Agenda item: 3.1

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 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, August 7, 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 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Craig, Edelen, and alternate’s Markey for Parker and Lopez for Salinas. Staff present: Gavin, Hale, Myers, Muck, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, John Arriaga, JEA Associates; Carl Sedoryk, General Manager MST; Ruth Bernstein, EMC; Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association and Heather Adamson, Planning Manager AMBAG.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA
On a motion by Board member Craig and seconded by Board alternate Markey, the committee voted 4 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.

3.1 APPROVED minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 1, 2013, with correction noted by Board member Craig; “that the City of Salinas “may” place a sales tax increase for police services on a future ballot”.

3.2 RECEIVED update on federal legislative activities.

3.3 APPROVED out-of-state travel for Dave Potter, TMC Rail Policy Committee Chair, and one TMC staff member to attend Rail-Volution conference from October 20-23 2013 in Seattle Washington.

END OF CONSENT
4. REVIEWED results of the spring 2013 survey of likely voters on transportation projects, sustainability and funding and DISCUSSED next steps.

On a motion by Board alternate Lopez and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 4 – 0 to receive the results of the spring 2013 survey of likely voters on transportation projects, sustainability and funding and discussed next steps.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director reported the survey results presented to the regional transportation agencies in June 2013, will guide the selection of projects and financial estimates in the long-range Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and the tri-county Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research, reviewed details of the survey results and discussed its implications for a possible future transportation sales tax. The Transportation Agency has long been interested in joining the 90% of Californian’s who belong to “self-help counties” that levy a supplemental sales tax to pay for transportation improvements. The survey results showed that 46% of the people surveyed feel that TAMC is moving in the right direction and 61% agree that a sales tax is a good idea. Survey results indicate continued interest in the community for transportation safety, road maintenance, transportation for seniors, transit, and improved walkability.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST reported that there has been discussion at the Executive MST meetings of a possible joint pitch for a combined sales tax.

Sam Teel, MCHA, reported that the Hospitality Association would never support a sales tax measure unless the voter threshold goes down.

Chair Edelen expressed the importance of publicity, Board member Craig noted that “Brought to you by TAMC” signage should be posted at all TAMC completed projects. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that more outreach, the Expenditure plan and coalition building are the issues to be considered further.

5. RECEIVED update on scenario development for the 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

On a motion by Board alternate Lopez and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 4 – 0 to receive the update on scenario development for the 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Heather Adamson of AMBAG, reported that the Transportation Agency is coordinating with AMBAG to refine a set of alternative planning scenarios for the 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. The Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County must be consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy pursuant to California Senate Bill 375.
She gave an overview of the 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenario Development, Initial Scenarios Evaluation, Hybrid Scenarios, Public Participation and Outreach, and next steps. Ms. Adamson noted that five initial scenarios developed: Regional Transit Corridors, Expanded Community Centers/Livable Communities, Dispersed Growth, Targeted Growth and Economic Diversity, and System Preservation. These scenarios were discussed at the June TAMC Board meeting. She noted that six public participation workshops were held in July to solicit feedback on the initial scenarios and recommendations for a hybrid(s) scenario, noting three of the workshops were held in Monterey County.

6. **RECEIVED** an update on state legislative activities.

On a motion by Board alternate Lopez and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 4 – 0 to receive the update on state legislative activities.

Agency legislative consultant John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on state legislative activities. He reported that since his last presentation in April, the state legislative priorities are more than halfway through the legislative session. Governor Brown signed the bill approving funding which includes $4.5 billion in bonds previously approved by voters, which, in turn, freed up $3.2 billion in federal funding that would otherwise have expired after July 6. He noted that this Fiscal Year is looking good. He expects a significant portion of Cap and Trade revenues will be directed to California’s high-speed rail project. He reported that one of the major issues facing the state legislature in 2013 will be reforming the California Environmental Quality Act.

7. **RECEIVED** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of August 28, 2013.

On a motion by Board alternate Lopez and seconded by Board member Craig, the committee voted 4 – 0 to receive a report on the draft agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of August 28, 2013.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reviewed the August 28, 2013 draft agenda. She reported that the first item on the agenda is the presentation of Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner. The Board will be asked to authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to the California Transportation Commission to amend the State Transportation Improvement Plan reprogramming up to $1.3 million from Regional Transportation Improvement Plan funds to the Salinas Road Interchange project. The Board will receive a presentation on the Complete Streets handbook, and the Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenarios. She noted under the consent agenda the Board would be asked to approve the closure of the TAMC offices on December 13, 2013, also to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments regarding the Coast Daylight Project, and the standard agreement for professional services. The Board will be asked to approve Resolution 2013-12, declaring a surplus of selected furniture, equipment, and computers; and authorize the Executive Director to dispose of the
surplus property in accordance with the disposition of surplus property policy. She also reported that the Board will be asked to approve the amended Resolution 2013-10 allocating Local Transportation funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit and asked to ratify the continuing cooperative agreement with AMBAG for FY 2013/14 federal planning funds and the reimbursement agreement with the Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project from June 26, 2013 to September 26, 2013. The Board will receive a State and Federal Legislative update. In conclusion, Director Hale reported that the Board would be asked to approve the request by the City of Salinas to reallocate $808,400 in Regional Surface Transportation fair share funds and the draft Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Design phase request for proposals and scope of work, and lastly to adopt the California Passenger Rail Program Guiding Principles.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eloise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant