

TAMC STAFF	SEP 12	OCT 12	DEC 12	JAN 13	FEB 13	MAR 13	APR 13	MAY 13	JUN 13	AUG 13	SEP 13
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	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	E	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
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	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	E	E	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	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
Mariah Morales	TAMC Administrative Asst. Temp	AB Moran	Local Union 297

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Edelen called the meeting to order. Agency Counsel Reimann led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Edelen welcomed Mariah Morales, TAMC Temporary Administrative Assistant.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Armenta/Craig/

Board alternate Gowin arrived after the motion was approved.

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 August 28, 2013.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for August 2013 and credit card statements for the month of July 2013.
- 3.1.3** Received report conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Authorized the Executive Director to make a lump sum payment of \$100,493 to California Public Employee Retirement System to pay off the Agency's side fund liability as recommended by the Executive Committee.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2013-13 allocating State Transit Assistance Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Triennial Transit Performance Audits:
1. Approved Request for Proposals for consultant assistance, pending review by Counsel, to complete a Triennial Transit Performance Audit for the three-year period ending June 30, 2013; and
 2. Directed staff to release the Request for Proposals to potential consultants.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** *None this month.*

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Call Box Maintenance and Improvements – Request for Proposals:
1. Approved Scope of Work in the Request for Proposals for Call Box Maintenance and Site Improvements; and
 2. Authorized the Director to make changes, as necessary to the Scope of Services and Request for Proposals; subject to review and approval of Agency Counsel;
 3. Directed staff to release the Request for Proposals to interested parties.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** *No items this month.*

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Received report on the Regional Development Impact Fee update and workshops for building and planning staffs for the local jurisdictions.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting this month
Executive Committee – Draft September 4, 2013
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft September 9, 2013
 - Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month

END OF CONSENT

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel.

Reconvened in Open Session:

Board Chair Edelen reported that the Board held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel and directed the Chair to provide comments to each of them.

5. STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

M/S/C Parker/Salinas/unanimous

The Board received an update on the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency’s target for 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding ranges from \$14.1 million up to a maximum of \$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. Agency staff has developed a draft list of priority projects to meet this funding target and use in the development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the projects are prioritized according to readiness to move forward and if the project has additional funding sources.

Board member Huitt commented that there is a wide variety of projects; the STIP has very little funds for pedestrians. He expressed the need for sidewalks on Highway 68, in Pacific Grove and noted that designs without sidewalks are a great failure in highway engineering. Director Loe replied Caltrans doesn’t have funding to add sidewalks to existing roads, and that focus is on safety. Director Hale commented that the Castroville bike/pedestrian crossing project is funded in the current STIP. She noted that some of the issues are that on a state highway Caltrans needs design approval, and on local streets you can set your own design guidelines. Board member Parker shared the interest in funding pedestrian projects, suggesting that TAMC should have a workshop to discuss this issue. She also suggested that TAMC look at designating priority walking corridors to improve access to schools.

Public comments:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, commented that the roads leading up to the Reese Circle Bridge are dangerous and need repair. She also advocated for bike lanes and sidewalks on Prunedale South Road.

6. MARINA-SALINAS MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN

M/S/C Delgado/Parker/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan and public outreach strategy.

Ariana Green, Transportation Planner, reported this project will plan for a multimodal corridor that will connect the Monterey Peninsula to Salinas. Transportation Agency staff will work with partner agencies and members of the public to develop the plan. In August 2013, the Board approved a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates to work with staff to develop the plan. The available funding for the entire scope of work is \$232,798. She noted that the bulk of the funding \$200,000 was secured through

a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant and the remaining \$32,798 through a local match. Staff will bring this item back to the Board in December to discuss in further detail.

7. UPDATE ON US 101 CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

M/S/C Sollecito/Armenta/unanimous

The Board received an update on the status of the US 101 Corridor Construction Projects – the Prunedale Improvement Project and the San Juan Road Project.

Sharon Gavin, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported back in 2011 construction began on the US 101/Prunedale Improvement Project, the largest highway construction project in Monterey County in many years. She noted that as of September 2013 the Prunedale Improvement Project is 80 percent complete, and the dramatic changes along US 101 are already helping increase safety and traffic flow along the corridor. Highway 101 in North Salinas now goes over Russell Road and Espinosa Road, eliminating left turns across the highway at that intersection. The over-crossing at Blackie Road and Reese Circle allows North Monterey County School buses to transport children more safely to their destinations. The San Miguel Canyon Road Interchange has a new lane that was added to the existing structure to improve traffic circulation. The new interchange at Echo Valley/Crazy Horse Canyon Roads is scheduled to open in early October, which means that all the remaining gaps in the concrete median barrier from Boronda Road to Crazy Horse Canyon may be closed off in early 2014.

Further north, construction is also underway on the US 101/San Juan Road Project, which will remove three at-grade intersections (Dunbarton Road, San Juan Road and Cole Road) and construct one interchange near the Red Barn. This project is currently about 20 percent complete and is scheduled to be fully operational in January 2015. Together these two projects will reduce congestion for 60,000 to 80,000 vehicles daily and provide safer access for motorists throughout the corridor.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Ms. Gavin for a wonderful presentation and thanked TAMC for its program in getting these important safety projects built.

