

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, March 6, 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.
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BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for item 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 February 6, 2013. – Rodriguez **Pages 4 - 7**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** the draft Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2012 Annual Report. – Cook **Pages 8 - 18**

The 2012 Annual Report, which addresses Agency accomplishments for 2012 and goals for 2013, will be distributed throughout the County during the month of April.

5. **RECEIVE** report on state legislative activities and **RECOMMEND** that the Board approves positions on state legislation.– Cheung **Pages 19 - 24**

Staff will report on current state legislative activities and discuss transportation legislations proposed by the meeting date that may impact the Agency.

6. **RATIFY** submittal of requested federal planning fund changes to AMBAG and **RECOMMEND** that the Board **ADOPT** proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2012/13 Work Program. – Muck **Pages 25 – 29**

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.

7. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of March 27, 2013. – Muck **(Handout)**
8. **ADJOURN**

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Wednesday, April 3, 2013
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DRAFT MINUTES

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, February 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, Craig, Edelen, Parker and Salinas. Staff present: Cheung, Hale, Goel, Muck, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann and past Counsel Blankenship; Dana Clearly, CHISPA; and Teresa Szymanis, City of Marina.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Lee Blankenship congratulated Monterey County elected officials for the civil, positive interactions between elected member and between elected officials and the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Board member Parker and seconded by Board member Salinas, the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.

- 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 7, 2013.
- 3.2 Recommended the Board adopt a “support” position on Assembly Bill 60 (Alejo) re: Drivers’ licenses eligibility required documentation.

END OF CONSENT

4. On a motion by Board member Armenta and seconded by Board member Parker, the committee voted 6 – 0 to receive a request from the City of Marina for an extension of its Transportation for Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development incentive grant and recommend the Transportation Agency Board of Directors approve the extension request.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency enacted the Transportation for Livable Communities program in 2003 to incentivize the creation of affordable housing in existing communities close to transit, which reduces the demand on regional road networks and increases transit ridership. The City of Marina was awarded a \$300,000 grant for the Marina Transit Village project. The funding was subsequently transferred to the nearby De Forest apartment building. The City has requested a building permit deadline extension from February 27, 2013 to April 2014.

Theresa Szymanis, City of Marina, reported that the City of Marina supports CHISPA's 47-unit senior apartment development.

Dana Clearly, Director of Real Estate Development, thanked the Board for their support and noted that the TLC grant allows CHISPA to apply for tax credit rounds in 2013.

Board member Armenta commented he supports CHISPA for having a longstanding reputation for building nonprofit housing in Monterey County.

5. On a motion by Past Chair Salinas and seconded by Committee member Armenta, the committee voted 6 – 0 to review and provide direction on the draft fiscal year 2013/14 Work Program Activities.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, gave an overview and highlighted the draft fiscal year 2013/14 Work Program. Mr. Muck reported the annual Transportation Agency for Monterey County Work Program describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year, and provides the basis for the 2013/14 Agency budget. The annual Agency Work Program describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year beginning July 1, and ending June 30.

Mr. Muck reported that Agency staff will be submitting the draft 2013/14 program to AMBAG in late February. The various regional transportation agencies' proposed draft programs will be assembled by AMBAG into a coordinated submission to state and federal funding agencies. The schedule calls for comments to be received from FHWA and Caltrans in April. Agency staff will then incorporate and changes from the review agencies, as well as the Transportation Agency Board, into a final proposed work program to be presented to the Board of Directors in May.

6. On a motion by Committee member Craig and seconded by Vice Chair Parker, the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommend that the Board authorize Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 13/14 budget to federal and state funding agencies for initial review; and recommend that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three year budget for fiscal years 13/14 through 15/16, and direct Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget back to the Board on May 22, 2013 for approval.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 13/14 through 15/16. Ms. Goel reported authorization to submit the draft budget for fiscal year 13/14 is necessary to meet deadlines of federal and state funding agencies to review the Agency budget for fiscal year 13/14. The Agency continues to control expenditures to stay within its current year budget, and maintains a prudent cash reserve. She noted that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials, supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc. Ms. Goel reported that the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 operating expenditure budget is \$2,520,707, a net decrease over fiscal year 2012-2013 of \$27,975. This is due to a reduction in materials and services. The proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is \$9,437,524 a net decrease over fiscal year 12/13 of \$811,689.

As a result of good fiscal management, the agency has added to its reserve in the past years and therefore should be able to sustain a short-term drop in revenues. The undesignated reserve is forecast to be added to and used in some years between FY's 13-16 (4 years) but the cumulative impact should be a small increase. As designated in its GASB 54 fund balance policy, the agency will continue to maintain a minimum of a six-month operating budget balance in its undesignated (unassigned) reserve. The Executive Committee recommended any excess over the six-month level will be designated as a "contingency" fund to cover future short-term revenue shortfalls or unanticipated expenses.

Chair Edelen thanked Ms. Goel for an outstanding presentation.

7. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of February 27, 2013.

Executive Director Hale reviewed the February 27, 2013 draft agenda. She reported the Board would be asked to approve the draft FY 2013/14 and 2015/16 Budget, and the draft Work Program for FY 2012/13 for submittal to AMBAG and Caltrans. The Board would also be asked to approve the City of Marina's request for extension of the deadline for the Transportation for Livable Communities grant, and to approve the Principles of Agreement with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority regarding the extension of rail service to Salinas. Director Hale noted under the consent agenda the Board would be asked to approve a support position on Assembly Bill 60 (Alejo) regarding documentation for driver's licenses, the list of regionally significant projects for the travel forecast modeling of the Regional Transportation Plan, the contract with Ecology Action to conduct bicycle safety rodeos at elementary schools as a substitute for prior Bike Week activities, writing letters of support for selected state planning grants for transportation studies in the tri-county region, and the annual Local Transportation Fund apportionments for transit and planning purposes. Ms. Hale also noted that the Board would be asked to authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Qualifications for firms to prepare and conduct resident surveys in the Tri-County Monterey Bay Area to assist in the development of the long-range Transportation Plans. As part of the changeover of our Board chair, the Board will be asked to approve the updated signatories for Agency accounts. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that the Board would be asked to approve Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee member Devin Meheen nominated by City of Carmel representative Mayor Jason Burnett.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: March 6, 2013
Subject: 2012 Annual Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the draft Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2012 Annual Report.

SUMMARY:

The 2012 Annual Report, which addresses Agency accomplishments for 2012 and goals for 2013, will be distributed throughout the County during the month of April.


FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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 anticipated to be lower - approximately \$56,000.

DISCUSSION:

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.

The Draft Annual Report text is included as an **Attachment**. A draft report will be distributed at the meeting.

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: 2/26/13

Regular Agenda

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: Draft 2012 Annual Report Text

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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(Images: Emergency Responder and Quote)

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(Images: 2012 Golden Helmet Bicycle Award Winner and Quote)

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Introduction:

The mission of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is to proactively fund and plan a transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality and economic activities by investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors.

The Transportation Agency is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors representing the five county Supervisorial Districts, each of Monterey County's 12 incorporated cities, and ex-officio members representing Caltrans, Monterey-Salinas Transit, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, the Monterey Regional Airport, and the City of Watsonville.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Delivering Safe, Convenient and Healthy Transportation Options

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County continues to make progress toward delivering new road, rail, bicycle and passenger rail service projects. These projects share a common purpose: to make traveling in Monterey County safer, easier and healthier.

In 2012, the Transportation Agency distributed over \$120.856 million in federal, state and local funds for high priority projects. Most significantly, the Agency was able to bring a planned interchange on US 101 at San Juan Road to construction. This project, in combination with the ongoing US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project, will improve safety at intersections and eliminate traffic bottlenecks on this important corridor that connects Monterey County and its economy with the rest of California.

