

TAMC STAFF	DEC 11	JAN 12	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	DEC 12	JAN 13
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
K. Cheung, Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	P	E	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	P	P	P	E	E	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner											P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	E	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. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Jeanette Pantoja	CRLA
Lindsey Bishop	Access Monterey Peninsula	Abel Moran	Local 297
Sasha Tepedelenova	AMBAG	Richard Stedman	MBUAPCD
Lee Otter	California Coastal Commission	Henry Gowin	MCO District 2
David Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Sidney Reade	MCO Emergency Services
Dennis Degrood	Caltrans District 5	Sam Teel	Monterey County Hospitality Association
Richard Rosales	Caltrans District 5	Chris Orman	North Monterey County Fire
David Ewing	Caltrans District 6	Joe Pastore	North Monterey County Fire
Wendy Waldron	Caltrans	Laura Cabrera	Office of Assembly Member Luis Alejo
Mike Parker	Caltrans	Ken Walker	Salinas Road Design Committee
Steve Phillips	Caltrans	Grant Leonard	TAMC Intern
Kristen Helton	Caltrans	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Rich Deal	City of Monterey		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Salinas called the meeting to order. Board member Rubio led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Cabrera, office of Assembly Member Alejo, reported that Assembly Member Alejo will continue to keep an open ear on transportation issues.

2.1 ELECTION OF 2013 OFFICERS

M/S/C Potter/Rubio/unanimous

1. Received report from Nominating Committee and **ELECTED** Jerry Edelen, Chair; Jane Parker, 1st Vice Chair; and Kimbley Craig, 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 22, 2014 Board meeting; and
2. Received report from Nominating Committee and **ELECTED** Jerry Edelen, Chair; Jane Parker, 1st Vice Chair; Kimbley Craig, 2nd Vice Chair; Simon Salinas, Past Chair; Fernando Armenta, County Representative; and Alejandro Chavez, City Representative as members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 22, 2014 Board meeting.

Newly elected Chair Edelen thanked the Board for its support and noted that he looks forward to moving the Agency forward.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Parker/unanimous

Board member Burnett pulled item 3.1.5 for comment.

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 December 5, 2012.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2012 and credit card statements for the month of October and November 2012.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, and Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer, as ex-officio alternates to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and Administrative Committee for 2013.
- 3.1.5** Approved the basic concept and format of the 2012 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Annual Report.

Board member Burnett requested information on the cost of the annual report. Mr. Cook reported that the Agency budget is \$100,000, noting that the actual cost for printing and distribution to all Monterey County households will most likely be approximately \$50,000. Director Hale added that this includes the design costs, Spanish translation and printing costs, and mailing. Board member Craig noted that the Executive Committee preferred that the Agency continue to distribute the report by mail after also considering positive feedback about the 2011 report, and that as a public agency it is our responsibility to provide simple, easy to read information about the Agency's projects and actions.

Board member Parker requested that, in addition to safety, the report also highlight the health benefits of planning activities related to active transportation options, such as bicycling and walking. Agency staff agreed to address health issues in the report.

3.1.6 Regarding Electric Vehicle Charging Station:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Ecology Action and Clean Fuel Connection Inc to install an electric vehicle charging station at the Agency's office located at 55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901, with a not to exceed amount of \$4,278;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute lease addendum #3 with Plaza Circle LTD;
3. Approved the use of \$4,278 in budgeted capital replacement asset funds; and
4. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 No items this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Adopted the final 2013 Legislative Program.

3.3.2 Ratified the Executive Director's approval of Amendment 1 to the contract with RBF Consulting, A Baker Company, to provide necessary travel time and diversion information at the US 101/SR 156 Interchange for the SR 156 Tolling Traffic and Revenue Study in the amount of \$4,950, subject to approval as to form by legal counsel.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Program Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the Scope of Work in the Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals; and
2. Directed staff to release the request for qualifications for proposals to potential tow operators, subject to Agency Counsel's approval.

