

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Members are: Jerry Edelen (Chair),
Jane Parker (1st Vice Chair), Kimbley Craig (2nd Vice Chair),
Simon Salinas (Past Chair),
Fernando Armenta (County representative), Alejandro Chavez (City representative)*

Wednesday, April 3, 2013
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

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

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1. **ROLL CALL:** *Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items **3.1** below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 3.1 APPROVE** enclosed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 6, 2013. – Rodriguez **Pages 4 - 7**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. RECEIVE** an update on state legislative activities and **RECOMMEND** that the Board approves positions on state legislation. – Arriaga **Pages 8 - 15**
- 5. RECEIVE** update on the State Route 156 Corridor Traffic and Revenue Study. – Hale **No Enclosures**
- 6. DISCUSS** significant reduction in federal metropolitan planning funding passed through to the Transportation Agency proposed in AMBAG's preliminary FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program. – Hale **Pages 16 - 17**
- 7. RECEIVE** report on Monterey-Salinas Transit's Strategic Planning Workshop. – Hale/Sedoryk **Page 18**
- 8. RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 24, 2013. – Hale **(Handout)**
- 9. ADJOURN**

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DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Board members present: Armenta, Chavez, Edelen, Parker and alternate Lopez for Salinas. Staff present: Cheung, Cook, Gavin, Goel, Muck, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann and John Arriaga, JEA & Associates. Board member Craig was in D.C. representing the Agency.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Armenta and seconded by Board member Chavez, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.

- 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 6, 2013.

END OF CONSENT

4. On a motion by Board alternate member Lopez and seconded by Board member Armenta, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive the draft Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2012 Annual Report.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Annual Report is a public outreach tool that the Agency has distributed since 2005. The 2012 report will focus on the safety, convenience and health benefits of the Agency's projects. The report will summarize Agency accomplishments in the last year, as well as describe important projects that are still in need of funding. He noted that the Agency budgeted \$100,000 for the 2012 Annual Report in FY 12/13, including design, printing, postage and Spanish language translation. Actual costs are expected to be approximately \$56,000.

Mr. Cook noted that the scope of the Annual Report was expanded to include a healthy transportation theme based on comments from the Board. He noted that staff also included photos and quotes from our emergency responders and other individuals that have been involved the planning process for projects. The Committee requested that the title font for the report be revised to make it easier to identify. Board member Armenta requested that bike safety and safe routes to schools be more prominently featured in the report content. Deputy Executive Director Muck noted that Bike Rodeos will be held at schools as part of 2013 Bike Week, but staff agreed to revise photos and text to highlight this issue. Board Chair Edelen requested that staff edit the format of the Agency's 2012 financial information and requested that more emphasis be added to the report to identify future funding shortfalls and the need for additional funding to deliver high priority projects in the future.

5. On a motion by Committee member Chavez and seconded by Vice Chair Parker, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive report on state legislative activities and recommended that the Board approves positions on state legislation.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner, reported on state legislative activities. She also introduced Mr. John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, who gave an update on the state budget and bills of interest to the Agency. He noted that the Legislature is beginning a 2-year session with the largest membership turnover, noting there are 39 new members with a term limit of serving up to 12 years. He reviewed the various bills relevant to the Agency's adopted priorities and their recommended positions. There are several Constitutional Amendments in this legislative session aimed to reduce voter threshold to 55%, rather than two-thirds, including Senate Constitutional Amendment(SCA) 4 (Liu), SCA 8 (Corbett), SCA 9 (Corbett) and SCA 11 (Hancock). Mr. Arriaga discussed AB1080 (Alejo), which would authorize certain public entities to form a community revitalization and investment authority, and provide funding to rehabilitate, repair, upgrade or construct infrastructure. He also pointed out that State Route 68's relinquishment is included in the Senate Transportation Omnibus bill. In conclusion,

