AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES
AND
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Members are: Kimbley Craig (Chair),
Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair),
Jane Parker (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

***9:00 a.m.***

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.
BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1-3.2 below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the CONSENT AGENDA for discussion and action.

3.1 **APPROVE** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of October 7, 2015. – Rodriguez

3.2 **RECOMMEND** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board approve calendar year 2016 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee. – Goel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** draft 2016 Legislative Program. – Watson/ Arriaga

5. **PROVIDE** direction and guidance to staff on the assumptions for the three-year operating budget for fiscal years 16/17, 17/18, and 18/19. – Goel

6. **APPOINT** a Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 27, 2016 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the January 25, 2017 Board meeting. – Goel

7. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of December 2, 2015. – Hale

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

Next Executive Committee meeting is: Wednesday, January 6, 2016
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Huitt, Parker and Potter (arrived during closed session). Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
   On a motion by Committee Member Armenta and seconded by Committee Member Huitt the committee voted 5–0 to approve the consent agenda, with Supervisor Potter absent.

3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 2, 2015.

**END OF CONSENT**
4. **CLOSED SESSION:**
The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Chair Craig reported that the committee reviewed the Executive Director & Legal Counsel evaluations and there is nothing to report. Chair Craig will meet with the Executive Director and Legal Counsel to discuss their evaluations.

5. The Committee received a verbal update on state and federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on state bills of interest to the Agency. She reported that the bill (Senate Bill 705) that would allow us to bring a 3/8-cent sales tax increase for transportation to Monterey County voters in November 2016 has been through both houses and waiting on signature from the Governor by October 11, 2015. She noted that a final bill list and year-end report would be on the October Board agenda.

Ms. Watson reported that the federal transportation authorization bill expires on October 29, and the appropriations bill was extended to December 11. Executive Director Hale reported she would be in Washington, DC at the invitation of Congressman Sam Farr for a Travel and Transportation Caucus meeting with Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx on October 21, and would attend meetings on the need for a transportation authorization measure after that.

6. The Committee received the second evaluation of the legislative analyst/advocate; and provided direction on the next steps for state legislative assistance.

Executive Director Hale reported that, per direction from the Board of Directors, a second evaluation was done for the state legislative analyst/advocate contract. She reported that, based on the evaluation, staff presents two options for the Executive Committee’s consideration: Option 1, to extend the current consultant contract to January 30, 2016, release the legislative advocate contract for bid, and select a consultant at the January 2016 Board meeting. Option 2 is to extend the current consultant contract to June 30, 2017.

After discussing the evaluation and options suggested by staff, the Committee recommended extending the current consultant contract to June 2017, recognizing that the current consultant has a strong relationship with TAMC Board members, is frequently in town, and has a long-term relationship with the Agency. The Committee recommended reducing the current contract amount from $30,000 per year to $25,000 per year, based on consultant’s reviews, the limited budget for such expenses and the potential need for special assistance as occurred in the current year.
The Committee also recommended setting aside $10,000 for assistance with special transportation-related legislation that the Agency may need to pursue. Allocation of this reserve would be brought to the Executive Committee for consideration and appropriate documents would be prepared. The Committee also requested a follow-up meeting with JEA & Associates and a City and County representative from the Executive Committee.

7. The Committee received oral report from counsel on Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s Employee Incentive Program.

Kay Reimann, Agency counsel, reported that TAMC’s current incentive program is legal and she will provide the Board of Directors more detail in a written memo.

8. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 28, 2015:

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda, she noted that a closed session will be held regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel. The Board will also receive an update on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan and the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan, and an update on upcoming construction of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout. On the consent agenda the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 2015-17 amending the unmet transit needs finding for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. In addition, the Board will receive the state and federal legislative update.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

\[Signature\]
Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration

Meeting Date: November 4, 2015

Subject: 2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMEND that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board APPROVE calendar year 2016 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

SUMMARY:

In December of every year, the Agency Board approves a schedule of meetings for the following year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County bylaws require that the Board meeting be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The July meeting is cancelled due to summer vacation conflicts. The November meeting is generally cancelled due to conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. The December meeting is held on the 1st instead of the 4th Wednesday of the month to avoid conflict with the December holidays. Normally, the Board meets at the Agricultural Center Conference Room, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, at 9:00 a.m. Staff is reserving the room for 2016.

During 2015, the Executive Committee meetings convened on the first Wednesday of the month, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas. The 2016 schedule of meetings for the Executive Committee proposes to continue this schedule.

Please see attached schedules for specific dates for the Board of Directors and for the Executive Committee throughout the 2016 calendar year.
As always, please contact Agency’s Senior Administrative Assistant Elouise Rodriguez at (831) 775-0903, if you cannot attend the Board of Directors meeting or the Executive Committee to make sure there is a quorum for the meetings.

Approved by: ___________________________ Date: September 4, 2015

Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Consent Agenda

Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: N/A

Attachment: 2016 TAMC Calendar of Meetings - Board of Directors and Executive Committee
2016 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS  
Board of Directors  
Unless otherwise noticed, all meetings held at the  
Agricultural Center Conference Room  
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas  
9:00 a.m.  
(The exact location of the meeting will be noted on each agenda)

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2016 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas
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No December Executive Committee meeting
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 4, 2015
Subject: Legislative Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

REVIEW and DISCUSS draft 2016 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency’s position on issues of key importance to the agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION

The 2015 TAMC Legislative Program focused on maintaining and augmenting transportation funding. The federal program included requests for federal funding for high priority projects. The draft 2016 legislative program continues this focus on transportation funding.

