



<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>APR 12</b>	<b>MAY 12</b>	<b>JUN 12</b>	<b>AUG 12</b>	<b>SEP 12</b>	<b>OCT 12</b>	<b>DEC 12</b>	<b>JAN 13</b>	<b>FEB 13</b>	<b>MAR 13</b>	<b>APR 13</b>
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Cheung, Transportation Planner	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	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
S. Gavin, Community Outreach Coord.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner								P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	MCHA
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
John Arriaga	JEA & Associates	Grant Leonard	TAMC Intern
Henry Gowin	District 2	Charles McKee	Legal Counsel
James Serrano	City of Salinas	Casey Lucius	City of Pacific Grove

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Edelen called the meeting to order. Board member Kimbley Craig led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Edelen welcomed Alvin Edwards, City of Seaside alternate.

**1.1 CLOSED SESSION**

**REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.** Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning the acquisition of one property for the Salinas train station.

Property: 20 West Market Street, Salinas, CA  
 Agency negotiators: Christina Watson, Mike Zeller, Todd Muck  
 Negotiating parties: Patrick Redo, CEO, Monterey County Employees Credit Union  
 Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

**RECONVENED** in open session: Agency Counsel Charles McKee reported that the Board directed staff to give direction to the negotiators how to proceed on the present terms.

**1.2 BOARD PHOTO**

The Board took a group photo.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Craig/Salinas/unanimous  
Executive Director Hale pulled items 3.3.1 for correction.

***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 March 27, 2013.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for March 2013 and credit card statements for the month of February 2013.
- 3.1.3** Approved Resolution 2013-05 implementing Internal Revenue Code 414(h)(2) to the California Public Employee's which will defer federal and state income taxes on employee paid member contributions effective July 1, 2013.
- 3.1.4** Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director as ex-officio alternate to the Appointments to the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments Board.

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

- 3.2.1** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit Intercity Bus Grant Application:
  - 1. Adopted Resolution 2013-06 authorizing federal funding to Monterey-Salinas Transit under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program with the California Department of Transportation; and
  - 2. Requested that the Association of Monterey Bay Area of Governments amend the transportation Improvement Program to include this project if funding is secured.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program:
  - 1. Adopted Resolution 2013-08 approving a regional priority project list for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program; and
  - 2. Authorized Executive Director to sign certifications and assurances and submit applications, regional priority list and required documentation to Caltrans.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding Regional Transportation Plan Survey Contract:
  - 1. Approved contract with EMC Research to perform a survey for the Regional Transportation Plan in the amount not to exceed \$54,500;
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
  - 3. Authorized the use of \$54,500 from a state Strategic Growth Council grant for the contract.

Executive Director Hale noted the following correction to the report: Authorized use of "\$54,500" from a state Strategic Growth Council grant for the contract, not "\$54,000."

**3.4.1 *PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

*No items this month.*

**3.5.1**

***RAIL PROGRAM***

*No items this month.*

**3.6.1**

***REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE***

*No items this month.*

***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

**3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft April 3, 2013
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft April 3, 2013  
(Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month.  
(Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft April 1, 2013

**END OF CONSENT**

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**4. CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM**

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

The Board received an overview of California's Cap and Trade program and a report on the Transportation Coalition's proposal; and approved an amount not to exceed \$800 for the Agency's proportionate share to the California Association of Councils of Government for a cap and trade advocacy effort.

Kaki Cheung, Associate Transportation Planner, reported the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, also known as Assembly Bill (AB) 32, which requires California to return to its 1990 greenhouse gas emissions levels by year 2020. The cap and trade program is part of the three-pronged approach to address the emissions reduction goals set forth in AB 32. Staff presented an overview of the program and discussed the Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities' proposal for revenue investment. The Air Resource Board held the first of three auctions in fiscal year 2012-2013 on November 14, 2012, resulting in \$55.8 million in proceeds to the state. The State is expecting proceeds of \$200 million in 2012-13, \$400 million in 2013-14, \$1.0 to \$1.5 billion in 2014/15 and \$2.0 - \$4.0 billion in 2015/16. The revenues proceeds from the cap and trade program are a potentially a substantial new source of funding for transportation projects in an era of declining revenues.

