

TAMC STAFF	OCT 12	DEC 12	JAN 13	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 13	MAY 13	JUN 13	AUG 13	SEP 13	OCT 13
<i>D. Hale, Executive Director</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>
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	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
A. Green, Transportation Planner			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	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
Grant Leonard	TAMC Intern	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside
John O'Lenick	Caltrans District 5	Ed Mitchell	Prunedale Preservation Alliance
Mariah Morales	TAMC Administrative Asst. Temp	Vee Thomas	North Monterey County Mothers Group
Denise	Prunedale Preservation Alliance		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Edelen called the meeting to order. Board alternate Frank O'Connell led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Mitchell, Prunedale Preservation Alliance, reported results from a 7 question survey delivered by SurveyMonkey.com in September 2013, where 168 households were questioned, representing 405 registered voters on toll road project.

Vee Thomas, North Monterey County Mother's Group, thanked TAMC, Caltrans and Granite Construction for the work done on Prunedale project, noting special thanks to Granite Construction for putting so many people to work. Ms. Thomas expressed concern that because of the Prunedale South Road construction, people are using the San Miguel Canyon, noting that Prunedale South Road it is not wide enough for busses and all of the traffic. She asked that the speed limit be lowered, noting this is a residential not a commercial area.

Denise Co-Chair of the Prunedale Preservation Alliance, commented that the residents in Prunedale should be allowed to vote on the toll road issue. She reported that the Alliance is preparing letters to Caltrans and TAMC stating "We don't want a toll road". She noted that the Prunedale Bypass project is the solution.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Salinas

Board Member Steve Matarazzo recused from items 3.5.2 and 3.5.3, due to property owned near the project area.

Executive Director Debbie Hale pulled item 3.3.1 for clarification.

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 September 25, 2013.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for September 2013 and credit card statements for the month of August 2013.
- 3.1.3 Received report conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Regarding Computer and Network Services:
 - 1. Approved the Computer and Network Services Request for Proposals Scope of Work; and
 - 2. Authorized staff to release the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant contract, including the final scope of work.
- 3.1.5 Received the call for nominations for the twelfth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
- 3.1.6 Approved amendments to the fiscal year 2013/14 Work Program and authorized staff to work with AMBAG to program federal planning funds.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Approved appointment of Susan Ragsdale-Cronin to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee representing the City of Del Rey Oaks.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Regarding Regional Traffic Counts Program:
 - 1. Approved the Regional Traffic Counts Request for Proposals Scope of Work; and
 - 2. Authorized staff to release the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant contract, including the final scope of work.

Executive Director Debbie Hale pulled item 3.3.1 to clarify that the total contract amount would be slightly higher than the TAMC contribution, noting that Monterey County is considering contributing to pay for additional counts in unincorporated areas.

- 3.3.2 Received an update on state legislative activities.
- 3.3.3 Received an update on federal legislative activities.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 *No items this month.*

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Amtrak Reimbursement Agreement:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a reimbursement agreement not to exceed \$70,000 with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to perform a feasibility study for the Coast Daylight Project;
2. Approved a “sole source” determination that Amtrak is the only entity that could perform this study;
3. Approved the use of \$70,000 in state funds budgeted to this project; and
4. Authorized the 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.

3.5.2 Capitol Corridor Reimbursement Agreement:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a reimbursement agreement not to exceed \$45,000 with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Salinas Rail Extension Project, for two years;
2. Approved a “sole source” determination that the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority is the only entity that could perform this work;
3. Approved the use of \$45,000 in state funds budgeted to this project; and
4. Authorized the 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.

3.5.3 Regarding Salinas Rail Extension Right of Way Request for Qualifications:

1. Approved the Salinas Rail Extension Right of Way Request for Qualifications Scope of Work for appraisal services; and
2. Authorized staff to release the Request for Qualifications and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of consultant contracts, including the final scope of work.

3.5.4 Regarding City of Marina Maintenance Agreement:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Maintenance Agreement with the City of Marina; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to make changes, as necessary, to the Maintenance Agreement and encroachment permit; subject to review and approval of Agency Counsel.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 *No items this month.*

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft October 2, 2013
- Executive Committee – Draft October 2, 2013
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft October 7, 2013
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Grant Leonard, TAMC Intern, as the Employee of the Quarter for July 2013 through September 2013

The Agency employees recognized Grant for being helpful, his excellent support and always having a smile. They also recognized him for his professionalism, diligence, keeping the Agency website current, and most notably for teaching and certifying staff with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training and certification.

5. FUNDING OVERVIEW

M/S/C Parker/Huitt/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on recurring sources of revenue available to the Transportation Agency for project delivery.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency controls a variety of revenue sources to fund transportation infrastructure projects in Monterey County. On average, the Transportation Agency receives \$24 million annually from various sources to fund and deliver transportation projects. The Transportation Agency is designated to allocate a variety of revenue sources to fund transportation infrastructure projects in Monterey County. Some of these funding sources stipulate the mode of travel of the project that they can be used to fund, others are more flexible. These funds are often used to match other revenue sources not controlled locally.

