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: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
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 3.1-3.2 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** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 4, 2015. – Rodriguez

3.2 **APPROVE** cash incentive award of $100 to Principal Planner Christina Watson for her leadership in the update of materials and the training of staff on state and federal procurement rules. –Muck

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** state legislative update and **RECOMMEND** the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency. – Watson/ Arriaga

5. **PROVIDE** input on development of the Sales Tax Expenditure Plan and Public Outreach Plan – Wright
   
   **No Enclosure**

6. **RECEIVE** briefing on Brown Act requirements for meeting quorums – Reimann
   
   **No Enclosure**

7. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for TMC Board meeting of March 25, 2015. – Hale
   
   *(Handout)*

8. **ADJOURN**

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Wednesday, April 1, 2015

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members are: Kimbley Craig (Chair), Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair), Jane Parker (Past Chair), Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huit (City representative)

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
*** 9:00 a.m. ***
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Craig, Huit, Potter, alternates Martinez for Armenta and Markey for Parker. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann; Sam Teel, MCHA; John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:
On a motion by Committee Member Potter and seconded by Committee Member Chavez, the committee voted 6–0 to approve the consent agenda.

3.1 APPROVED minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 7, 2015.

END OF CONSENT

4. THREE-YEAR BUDGET (FY 15/16 – FY 17/18)
On a motion by Committee Member Potter and seconded by Committee Member Huit, the committee voted 6–0, the following:

1. RECOMMENDED that the Board authorize Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 15/16 budget to federal and state funding agencies for initial review; and

2. RECOMMENDED that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 15/16 through 17/18, and direct Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget back to the Board on May 27, 2015 for approval.
Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 15/16 through 17/18. Ms. Goel reported authorization to submit the draft budget for fiscal year 15/16 is necessary to meet deadlines of federal and state funding agencies to review the Agency budget for fiscal year 15/16. The Agency continues to control expenditures to stay within its current year budget, and maintains a prudent cash reserve. She also reported the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific project delivery tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc.

Ms. Goel noted that the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 operating expenditure budget is $2,464,975, a net increase over fiscal year 2014-2015 of $1,691, and the proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is $16,392,624 a net increase over fiscal year 14/15 of $8,395,324. This increase is primarily due to a shift in the timing of right-of-way acquisition expenditures on the Rail Extension to Salinas project. In conclusion, Ms. Goel reported the next steps in the process are to present the draft budget to the Board of Directors in February and in May to bring the final budget to the Executive Committee for review and the Board of Directors for adoption.

Committee Alternate Markey asked if regional fees were collected from FORA for the East Garrison project. Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that FORA has their own separate fee that includes a regional traffic component; therefore, the TAMC fee is not collected.

Committee Member Potter asked for clarification on the funds designated for FORA update. Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck replied this allocation is for an update to the FORA transportation study, noting the last study was done in 2005. Mr. Potter further asked for clarification of the expenditures under the Monterey Branch Line line items. Staff agreed to add a separate Monterey Branch Line reserve line item to reflect the fact that not all the revenues associated with the branch line leases are being spent on operations and maintenance.

5. REVIEWED and PROVIDED direction on draft fiscal year 2015/16 Overall Work Program Activities.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reported on the annual Transportation Agency for Monterey County Overall Work Program, which describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year and provides the basis for the 2015/16 Agency budget. The draft Overall Work Plan is scheduled to be approved by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors at their February 25 meeting to include the input provided by the Executive Committee. The draft plan is then submitted to Caltrans who reviews the document and provides comments on the state funded activities in the plan. Agency staff then incorporates comments from Caltrans, as well as comments received from the
Transportation Agency Board, into a final proposed Overall Work Program to be presented to the Board of Directors in May for adoption in conjunction with the fiscal year 2015/16 budget.

Chair Craig asked if the Highway 156 project was still the Agency’s high priority project. Mr. Muck replied that the Highway 156 project remains one of the Agency’s high priority projects and staff has budgeted more funding for consultant and staff work.

6. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.**

On a motion by Committee Member Chavez and a second by Committee Member Huitt, the committee voted 6–0 to recommend Board approval of draft bill language related to the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander. The Board received a state legislative update and provided input on potential state legislation.

Agency State Legislative consultant John Arriaga provided an update on the state legislative program. He reported the $165 billion dollar Governor’s budget includes $11.3 billion for transportation, including $1 billion through the Cap and Trade grant programs. Mr. Arriaga noted that the final guidelines for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program would be published on February 6 and that applications are due April 10. He also noted that the Legislative Analyst’s Office believed the actual amount of funding that would be available for Cap and Trade grants would be at least double the Governor’s estimate, and that we will find out in the May Revise version of the Governor’s budget.

Principal Transportation Planner Christina Watson noted that the Agency was preparing to submit an application for the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Transportation Center for the Cap and Trade grant program.

Committee Member Potter noted that the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN Corridor) indicated they would write a support letter for an application for the Pajaro/Watsonville station.

Mr. Arriaga noted that January 30 was the deadline to present bill language to legislative counsel and that the deadline for bill introduction is February 27. He presented draft language for two bills submitted by the January 30 deadline for Committee input. He noted that if no author is secured for the draft bills by February 27, there is the option to make it a “spot bill”, which would give us until April to secure an author.

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) representative Lisa Rheinheimer noted that MST would be sponsoring a bill to update the Transportation Development Act’s performance standards, and that MST would request TAMC to support that bill.

Mr. Arriaga presented draft bill language to allow Caltrans to mitigate for incidental take of the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander for the State Route 156 project.
Committee Alternate Markey noted that she was willing to support this bill language if it were strengthened to require active habitat management to protect the species.

Committee Member Potter noted that the Moro Cojo Slough is a wetland in the Coastal Zone and obtaining Coastal Commission approval of the 156 project in light of the species issue could therefore present a big challenge for the project.

Mr. Arriaga presented draft bill language to enact a waiver for Monterey County to the 2% cap on local sales tax measures, which would allow the Agency to pursue a ½ cent countywide transportation sales tax measure; without this bill, the Agency would be limited to a 3/8 cent tax.

Director Hale noted the difference between a 3/8 cent tax and a ½ cent tax translated to about $6 million per year in funding for local projects. Mr. Arriaga noted there was some discussion about a statewide increase in the cap to 3%.

Committee Alternate Markey expressed support for moving forward with this bill.

Chair Craig noted there was a robust discussion on this topic at the January Committee meeting, and was surprised that staff chose to file this bill language given that discussion.

Sam Teel, Hospitality Association, noted that he asked the Taxpayer’s Association if they would oppose a sales tax measure that required expanding the 2% cap on local option sales taxes, and he did not yet have an answer from them. He did note that they supported the City of Monterey tax effort due to the sunset date and other safeguard provisions.

Committee Member Chavez and Committee Alternate Martinez requested that this item be discussed by the full Board.

Chair Craig asked whether there is a minimum threshold for being considered a “self-help” county, and whether a 3/8 cent tax would help the Agency secure matching state and federal funding. Director Hale replied that there is no minimum threshold, and that a 3/8% would be better than the status quo. She noted, however, that communicating the 3/8% amount could be a challenge to communicate, and the project list would be shorter as a result of the lower amount of funding available.

Chair Craig said she would not be able to support sponsoring a bill to raise the 2% local option sales tax in Monterey County, due to issues the City of Salinas is facing, but that she supported the discussion going to the full Board.

Committee Member Huitt asked for clarification that this action would not preclude the Agency from supporting a statewide bill to raise the cap to 3%, if that bill should move ahead. Committee Alternate Markey noted the Board needed to be aware of the limitations of a 3/8% tax before it takes action.
7. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of February 25, 2015.

   Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda items proposed for February 25, 2015. She reported the Board would be asked to approve the Request for Qualifications for a community outreach consultant to assist with the development of a Transportation Expenditure Plan and Sales Tax Measure and funds are budgeted for this purpose. The Board will also be asked to authorize the Executive Director to submit the Draft Work Program and Three-Year Budget FY15/16 – 17/18 to the federal and state funding agencies. A Highway 156 Workshop will be held to provide a clear history of the development of the project.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

   [Signature]

   Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
Meeting Date: March 4, 2015
Subject: Incentive Award to Christina Watson

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE cash incentive award of $100 to Principal Planner Christina Watson for her leadership in the update of materials and the training of staff on state and federal procurement rules.