RAIL PROGRAM

No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Accepted the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft January 9, 2013
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft January 9, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft January 10, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft January 7, 2013

END OF CONSENT

4. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

M/S/C Sollecito/Orozco/unanimous

The Board approved Draft Policy Element for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the draft goals, objectives and performance measures being proposed by staff for the Policy Element of the Agency's next Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County, and provided information on next steps to be considered by the Board of Directors as part of the Agency's long-range planning process. Mr. Cook reported that an important consideration in adopting policies and identifying projects for the next would involve responding to Senate Bill 375, which requires that transportation plans be consistent with a coordinated land use and transportation strategy for achieving greenhouse gas emission targets set by the state for each region. The draft Policy Element is derived from a policy framework being used by other regional agencies around the state to address SB 375. Mr. Cook reported that the draft Policy Element had been considered by the Agency's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committees and that minor changes to the policy framework had been made in response to feedback from the Board of Directors since the language was last presented to the Board in December, 2012.

Board member Huitt commented that the goals and objectives are excellent. He noted that we should give more emphasis to encourage shifting driving modes to other modes such as bicycling and walking. Board member Sollecito noted that the Monterey Branch Line focuses on getting people out of vehicles and is consistent with that direction.

Board member Armenta requested that the Board consider scheduling a study session to discuss the Agency's long-term priorities for funding projects based on the policy framework presented by staff. Board member Delgado concurred with Board member Armenta's request to hold a future workshop/session.

5. **PRESENTATION OF 2012 TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

The Board honored Monterey County businesses, groups, individuals, projects, community plans or events that have improved transportation in the region.

❖ **Programs:**

- Regional Vanpool program: City of Greenfield, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, CalVans, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
- Mobility Management Program: Monterey-Salinas Transit District

❖ **Individual:**

- David Ewing: Caltrans District 6 Graphic Designer

❖ **Groups:**

- Interagency Coordination Team: Caltrans District 5, emergency responders and local agencies
- Caltrans District 5 Maintenance Crew: Caltrans District 5
- Salinas Road Aesthetic Design Advisory Committee: Caltrans District 5 and community representatives

❖ **Projects:**

- Mark Thomas Sidewalk and Bike Lanes: City of Monterey

Employee Appreciation:

- Andy Cook – Five Year Recognition
- Maria Montiel – Five Year Recognition
- Todd Muck – Five Year Recognition

Certificates of Appreciation:

- Simon Salinas, outgoing TAMC Chair
- Bill Sabo, outgoing Monterey Regional Airport representative

Board Chair Edelen presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing TAMC Board Chair Salinas for his 2013 Chairmanship of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors, and for his contributions to improving transportation facilities and services in Monterey County.

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

Board member Potter reported that last week he and Christina Watson attended Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting in Monterey at the Portola Hotel. He noted that the Council's mission is to improve and increase the service on the Coast Rail Corridor. He also reported that he met in the Capital with John Arriaga and Nick Chuilos on county business, along with Assembly members Achadjian and Alejo, and Senators Monning and Stone and Natural Resources Secretary Laird and discussed implementation of rail service on the coast as well as the commuter service to Salinas. In conclusion, Board member Potter reported that on February 7, 2013 he will meet in Sacramento with Pete Rodgers from San Luis Obispo COG and representatives of Union Pacific to see what can be done collaboratively to implement service.

Board member Burnett reported on two meetings he attended neither at Agency's expense. He reported he met with the Office of Management and Budget in Washington D.C. to discuss the commuter rail project regarding approval of the NEPA document. He noted that Office of Management and Budget is our ally. Mr. Burnett also met with Natural Resources Secretary John Laird, following up on a meeting that he and Board member Calcagno hosted representing the Chair and Co-Chair of the 156 Ad-hoc committee, where they identified the need for improved coordination between the County, Caltrans and the Coastal Commission.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5 Director gave the following report:

Caltrans Director's Report:

- The California Department of Transportation is pleased to host a series of open houses for the California State Rail Plan. Caltrans will be presenting the draft plan, which establishes a statewide vision, sets priorities, and develops implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service in the public interest.