The STIP is a multi-year capital improvement program of regionally-significant transportation projects on and off the State Highway System. STIP programming generally occurs every two years with the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The agency receives approximately \$7 million annually from this program.

The Regional Surface Transportation Program is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. This annual amount is \$4 million, with a portion distributed to the jurisdictions based on population and the remainder through grants.

The Regional Development Impact Fee program collects fees from new development for its proportionate share of impacts to the transportation system and is used to fund transportation projects on regional corridors and the State highway system. To date, the regional fee program has averaged \$400,000 annually in revenues.

The Local Transportation Fund was established in state law by the Transportation Development Act, and is funded through a one-quarter of one cent of the State's 7.5% sales tax. The annual share of LTF for Monterey County is passed through to Monterey-Salinas Transit for local transit service at \$12 million.

Approximately \$250,000 is available per year to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects through the Transportation Development Act 2% Funding of the Local Transportation Funds for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities grant program. Funding recommendations take place every 2 to 3 years.

Vice Chair Parker asked if the funding for the state or federal gas tax will increase. Mr. Zeller noted that the Federal Government is looking at replacing the current gas tax with a tax based on vehicle miles traveled. Board member Huitt thanked Mr. Zeller for a clear presentation, noting it is very helpful.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concern that if miles traveled is considered it does not overlap charging with the gas tax.

6. 2014 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIES

M/S/C Armenta/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board reviewed and provided input on proposed project list for the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the State Transportation Improvement Program fund estimate for Monterey County in 2014 ranges from \$14.1 million to \$20.3 million. The 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program covers the period from 2014/15 to 2018/19. The California Transportation Commission typically programs new projects into the last two years of the cycle. Mr. Zeller presented a draft list of priority projects to meet this funding target and use in the development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Board member Sollecito commented that it is good we're getting projects done. He asked if the safety issues documented in the Highway 156 project's EIR supports the Agency's efforts to lobby for state funding to pay for all of the remaining costs of the project. Colin Jones of Caltrans replied that Caltrans is completely supportive of the project, but widening Highway 156 is beyond the state's ability to pay. Director Hale noted that there is interregional funding of just over \$200 million statewide. Given a funding gap \$200 million for the 156 interchange and widening project, and because Monterey County is not a big county, TAMC is not likely to get that kind of funding from state or federal sources.

Board member Burnett asked if the Agency was doing enough for the South County frontage road project to meet its commitment to the South County cities. Board members Chavez and Salinas said the South County communities agreed with the proposed project schedule.

Board member Matarazzo commented that the Highway 1 improvements at Fremont Boulevard should be included on the funding list. Director Hale commented that staff had reviewed the project for inclusion on the list, but its cost exceeds available funding. Staff will meet with the City of Seaside to review the project to determine if a component of the project can be included.

7. DRAFT 511 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

M/S/C Parker/Salinas/unanimous

The Board received a presentation and provided comments on the Draft Monterey Bay Area 511 Implementation Plan.

Ariana Green, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency worked in partnership with the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission to develop the Monterey Bay Area 511 Implementation Plan. She noted that the plan outlines a cost-effective 511 program that will serve as a hub for traveler information. 511 is a nationally recognized brand of traveler information for both daily use and less frequent events such as in the case of an emergency. The purpose of 511 is to provide easy access to traveler information and to empower people to better plan or adapt their trips. The startup cost for the 511 Monterey website is estimated to be \$124,030 and annual operation and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$48,030. She noted that the primary source of funding for the program comes from the Service Authority for Freeway Emergency (SAFE) funding.

Board member Burnett suggested that the plan include metrics and targets to gauge the success of the 511 program. Board member Sabo asked if there would be an audio component to the 511 program so that drivers can receive updates while they are on the road without looking at their phones. Ms. Green replied that there is not currently an audio component but could be developed as a later phase in Monterey County's 511 program.

8. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

M/S/C Sollecito/Armenta/unanimous

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2014 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the draft 2014 legislative program. The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. She noted that the program is very similar to last year.

Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, highlighted the state issues list; she noted that there has not been a lot of changes, seeking state funding continues to be the Agency's high priority. Ms. Watson reviewed the federal program and noted that the draft program will go to all committees in November and January for comment and the final program will come back to the Board in January for adoption.

Vice Chair Parker thanked staff and asked them to include a request for funding for complete streets in 12S and 2F(3).

Board Member Salinas requested the inclusion of item 7S (Highway 101 corridor) on the federal program as well.

