

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	Monterey Co. Hospitality Assn.
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Chris Orman	North County Fire Chief
Grant Leonard	TAMC Intern	Jeanette Pantoja	California Rural Legal Assistance
Susan Stanton	City of Greenfield	Kenia Acevedo	California Rural Legal Assistance
Anais Schenk	AMBAG	Lupe Galaviz	South County resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**1.1 PUBLIC COMMENT on the closed session
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: Mike Zeller, Christina Watson, Todd Muck
 Negotiating parties: Patrick Redo, CEO, Monterey County Employees Credit Union
 Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

1.2 RECONVENE

Reconvened in open session. Agency Counsel Reimann reported that the Board provided direction to staff.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Petersen expressed concern regarding the bike lanes on East Garrison Road. He stated that the bike lanes are illegal under California Law and are unsafe because they are too narrow at 4' wide.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Past Chair Salilnas noted a correction on page 69, of the TAMC agenda, change “Vice Chair Edelen” to “Chair Edelen”.

Director Debbie Hale mentioned to the Board that the TAMC 2013 Project Delivery Assistance Consultant On-Call list was on the dais.

Jeanette Pantoja, California Rural Legal Assistance, pulled item 3.2.1 for comment.

M/S/C Salinas/Sollecito/unanimous

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 May 22, 2013.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for May 2013 and credit card statements for the month of April 2013.
- 3.1.3** Received report conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
No reports this month.
- 3.1.4** Accepted State of California Transportation Development Act Compliance and Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.
- 3.1.5** Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel.
- 3.1.6** Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.
- 3.1.7** Approved Resolution 2013-09 for Employer Paid Member Contributions, which requires full-time employees of the agency to pay a portion of their employee contributions towards retirement benefits.
- 3.1.8** Approved and Directed staff to release the enclosed Request for Proposals to solicit an accounting and bookkeeping firm to provide services to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Unmet Transit Needs and Local Transportation Fund Allocations:
 - 1. Adopted Resolution 2013-09 finding on unmet transit needs in Fiscal Year 2013-14 that within Monterey County there are unmet transit needs, but no needs that are reasonable to meet in Fiscal Year 2013-14; and
 - 2. Adopted Resolution 2013-10 allocating Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for Fiscal Year 2013-14, and
 - 3. Authorized short term loans if requested by Monterey-Salinas Transit upon terms and conditions previously authorized by the Board of Directors.

Jeanette Pantoja, Community Worker with California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., commented that there are transportation needs in the rural areas of South County, including San Ardo and San Miguel. Ms. Pantoja requested to participate in future unmet transit needs hearings to identify unmet needs in these areas. Director Hale noted that the unmet transit needs process is conducted annually for the public to comment and express their concerns.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Adopted the draft list of complete streets projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- 3.3.2** Adopted a “support” position on Assembly Bill 513, which would increase grants for projects using rubberized asphalt concrete.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved selection of on-call consultants for Project Delivery Assistance.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Call Box Maintenance Contract Amendment:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment not to exceed \$43,860 with Case Systems Incorporated for six months of call box maintenance service, and
 2. Approved the use of \$43,860 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call box maintenance; and
 3. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the standard contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Capital Corridor Reimbursement Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a reimbursement agreement with the Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project over the next three months, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, and subject to ratification by this Board at a future meeting; and
 2. Authorized the use of no more than \$15,000 from funding budgeted for this project for the agreement, if successfully negotiated.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft June 5, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Executive Committee – No meeting this month
 - Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft May 2, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. RAIL EXTENSION – ACQUISITION AND LEASE AGREEMENTS

M/S/C Salinas/Craig

Recused due to property owned near the project area: Matarazzo

The Board received report on the following rail extension acquisition and lease agreements and took the following actions:

- Approved the real estate acquisition agreement with the Monterey County Employees Credit Union for one parcel for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project for the amount of \$939,495;
- Approved payment of closing costs and other related expenses not to exceed the amount of \$12,000;
- Approved lease agreement between the Transportation Agency and the Monterey County Employees Credit Union;
- Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreements and changes to the agreements if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
- Authorized the use of no more than \$951,495 from Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the purchase and escrow, to be reimbursed by Caltrans from state funding budgeted for this project.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency has been planning the Rail Extension to Monterey County project, including finalizing the federal environmental document, and is in preliminary design phase. He noted that the Agency was contacted by a property owner affected by the rail extension to acquire their property. The Federal Transit Administration provided a hardship waiver authorizing the purchase in advance of the completion of the federal environmental document.

5. 2013 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATE

M/S/C Salinas/Chavez/unanimous

The Board approved finalized regional development impact fee schedule and supporting documents for the update to the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the agency is required to update the fee program once every five years. The draft fees include 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. Both the Executive and Technical Advisory Committees have recommended approval. Over 20 years, the draft Regional Development Impact Fee program is expected to generate \$130 million, with one-percent reimbursing the agency's fee program administrative expenses. Mr. Zeller reported that Agency staff has met with the south county cities to discuss the projects to be considered in the TAMC 2013 Regional Traffic Fee update program along with the proposed fee schedule. He noted that staff proposed to the south county cities that phased the US 101 frontage roads and south county interchanges to an amount that kept the fee to 70% of total project cost.

6. 2014 REGIONAL & METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANS

The Board provided input on initial planning scenarios for the 2014 Regional and Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Anais Schenk, Planner with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), reported that AMBAG prepares a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the three county Monterey Bay Area, which incorporates the Regional Transportation Plans prepared by the transportation planning agencies in each county. These plans must be adopted by June, 2014 to meet state and federal planning requirements, as well as to comply with Senate Bill 375. That legislation mandates that regional transportation plans be consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy for achieving greenhouse gas targets set by the state for the region. The targets call for a 0% increase in emissions by 2020 and a 5% decrease by 2035. AMBAG, which serves as the lead agency to prepare and adopt the Sustainable Communities Strategy, is coordinating with the Transportation Agency to develop the 2014 transportation plans and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Ms. Schenk presented the initial planning scenarios being considered for this Sustainable Communities Strategy, which will be evaluated based on the policy goals adopted for the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plans. The five planning scenarios reviewed included: 1) Regional Transit Corridors; 2) Expanded Community Centers/Livable Communities; 3) Dispersed Growth; 4) Targeted Growth & Economic Diversity; and 5) System Preservation. These scenarios are designed to be illustrative to show the different impacts of distinct types of land use development and associated transportation investments. The initial scenarios will be refined to identify one or two hybrid scenarios for further evaluation and review by the public. Ms. Schenk reported that public workshops to review the initial planning scenarios were held in May, 2013, and that outreach with the public and stakeholders will continue between July and September 2013. A preferred scenario for the Sustainable Communities Strategy will be adopted by the AMBAG Board in September.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, commented that the timeline and milestones for preparing the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is tied to the schedule and process of the Sustainable Communities Strategy given the coordinated relationship between the two transportation plans. Staff will bring a report on the various documents back to the Board for further consideration in August. Mr. Cook also commented that the public workshops to be held in July will also serve as scoping meetings for the Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plans pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Board Alternate Link asked if outreach will be held in North County. Ms. Schenk responded that workshops had not been scheduled in North County due to budget constraints for this three county process. Board member Orozco thanked AMBAG for having a workshop in Gonzales, noting it was very well attended and interesting to hear the needs of South County.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concern about the design of the Highway 156 interchange and possible impacts to businesses in the community. She noted that AMBAG is currently studying sustainable communities that reduce emissions and she stated her opinion that this project would do the exact opposite of what the goals adopted by AMBAG for the Sustainable Communities Strategy are.

Jeanette Pantoja, with California Rural Legal Assistance, requested that expansion of transit services be considered for the South County rural areas of San Ardo, San Lucas and San Miguel to support the farm labor camps.

7. **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY SURVEY RESULTS**

M/S/C Delgado/Craig/unanimous

The Board received report by EMC Research on results of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Survey conducted between May 28 and June 6.

Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that in April the Transportation Agency approved a contract with EMC Research to survey the public in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties about priorities for funding and projects being considered for the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The group surveyed 1,200 voters (450 in Monterey County) between May 28 and June 6.

Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research, presented the results of the survey. She reported that the overall survey results show that optimism about the direction the County is heading is on the rise, and that transportation continues to be a top-five concern after crime, water, the economy, and education. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Survey was conducted by EMC Research between May 28 and June 6. Agency staff and representatives from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, San Benito Council of Governments, and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission worked with EMC Research to draft the questionnaire, which covered topics such as the level of concern about community issues; the use of the local transportation system and regional travel behavior; and attitudes regarding tax measures generally and funding for transportation specifically. Survey results will be used to engage the public in evaluating scenarios for long-range transportation investments that support the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy being developed by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Director Hale reported that staff will take a look at these sustainability options and evaluate what fits best in the agency's plan to meet the regional greenhouse gas reduction targets. She noted in early August the Executive Committee will review and discuss the next steps with regards to funding and the potential timing for a transportation sales tax measure.

Comments from the public included inquiries on what age group, and if people who walk were included in the survey. Also, if and how non-registered voters and the rural communities be included in future surveys.

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

No reports this month.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, Deputy District Director, Planning & Local Assistance, gave the following report:

Newsworthy

- Caltrans recently released the *County-Level Economic Forecast 2012-2040*. This document will assist local and regional agencies in their planning and travel forecasting efforts. Updated annually, the report provides a consistent set of long-term socio-economic forecasts for each county in California. The full report is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/eab/socio_economic_files/2012/2012_Socio-Eco_County_Forecasts_Full_Report.pdf
- A booklet titled, *How Caltrans Builds Projects* is now online. The booklet gives a concise overview of Caltrans' delivery process for projects that will improve or maintain the state highway and interstate systems. It also provides a list of resources for further reference. The booklet is available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/index_files/How_Caltrans_Builds_Projects_HCBP_2011a-9-13-11.pdf#zoom=75
- In April 2013, District 5 held its annual Litter Day and sponsored 137 clean-up events district-wide. In the northern counties (San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey), Caltrans cleaned more than 96 miles along the shoulder. In the southern counties (San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara), 284 shoulder miles were cleared of litter and debris. All the clean-up crews were given credit for participating in the Keep California Clean (Earth Day) special event.

Funding Opportunity

A call for projects is under way for the 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 6. Up to \$150 million is expected to be available for this call. **Applications are due Friday, July 26, 2013**, and should be submitted to the attention of the District Local Assistance Engineers. Applications received or postmarked later than that date will not be accepted. Applications, program guidelines and more information are available at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_now.htm

Local Highlights

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) recently allocated \$1 billion in funding for 153 transportation projects that will strengthen the state's economy by sustaining and creating jobs while providing congestion relief for motorists statewide. The allocations include nearly \$541 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond.

Highlights of the funding allocations in District 5 include:

- \$2,000,000 to the City of Marina - Construct Class II (non-separated) bike lanes in Marina on Imjin Parkway from Reservation Road to Imjin Road. This project will improve safety for bicyclists and add capacity for the regional bicycle system.
- \$200,000 to TAMC – Complete feasibility analysis of implementing rail service north of Salinas and identify needed track improvements on the Pacific Coast Rail Line (Coast Daylight Project).

Monterey Regional Airport District – Matt Nelson, Airport Board Chairman reported that the Airport District is receiving funds for the master plan for the airport, which addresses the short, medium and long term goals of the airport district. The Airport District is moving forward with the runway safety project and is in discussion with the fire fighters to stand alone or combine their service.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, announced MST has reached an agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents Monterey-Salinas Transit's (MST) bus drivers, mechanics, utility service and facilities staff members, and other transit-workers. He noted that MST is the only transit agency who reached an agreement, saving jobs and hours of service.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale congratulated Board member Robert Huitt for being named Pacific Grove's public official of the year. She also thanked Board members Craig, Potter and Rubio for meeting with California Transportation Commissioners to gain support for the transfer of funds to the Salinas Rail Extension project for the Gilroy Station track improvements. Director Hale announced there is no Board meeting in July; the next meeting will be held on August 28, 2013.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

None this month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.