Significant projects in progress are described to the left.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

Prioritizing Safe, Convenient and Healthy Transportation in the Future

Although significant construction milestones were achieved in 2012, more work remains in the coming years to fund and deliver projects that meet Monterey County's immediate safety and travel needs. The Agency is also planning for the future to ensure that improvements support the development of healthy

communities, where it is easy to walk, bicycle and take high quality transit to work and for recreation.

The full range of Monterey County's transportation needs cannot be met within the federal, state and local funding that is expected to be available in the future. The Agency is working to identify new sources of revenue needed to expeditiously plan and deliver safe, convenient and healthy travel options.

Significant projects in planning by the Agency in 2012 are described to the right.

Financial Section

Transportation Expenditures, 2012

Bike & Pedestrian: \$2.639 Million

Bus: \$9.700 Million

Rail: \$4.609 Million

Highway: \$98.942 Million

Streets & Roads: \$2.732 Million

Operations: \$2.234 Million

Total: \$120.856 Million

Excludes Caltrans-funded projects

For more budget details go to:

www.tamcmonterey.org/information/budget/index.html

Transportation Funding Sources, 2012

(pie chart)

Federal: \$98.052 Million

State: \$21.783 Million

Local: \$1.021 Million

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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

US 101 - Prunedale Improvement Project: In 2012, work continued in earnest to construct this critical safety project, which included completion of a new overpass at Blackie Road/Reese Circle - the first of three new interchanges / overpasses along US 101 through Prunedale that have been designed to safely accommodate cross traffic. Significant progress was made to reshape the landscape in this important corridor and construct the remaining two interchanges at Russell/Espinosa Roads, and Crazy Horse Canyon/Echo Valley Roads. A continuous median barrier will be constructed from Russell/Espinosa, just north of Salinas, to Crazy Horse Canyon Road, eliminating left turn conflicts through this corridor. Construction of the Prunedale Improvement Project is expected to be complete in 2015.

Pictures

Highway 1 - Salinas Road Interchange: A new interchange on Highway 1 at Salinas Road was completed in 2012, which eliminates left turn conflicts, streamlines travel on Highway 1 near the Santa Cruz County line, and makes travel between Highway 1 and US 101 through North Monterey County easier. The project serves as a new gateway to Monterey County, which incorporates artichoke and strawberry-themed design elements reflecting the North Monterey County landscape.

Pictures

US 101—San Juan Road Interchange: In 2012, the Transportation Agency worked with Caltrans to fully-fund and begin construction of the planned interchange on US 101 at San Juan Road. This project will, in addition to the Prunedale Improvement Project and Salinas Road Interchange projects, complete a series of high priority improvements to ensure the safety of travelers in North Monterey County. Multiple entry points and left turns at this heavily traveled portion of US 101 in the San Juan Road area create a choke point for truckers, commuters and visitors. The project will direct traffic accessing US 101 from Dunbarton Road, San Juan Road and Cole Road to one interchange just north of the Red Barn, which will improve safety and reduce congestion. The Transportation Agency expects construction of the US 101-San Juan Road Interchange to be finished in 2014.

Pictures

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PROJECTS IN PLANNING

Highway 156 Widening and Interchange Improvements, Phase 1: Highway 156 is a significantly congested travel corridor between the Bay Area and the Monterey Peninsula. Phase 1 of this high priority project will meet critical safety needs by widening Highway 156 from 2 to 4 lanes between Castroville and US 101, converting the existing highway to a frontage road for safe access to the Oak Hills community and constructing a new interchange at Castroville Boulevard. The project will also improve coastal access for bicyclists.

Available funding continues to fall short for this project. In 2012, the Transportation Agency began studying financing options, including a temporary toll on this facility, similar to other toll freeways in California. This or other funding strategies, if approved, could bring the project to construction by 2018.