SUMMARY:

The TAMC employee incentive program, approved by the Board of Directors in May 2003, makes available a single-project cash award for spectacular performance on a particular project. The award requires approval by the TAMC Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Per the TAMC adopted policy, single-project cash awards will not exceed agency-wide total of $700 per year. This is the first award to be proposed in 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Watson issued the first major contract since the Caltrans incurred cost audit, and has become the Agency expert on the precise details of state and federal procurement requirements. She has assisted with the refinement of the consultant procurement checklist and coordinated with TAMC Counsel on the development of the contract templates. She took the initiative to hold staff trainings on both of these documents. Management appreciates her leadership role in this effort and will continue to draw upon her expertise. For this work above and beyond her Principal Planner duties, management recommends that Christina Watson be awarded a special recognition cash incentive of $100.

Consent Agenda

Counsel Approval: _N/A_
Admin/Finance Approval: _Yes_

Attachment: TAMC Human Resources Rules & Regulations: Employee Incentive Program
Excerpt: TAMC Human Resources Rules and Regulations Manual

4.4 Employee Incentive Program

A. Total cost of this program not to exceed $7,500 in a fiscal year. All employees that are subject to step increases are eligible for this program. The purpose of this incentive program is not to increase employee compensation, but rather to realize a public benefit through the promotion of efficiency, initiative and morale in TAMC service. This incentive program serves the substantial public purpose of ensuring continued recruitment and retention of qualified and competent employees. From a legal perspective, TAMC Counsel approves this program, provided it is not granting benefits to employees for past services, which could be construed as making a gift of public money. With this incentive program, TAMC is taking self-serving steps to further the agency’s self-interest in recruiting and retaining the most competent employees.

B. If an employee demonstrates sustained superior performance over a significant period of time, the Executive Director may at his/her discretion approve a step increase for this employee. The definition of sustained superior performance includes consistent, day-to-day, unfailingly exceptional work output that is both quantitatively and qualitatively superior. Superior quality means written reports that are well thought out, timely, accurate, and written correctly for the intended audience. Superior quantity means volume of work above what would normally be expected of an average performer. This award must have prior approval by the TAMC Executive Committee.

C. If an employee performs outstandingly and spectacularly on a particular project, the Executive Director may at his/her discretion authorize payment to this employee of a one-time cash award. The one-time cash award is for a piece of work, or completed project that is over and above what is usually expected of that person in that job classification. It is for work “above and beyond” the call of duty that is beneficial to the agency and to the public. The one-time cash awards would range from $50 to $150 each and would not exceed an agency-wide total of $700 per fiscal year. This award must have prior approval by the TAMC Executive Committee.

D. If an employee performs outstandingly “in the moment”, a management employee may award the employee with an “employee of the moment” coupon, which could include low-value redeemable merchant coupons for outstanding performance of specific activity. The employee of the moment coupons would be from $5 to $10 each and would not exceed a total cost to the agency of $300 a year. The “Employee of the Moment” award is for an action or individual piece of work that took less than one day to accomplish, and was superlative in and of itself in character, and successful in outcome. All TAMC management staff is authorized to make this award.
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: March 4, 2015
Subject: State Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RECEIVE state legislative update, and RECOMMEND the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

SUMMARY

February 27 is the deadline for bill introduction. Several bills have been introduced prior to the deadline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Agency staff and consultant time are in the adopted Agency budget.

DISCUSSION

Attached is a draft bill list for discussion and consideration. Most of the bills on this list are "spot bills", which means that they could change quite a bit as the language in the bill is developed. Online as a web attachment for reference is the adopted 2015 legislative program.

Agency legislative consultant John Arriaga and staff will provide a verbal update on state legislative activities, the bill list, and the proposed Agency-sponsored bill pertaining to the Route 156 project and the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.

