



<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>APR 14</b>	<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>JUN 14</b>	<b>AU G 14</b>	<b>SEP 14</b>	<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>DEC 14</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>MAR 15</b>
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner							P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
T. Wright, Community Outreach				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Orman	North Monterey County Fire Chief	MacGregor Eddy	Media
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Jeff Vezzolo	Resident
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Cynthia Suverkrop	Oak Hills resident
Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.	Josh Stratton	Supervisor District 2 Aide
MacGregor Eddy	Media	Rosen Huff	Resident
Mark Reasons	Ocean Mist Farms	Brian Dowd	Resident
Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside	Vee Thomas	101 Bypass Committee
Louise Iredell	Rancho Botsa Nuera HOA	Carla Wright	Marina Resident

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and Board member Phillips led the pledge of allegiance.

**1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None this month.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Salinas /Potter /unanimous  
The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Board member Huerta pulled item 3.3.3 for clarification and Board member Smith pulled item 3.3.2 for discussion.

***ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET***

- 3.1.1 Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of February 25, 2015.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for February 2015 and credit card statements for the month of January 2015.
- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1 Regarding Pacific Grove State Route 68 Corridor Study RFP:
  - 1. Approved Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a pedestrian and bicycle safety study of the Highway 68 corridor in Pacific Grove, for an amount not to exceed \$115,000;
  - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFP and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
  - 3. Approved the use of funds budgeted to this purpose.
- 3.2.2 Regarding Cap and Trade Funds for Transit:
  - 1. Adopted Resolution 2015-06 designating the Transportation Agency's allocation of FY 2014/2015 Low Carbon Transit Operations funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit District for new transit service connecting East Salinas with Westridge Shopping Center; and
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign and submit required documentation to Caltrans.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1 Regarding Graphic Design of Public Outreach/Marketing Documents:
  - 1. Approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an on-call Consultant for graphic design work of the Agency's public outreach/marketing documents; and
  - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFQ, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work.
- 3.3.2 Regarding Transportation Sales Tax Requests for Proposals:
  - 1. Approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan Environmental Review, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000;
  - 2. Approved a Request for Proposals for the Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan Financial Modeling, for an amount not to exceed \$12,500;
  - 3. Approved an Request for Proposals for the Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan Project Cost Estimates, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000;
  - 4. Authorized staff to publish the RFP, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of consultants, including the final scopes of work; and
  - 5. Approved the use of Transportation Agency Reserve funds budgeted to this purpose.

***M/S/C Smith /Rubio /unanimous***

*Board member Smith noted that identifying potential projects would help those in support for the future Transportation Sales Tax. Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that item 7 in the agenda is the presentation on the Transportation Sales measure.*

- 3.3.3 Received state legislative update, and adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

***M/S/C Potter /Salinas /unanimous***

*Board member Huerta expressed that South County representatives be invited to attend meetings in Sacramento when Transportation Agency staff is meeting regarding support for the South County projects.*

### ***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Authorized the Executive Director to submit a request to amend the State Transportation Improvement Program for the Highway 68 Corral de Tierra Intersection Improvements, State Route 1 Operational Improvements, and Coast Daylight Track Improvement projects.

### ***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 3.5.1** Authorized the Executive Director to submit a grant application for cap and trade funding for the Pajaro/Watsonville multimodal transportation station.
- 3.5.2** Received information on administrative Amendment #1 to the agreement with Hansen & Co., Inc. to update the Attachment B (Budget) on the contract to remove the contingency and reallocate that funding within the approved not-to-exceed \$25,000.

### ***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

- 3.6.1** None this month.

### ***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft March 4, 2015
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 4, 2015
  - Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 2, 2015
  - Technical Advisory Committee – No Meeting

### **MARINA-SALINAS MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN**

The Board received an update on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan; and Provided input on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan will preserve a transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor that will connect Marina and Salinas. The preferred multimodal corridor alignment and conceptual design was developed with input from partner agencies and members of the community. She noted that the first phase of the planning process focused on determining a preferred corridor route based on an analysis of opportunities and constraints and input from stakeholders and the greater community. Ms. Green noted that the second phase of the planning process was focused on developing the preferred conceptual roadway design features along the corridor route. She reported that the Transportation Agency staff held two community workshops in October 2014 and met with partner agency staff and stakeholders to solicit input on the conceptual design of the corridor. Some of the concepts being proposed are: a two-way protected bike path from the East Garrison Development to Salinas, a road diet with buffered bicycle lanes along W. Alisal, transit prioritization at signalized intersections, bus-only lane along Imjin Parkway in Marina, connections to trails and trail planning efforts, and improved transit, bicycle and pedestrian access to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Board member Rubio noted that a traffic study should be done on Alisal Street, Salinas. Ariana Green replied that with results from other areas show roads with less than 20,000 volumes, auto traffic flows better after road diet.

