorized the Executive Director to execute updated leases with Graniterock Company and Lithia Real Estate Inc.

***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

*No items this month.*

***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

**3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft November 4, 2015
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 4, 2015
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft November 2, 2015
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month

**4. 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**M/S/C** Huitt/Delgado/unanimous

The Board approved Resolution 2015-19 adopting the Monterey County 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Regional Transportation Improvement Program includes \$72.8 million for nine regionally-significant projects and Agency expenses for planning, programming and monitoring. The 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program fund estimate includes no new funding for the next five year cycle. Mr. Zeller noted that one of the 2016 projects, which may be delayed if state funding falls short, is the Castroville Bike and Pedestrian overcrossing.

**5. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT MEASURE EXPENDITURE PLAN**

**M/S/C** Parker/Huitt/unanimous

The Board received an update on the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan; provided comments on the discussion draft Transportation Expenditure Plan; and authorized the release of the discussion draft Transportation Expenditure Plan for public review and comment.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator/Associate Transportation Planner, highlighted the list of projects in the draft plan. She noted that based upon TAMC analysis, safety priorities, and input from the Agency's Board of Directors and outreach efforts, a list of safety and improvement projects has been identified for an early discussion draft of a proposed Transportation Expenditure Plan, noting this is the first look at the projects have been identified.

Board Alternate Stratton asked if the share of local vs. regional funding couldn't be changed from a 50%/50% to a 60%/40% share. Board Alternate Deal stated that it should be noted that the local share is larger than 50% since two of the categories (Safe Routes to Schools and Downtown Walkability) are actually local programs. Board member Parker noted her support for the 50/50 split.

Board member Parker added that she thought it was a good regional project list, and asked to know the safety ranking of the back-up projects on the list; staff noted that the regional projects included eight of the top ten collision locations and two other locations were local roads. Board members Delgado and Parker asked that the project summary list the regional project cost in addition to the proposed allocation of funding.

Board member Rubio was concerned that the draft plan had not been included with the packet; staff replied that they wanted the Board to see the plan at the meeting before it was released for public discussion, which will occur over the next two months. Board member Rubio also expressed his concern with the \$25 million proposed for Recreation Trails and the Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway, noting that he is not convinced it should be part of the Expenditure Plan. Board member Delgado responded that the plan should have a balance of motorized and non-motorized transportation, and added that the proposed funding will not cover the full cost of the trail. Board member Rubio made a proposal to allocate funding to the Eastside Parkway project. Staff noted that this project is listed as fully-funded in the Fort Ord Reuse Authority capital program.

Board member Huitt commented that he thinks the plan is remarkably well balanced, but understands Board member Rubio's concerns. Director Hale noted that the next steps are to take the list to the ad hoc and stakeholders group, and each of the City Councils, with the goal to revise it and bring it back to the Board for final approval in February. Board members also discussed what would happen

with any excess revenues. It was suggested that a list of back up projects could be developed, or any excess funding could be reserved for innovative, future projects whose need isn't known at this time.

Board member Delgado commented that the cities need to include a list of proposed projects to be paid for with the local road funding in their jurisdictions. Director Hale suggested that the cities and the county list their top three proposed repair projects. Board Ex-Officio Lisa Rheinheimer asked that the Commuter Bus category refer to "Salinas Valley" rather than "South County" bus facilities.

Board member Hendrickson noted that Soledad has more local funding than King City; staff replied that is due to the Soledad prison population which is counted as a "group home" with workers and visitors making trips on the roads. Board member Hendrickson added her opinion that the regional list doesn't have many projects in South County.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee concurred with Board member Rubio's comments. She noted that the roads in Prunedale are too narrow for safe bicyclist and pedestrians and the voters will not vote for recreation trails.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, stated that the cities need to specify the use of their local funding and if not the measure will lose votes. He concurred with the need for funding, stating that "we need to pass this or we're all in trouble".