Total Cost: \$109,000,000
Funding Secured: \$45,200,000

Picture

Highway 68 Holman Highway Intersection Improvements at Highway 1:

To eliminate traffic back-ups onto Highway 1 and the Holman Highway, which blocks access to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, the Transportation Agency is working with the City of Monterey, Caltrans and the County of Monterey to replace the existing traffic signal at Highway 1 with a roundabout allowing free movements through the intersection. Roundabouts eliminate back-ups at signals, reduce pollution from idling vehicles and are also significantly safer than signalized intersections. The roundabout design for this intersection will also provide safe, separated bicycle and pedestrian connections.

Total Cost: \$10,350,000
Funding Secured: \$10,350,000

Picture

US 101 South County Frontage Roads: This project will improve safety by eliminating highway crossings and constructing frontage roads between Salinas and Chualar for access to farms. Future development fees will fund some of the cost; however, the project is mostly unfunded. The Agency has formed a coalition with other Central Coast counties to secure state funding for these improvements, which are important for moving Central Coast goods to market.

Total Cost: \$80,334,105
Funding Secured: \$5,000,000

Picture

Passenger Rail Service Extension to Monterey County: This project will provide a safe, healthy alternative to driving on Highway 101 by establishing daily passenger rail service between Salinas and Sacramento, with new stations planned in Pajaro/Watsonville, Castroville and Salinas. Major stops in San Jose and Oakland will allow convenient transfers for BART and Caltrain service to San Francisco and other Bay Area destinations. In 2012, the Agency worked with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to provide this service, and continued efforts to obtain land needed for the project.

Total Cost: \$135,700,000
Funding Secured: \$35,000,000

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Long Range Planning: “Complete Streets”

The Transportation Agency is preparing the next long range Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County. In addition to funding important regional projects, the Agency will identify upgrades to roads and highways for easy travel by foot, bicycle and transit. These projects, referred to as “Complete Streets,” include improved sidewalks, bike lanes/paths, and transit stops appropriate to each street and location – features that make it easy to travel without a car. These simple projects can often be constructed when a street is repaved. This long term planning will help meet environmental goals, provide healthy alternatives to driving and reduce the need for expensive new roads.

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Other Projects

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Service: The Transportation Agency distributes state and local funds needed to operate MST busses across Monterey County, including transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Monterey Branch Line Light Rail Service: In 2012, the Agency initiated appraisals for the Monterey Branch Line property for various water pipeline proposals using this right of way.

Blanco Road Bike Lanes: This project, completed in 2012, improved safety for bicyclists and motorists by installing rumble strips and improved lane markings and signage on Blanco Road, which was identified as a top bicycle priority.

511 Traveler Information System: The Transportation Agency began evaluating the feasibility of a new 511 traveler information system for Monterey County, which is one of the few areas in the state without 511 service. 511 is a phone- and web-based system that provides information on vehicle travel times for major highways, transit schedules, carpooling and emergency detours.

Freeway Service Patrol: The Agency provides roving tow trucks that assisted over 2,187 motorists on Highway 1 and US 101 during peak travel times. These tow trucks reduce traffic congestion and improve safety by quickly clearing accidents, stalled vehicles, and roadway hazards. Increased service is being provided in the US 101 Prunedale corridor along the current construction zone.

Freeway Callboxes: The Transportation Agency funds and manages the freeway callbox program in Monterey County, which provides emergency phone access for stranded motorists on roads and highways in areas lacking cell phone service.

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: March 7, 2013
Subject: Update on State Legislative Activities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

SUMMARY

Staff will report on current state legislative activities and discuss transportation legislations proposed by the meeting date that may impact the Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DISCUSSION

Attachment 1 is the draft bill track of legislation relevant to the Agency's adopted priorities.

Friday, January 25 marked the deadline for bill requests to be submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Legislature has until February 22 to introduce new bills for consideration. Staff will bring additional information as proposed bills become available. Staff will present a bill matrix at the meeting.