Chair Craig reported that the City of Salinas staff has been working with Transportation Agency staff to coordinate the multimodal corridor and the City Downtown Vibrancy Plan.

Board member Burnett commented on the difference between feeling of safety and actual safety. He noted that an assessment of safety and cost efficiency would be helpful to bring back to the Transportation Board.

Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit noted that MST appreciates the Alisal improvements and noted that Alisal Street is the heaviest used route in Salinas.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, noted that Alisal Street is heavily traveled road and changing it to a one-lane each direction will be a major impact.

MacGregor Eddy noted that there is a million dollar project plan and expressed concerns on no good and safe bike connection from North Salinas to South Salinas where the future development is in planning. She noted that North Salinas has a high rate of bicycle riders and expressed a safe connection to South Salinas is highly needed.

Vee Thomas, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed that the project be further looked at.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, noted that the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor plan is ninety-five percent excellent and noted that the five percent is due to the need of bicycle facilities. He noted that he attended the workshops hosted by the Transportation Agency and expressed that those who have concerns on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan need to attend the community workshops.

Board member Chavez expressed that making Alisal Street a one way each direction will make it safer for pedestrians around the Monterey County Government office's main crossing. He noted that he has seen multiple accidents on that crossing and supports Transportation Agency staff for that direction.

Board member Edelen noted that prioritizing the project list and cost analysis would be useful to get everyone on board.

After discussion, the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County requested staff come back with cost analysis options for future projects, phasing the projects plan and evaluate project cost estimates to reduce the total cost.

## **5. HIGHWAY 156 NEAR TERM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

**M/S/C** Smith/ Huerta/ unanimous

The Board received update on status of Highway 156 near term safety improvements; and directed staff to work with Caltrans to investigate viable options.

Hank Myers, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer, reported that the Transportation Agency requested that Caltrans evaluate near-term safety improvements for the Oak Hills residents along the Highway 156 corridor. Staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans on the suggested improvements that might be pursued prior to the longer-term widening plans for the corridor. He noted that as a result of the prior SR 156 Safety Committee, many safety improvements have already been implemented. They

included the installation of the double yellow centerline with rumble strip, daytime headlight safety zone, turn pockets at residential areas, and weed abatement to improve sight distance at intersections. Mr. Myers noted that more extensive improvements including other alternatives access routes to the Oak Hills residents were studied by the County of Monterey; these included consideration of a new access point from Meridian to the north, and another new access point to the east side of Oak Hills.

He noted that both of these alternatives were expensive and given low traffic volumes, determined to not be cost effective. Another alternative that was requested and studied was the installation of a traffic signal at Oak Hills. Mr. Myers noted that the proposed installation of a traffic signal was not supported by Caltrans District 5 Traffic Operations due primarily to the high likelihood a signal at this location could increase the number of rear-end collisions. He noted that the Transportation Agency requested that Caltrans evaluate the following suggested safety improvements: flashing speed limit signs at each end of the corridor; reduced speed limits along the corridor; double fine zones and more enforcement of speed limits. In conclusion Mr. Myers noted that based on the comments from Caltrans, staff recommends moving forward on the installation of flashing speed limit signs at each end of the corridor at this time. This item could be quickly addressed once the details of cost, installation, and maintenance responsibilities are resolved between agencies. He noted that that Transportation Agency staff also recommends continued discussions with Caltrans and County about pursuing the implementation of additional safety improvements that would address the local concerns for improvements in the near term along the corridor.

Board member Smith noted that the Transportation Agency staff should consider working with California Highway Patrol in looking for accidents statistics for the past three-years.

#### Public Comment

Cynthia Suverkrop, Oak Hills resident commented that the Transportation Agency Board be considerate and opened minded. She noted that double fines, flashing warning lights and extra California Highway Patrol is highly needed in North County. She expressed “to go big or go home.”

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, expressed that roundabouts are safe, they can be used in highways and noted that they have been used in Arizona and Colorado.

Sam Teel, MCHA, commented that safety is the biggest reason for improvements along Highway 156 and urged the Transportation Board look at safety improvements that can be done now and that we can afford.

Louise Iredell, Rancho Botsa Nuera Home Owners Association expressed that a flashing sign be installed before entering Oak Hills Drive and before Cathedral Drive to make those drivers slow down and will help those making a left hand turn.

