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, May 1, 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 9:06 a.m. Board members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Edelen, Parker and Salinas. Staff present: Cheung, Gavin, Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay Associates (via phone), Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association and Sharon Joyce, Monterey County resident.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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

3.1 APPROVED minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of April 3, 2013.

END OF CONSENT
4. **RECEIVED** an update on federal legislative activities.

On a motion by Board Craig and seconded by Salinas, the committee voted 6 – 0 to receive the update on federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the President’s budget includes $73.5 billion for the ten largest budget accounts at the US Department of Transportation enacted appropriations levels are shown for fiscal years 2005-2013 and the proposed budget request level is shown for fiscal year 2014. This table shows the Administration’s budget proposal includes $500 million for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") discretionary grants, $40 billion for highway projects, $3.7 billion for high-speed rail, and $2 billion for Federal Transit Administration “New Starts” projects.

5. **RECOMMENDED** that the Board approve Resolution 2013-07 adopting the fiscal year 13/14 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16.

On a motion by Committee member Chavez and seconded by Salinas, the committee voted 6 – 0 to recommend that the Board approve Resolution 2013-07 adopting the fiscal year 13/14 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the resolution approves the final budget and work program for fiscal year 13/14, including federal, state and local grant authorizations and certifications, and out year budgets for fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16. At its February adoption of the draft budget, the Board did not have any suggested changes for the final budget. This version makes minor changes to reflect the latest information on revenues and expenditures. She noted that the biggest risk to the agency continues to be a reduction in federal and state planning funds for an extended period of time. The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) has reduced the amount of Federal Highway Planning Funds provided to the Agency from approximately $280,000 in past years to $100,000. Staff will keep the Board advised of any other developments related to transportation funding and should further major revenue reductions occur, will return with potential cost cuts in both operating and direct programs.

Deputy Executive Director Muck noted that the reduction in federal planning funding levels was a decision of AMBAG to take additional funding from TAMC and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. Executive Director Hale noted the high cost of administering these federal funds and requested support from TAMC Board members on AMBAG for retaining a minimum of $100,000 per year in future funding years.
Ms. Goel also reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. 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 work program tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc. The proposed fiscal year 2013/14 operating expenditure budget is $2,520,707, a net decrease over fiscal year 2012/13 of $27,975. The proposed fiscal year current direct program expenditure budget is $9,463,524, a net decrease over fiscal year 2012/13 of $785,689.

6. **RECEIVED** draft fee schedule and supporting documents for the update to the Regional Development Impact Fee program, and **RECOMMENDED** approval of draft fees to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

On a motion by Board member Parker and seconded by Committee member Armenta, the committee voted 6 – 0 to receive draft fee schedule and supporting documents for the update to the Regional Development Impact Fee program, and recommend approval of draft fees to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that as part of the Joint Powers Agreement, the agency is required to update the fee program once every five years. The draft fees represent updates to the regional travel forecast model, general plan updates, project financing, and population growth projections that have occurred since the program started in August 2008. In preparing this draft, staff has met with all of the jurisdictions to update project costs and in some cases modify the projects on the list. He noted that the draft Regional Development Impact Fee program is expected to generate $142 million over the life of the program, which is substantially lower than prior estimates due to a slower expected pace of development. The draft fees per trip are slightly higher than the prior fees in most zones due to fewer forecast trips and additional projects or project cost increases in the North and South County zones. Staff has presented options showing what the fee levels would be if these projects are removed and will ask for Board direction.

Board member Chavez commented that the City of Soledad is in the process of looking at their fees and asked the TAMC be sure to coordinate with that process.
7. **RECEIVED** update on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Priorities and Preferences Survey.

On a motion by Committee member Salinas and seconded by Vice Chair Parker, the committee voted 6 – 0 to receive an update on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Priorities and Preferences Survey.

Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that on April 24, 2013, the TAMC Board approved a contract with EMC Research to perform a survey on preferences for funding transportation projects. TAMC staff and representatives from AMBAG and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission are scheduling meetings with EMC Research to put together the questionnaire; the survey will be conducted between May 28 and June 7; final results will be available in mid-June.

Executive Director Hale reported that the Agency has not done a survey for a long time, noting that should the legislature lower the voter threshold that it may need to be ready to propose a ballot measure as early as 2014. Board member Craig noted that the City of Salinas is placing a sales tax increase for police services on a 2013 ballot, and they will also be doing a survey. She noted that there could be some interactions between the proposed City tax and a potential TAMC tax.

Supervisor Armenta suggested that if the results are favorable that TAMC should consider publishing them in its 2014 Annual Report. He further noted that there may be some land use measures on the 2014 ballot that could affect results if TAMC’s measure were on the same ballot.

Public Comment:
Sharon Joyce, 156 area resident, asked if the poll could include a question about local support for tolling to pay for improvements to Highway 156.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Taxpayers Association, reported that in the past he has been personally supportive of infrastructure projects. He asked that TAMC involve the Taxpayer’s Association early in the process, noting he would like to be more pro-active in supporting the measure, noting they would like to be able to look at the survey results and even advocate for survey questions that would affect what was in the final measure.
8. RECEIVED report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of May 22, 2013.

On a motion by Committee member Salinas and seconded by Board member Chavez, the committee voted 6 – 0 to receive a report on the draft agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of May 22, 2013.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reviewed the May 22, 2013 draft agenda. She reported the first item on the agenda would be a closed session regarding real estate negotiations, then reconvene to report any actions taken. The Board will also be asked to approve the real estate acquisition agreement and payment of closing costs and other related expenses. The Board will also be asked to approve the draft fee schedule and supporting documents for the update to the Regional Development Impact Fee Program. The Board will receive the results from the Tolling Traffic and Revenue Study for the Highway 156 Corridor. The Committee directed staff to place on the consent agenda Resolution 2013-07 adopting the fiscal year 13/14 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16. Also, the Board will be asked to approve the Project Delivery Assistance Scope of Work, and to authorize staff to release a request for qualifications with the scope of work, score the received statements of qualifications, and conduct interviews as necessary. The Board will be asked to authorize the agreement between TAMC and the City of Monterey for education and Public Outreach services for the proposed roundabout at Highways 1 and 68 near Pebble Beach, and will propose a Call Box Answering Center Contract amendment.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant