

TAMC STAFF	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	DEC 12	JAN 13	FEB 13	MAR 13
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Cheung, Transportation Planner	E	P	E	E	E	P	E	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	P	E	E	P	E	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner									P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	E	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. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	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
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans	Grant Leonard	TAMC Intern
Alex Rixey	Fehr & Peers	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Matthew Ridgway	Fehr & Peers	Megan Tolbert	California State University Monterey Bay
Henry Gowin	District 2		

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Vice Chair Parker called the meeting to order. Board member Lou Calcagno led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.
- 2.1 **BOARD PHOTO**
The Board photo was postponed until April.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Craig/unanimous

Executive Director Hale pulled items 3.1.6 and 3.3.1 for comment.
Board member Huitt pulled item 3.3.2 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 February 27, 2013.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for February 2013 and credit card statements for the month of January 2013.
- 3.1.3** Received report on travel taken at the Transportation Agency's expense.
- 3.1.4** Approved selection of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, Certified Public Accountants of Santa Maria, California, to prepare annual Transportation Development Act and Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency compliance and audit reports for five years beginning with fiscal year 2012-2013 through fiscal year 2016-2017, and, Authorized Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the CPA firm not to exceed the amount of \$21,515 per year for the first three years and \$22,485 per year for the next two years, for a total not to exceed amount of \$109,515 over 5 years.
- 3.1.5** Adopted proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2012/13 Work Program, and Authorized the Executive Director to modify the distribution of metropolitan planning funds if necessary to ensure funding can be utilized by the agency.
- 3.1.6** Approved public release of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2012 Annual Report.

Executive Director Hale commented that staff would be making some minor changes to the Annual Report before it is released.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Received Bicycle Service Request Program Annual Report for 2012.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointment:
1. Approved appointment of Devin Meheen to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea;
 2. Approved appointment of Phil Yenovkian to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Seaside, and Jan Valencia as the committee alternate.

Board member Huitt thanked Board members Rubio and Burnett for recommending the appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and also thanked the new appointees for serving the committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Approved the Transportation Agency's letters of support for state planning grants.

Executive Director Hale reported that SCCRTC has requested a letter of support for their Rail Transit Study Grant application. She noted that TAMC fully supports SCCRTC's grant request for this much needed study to utilize a valuable regional asset.

- 3.3.2** Received report on state legislative activities and approved positions on state legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved selection of on-call consultants for construction management services.

Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Contracts:

- 3.4.2**
1. Approved contracts with California Towing & Transport to provide services for the Freeway Service Patrol Program in the amount not to exceed \$375,184 and \$372,706 for Highway 101 and State Route 1 road segments, respectively;
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contracts and changes to the contracts if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
 3. Authorized the use of \$747,890 from State Freeway Service Patrol funding and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funding for the contracts.

- 3.4.3** Received the fiscal year 2009-2011 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.

- 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 March 6, 2013
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 6, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 7, 2013
(Online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month.

END OF CONSENT

4. BICYCLE SHARING FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

M/S/C Potter/Huitt/unanimous

The Board received the Monterey County Bicycle Sharing Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for Monterey County.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, and Alex Rixey, Transportation Planner with Fehr & Peers, reported that bicycle sharing is a membership-based form of public transportation involving bicycles that can be rented from a network of automated kiosks and returned to any other kiosk in the system. The Transportation Agency prepared a Bicycle Sharing Feasibility and Implementation Plan for Monterey County to identify a bicycle sharing system that could be supported by the estimated demand and ridership in Monterey County, describe the steps to establish a system, and provide a basis for grant applications or other fundraising efforts by an agency or organization interested in starting a bike sharing program. The study also considered economic impacts to existing bike rental businesses. The total study cost of \$57,000 was funded with an AB2766 grant from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

The study identified two separate systems, a Monterey Peninsula system and a Salinas system, that could be supported by the demand and ridership estimates calculated for the study. Capital implementation costs for the systems identified in the study total \$1.82 million. Estimated annual operating costs total \$300,000. The programs would require funding support for initial capital costs, as well as ongoing operating support for costs not covered by membership revenues. Deployment of bicycle sharing could be phased by establishing one of the systems independently. Mr. Cook explained that staff released a draft of the study for public review late last year to gather input on the program proposed in the study and to identify potential issues associated with establishing a program on the Monterey Peninsula. The study incorporates responses to the public input and comments received.

Public comment:

Sam Teel, representing the Monterey County Hospitality Association, commented that the Hospitality Association adopted a position to oppose the Bicycle Sharing plan identified in the study, expressing that this type of program would compete with bike rental companies serving the tourist market on the Monterey Peninsula and Cannery Row.

Megan Tolbert, CSUMB, expressed that CSUMB supports the establishment of a bicycle sharing system on its campus and in the surrounding communities in the future, noting that the operating model described in the report would be a successful way of implementing a system. Ms. Tolbert also expressed support for the concept of bicycle sharing as a Monterey resident, explaining that bicycle sharing programs have economic, public health and environmental benefits and offer a way to build bicycle culture and interest in bicycling.

5. **MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TAXI AUTHORITY**

The Board received a briefing on the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager of Monterey-Salinas Transit, provided a report on the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority, including information on members, permitting costs, number of taxi companies, vehicles and drivers permitted, as well information on service for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Mr. Sedoryk noted that a discounted taxi fare voucher program has been expanded through the taxi authority, and wheelchair accessible taxi vehicles have been deployed through the authority as well. Mr. Sedoryk presented a draft version of a new promotional video on the Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority's accessible taxis.

Vice Chair Parker and Board member Matarazzo suggested advertising this service on public radio.

Public comment:

Megan Tolbert, CSUMB, commented that this type of service would help students with disabilities get to class on time.

6. **UPDATE ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS**

The Board received update on the status current highway construction projects and outreach efforts.

Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided the update covering the Prunedale Improvement Project (PIP) and the US 101-San Juan Road. She reported that construction on the Prunedale Improvement Project began in the spring of 2011; in December 2012 Caltrans began construction on the San Juan Road Interchange Project. Both projects are scheduled to be completed in 2015. Before construction began on these projects, TAMC and Caltrans recognized the need for a local and ongoing outreach campaign.

The US 101 - Prunedale Improvement Project is a \$209 million project funded with regional and state funds. The San Juan Road Interchange Project is a \$90.6 million project. TAMC has contracts with Caltrans totaling \$600,000 over four years to cover the cost of public outreach for both projects.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, complimented TAMC and Community Outreach Coordinator Sharon Gavin for providing the update.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass expressed her gratefulness for the construction update and thanked staff for their efforts.

Executive Director Hale thanked Sharon for doing a great job. Board member Calcagno thanked staff for doing a tremendous job, noting complaints are very few; it is a job done correctly. He commented that there is a sign that reads "take alternate route" on HWY 101, near San Miguel that really has no purpose. Mr. Calcagno also noted that he has received comments from the residents of Crazy Horse Canyon Road, asking that the speed limit be reduced to 45 mph on that stretch.

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

Board member Potter reported that he, Board member Craig and Executive Director Hale went to Washington D.C. on March 6th and 7th, to advocate for the Capitol Corridor. He noted that they met with Sam Farr, and had a very successful trip. Board member Potter also noted that Board member Craig did an extremely great job.