## **6. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

**M/S/C** Delgado/Parker/unanimous

The Board received a state legislative update; reviewed and discussed the draft 2016 Legislative Program; and approved releasing the program to Committees for comment.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, reported on the state legislative program. He reported that the good news is that the state continues to operate with a surplus of approximately \$8-11 billion. Given the voter-approved rainy day fund, most of the surplus is likely to be set aside for future fluctuations in the state's resources. The Governor called a special session on transportation in June, acknowledging the estimated \$6 billion annual shortfall in transportation funding. Multiple proposals have been floated but nothing was adopted by the end of the year; the discussions will continue in early January. Staff presented the draft 2016 legislative program.

Ex-Officio Board Alternate Rheinheimer noted that MST would support changes to the definition of disadvantaged communities which is used to give priority for grants in the state's cap and trade program. Ex-Officio Board Member Stedman remarked that the Air District was also looking at changes to the data underlying the CalEnviroScreen tool which is currently being used to determine which communities are considered disadvantaged. Board Member Delgado noted that stormwater runoff was a hot topic and asked if the state was looking at new regulations or new funding sources to assist cities with compliance. Mr. Arriaga responded that the League of Cities was looking at this issue. Board Alternate Stratton asked for more information about the issue of the fully-protected Santa Cruz Long-Toed salamander. Mr. Arriaga replied that there was more work to do with the Administration before TAMC should seek legislation.

7. **MONTEREY REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

The Board received a presentation from Airport Executive Director Michael La Pier.

Director La Pier reported that the Monterey Regional Airport Master Plan is being updated to evaluate the Airport's capabilities and role, to forecast future aviation demand, and to plan for new or expanded facilities that may be required to meet that demand. The Airport Master Plan will have a 20-year planning horizon and will be developed through a combination of professional and public involvement. The goal of the Airport Master Plan is to provide the framework needed to guide future airport development that will cost-effectively satisfy aviation demand, while considering potential environmental and socioeconomic issues. The Airport Master Plan will not include land use policies that would guide growth in the manner that a specific plan or general plan would provide, nor will it work in conjunction with any type of implementing regulations, such as a zoning ordinance. Rather, the Airport's Master Plan is essentially a facilities planning study that sets forth a conceptual framework for possible future airport development.

Director LaPier noted that the plan calls for improvements at Highway 68 and Olmsted Road, including consideration of a roundabout.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Board member Edelen reported that he along with Director Hale, Deputy Executive Director Muck and Theresa Wright attended the Focus on the Future Conference on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in Newport Beach. He thanked Director Hale for her outstanding performance on the Aspiring Counties general session panel. He found that the Conference's slogan, "promises made, promises kept", was very affective. He noted that to become a self-help county everyone needs to get involved to bring our communities on board. Overall he felt it was an outstanding conference.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Brandy Rider, Caltrans, announced that the draft 2016 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) project list is available for review and discussion through December 15, 2015. She also reported that Caltrans is seeking input on the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) and comments are also due by December 15, 2015. In conclusion, Ms. Rider reported that Caltrans is making efforts to remove dead trees statewide.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that there is no major planned airport growth at this time. He is pleased to announce the runway safety improvements have been completed. He encouraged the Board to *Fly Monterey*.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – Lisa Rheinheimer, Director of Planning and Environment, reported that beginning on Saturday, December 5, 2015, all veterans will be eligible for MST's discount fare, noting this is the first new major initiative as a result of the passage of the 1/8% sales tax Measure Q.

**Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District** – No report this month.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale reported that the new 5-year federal transportation authorization bill passed and is waiting to be signed by the President. The legislation emphasizes a new freight funding program, and provides more funding for the Surface Transportation Program that TAMC allocates. The legislation also includes a pilot program allowing five states to use their environmental review process to substitute for the federal review process; in California this provision would allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Staff will talk to Caltrans to encourage them to participate in the pilot program.

She announced the call for nominations for the 14th annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. The deadline for nominations is December 4, 2015. She also announced the availability of grants from TAMC's Bicycle Secure Program, which provides secure bicycle parking, lockers and racks; applications are due by February 4, 2016. In conclusion, Director Hale announced the TAMC office would be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

None this month.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.