Board members, Rubio and Markey noted that Transportation Agency staffs should consider pursuing the two alternative access routes to Oak Hills.

After discussion, the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County directed staff to work with Caltrans to pursue the installation of flashing speed limit signs at each end of the corridor and flashing lights before the Oak Hills and Cathedral Oaks intersections.

**6. HIGHWAY 156 WIDENING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT**

**M/S/C** Rubio /Edelen / unanimous

The Board approved Resolution 2015-04 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute a Program Supplement agreement with the California State Department of Transportation.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported the Transportation Agency received a federal earmark for use on the Highway 156 Widening project. He noted that these funds will initially be used to cover staff and consultant expenses. To receive an allocation for the funding, the Agency must enter into a program supplement agreement with the Department of Transportation. Mr. Muck noted that the attached Resolution 2015-04 provides the Executive Director with the authority to sign the program supplement and initiate invoicing for project related expenses.

Board member Phillips reported that he is in support of the recommended action but noted that he is working with Transportation Agency staff, Board member Burnett and others on the priority to move the Highway 156 Corridor project forward. Board member Phillips stated that while state funding is unlikely, it should be pursued; an animation is needed to help explain the US 101/ SR 156 interchange travel movements; the name should be changed from "Toll Road"; a local discount must be included, and we should proceed with the Traffic and Revenue Study to get answers about economic feasibility.

**7. TAMC: INVESTING IN OUR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

**M/S/C** Potter /Phillips /unanimous

The Board received presentation on "Investing in our Regional Transportation Needs" and Provided staff with public outreach recommendations.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, presented on "Investing in our Regional Transportation Needs" is the Agency's public outreach presentation which focuses on the Agency's mission, accomplishments and its role in identifying and funding future transportation projects. The Agency, like other transportation agencies across the country, are challenged to find alternative funding sources for transportation projects. Ms. Wright noted that one of the important functions of the Agency is to provide information to the public about its projects, plan and activities, ensuring public participation and fostering public understanding of its function. She noted that Agency staff is proceeding with its public engagement efforts by making this presentation to organizations, businesses, and community members. She expressed the importance of becoming a "self-help" jurisdiction cannot be understated. It not only generates funding for local projects but also acts as a leveraging agent to better compete for grants. She noted that planning and building coalitions to support a "self-help" effort where local money would provide local solutions for local needs is critical. In conclusion Ms. Wright noted that Transportation Agency staff is proceeding with its public engagement efforts by making this presentation to organizations, businesses, and community members. The objective is to foster understanding and get the public's help in identifying regional projects for an Expenditure Plan.

Board member Edelen expressed the need of becoming a Self Help County.

Board member Armenta expressed that starting the public outreach soon would be helpful for the community to support the sales tax. He also noted that a one-pager on the Regional Transportation Needs would be helpful for the Transportation Agency Board representatives to have for reference. Board member Smith noted that making the one-pager in English and Spanish would be helpful.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Chair Craig announced that she participated on the Central Coast Coalition on March 11<sup>th</sup> which included Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Monterey County to take part in the Coalition's 4th Annual Legislative Day. She met with Executive Director Will Kempton, Secretary Brian Kelly and other key officials to continue to raise awareness of the Coalition's objectives to make improvements and ease congestion along the Highway 101 corridor within the five counties.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, Caltrans Director, announced the Caltrans Performance Report is available on line. The updated mission statement better describes Caltrans projects and purpose. Caltrans is embarking on the development of the 2040 California Transportation Plan and is available for public review; Caltrans will host a few public workshops and webinars. Please see handout distributed at the Transportation Agency Board or visit website for schedule at ([www.californiatrnsportationplan2040.org](http://www.californiatrnsportationplan2040.org)). She noted that comments are due April 17<sup>th</sup>

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that Monterey Airport passenger counts are stable, and the airport is maintaining current service. He noted that the Airport runway safety project is on target to meet the end of the year finish date. And as always, he encouraged everyone to “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk reported that MST is still accepting applications for the Measure oversight committee. Mr. Sedoryk also reported that MST is in partnership with the Greyhound on a new service that will help passengers transfer between systems.

**Monterey Air Pollution Control District** - Amy Clymo announced that they are accepting applications for the AB 2766 Grant Program.

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale reported that the Transportation Agency successfully received a Caltrans Planning Grant for the Highway 68 Corridor Study and thanked Aileen Loe for their support. She also noted that Transportation Agency staff is working with Monterey-Salinas Transit to take part on National Stand Up for Transportation Day on April 9<sup>th</sup>. In conclusion Ms. Hale announced that she will be on vacation April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup> and noted that Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck will be acting on her behalf.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

None this month

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.