Staff recommends a "Support" position on the following bills:

- Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 4 (Liu): "Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval," which would provide 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, rather than two thirds.
- Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 8 (Corbett): "Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval," which would provide 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, rather than two thirds.
- Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 11 (Hancock): "Local government: special taxes: voter approval," which would change the voter approval requirement for the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government from two thirds to 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.

- Senate Transportation Omnibus Bill: “Relinquishment of State Right of Way: Holman Highway Project,” which would enable local agencies to relinquish segments of SR68 west of SR1 to improve access to the Monterey Peninsula.
- Senate Bill (SB) 33 (Wolk): “Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval: repeal,” which would eliminate the requirement of voter approval for creation of an Infrastructure Financing District and for bond issuance. The bill also empower the district to adopt an infrastructure financing plan, subject to approval by the legislative body, and issue bonds by majority vote of the authority. The bill would authorize the district to use funds for capital improvements of communitywide significance, including to highways, bridges, arterials and transit facilities, sewer, and open space.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 26 (Bonilla): “California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.” 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 bill is likely to be the vehicle for allocation of cap and trade funding.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 160 (Alejo): “California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013: exceptions,” which would except from the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), the definition of public retirement system, certain multiemployer plans authorized under federal law and retirement plans for public employees whose collective bargaining rights are protected by a specified provision of federal law. Until passage of this matter, Monterey Salinas Transit stands to lose the ability to access over \$7 million of its federal transit operating funds annually.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 730 (Alejo): “Monterey Salinas Transit District,” which would authorize the Monterey Salinas Transit District to issue revenue bonds by a 2/3 vote of the District Board, instead of voter approval. The bill would also authorize the District to pledge revenues or other moneys available to the District from any source, including a transactions and use tax, to payment of those bonds.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 946 (Stone): “Transit buses: Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz,” which would authorize the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, to conduct a transit-bus only program using the shoulders of certain state highways as transit-bus only traffic corridors.

All other bills on the list are marked as “watch”, until it becomes clear what impact the bill may have on the Agency, at which time staff will update the bill list and return to the Executive Committee to approve any change to the Agency’s position on the bills.

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

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Date signed: 2/27/13

Regular Agenda

Reviewed by Counsel: N/A

Attachment:

1. Transportation Agency for Monterey County Legislative History as of February 13, 2013
2. Final 2013 TAMC Legislative Program: State Issues

TAMC Legislative History

2013-14 State Legislative Session

As of: 2/13/2013

Agenda item:5, Att: 1

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>AB 14</u>	<u>Lowenthal</u>	State freight plan.	Introduced: 12/3/2012	1/14/2013- Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Would require 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. This bill would require the agency to establish a freight advisory committee with various responsibilities in that regard. The initial state freight plan would be submitted to the Legislature, the Governor, and certain state agencies by December 31, 2014, and updated every 5 years thereafter.	Watch	7S (Hwy 101 Corridor Awareness)	None
<u>AB 26</u>	<u>Bonilla</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 bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.	Support	4S (Climate Change Legislation)	None
<u>AB 37</u>	<u>Perea</u>	Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.	Introduced: 12/3/2012	1/14/2013- Referred to Com. on NAT. RES	Would require, 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. Because the bill would require a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings as provided, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Watch	9S (CEQA Reform)	None
<u>AB 160</u>	<u>Alejo</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.	This bill would except from the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), the definition of public retirement system, certain multiemployer plans authorized under federal law and retirement plans for public employees whose collective bargaining rights are protected by a specified provision of federal law.	Support	14S (Partner Agency Efforts)	None