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

Board Chair Edelen reported that he, Executive Director Hale and Board member Parker attended the California Transportation Commission Town Hall Meeting in Paso Robles on September 12th and 13th. He noted that the meeting was very informative and that it is a great way to develop relationships with the Commissioners. Board member Parker reported that the CTC Commissioners asked good questions they showed their interest in the projects, noting it was reassuring to see them so focused on transit and rail as a complement to our highway system in the state. It was a valuable trip and packed with good information and good relationship building. Executive Director thanked Chair Edelen and Vice Chair Parker for attending the CTC Town Hall meeting. She noted that the 2014 Town Hall meeting may be held in Monterey, and will keep the board posted as information becomes available.

Board member Delgado suggested a Santa Cruz- Monterey Town hall meeting would be useful. Executive Director Hale replied she would discuss the suggestion with AMBAG and SCCRTC.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, District 5 Director, reported the CTC Town Hall meeting was a great success, noting eight commissioners attended and engaged in discussion, a real source of pride. She gave the following report:

Newsworthy:

- Early this month, Caltrans opened the new east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge with seismic-safety features for the more than 280,000 motorists that cross the structure each day. Caltrans has upgraded more than 2,200 bridges for seismic safety since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Many partner agencies worked with Caltrans to bring this project to fruition, including the Federal Highway Administration, California Transportation Commission and the California Highway Patrol.
- Caltrans recently completed the 2013 *California State Rail Plan*. The plan establishes a vision, sets priorities, and presents implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail in the public's interest. This is the first planning document fully integrating the planned high-speed rail system with improved conventional rail. It also serves as the basis for federal and state investments toward high speed and intercity passenger rail in California. More information is available at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/serp.html?q=California+State+Rail+Plan&cx=001779225245372747843%3Auh1ozfcfcdu&cof=FORID%3A10&ie=UTF-8&siteurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dot.ca.gov%2F>
- Caltrans is working on its High-Speed Rail Transit Connectivity Program, established in July 2012. The program fosters strong partnerships between Caltrans, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, regional and local agencies, and transit operators to develop multi-modal transportation connections critical to the success of the high-speed rail system. More information is available at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/hsr.html>
- Caltrans is partnering with the California State University-Sacramento's College of Continuing Education and the University of California-Berkeley to provide training and technical assistance to transportation professionals from the state's cities, counties and regional transportation agencies. Fundamental and advanced training is available for such courses as traffic engineering and operations, traffic signals and control, work zone safety, infrastructure and pavement design, maintenance, planning, funding, environment, project development, management and compliance, pedestrian facility design and bicycle transportation. More information is available at:
<http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/caltrans/localAssistance/index.cfm>
- California has the busiest highways in the nation, according to the Federal Highway Administration. A new report featuring America's 10 most heavily traveled interstate routes showed that people drove more than 84.7 billion miles on the state's highways in 2011. Interstate 5 carried the nation's most traffic with 21.4 billion miles traveled. Overall, vehicles traversed 2.95 trillion miles on U.S. roadways in 2011—the eighth highest level ever recorded, and nearly twice the amount reported in 1980. FHWA compiles the data through its Highway Performance Monitoring System operated by state departments' of transportation. More information is available at:

<http://www.enevspf.com/opinion/analysis/45486-new-federal-highway-administration-report-reveals-states-with-the-busiest-highways.html>

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans for their communication, noting it is important to know where we are.

Monterey Regional Airport District – None.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced the MST Board approved to extend free service to Hartnell students boarding at one of their expanded locations: Alisal & Homestead and Hartnell for an additional year. He also announced MST Board approved funding to upgrade the transit master automatic vehicle location software. The Jazz commercial received a national award. He announced that MST still plans to implement some service reductions as of January 1st.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Hale reported that a Special Executive Meeting was held on September 16, 2013, to how to coordinate efforts to increase funding for transportation improvements throughout Monterey County, including potential transportation sales tax measure(s) in 2014. The Executive Committee will hold another Special Executive Committee meeting in January 2014. She announced that a meeting was held with the Caltrans project team to discuss the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Highway 156 project related to tolling. Director Hale announced the availability of TAMC surplus of property, noting it is available on a first come basis. She also announced TAMC has purchased the credit union property on Market Street, which will be used for rail parking in the future. She noted that she signed the documents and the total amount paid is \$935,000 including closing costs. In conclusion, Ms. Hale reported that she will be hosting “Your Town” on public access TV (Channel 24) to discuss “Active Transportation” on September 25, 2013.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Craig announced the City of Salinas approved funding for Ciclovía event. The event will be held on Sunday, October 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alisal Street (1.6 miles) will be closed for motorized vehicles and open to the public for recreational activities such as running, biking, skating, dancing, playing, and many other things. General public is welcome it is a free event.

Board member Armenta commented that there are rural areas in Monterey County that hardly have any street lights. The Board of Supervisors approved a budget for 120 street lights for the Las Lomas community; in addition it approved another million dollars to alleviate flooding in rural areas. Mr. Armenta recommended that once a year Monterey County Public Works Department should provide TAMC an update on what the county is doing to improve local county roads.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.