Approved by: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director Date signed: 2/23/15

Regular Agenda

Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: N/A

Attachment: Draft bill list as of February 23
Web Attachment: Final TAMC Legislative Program, adopted January 28, 2015
Introduced: 12/1/14
Status: 1/16/15-Referred to Com. on TRANS.
Summary: Would, until January 1, 2020, prohibit weight fee revenues from being transferred from the State Highway Account to any fund or account for the purpose of payment of the debt service on transportation general obligation bonds, and would also prohibit loans of weight fee revenues to the General Fund.
Priority: 7S
Position: SUPPORT

Introduced: 12/1/14
Status: 1/16/15-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and ED.
Summary: Would provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for early improvement projects in the Phase 1 blended system. Would require redirection of the unspent high-speed rail bond proceeds for use in retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those bonds and for school construction projects. These provisions would become effective only upon approval by voters.
Priority: 11S
Position: Watch

AB 79 (Mathis R): State highway routes: route numbers.
Introduced: 1/5/15
Status: 1/6/15-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.
Summary: Spot bill related to state highway system route numbers.
Priority: NA
Position: Watch

AB 102 (Rodriguez D): Railroad safety and emergency planning and response.
Introduced: 1/8/15
Status: 1/9/15-From printer. May be heard in committee February 8.
Summary: Spot bill: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop a state railroad accident prevention and immediate deployment plan, and designates the Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment Force as being responsible for implementing the plan, acting cooperatively with existing local emergency response units.
Priority: 13S
Position: Watch

Introduced: 1/20/15
Status: 2/2/15-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Summary: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance to develop a 3-year investment plan for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This bill would require the department to include in the 3-year investment plan an allocation to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged
communities to assist them in proposing specified projects for inclusion in the plan.

Priority: 6S
Position: Watch

**AB 208** (Bigelow R): Bikeways.
Introduced: 1/29/15
Status: 1/30/15-From printer. May be heard in committee March 1.
Summary: Spot bill related to safety design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices for bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.
Priority: NA
Position: Watch

**AB 212** (Achadjian R): State highways.
Introduced: 2/2/15
Status: 2/3/15-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5.
Summary: Spot bill related to Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, state highways and all property and rights in property acquired for state highway purposes.
Priority: NA
Position: Watch

**AB 227** (Alejo D): Transportation funding.
Introduced: 2/3/15
Status: 2/4/15-From printer. May be heard in committee March 6.
Summary: Current law provides for loans of revenues from various transportation funds and accounts to the General Fund, with various repayment dates specified. This bill, with respect to any loans made to the General Fund from specified transportation funds and accounts with a repayment date of January 1, 2019, or later, would require the loans to be repaid by December 31, 2018.
Priority: 7S
Position: SUPPORT

**AB 464** (Mullin D): Transactions and use taxes: maximum combined rate.
Introduced: 2/23/15
Status: 2/23/15- Read first time. To print.
Summary: Existing law authorizes cities and counties, subject to certain limitations and approval requirements, to levy a transactions and use tax for general purposes, in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes imposed in accordance with that law in the county not exceed 2%. This bill would increase that maximum combined rate to 3%.
Priority: 3S
Position: SUPPORT

**SB 9** (Beall D): Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.
Introduced: 12/1/14
Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and T. & H.
Summary: Would, under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, modify the purpose of the program to delete references to operational investments and instead provide for the funding of large,
transformative capital improvements with a total cost exceeding $100,000,000. The bill would require the Transportation Agency, in prioritizing and selecting projects for funding, to consider the extent to which a project reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and would add additional factors to be considered in evaluating applications for funding.

**Priority: 6S**
**Position: Watch**

**SB 16 (Beall D): Department of Transportation.**
[Introduced: 12/1/14]
[Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.]
[Summary: Current law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the department identify savings from implementing efficiencies in its current programs and direct those resources into expanded activities for road repair and litter cleanup.]

**Priority: 7S**
**Position: Watch**

**SB 55 (Knight R): Department of Transportation: administration.**
[Introduced: 12/19/14]
[Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Com. on RLS.]
[Summary: Spot bill related to the construction, improvement, maintenance, or use of all highways that are under Caltrans jurisdiction, possession, or control.]