6. On a motion by Vice Chair Parker and seconded by Committee member Armenta, the committee voted 5 – 0 to ratify submittal of requested federal planning fund changes to AMBAG and recommended that the Board adopt proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2012/13 Work Program.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported that the Transportation Agency's Work Program describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the fiscal year. Changes to the distribution of federal planning funds between work activities need to be amended in the Work Program to better reflect staff efforts expected for the remainder of FY 2012/13. The Agency received \$2,424 additional Rural Planning Assistance funds from the State to be programmed into fiscal year 2012/13. He noted that other modifications included in this amendment move federal "PL" planning funds to better reflect expected staff efforts. These modifications do not change the total amount of federal planning funds programmed in the FY 2012/13 Work Program. He also reported that staff has met with AMBAG to discuss FY 2013/14 PL funding.

7. On a motion by Vice Chair Parker and seconded by Committee member Chavez, the committee voted 5 – 0 to receive a report on the draft agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 27, 2013.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the March 27, 2013 draft agenda. He reported the Board would take a group photo that would be posted on the TAMC website. The Board will receive the Monterey County Bicycle Sharing Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan; a briefing on the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority and an update on construction projects, noting the Prunedale Improvement Project and the San Juan Road Interchange. On the Consent agenda the Board will be asked to approve selection of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, Certified Public Accountants of Santa Maria, California, to prepare annual Transportation Development Act and Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency compliance and audit reports for five years beginning with fiscal year 2012-2013 through fiscal year 2016-2017; and authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the CPA firm not to exceed the amount of \$21,515 for the first three years and \$22,485 for the next two years. The total amount of the contract over its five-year period will not exceed \$109,515.

The Board will also be asked to approve the Work Program Amendment for fiscal year 2012/13, the public release of the 2012 Transportation Agency Annual Report, letters of support for state planning grants, and the selection of on-call consultants for construction management services. In conclusion, Mr. Muck reported that the Board will be asked to approve the appointments of Devin Meheen, representing the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea; and Phillip Yenovkian and Jan Valencia representing the City of Seaside to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 3, 2013
Subject: Update on State Legislative Activities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RECEIVE an update on state legislative activities and **RECOMMEND** that the Board approves positions on state legislation.

SUMMARY

The draft bill track has been updated since the March 6th Executive Committee meeting. Agency legislative consultant John Arriaga will attend the meeting and report on current legislative activities that may impact the Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

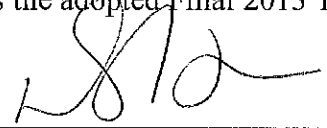
It is unknown at this time what financial impact, if any, proposed legislations may have on the Agency.

DISCUSSION

Attachment 1 is the updated draft bill track of legislation relevant to the Agency's adopted priorities. The revised bill list was updated as of March 13th, since the presentation to the Committee on March 6th.

The bill track reflects positions adopted by the TAMC Board at its March 28th meeting. Staff will bring additional information on proposed bills as they become available.

Attachment 2 is the adopted Final 2013 TAMC State Legislative Program.

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: 3/26/13

Regular Agenda

Reviewed by Counsel: N/A

Attachment:

- 1. Transportation Agency for Monterey County Legislative History as of March 12, 2013
- 2. Final 2013 TAMC Legislative Program: State Issues