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>AB730</u>	<u>Alejo</u>	Monterey Salinas Transit District	Introduced: 2/21/2013	2/22/2013- From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.	This bill would authorize the Monterey Salinas Transit District to issue revenue bonds by a 2/3 vote of the District Board, instead of voter approval. The bill would also authorize the District to pledge revenues or other moneys available to the District from any source, including a transactions and use tax, to payment of those bonds.	Support	14S (Partner Agency Efforts)	None
<u>AB 946</u>	<u>Stone</u>	Transit buses: Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz	Introduced: 1/22/2013	2/25/2013- Read first time.	The bill would authorize the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, to conduct a transit-bus only program using the shoulders of certain state highways as transit-bus only traffic corridors.	Support	14S (Partner Agency Efforts)	None
<u>SB 33</u>	<u>Wolk</u>	Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval: repeal.	Introduced: 12/3/2012	1/10/2013- Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.	The bill would eliminate the requirement of voter approval for creation of an Infrastructure Financing District and for bond issuance. The bill also empower the district to adopt an infrastructure financing plan, subject to approval by the legislative body, and issue bonds by majority vote of the authority. The bill would authorize the district to use funds for capital improvements of communitywide significance, including to highways, bridges, arterials and transit facilities, sewer, and open space.	Support	5S (Funding)	None
<u>SB 110</u>	<u>Steinberg</u>	California Transportation Commission: guidelines.	Introduced: 1/14/2013	1/24/2013- Referred to Com. on T. & H.	Would establish specified procedures that the California Transportation Commission would be required to utilize when it adopts guidelines, except as specified, and would exempt the adoption of those guidelines from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.	Watch	3S (Implementation of MAP 21)	None
<u>SB 142</u>	<u>DeSaulnier</u>	Public transit.	Introduced: 1/30/2013	2/7/2013- Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.	Current law provides for creation of one or more special benefit districts within a transit district or rapid transit district relative to the issuance of bonds to be repaid through special assessments levied on property within the special benefit district, or certain zones within the special benefit district, with the proceeds of the bonds to be used for specified transit improvements. Current law enacts similar provisions applicable to a municipal transit system owned by a city or city and county. This bill would repeal all of these provisions.	Watch	14S (Partner Agency Efforts)	None
<u>SCA 4</u>	<u>Liu</u>	Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced: 12/3/2012	12/4/2012- From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.	Would provide 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, rather than 2/3.	Support	6S (Lower Voter Threshold)	Support letter sent on 1/24/2013.

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Date	Status	Summary	Position	Priority	Action Taken
<u>SCA 8</u>	<u>Corbett</u>	Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced: 12/14/2012	1/7/2013-Read first time.	Would provide 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, rather than 2/3.	Support	6S (Lower Voter Threshold)	Support letter sent on 1/24/2013.
<u>SCA 9</u>	<u>Corbett</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.	Would provide 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	N/A	None
<u>SCA 11</u>	<u>Hancock</u>	Local government: special taxes: voter approval.	Introduced: 1/25/2013	2/7/2013- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E. & C.A.	Changes the voter approval requirement for the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government from 2/3 to 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.	Support	6S (Lower Voter Threshold)	None
<u>Senate Transportation Omnibus bill</u>		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: March 6, 2013
Subject: Work Program Amendment No. 2 for FY 2012/13

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RATIFY submittal of requested federal planning fund changes to AMBAG and **RECOMMEND** that the Board **ADOPT** proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2012/13 Work Program.

SUMMARY:

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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Agency received \$2,424 additional Rural Planning Assistance funds from the State to be programmed into fiscal year 2012/13. 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.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency's annual Work Program describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year beginning July 1, and ending June 30. Adopting an annual Work Program is mandatory to utilize federal metropolitan planning funds provided through the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and for Rural Planning Assistance funds from Caltrans. The

Transportation Agency annually receives an allocation of Rural Planning Assistance funds and has the flexibility to program these funds to eligible activities as it deems appropriate. For metropolitan planning funds the Transportation Agency must receive approval from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments of the eligible activities that are acceptable to be performed by the Transportation Agency.