**Priority: NA**
**Position: Watch**

**SB 64 (Liu D): California Transportation Plan.**
[Introduced: 1/5/15]
[Status: 1/15/15-Referred to Com. on T. & H.]
[Summary: Would require the California Transportation Commission to review recommendations in the update to the California Transportation Plan prepared by the department in 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, to prepare specific recommendations for statewide integrated multimodal transportation system improvements, and to submit a report in that regard to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2016 and every 5 years thereafter.]

**Priority: NA**
**Position: Watch**

**SB 154 (Huff R): California Environmental Quality Act.**
[Introduced: 2/2/15]
[Status: 2/3/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 5.
Summary: Spot bill related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Priority: 9S**
**Position: Watch**

**SB 158 (Huff R): Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements**
[Introduced: 2/3/15]
[Status: 2/4/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 6.
Summary: Spot bill related to the ability of Caltrans and/or a regional transportation agency to enter into a comprehensive development lease with a public or private entity for a transportation
SB 166 (Gaines R): California Environmental Quality Act.
Introduced: 2/5/15
Status: 2/6/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 8.
Summary: Spot bill related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Priority: 9S
Position: Watch

Introduced: 2/5/15
Status: 2/6/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 8.
Summary: Spot bill related to the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
Priority: 6S
Position: Watch

Introduced: 2/10/15
Status: 2/11/15-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 13.
Summary: This bill would require every person, regardless of age, to wear a bicycle helmet when operating a bicycle, riding on a bicycle as a passenger, or riding in a trailer towed by a bicycle. The bill would also require a person engaged in these activities in the darkness to wear retroreflective high-visibility safety apparel, as specified. Because a violation of this requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Would levy a $25 fine on violators.
Priority: NA
Position: OPPOSE

SB 321 (Beall D): Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments
Introduced: 2/23/15
Summary: Current law exempts motor vehicle fuel from specified sales and use taxes and increases the excise tax on motor vehicle fuel. This bill would, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, require the State Board of Equalization to adjust the excise tax rate in a manner as to generate an amount of revenue equal to the average amount of revenue loss attributable to the sales and use tax exemption over the next five fiscal years, based on estimates made by the board, and continuing to take into account adjustments required by existing law to maintain revenue neutrality.
Priority: 7S
Position: SUPPORT

SB 516 (Fuller R): Motorist Aid legislation
To be introduced: 2/27/15
Summary: This bill would make other services eligible for vehicle registration funds currently dedicated to call boxes, including traveler information services; freeway service patrols; changeable message signs; litter removal; law enforcement patrols; and intelligent transportation systems.
Priority: 7S
Position: SUPPORT
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 and bus rapid transit
   6. Local streets and roads projects
   7. Coast Daylight train

3S. Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures, without state spending restrictions, and monitor the need to seek a waiver to allow the County to exceed the 2% limit on local sales taxes for transportation.

4S. Support the California Passenger Rail Program Guiding Principles and the formation and/or continuation of California State Legislative Passenger Rail Select Committees.

5S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.

6S. Monitor and comment on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines, and seek regional transportation funding from the program.

7S. Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.

8S. Oppose efforts to shift transportation funding away from regions and oppose unfunded mandates for transportation agencies and local governments in providing transportation improvements and services.

9S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.

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. Support and seek funding for Monterey County rail connections to the California High-Speed Rail project.

12S. Seek funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
13S. Support transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.

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.
FINAL 2015 Legislative Program: Federal Issues

1F. Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other 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 and bus rapid transit
6. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
7. Local streets and roads projects
8. Coast Daylight train

2F. Support the following priorities for federal transportation legislation:
1. Stabilize and increase transportation funding sources in order to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
   a. Index the gas tax to inflation or increase the gas tax to meet the nation’s transportation needs.
   b. Identify additional funding sources for maintenance and operations on the existing network, such as a transition to a vehicle-miles traveled fee.
   c. Support removal of procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
   d. Allocate funding for projects that support safety, economic development and job creation.
2. Support enhanced infrastructure bank programs.

3F. Seek funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

4F. Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California’s state requirements and do not adversely affect transportation projects.

5F. Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing rail service for the traveling public.

6F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak in the annual appropriations bill and authorization legislation and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.

7F. Support member agencies’ requests for federal 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.