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Colin Jones, Acting District 5 Deputy Director for Planning, reported the big construction projects going on in Monterey County are making good progress. The Prunedale Improvement Project is ahead of schedule and the San Juan Road interchange right at the county line with the San Juan Bautista area and San Benito County is 40% complete. He also noted that a lot of progress has been made rebuilding Highway 1 at Rocky Creek rebuilding a wide area between Big Sur and Carmel. Mr. Jones reported that on Highway 1, south of Lucia Pitkin’s Curve with a rock shed as well as a new bridge should be done in spring 2014.

Newsworthy:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2013. Walking and bicycling infrastructure will receive a 35 percent boost in dedicated state funding through legislation signed by Governor Jerry Brown. The measure ([Senate Bill 99](#)) restructures existing pedestrian, bicycle, trails, and “Safe Routes to School” programs into a comprehensive \$129.5 million.

“California’s new active transportation program demonstrates our strong commitment to bicycling, walking and other human-powered transit,” said Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly. “When Californians have more options for active transportation—including new and safer trails and pedestrian routes—it helps the state achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals while enhancing public health and safety.”

The [California Transportation Commission](#) is charged with developing new guidelines for the new Program in collaboration with non-profit organizations, local and regional governments, and the public within six to eight months of enactment. Caltrans expect the guidelines for the ATP to be completed by June 2014, which would then open the doors for call for projects.

Discretionary Funding:

The California Coastal Commission recently announced the availability of grants to support local governments responsible for planning under the Coastal Act to develop and update Local Coastal Programs, especially to address the effects of climate change. For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, a total of \$1 million is available for Local Coastal Program (LCP) Assistance planning grants to coastal cities and counties. The purpose of these grants is to support local coastal planning to develop new LCPs for certification in areas that are not currently certified, or to update existing certified LCPs to reflect new information and changed conditions, especially in light of the effects of climate change, in a manner fully consistent with the policies of the California Coastal Act. LCP completions and updates to include policies and implementing ordinances that address sea-level rise and other climate change impacts will be given special consideration.

The full announcement and grant application is available here:

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/lcpgrantprogram.html>. Applications are due November 22, 2013 with award announcements in early 2014.

Board member Potter thanked Caltrans for their work on the Big Sur Coast and Rock Shed and expressed his appreciation to Caltrans for the Prunedale Improvement Project and efforts across Monterey County.

Public Comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked the Board of Supervisors, TAMC staff and Caltrans for their major accomplishments on US101 in Prunedale. She noted the opening of the Crazy Horse Canyon Bridge was a miracle and she was very grateful to stand on the new Crazy Horse Canyon/Echo Valley Road bridge and see the traffic pass under after so many lives were lost or people were injured at that location.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District is moving forward with the runway safety project, the ground breaking will be held in December 2013 or January 2014. He also reported that Airport District is in discussion with the City of Monterey to combine fire services, to provide better service and reduce costs. The Airport will be enhancing their service to Denver, and nonstop service to Seattle.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported the governor signed Assembly Bill 1222, which provides a temporary exemption to transit workers from the State of California's Public Employee Pension Reform Act which the International Transit Labor Unions and US Department of Labor claim violated provisions of federal law and resulted in the US Department of Labor blocking billions of federal transit funds from coming to the State of California and affecting MST. The Department of Labor has already refused to certify \$54 million in grants for the Sacramento Regional Transportation District. On September 29th, Department of Labor informed MST that grants of \$1.6 million dollars for an electric trolley and \$750,000 for job access reverse commute programs (JARC) were awarded. He noted that with the passage of AB 1222 the electric trolleys grant will now be approved. However, the JARC grant funds will likely not be able to proceed. As the State is the official recipient of the JARC grant and merely passes the funds through to MST, the denial and subsequent loss of these funds has provided the state with the standing to sue the Department of Labor and the state has initiated a lawsuit with Sacramento Regional Transportation District against US Department of Labor regarding the interpretation of Department of Labor and subsequent withholding of federal transit funds.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale reminded the Board of the call for nominations for the twelfth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. She announced Sharon Gavin would be hosting the "Your Town" Television show on AMP 24 today's, topic "The 3 C's" Critters, Campgrounds and Cyclists. In conclusion, Director Hale reminded the Board that there is no meeting in November and the next meeting is on December 4, 2013.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Huitt thanked John Olenick of Caltrans Supervisor Potter, Kathleen Lee, and TAMC staff for attending the meeting and tour on October 21st, to discuss sidewalks in Pacific Grove. He noted that Mr. Olejnik was extremely helpful.

Board member Armenta announced Carl Sedoryk was selected for the 2013 California Transit Association Small Operator Transit Leadership Award. This award honors an outstanding individual who has provided strong leadership and vision. He was honored due to his federal, state, and local advocacy efforts on behalf of small urban and rural transit operators throughout California.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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