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck reported that he, Chair Edelen and Past Chair Salinas attended that Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day in Sacramento on March 20, 2013. He noted that they met with state delegates to talk about project priorities and voter threshold. They also met with Jim Earp, CTC Commissioner and discussed Cap and Trade funding for transportation projects and transportation receiving its fair share.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe gave the following report:

- 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>.
- Caltrans recently released the draft *California State Rail Plan*. The plan will establish a statewide vision, set priorities and develop implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service. More information is available at: <http://californiastaterailplan.com/>.
- Caltrans is updating the *California Transportation Plan*. The 2040 plan is to be developed collaboratively with transportation partners and stakeholders statewide. The vision of this plan is a fully integrated, multimodal, sustainable transportation system that supports a prosperous economy, quality environment and social equity. The update will focus on meeting new trends and challenges such as economic and job growth, climate change, freight movement and public health. To meet the requirements of MAP-21, the plan will also include performance measures and targets developed in partnership with transportation agencies and transit operators. More information is available at: <http://www.californiatransportationplan2040.org>.
- Caltrans Annual Litter Abatement Day is April 25, 2013. Caltrans spent \$43 million last year on litter abatement and trash collection programs. On Earth Day alone, Caltrans picked up 2,533 cubic yards of litter – enough to fill nearly 160 garbage trucks. Nearly 3,000 volunteers also participate in Caltrans' Adopt-A-Highway program, saving taxpayers an estimated \$11 million annually in litter removal costs.

Discretionary Funding

Caltrans is accepting online applications through Tuesday, April 2, 2013, for several Caltrans Transportation Planning grant programs. A total of more than \$9 million is available on a statewide, competitive basis. Applications, guidebook and instructional video are all available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

Local Highlights

US 101/San Juan Road Interchange Project – Preliminary construction activities resumed this month on the project. This work involves de-watering under the bridge abutments.

Caltrans and its transportation partners will host a groundbreaking ceremony 10 a.m. Friday, April 5, in Aromas. The public is invited to join Caltrans, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Council of San Benito County Governments and the California Transportation Commission in celebrating the start of major construction on the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange. Caltrans will announce the specific location for the event once it has been determined.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Matt Nelson reported that the Airport District is trying to retain the level of airline service. He noted that the airport staff is working on updating the Monterey Airport Master Plan for the next 10 to 20 years. He also noted that with the federal sequestration, the Monterey Airport is not losing any of their control tower hours. He announced that their runway safety area project will move forward, if approved by the judge, with a groundbreaking coming soon.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST has completed all their work on the Jazz Bus Rapid Transit program and are kicking off service on April 5, 2013, with new marketing campaigns coming forward soon. Mr. Sedoryk reported due to the emergency service reduction if not resolved by the State of California and the US Department of Labor regarding the Public employee pension reform act and federal transit laws, MST will not receive \$3 million in operating funds and will have to implement 30% service cuts on June 29, 2013. He announced that MST is still holding public hearings to discuss these service reductions. He also announced that MST has completed 104th day of accident free operation in Monterey County, over a million miles that the drivers have driven with not accidents, noting MST is one of the safest operators of their size.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale Director Hale reported the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority has agreed to ask the state to transfer \$18 million from one of their prior projects in Gilroy to a project that will allow our Commuter Rail Extension train to stop in Gilroy. She reported that staff is working on a Cap and Trade funding update, that will include an explanation of how we are working to get our fair share through a coalition. She noted that we may be asked to make a minor contribution, but that this could represent several billion dollars in a short term window for our projects. Debbie announced that she and Chair Edelen would be attending CALCOG's annual Regional Leadership Forum in Monterey April 3rd to 5th. The Executive Director Hale announced that Chair Edelen was not present at today's Board meeting because he was accepting a National award for Monterey Coast Guard Coachella. In conclusion, she announced the State of Economic 700 forms are due to TAMC on April 1, 2013.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Potter commented that no transportation projects are easy; funds are always hard to find and the logistics are very complicated. He noted after many years of discussion and planning the Prunedale Improvement project is well on its way. He reported that he has worked on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project for about 20 years, noting that we are very close to actually implementing this service. He also noted that we have a very good relationship with the Capitol Corridor and that he strongly believes in this project.

Amy Clymo, announced the AB 2766 grant program is open and the Air District is accepting applications until June 28, 2013.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.