To review the Draft Plan and comment, please join us at one of the five open house meetings (Feb. 12, 14, 19, 20 and 21) throughout the state. Comments may be submitted at any of the open house meetings. The public comment period will begin on **February 8, 2013 and end on March 11, 2013**. The Draft plan will be available on February 8, 2013 at:

<http://californiastaterailplan.com/project-materials>

- The California Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Planning is now accepting applications for the Transportation Planning Grant Program. The Division will award approximately \$9 million in funding through six grant programs for fiscal year 2013-14. These programs provide monetary assistance for transportation planning projects to improve mobility and lead to the programming or implementation phase for a community or region. Two grant workshops providing information on the six programs and application process will be held in late February and early March. More information is forthcoming about the date and location of these workshops.

The Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide is posted on the Division of Transportation Planning (DOTP) Grants website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>
Applications are due via email by 5:00pm, Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

- Caltrans announced it is awarding nearly \$18 million to 105 public transit projects across California under the Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs. The projects are designed to help low-income people and those with disabilities to access employment and employment-related activities such as job training and job interviews more easily. This includes transporting people to employment opportunities in suburban areas and city centers.

Board members Delgado and Potter thanked Caltrans for the parking lot access on Highway 68 to the Fort Ord National Monument and their work on the Big Sur Coast.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans, TAMC staff and California Transportation Commission for their work on the Prunedale Improvement Project.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Matt Nelson reported that he was pleased that the Airport District Board has certified the EIR for the runway improvement project. He noted that the level of airline service is holding steady.

Monterey-Salinas Transit – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, distributed a copy of the MST 2012 Annual Report to the Board. He reported that the construction was completed on the bus shelters on the new Monterey-Salinas Transit JAZZ Bus Rapid Transit line in the Cities of Monterey, Seaside and Del Rey Oaks. Mr. Sedoryk reported the union representatives of Monterey-Salinas Transit’s bus drivers, mechanics, utility service and facilities staff members has asked the United States Department of Labor to withhold federal transit grant funding from MST and other public transit operators throughout California, including those serving the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento and San Diego. The Amalgamated Transit Union’s action is in response to concerns with the recent adoption of the 2013 Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act (AB 340) by the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown. In the event the federal government agrees to the Amalgamated Transit Union’s request to withhold federal operating and capital grant funds from MST, the agency would be forced to implement emergency measures to reduce its bus service by approximately 30% to a level that can be supported only by existing state sales tax, state fuel tax and passenger fares.

MST will hold the following community workshops to begin to solicit input from the public as to what are high priority routes and services that our customers would like to see preserved in case the agency has to operate local bus service without the financial support of the federal government:

Pacific Grove

Monday, Jan. 28 at 5:30 pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
300 Forest Ave.

Marina

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 11:30 am
Marina Senior Center
211 Hillcrest Ave.

Seaside

Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 pm
Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Ave.

Salinas

Thursday, Jan. 31 at 5:30 pm
City Hall – Rotunda
200 Lincoln Ave.

Monterey

Monday, Feb. 4 at 10:00 am
MST Administrative Offices
One Ryan Ranch Rd.

Soledad

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
248 Main St.

Interested persons wishing to comment but who are unable to attend the community workshops may submit written comments to: Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager for Finance & Administration, One Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey, CA 93940, via e-mail at mst@mst.org, or via fax at (831) 899-3954. The deadline to receive written comments for this series of public hearings is Friday, February 1, 2013.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale introduced new TAMC staff planner Ariana Green, who will be taking the lead on complete streets program and TAMC Intern Grant Leonard, who is assisting with the public outreach program. She announced that the celebration for the groundbreaking of the opening up of the Prunedale South Bridge was held on Friday January 18th. Director Hale announced due to the closing of the Monterey County Printing Department, TAMC is encouraging all board members to receive the agenda electronically and is asking boardmembers to turn in the survey indicating their choice..

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

None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.