Staff recommended allocating an amount not to exceed \$800 to support the advocacy effort for the Transportation Coalition for Livable Communities proposal to direct a significant share cap and trade proceeds to transportation projects, to assure that transportation funds are administered by the regional agencies and allocated to all regions in the state, and to allow regions maximum flexibility in meeting the greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Past Chair Salinas commented that \$800 investment is worthwhile, and recommended that the Agency partners with the Transportation Coalition in the advocacy effort. Board member Calcagno noted this is the right direction; Huitt also expressed his support and requested setting a priority for regional transportation projects, and sustainable communities strategy plans. Board member Burnett expressed support for cost effectiveness ranking of projects receiving Cap and Trade funds. Executive Director Hale replied that the Agency is waiting for more details on the grant requirements and criteria.

**5. RAIL EXTENSION TO MONTEREY COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE**

**M/S/C** Potter/Craig/unanimous

The Board received an update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project and provided input on proposed implementation plans.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that progress on the Rail Extension project since the last report to this Board on February 27, 2013, includes continuing to work with the Federal Transit Administration and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to ensure the project is eligible for federal Small Starts funds as well as meetings with the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. The capital cost of full buildout of the rail extension is estimated at \$135.7 million in year-of-expenditure dollars. \$45 million has been secured in state, local and federal funds; some of this funding has been expended on planning, designs and right-of-way. The Transportation Agency has been working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to qualify the project for a \$75 million Small Starts grant. The Rail Policy Committee recommends a “kick-start” phased approach in advance of securing the federal funds, starting with improvements to the Salinas and Gilroy stations, followed by other station construction work when funding becomes available.

Board member Potter thanked Board member Kimbley Craig, Executive Director Hale and staff Christina Watson for their efforts. He expressed his support for the “kick-start” phased approach, and applauded the effort to secure a transfer of \$18 million for the Gilroy improvements; noting we need to continue to be aggressive in looking for funds. Board member Huitt echoed Potter and congratulated the Rail Policy Committee for putting this together, noting this has been a very impressive year for the committee. Board member Craig commended staff and said “Let’s just break ground”. The Board received an update on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project and provided input on proposed implementation plans.

**6. UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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

The Board received report on state legislative activities and approved positions on state legislation.

John Arriaga, Agency’s legislative consultant, gave an update on state legislative activities. He reported that the 2013 personal income tax collections has been strong. Even though the collections are below the administration’s projections in January, the state can still potentially end up having a surplus on its budget. Mr. Arriaga reported that the Cap and Trade program presents funding opportunities for transportation. The program is particularly important at a time when Prop 1B bond funds are drying up, gas tax revenues are dropping due to fuel efficiency and the amount of federal funds remains the same at the fiscal year 2012 level in MAP 21, the federal transportation authorization bill. Mr. Arriaga also presented information on a number of other bills of interest to the Agency.

Board member Potter asked staff to consider adding the Coast Daylight project to State Legislative Program Priority 2s: seek state funding for the Agency’s high priority projects. He also noted that Mr. Arriaga does an extremely successful job in Sacramento. Chair Edelen thanked Mr. Arriaga for his presentation.

7. **MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT'S STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP AND PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTIONS**

M/S/C Calcagno/Burnett/unanimous

The Board received report from Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of MST, regarding the Monterey-Salinas Transit Strategic Planning workshop and proposed service reductions.

General Manager Sedoryk reported that the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents Monterey-Salinas Transit's (MST) bus drivers, mechanics, utility service and facilities staff members, and other transit-worker unions have asked the United States Department of Labor to withhold federal transit grant funding from MST and other public transit operators throughout California. Mr. Sedoryk reported in the event we do not reach a resolution by June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the federal government agrees to the Amalgamated Transit Union's request to withhold federal operating and capital grant funds from MST, the agency would have to implement service cuts to all areas except south county, noting south county is funded by rural grants. In the meantime we need to go through a process to prepare our community for major service cuts and employees for potential layoffs should that not occur.

Board member Burnett commented that we have to continue reforming the pension system both locally and at the state level.

Public comment:

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, commented that he is happy with the MST performance and hospitality; he thanked MST for their good work and noted that they are supportive.