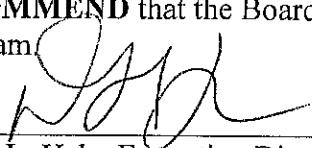
Staff recommends the additional \$2,424 Rural Planning Assistance funds be added to Work Element 1010 (Work Program, Budget and Administration).

Staff recommends that federal planning funds be shifted, as follows between Work Elements to better reflect expected staff time expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year:

WE	Work Element Description	Federal Planning Funds Programmed in FY 2012/13	
		TAMC Approved Amendment 1	TAMC Proposed March Amendment
WE 1010	Work Program Administration	\$20,000	\$20,000
WE 1120	Plans Coordination & Liaison	\$8,000	\$8,000
WE 2310	Data Collection - Gathering & Analysis	\$4,950	\$4,950
WE 2510	Regional Travel Demand Model	\$37,000	\$34,750
WE 6220	Regional Transportation Plan	\$107,000	\$81,250
WE 6263	RDIF Nexus Study Update	\$40,000	\$48,000
WE 6410	Regional Transportation Improvement Plan	\$12,000	\$12,000
WE 6710	Corridor Studies	\$60,000	\$80,000
Totals:		\$288,950	\$288,950

Agency staff has already submitted these proposed metropolitan planning fund spending modifications to AMBAG in order to meet AMBAG's agenda preparation deadline for its March 13 meeting. A copy of TAMC's amendment request is attached.

The recommended action is to **RATIFY** submittal of requested federal planning fund changes to AMBAG and **RECOMMEND** that the Board **ADOPT** proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2012/13 Work Program.

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

2/25/13
Date signed

Regular Agenda

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachment: Letter to AMBAG requesting PL spending modifications.



Regional Transportation Planning Agency • Congestion Management Planning
Local Transportation Commission • Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways

February 25, 2013

Maura Twomey
Executive Director
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
445 Reservation Road, Suite G
Marina, CA 93933

RE: Reprogramming of Federal PL Funds for TAMC

Dear Ms. ^{Maura} Twomey:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County requests the AMBAG Board of Directors amend its 2012/13 Overall Work Program to reallocate the federal PL funding received by our agency. This amendment is required to better reflect our expected work in the remaining months of the current fiscal year, based on the regional priority planning activities shared by our agencies. In order to best utilize these funds, we request that this amendment take place at your March 2013 Board of Directors meeting.

Our requested reprogramming is as follows:

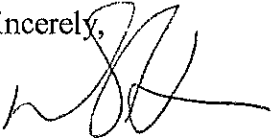
- **Reduce the PL funds in Work Element 2510 – Regional Travel Demand Model from \$37,000 to \$34,750.** This change is based on the less than expected TAMC staff time spent on public participation and administration components of this activity.
- **Reduce the PL funds in Work Element 6220 – Regional Transportation Plan from \$107,000 to \$81,250.** Public participation efforts for the Regional Transportation Plan will start later in FY 2012/13 than originally estimated and will continue into FY 2013/14. This amendment request reduces the amount of PL funds in WE 6220 accordingly. The Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and each county's Regional Transportation Plan is expected to cost more than past efforts due to incorporating the Sustainable Communities Strategy and other green house gas related analysis. TAMC staff requests \$11,250 of PL funds be allocated in FY 2012/13 to contribute towards its share of the costs.
- **Increase the PL funding in WE 6710 – State Route 156 Corridor Tolling Study from \$60,000 to \$80,000.** Transportation Agency staff continues to spend more time than anticipated conducting public outreach for the SR 156 Corridor Tolling Study. Results from the Traffic and Revenue Study will be available in March. The remainder of FY 2012/13 will be spent discussing the results of the study with the public. Engaging the

public on the tolling study is an excellent opportunity to educate the public on the complexities of funding and will contribute to the public outreach for the Regional Transportation Plans/Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

This Overall Work Program amendment request results in a zero net change to the amount of PL funds allocated to TAMC in 2012/13. A summary table showing current and proposed PL allocations to TAMC by Work Element is attached.