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>AB 14</u>	<u>Lowenthal D</u>	State freight plan.	Introduced : 12/3/2012	1/14/2013-Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to prepare a state freight plan with specified elements to govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight.	Watch	7S Hwy 101 Corridor	None
<u>AB 26</u>	<u>Bonilla D</u>	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.	Introduced : 12/3/2012	12/4/2012-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.	Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature. This is a spot bill.	Watch	4S Climate Change	None
<u>AB 37</u>	<u>Perea D</u>	Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.	Introduced : 12/3/2012	1/14/2013-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.	Requires, until January 1, 2017, the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant, to, among other things, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental documents for specified projects.	Watch	9S CEQA reform	None
<u>AB 60</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	Drivers' licenses: eligibility: required documentation.	Introduced : 1/7/2013	1/18/2013-Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Allows anyone with a taxpayer identification number to apply for a driver license.	Support (adopted 2/27/13)	14S Member agencies' requests	None
<u>AB 160</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013: exceptions.	Introduced : 1/22/2013	1/31/2013-Referred to Com. on P.E.,R. & S.S.	Exempts from the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), public retirement systems of transit operators to prevent conflict with a specified provision of federal law.	Support (at MST's request)	14S Member agencies' requests	None
<u>AB 229</u>	<u>John A. Pérez D</u>	Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.	Introduced : 2/4/2013	2/15/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Authorizes the creation of an infrastructure and revitalization financing district, as defined, and the issuance of debt with 2/3 voter approval. Authorizes the creation of a district for up to 40 years and the issuance of debt with a final maturity date of up to 30 years. Authorizes a district to finance projects in redevelopment project areas and former redevelopment project areas and former military bases.	Watch	5S Transportation funding	None

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>AB 243</u>	<u>Dickinson D</u>	Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.	Introduced : 2/6/2013	2/15/2013-Refer red to Com. on L. GOV.	Authorizes the establishment of infrastructure and revitalization financing districts (IRFD) to finance facilities of "communitywide significance" with a useful life of 15 years or longer, including highway, interchange, ramps and bridges, arterials streets, parking facilities and transit facilities. Alloww an IFRD to be authorized by board action of a city council or board of supervisor, but would subject any bonds to a 55% vote of the people.	Watch	5S Transportati on funding	None
<u>AB 380</u>	<u>Dickinson D</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements	Introduced : 2/14/2013	2/28/2013-Refer red to Coms. on NAT. RES. and L. GOV.	Requires notices under CEQA to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review for at least 30 days. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to post the notices on a publicly available online database for at least 30 days. Authorizes the office to charge an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 per notice filed.	Watch	9S CEQA reform	None
<u>AB 416</u>	<u>Gordon D</u>	California Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program.	Introduced : 2/15/2013	2/28/2013-Refer red to Coms. on NAT. RES. and L. GOV.	Creates the Local Emission Reduction Program and requires money to be available from the general fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of providing grants to develop and implement greenhouse gas emission reduction projects in the state.	Watch	N/A	
<u>AB 417</u>	<u>Frazier D</u>	Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: bicycle transportation plan.	Introduced : 2/15/2013	3/11/2013-Refer red to Com. on NAT. RES.	Exempts from CEQA a bicycle transportation plan for an urbanized area, and also requires a local agency that determines that the bicycle transportation plan is exempt under this provision and approves or determines to carry out that project, to file notice of the determination with Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk.	Watch	9S CEQA reform	None
<u>AB 431</u>	<u>Mullin D</u>	Regional transportation plan: sustainable communities strategy: funding.	Amended: 3/5/2013	3/11/2013-Re-ref erred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.	Authorizes a transportation planning agency that is designated as a metropolitan planning organization to impose a transactions and use tax within all or a specified portion of its jurisdiction upon approval of an ordinance and subject to voter approval. Requires the ordinance to contain an expenditure plan, with not less than 25% of available net revenues to be spent on each of the 3 categories of transportation, affordable housing, and parks and open space, in conformity with the sustainable communities strategy, with the remaining net available revenues to be spent for purposes determined by the transportation planning agency to help attain the goals of the sustainable communities strategy.	Watch	5S Transportati on funding	None

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<u>AB 453</u>	<u>Mullin D</u>	Sustainable communities.	Introduced : 2/19/2013	2/28/2013- Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	The Strategic Growth Council is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. This bill would make a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.	Watch	5S Transportation funding	None
<u>AB 543</u>	<u>Campos D</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: translation.	Introduced : 2/20/2013	3/4/2013- Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.	Requires a lead agency to translate any notice, document, or executive summary required by CEQA when the impacted community has a substantial number of non-English-speaking people.	Watch	9S CEQA reform	None
<u>AB 574</u>	<u>Lowenthal D</u>	State highways: relinquishment	Introduced : 2/20/2013	3/4/2013- Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Authorizes the California Transportation Commission to relinquish any portion of a state highway or related facility within a county or city to that county or city, subject to an agreement between the department and the local agency, without requiring a legislative enactment deleting the state highway segment from the state highway system.	Watch	N/A	None
<u>AB 730</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	Monterey-Salinas Transit District.	Introduced : 2/21/2013	3/4/2013- Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and L. GOV.	Exempts MST from the requirement to seek voter approval prior to issuing revenue bonds, and would instead authorize those bonds to be issued by a 2/3 vote of the district's board. Authorizes MST to pledge revenues or other moneys available to the district from any source, including a transactions and use tax, to payment of those bonds. The bill would limit use of revenue bonds to a project or projects not located on or adjacent to the former Fort Ord.	Support (at MST's request)	14S Member agencies' requests	None
<u>AB 840</u>	<u>Ammiano D</u>	Vehicles: driver's licenses: driver's test: bicycles.	Introduced : 2/21/2013	2/22/2013- From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.	Requires the examination for a driver's license to also include a test of the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the provisions of the California Driver Handbook relating to bicycling, including, but not limited to, bicycle markings, bicycle lanes, and bicycles in travel lanes.	Support	N/A (road safety)	None

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<u>AB 863</u>	<u>Torres D</u>	Transit projects: environmental review process.	Introduced : 2/21/2013	3/4/2013-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and NAT. RES.	Authorizes Caltrans to assume certain responsibilities for federal review and clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for a transit project, as defined, that is subject to NEPA. The bill would provide that the State of California consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts in that regard, and further provides that the department may not assert immunity from suit under the 11th Amendment to the United States Constitution with regard to actions brought relative to those responsibilities under federal law.	Support	10S Improved ability to plan and deliver projects	None
<u>AB 946</u>	<u>Stone D</u>	Transit buses: Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz.	Introduced : 2/22/2013	3/7/2013-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and TRANS.	Authorizes MST and Santa Cruz METRO, in conjunction with Caltrans, to conduct a transit-bus only program using the shoulders of certain state highways as transit-bus only traffic corridors, with the segments to be determined jointly by the districts and the department. Authorizes the operation of transit buses on the shoulder of a segment of a state highway designated under the program within the areas served by the transit districts.	Support (at MST's request)	14S Member agencies' requests	None
<u>AB 1051</u>	<u>Bocanegra D</u>	Housing.	Introduced : 2/22/2013	2/25/2013-Read first time.	States the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development to be expended for loans for the development and construction of housing development projects within close proximity to transit stations.	Watch	12S Transit oriented development	None
<u>AB 1080</u>	<u>Alejo D</u>	Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities.	Introduced : 2/22/2013	3/7/2013-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.	Authorizes certain public entities of a community revitalization and investment area to form a community revitalization plan within a community revitalization and investment authority to carry out the Community Redevelopment Law. Authorizes the investment authority to provide funding to rehabilitate, repair, upgrade or construct infrastructure.	Support	10S Improved ability to plan and deliver projects	None
<u>AB 1193</u>	<u>Ting D</u>	Bikeways.	Introduced : 2/22/2013	2/25/2013-Read first time.	Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would authorize all city, county, regional, and other local agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways to exercise the same discretion in the design of their bikeways that they exercise in the design of local streets, roads, and highways.	Watch	13S Complete Streets	None