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

Board Chair Edelen reported that he, Director Hale and Director Twomey attended that CalCOG Regional Issues Forum on April 4, 2013, in Monterey. He reported that state and federal funds are drying up, noting these are tough times. AMBAG Director Twomey commented that CalCOG had no good news, noting that the Cap and Trade program is the only good thing on the horizon with a lot of changes ahead of us. Chair Edelen also reported he attended the San Juan Grade Road ground breaking ceremony on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Assembly member Alejo, Senator Canella and CTC Commissioner Inman, Board members Calcagno and Salinas attended the ceremony. He also noted that Executive Director Hale was commended for her outstanding work.

## 9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Aileen Loe gave the following report:

### **Newsworthy**

- April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Caltrans urges motorists not to use electronic devices while driving and focus on getting to their destination safely. A recent survey showed that many Americans continue to use cell phones or other electronic equipment while driving despite warnings that it causes roadway crashes, injuries and even death, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More information is available at: <http://www.enevspf.com/opinion/analysis/41921-national-highway-traffic-safety-administration-survey-finds-660-000-drivers-using-cell-phones-or-manipulating-electronic-devices-while-driving-at-any-given-daylight-moment.html?tmpl=component>
- Currently, Caltrans has 643 ongoing construction contracts statewide, totaling more than \$12.4 billion. This includes 49 contracts in District 5, totaling more than \$461 million. These figures do not include minor projects totaling less than \$270,000.
- This month, Caltrans plans to install new signs statewide reminding motorists to *Move Over* for highway workers, the California Highway Patrol, other law enforcement personnel and emergency responders. The new signs will feature the following messages: *Move Over or SLOW for Stopped Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles*, and *Move Over or SLOW When Amber Lights Flashing*. In addition, more than 700 existing electronic highway message signs statewide will display, *Move Over or Slow for Workers, It's the Law*. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/moveover>.
- Caltrans will host its annual Litter Day on Thursday, April 25, 2013. Every year, the Department spends millions of dollars and thousands of personnel hours picking up litter. During last year's event, Caltrans removed 2,469 cubic yards of litter statewide in a single day. That's enough litter to fill 158 garbage trucks. Comparatively, that was one of the largest removal events in the nation.
- Caltrans recently released the 2013 *Addressing Climate Change Adaptation in Regional Transportation Plans – A Guide for California MPOs and RTPAs*. The guide will provide the information and tools necessary to include climate assessment and adaptation into future planning efforts. It is available at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/climate\\_change/documents/FR3\\_CA\\_Climate\\_Change\\_Adaptation\\_Guide\\_2013-02-26\\_.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/climate_change/documents/FR3_CA_Climate_Change_Adaptation_Guide_2013-02-26_.pdf)
- During the last year, Caltrans reduced its on-the-job injuries by more than eight percent statewide. Through the Department's consistent efforts to work safely, the number of these injuries has dropped to a five-year low. We also experienced a 10 percent decrease in preventable motor vehicle accidents. Caltrans continually encourages its employees to review work assignments, identify all potential hazards and strategize the safest way to achieve tasks.

### **Discretionary Funding**

A call for projects will soon be under way for the 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 6. This program now includes federal funding for High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) eligible projects. Up to \$150 million is expected to be available for this call with the minimum and maximum for each agency anticipated at \$100,000 and \$1.5 million, respectively. Applications will be due in June/July 2013. Caltrans is currently updating the guidelines and application forms, which will be



available online soon. More information is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm>

Board member Calcagno reported that there are serious problems on the Highway 156 corridor, noting “last weekend was a nightmare” this problem is not going away. Caltrans has not addressed these issues.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, concurred with Board member Calcagno, noting she sees this every weekend, we have to get something done to come up with better solutions, last month there were two serious accidents.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – No report this month.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST has partnered with Costco retailers to sell bus passes at a 26% discount.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale applauded staff Sharon Gavin for receiving an award from the California Association of Public Information Officials for the merit for community relations and ongoing campaign for the Prunedale Improvement Project. She announced that the TAMC Annual Report has been mailed to the residents in Monterey County and noted if additional copies are needed to notify the TAMC office. She announced that she would be hosting the AMP “Your Town” radio to discuss Cap and Trade, and an update on the Highway projects. She also announced May Bike Week “Bike to Board meeting on May 22, 2013. In conclusion, Director Hale reported that we will be looking at a draft Highway 156 tolling study.

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

Board alternate Rich Deal, recognized Ariana Green for a job well done on the “Monterey on the move plan”.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.