Attached is the draft 2016 legislative program. Online as a web attachment is the same program, showing the additions and deletions as compared to the adopted 2015 program.

The draft program will go to the Board of Directors in December for review, to all committees in January for comment, and the final program will go to the Board in January for adoption.

Approved by: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director
Date signed: October 28, 2015

Regular Agenda
Attachment: Draft 2016 Legislative Program
Web Attachment: Draft 2016 Legislative Program, showing changes
Draft 2016 Legislative Program: State Issues

1S. Increase and preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.

2S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.

3S. Support efforts to ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.

4S. Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek funding from the program for regional priority projects.

5S. Support an amendment to the State Fish and Game Code to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.

6S. Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.

7S. Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco.

8S. Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.

9S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.

10S. Support efforts to allow cities and counties to fund and implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.

11S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

12S. Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.

13S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.
Draft 2016 Legislative Program: Federal Issues

1F. Support the following priorities for federal transportation authorization legislation:
1. Approve a multi-year authorization bill to provide stability and certainty for transportation investments.
2. Stabilize and increase transportation funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
   a. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
   b. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee.
   c. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
3. Allocate funding for projects that support safety, economic development, and job creation.
4. Support regional planning and priority-setting.
5. Support enhanced infrastructure bank programs.
6. Promote transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
7. Streamline federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.

2F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak in the annual appropriations bill and authorization legislation and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.

3F. Support member agencies’ requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.
1S. **Increase and preserve funding and delivery schedule of priority for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.**

2S. Seek state funding for the Agency’s high priority projects, in priority order:
   1. State Route 156 improvements
   2. Rail Extension to Salinas
   3. MST Bus Replacements
   4. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
   5. Monterey Peninsula light rail transit and bus rapid transit
   6. Local streets and roads projects
   7. Coast Daylight train

3S. Support proposals to lower the voter threshold for local transportation sales tax ballot measures, without state spending restrictions, and monitor the need to seek a waiver to allow the County to exceed the 2% limit on local sales taxes for transportation.

4S. Support the California Passenger Rail Program Guiding Principles and the formation and/or continuation of California State Legislative Passenger Rail Select Committees.

2S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.

6S-3S. Support efforts to ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.

6S-4S. Monitor and comment on Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek regional transportation funding from the program for regional priority projects.

5S. Support an amendment to the State Fish and Game Code to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.

6S. Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.

7S. Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco. Encourage the state to stabilize and increase transportation funding and support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources.
8S. Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.

8S. Oppose efforts to shift transportation funding away from regions and oppose unfunded mandates for transportation agencies and local governments in providing transportation improvements and services.

9S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.

10S. Support efforts to improve the ability of agencies to plan and deliver transportation projects in a timely and cost effective manner, including updates to allow cities and counties to fund and implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.

11S. Support and seek funding for Monterey County rail connections to the California High-Speed Rail project.

12S. Seek funding for legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

13S. Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.

14S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.
1F. Seek federal authorization, appropriations, stimulus or other funding for the Agency’s high priority projects, in priority order:
   1. State Route 156 improvements
   2. Rail Extension to Salinas
   3. MST Bus Replacements
   4. US 101 South County Frontage Roads
   5. Monterey Peninsula light rail transit and bus rapid transit
   6. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
   7. Local streets and roads projects
   8. Coast Daylight train

2F. Support the following priorities for federal transportation authorization legislation:
   1. Approve a multi-year authorization bill to provide stability and certainty for transportation investments.
   2. Stabilize and increase transportation funding sources in order to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
      a. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation or increase the gas tax to meet the nation’s transportation needs.
      b. Identify additional funding sources for maintenance and operations on the existing network, such as a transition to a pay-by-the-mile user vehicle miles traveled fee.
      c. Support removal of procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
   3. Allocate funding for projects that support safety, economic development, and job creation.
   4. Support regional planning and priority-setting.
   5. Support enhanced infrastructure bank programs.

4F. Promote funding for transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
   6. Streamline federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.

5F. Ensure that climate change legislation proposals are coordinated with California’s state requirements and do not adversely affect transportation projects.

6F. Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing rail service for the traveling public.
7F.2F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak in the annual appropriations bill and authorization legislation and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.

8F.3F. Support member agencies’ requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.
Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration

Meeting Date: November 4, 2015

Subject: APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMEND that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County APPOINT a Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 27, 2016 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 25, 2017 Board meeting.

SUMMARY:

Agency Bylaws require the election of officers at the beginning of the January meeting. The Executive Committee includes the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, the immediate past Chair, a City and a County voting Board member.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Current Executive Committee members are Kimbley Craig (Chair), Fernando Armenta (1st Vice Chair), Alejandro Chavez (2nd Vice Chair), Jane Parker (Past Chair), Dave Potter (County Representative), and Robert Huitt (City Representative). At the January 27, 2016 Board meeting, in addition to the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, there will be opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Approved by: ________________________ Date Approved: August 28, 2015
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Regular Agenda
Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: N/A