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>AB 1194</u>	<u>Ammiano D</u>	Safe Routes to School Program.	Introduced : 2/22/2013	3/7/2013-Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Requires the Safe Routes to School Program to be funded by an annual appropriation in the budget act of not less than \$46,000,000, consisting of federal and state transportation funds eligible to be expended for this purpose. Authorizes the transfer of the responsibility for selecting projects and awarding grants from Caltrans to the CTC.	Watch	13S Complete Streets	None
<u>ACA 8</u>	<u>Blumenfield D</u>	Local government financing: voter approval.	Introduced : 2/13/2013	2/14/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.	Creates an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, as defined, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district.	Watch	6S Lower voter threshold	None
<u>SB 33</u>	<u>Wolk D</u>	Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval: repeal.	Amended: 3/6/2013	3/13/2013-Action From G. & F.: Do pass.To APPR..	Would revise and recast the provisions governing infrastructure financing districts. Eliminates the requirement of voter approval for creation of the district and for bond issuance, and would authorize the legislative body to create the district subject to specified procedures. Authorizes a newly created public financing authority, consisting of 5 members, 3 of whom are members of the city council or board of supervisors that established the district, and 2 of whom are members of the public, to adopt the infrastructure financing plan, subject to approval by the legislative body, and issue bonds by majority vote of the authority by resolution.	Support	5S Transportati on funding	None
<u>SB 403</u>	<u>Cannella R</u>	State highway routes.	Introduced : 2/20/2013	2/28/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.	Current law provides that Caltrans has full possession and control of the state highway system. Current law includes specified state highway routes under the jurisdiction of the department. This bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to amend those provisions of law applicable to state highway routes.	Watch	N/A	None
<u>SB 436</u>	<u>Jackson D</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: notice.	Introduced : 2/21/2013	3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on E.Q.	Requires a lead agency to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for the specified projects and to provide notice to the specified entities of at least one public scoping meeting.	Watch	9S CEQA reform	None

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>SCA 4</u>	<u>Liu D</u>	Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced : 12/3/2012	2/14/2013- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and RLS.	Provides that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.	Support	6S Lower voter threshold	Letter Sent 1/24/13
<u>SCA 8</u>	<u>Corbett D</u>	Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced : 12/14/2012	2/14/2013- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and RLS.	Provides that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.	Support	6S Lower voter threshold	Letter Sent 1/24/13
<u>SCA 9</u>	<u>Corbett D</u>	Local government: economic development: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced : 12/18/2012	2/7/2013- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E. & C.A.	Provides that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects, as specified, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.	Watch	6S Lower voter threshold	None
<u>SCA 11</u>	<u>Hancock D</u>	Local government: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced : 1/25/2013	2/7/2013- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E. & C.A.	The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would instead condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.	Support	6S Lower voter threshold	None
Senate Transportation Omnibus bill		Relinquishment of State Right of Way: Holman Highway Project.			This bill would enable local agencies to relinquish segments of SR68 west of SR1 to improve access to the Monterey Peninsula.	Support	N/A	None



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

FINAL 2013 Legislative Program: State Issues

- 1S. **Preserve funding and delivery schedule of priority transportation projects.**
- 2S. **Seek state funding for the Agency’s high priority projects, in priority order:**
 - 1. State Route 156 improvements
 - 2. Rail Extension to Salinas
 - 3. MST Bus Replacements
 - 4. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
 - 5. Monterey Peninsula light rail transit
 - 6. Local streets and roads projects
- 3S. **Support state legislation to ensure federal transportation authorization bill (MAP-21) implemented fairly for all regions, including maintaining bicycle and pedestrian project funds.**
- 4S. **Monitor climate change legislation implementing state law (AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, and SB 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act) as relates to transportation and seek funding through the cap and trade programs.**
- 5S. **Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding.**
- 6S. **Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures.**
- 7S. **Raise awareness of the Highway 101 Corridor and its importance as a transportation facility of state and national significance.**
- 8S. **Monitor state proposals for budget and pension reform.**
- 9S. **Monitor state proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform.**
- 10S. **Support efforts to improve the ability of agencies to plan and deliver transportation projects in a timely and cost effective manner, including updates to storm water runoff requirements.**
- 11S. **Monitor California High-Speed Rail project and seek funding as possible for Monterey County rail projects.**
- 12S. **Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, transit villages and smart growth, and support eligibility for housing bond funds.**
- 13S. **Support “complete streets” and development guidelines that integrate alternative forms of transportation, such as transit, bicycle and pedestrian commuting.**
- 14S. **Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.**



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director

Meeting Date: April 3, 2013

Subject: **Proposed Significant Reduction in Federal Planning Funding**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DISCUSS significant reduction in federal metropolitan planning funding passed-through to the Transportation Agency proposed in AMBAG's preliminary FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program.