We appreciate your support of this request as a reflection of our shared regional planning efforts and look forward to continuing to coordinate with you on TAMC's role in metropolitan planning in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Debra L. Hale
Executive Director

Attachment: Summary table of TAMC's PL reprogramming request

cc: TAMC Executive Committee

TAMC PL Reprogramming Request

WE	Work Element Description	FY 2012/13	
		TAMC Approved Amendment 1	TAMC Proposed March Amendment
WE 1010.1	OWP - Administration	\$12,000	\$12,000
WE 1010.2	OWP - Planning	\$3,000	\$3,000
WE 1010.4	OWP - Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
	WE 1010 Sum Total:	\$20,000	\$20,000
WE 1120.1	Plans Coordination & Liaison- Administration	\$1,000	\$1,000
WE 1120.3	Legislative Monitoring	\$7,000	\$7,000
WE 1120.4	Liaison Meetings		
	WE 1120 Sum Total:	\$8,000	\$8,000
WE 2310.1	Data Collection - Administration	\$500	\$500
WE 2310.3	Data Collection - Gathering & Analysis	\$2,950	\$2,950
WE 2310.5	Data Collection - Pub Participation	\$1,500	\$1,500
	WE 3210 Sum Total:	\$4,950	\$4,950
WE 2510.1	RTDM - Administration	\$1,000	\$500
WE 2510.2	RTDM - Planning	\$5,000	\$5,000
WE 2510.3	RTDM - Data Gathering & Analysis	\$19,000	\$19,000
WE 2510.4	RTDM - Coordination	\$7,000	\$7,000
WE 2510.5	RTDM - Public Participation	\$5,000	\$3,250
	WE 2510 Sum Total:	\$37,000	\$34,750
WE 6220.1	RTP - Administration	\$5,000	\$5,000
WE 6220.2	RTP - Planning	\$5,000	\$5,000
WE 6220.3	RTP - Data Gathering & Analysis	\$50,000	\$50,000
WE 6220.4	RTP - Coordination	\$5,000	\$5,000
WE 6220.5	RTP - Public Participation	\$42,000	\$5,000
WE 6220	Direct- RTP EIR		\$11,250
	WE 6220 Sum Total:	\$107,000	\$81,250
WE 6263.1	RDIF Update - Administration	\$1,000	\$1,000
WE 6263.2	RDIF Update - Planning	\$25,000	\$30,000
WE 6263.3	RDIF Update - Data Gathering & Analysis	\$10,000	\$10,000
WE 6263.4	RDIF Update - Coordination	\$2,000	\$5,000
WE 6263.5	RDIF Update - Public Participation	\$2,000	\$2,000
	WE 6262 Sum Total:	\$40,000	\$48,000
WE 6410.1	RTIP - Administration	\$2,000	\$2,000
WE 6410.2	RTIP - Planning	\$3,000	\$3,000
WE 6410.3	RTIP - Data Gathering & Analysis	\$5,000	\$5,000
WE 6410.4	RTIP - Coordination	\$1,000	\$1,000
WE 6410.5	RTIP - Public Participation	\$1,000	\$1,000
	WE 6410 Sum Total:	\$12,000	\$12,000
WE 6710.1	Corridor Studies - Administration	\$500	\$500
WE 6710.2	Corridor Studies - Planning		
WE 6710.3	Corridor Studies - Data Gathering & Analysis	\$55,500	\$55,500
WE 6710.4	Corridor Studies - Coordination	\$2,000	\$12,000
WE 6710.5	Corridor Studies - Public Participation	\$2,000	\$12,000
	WE 6710 Sum Total:	\$60,000	\$80,000
		\$288,950	\$288,950

Increased \$ from FY 12-13 A1
Decreased \$ from FY 12-13 A1