SUMMARY:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's preliminary FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program was distributed on March 14th. The amount of federal metropolitan planning funds proposed to be passed-through to the Transportation Agency as reported in AMBAG's preliminary Overall Work Program is reduced 65.4 % from the FY 2012-13 level.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Agency received \$288,950 of federal metropolitan planning funds in fiscal year 2012/13. Transportation Agency staff had anticipated less federal metropolitan planning funds coming to the region in FY 2013/14 so had proposed \$268,450 in the February draft Work Program. AMBAG's proposed funding level of \$100,000 will significantly impact the Transportation Agency's FY 2013/14 budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties receives federal funds to conduct federally mandated transportation planning activities. Historically AMBAG has passed through relatively stable amounts of funding to the Transportation Agency and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to cover the costs of a coordinated effort to meet the federal transportation planning

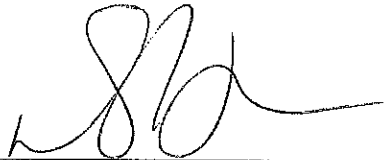
mandates. State and federal staff administering the funds have clarified AMBAG is the funding recipient and the two Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are considered contractors providing services. Planning efforts by TAMC and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission using federal metropolitan planning funds must meet the eligibility requirements for using federal metropolitan planning funds and be consistent with priorities adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors.

The Transportation Agency's draft fiscal year 2013/14 Work Program proposed \$268,450 to conduct planning activities eligible for federal metropolitan planning funds and consistent with priorities adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors.

AMBAG's preliminary Overall Work Program proposed reducing the amount of funding passed through to the Transportation Agency and SCCRTC to \$100,000 each. This equates to a 65.4 % from the FY 2012-13 level for the Transportation Agency and a similar reduction for Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

Agency staff has evaluated the draft FY 2013/14 budget and feel this reduction can be addressed with savings and keeping a position vacant in the short term (first year). Cuts would be required in future years to correspond with the reduced funding levels. Beyond the budget impacts of abruptly finding out revenues will be significantly less than anticipated, staff is evaluating options for reducing the time and effort spent coordinating with AMBAG on metropolitan planning efforts.

These cuts seem to be the result of AMBAG staff efforts to increase revenues as part of the agency's financial sustainability plan. Transportation Agency staff's concern is that this amount could be further reduced or even eliminated in future years. Coordination and funding for transportation planning in the region is a policy issue that should be discussed openly, at the TAMC and AMBAG Board of Director's level on order for coordination between agencies to be effective and efficient.

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

3/26/13
Date signed

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Counsel Review: N/A



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
Meeting Date: April 3, 2013
Subject: Monterey-Salinas Transit's Strategic Planning Workshop

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE report on Monterey-Salinas Transit's strategic planning workshop.

SUMMARY:

Monterey-Salinas Transit's Board of Directors conducted a strategic planning workshop on March 18, 2013. The need to develop an adequate and stable long term source of revenue was a key discussion point at the workshop.


FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

DISCUSSION:

Federal and state sources of transit funding have become more unstable in recent years. In addition to fluctuations in actual dollar amounts, payments have become less certain, causing cash flow issues for Monterey-Salinas Transit. Funding was a key discussion point at MST's strategic planning workshop.

Monterey-Salinas Transit staff recommended the transit agency pursue a 1/8th cent sales tax initiative for transit. They are targeting the November 2014 general election ballot. Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit's General Manager will be attending the Executive Committee's meeting to coordinate efforts to meet the region's transportation funding needs.

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