

TAMC STAFF	AUG 14	SEP 14	OCT 14	DEC 14	JA N 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15	MAY 15	JUN 15	AUG 15
D. Hale, Executive Director	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
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner			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	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Pat Grant	Public
Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Kathy & Harvey Beal	Public
		Gail Mortensen	Marina City Councilmember
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Steve Hunt	Public
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Nick Madronio	Public
Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.	Carissa Langley	Moxxy Marketing
MacGregor Eddy	Media	Terry Feinberg	Moxxy Marketing
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Cynthia Suverkrup	Public
Herbert Cortez	City of Marina	Adam Urrutia	Public
Margaret Davis	Public	Karyn Wolfe	Citizens for Sustainable Marina
Gene Doherty	Public	Scott Waltz	CSUMB
Eric Froehlich	Marina resident	Fred Watson	CSUMB

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Vice Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

- 1.1 **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**
None.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
M/S/C Delgado/Orozco/unanimous
The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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 June 24 2015.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2015 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2015.
- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Received the results of the July 1, 2015 report on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 required valuation of the Agency's Other Post-Employment Benefits.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Adopted Resolution 2015-16 approving an additional \$182,694 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program 2014/2015 fiscal year funds for Monterey County.
- 3.2.2 Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for Transportation Development Act funds.
- 3.2.3 Approved appointment of Jerry Ramos representing Supervisorial District 2 to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.
- 3.2.4 Authorized Executive Director to contribute \$3,000 in budgeted Bike Month/Bike Education funds to the Ciclovía in Salinas event in 2015.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Received state legislative update and adopted positions on the Transportation Special Session bills of interest to the Agency.
- 3.3.2 Received federal legislative update and adopted statewide Surface Transportation Reauthorization consensus principles.
- 3.3.3 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway Plan: Travel Analysis and Transportation Improvements Request for Proposals:
 - 1. Approved Monterey-Salinas Highway 68 Plan: Travel Analysis and Transportation Improvements Requests for Proposals (RFP);
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFP, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 - 3. Approved the use of funds budgeted to this purpose.
- 3.3.4 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway Plan: Wildlife Connectivity Analysis Request for Proposals:
 - 1. Approved Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 Plan: Wildlife Connectivity Analysis Request for Proposals (RFP);
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFP, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 - 3. Approved the use of funds budgeted to this purpose.
- 3.3.5 Regarding Central Coast Coalition Memorandum of Understanding:
 - 1. Approved Amendment 3 to the memorandum of understanding with the regional transportation agencies for Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to support transportation improvements throughout the Central Coast.
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Received the fiscal year 2013-2014 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.

RAIL PROGRAM

None this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Approved the 2015 Strategic Expenditure Plan Update for the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft August 5, 2015
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft August 5, 2015
 - Rail Policy Committee – No Meeting
 - Technical Advisory Committee –Draft August 6, 2015

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT MEASURE OUTREACH PLAN UPDATE

M/S/C Salinas/Orozco/unanimous

The Board received an update on the Transportation Improvement Measure outreach; appointed an ad hoc Working Group to assist with public outreach for the Transportation Improvement Measure; and provided input on and assistance with the Transportation Improvement Measure outreach activities.

Executive Director Hale reported that staff was seeking input from the Board on the need to initiate legislation to allow TAMC to continue to propose a possible 3/8% transportation improvement measure. This legislation is necessary because the Governor vetoed an increase to the 2% local option sales tax cap, and the City of Greenfield has placed two measures totaling 1.75% on the November 2015 ballot. These developments mean that additional room under the 2% cap is needed if the TAMC measure is to receive further consideration. The Board gave input that it supports staff proceeding to seek special legislation to carve out a small exemption to the 2% cap for a TAMC 3/8% sales tax measure.

Tom Clifford, the Agency's Transportation Improvement Measure Public Outreach Plan consultant, reported the key next steps are to hold four stakeholder sessions, have an interactive dialogue with the public to get their impressions on a proposed transportation sales tax, develop a Transportation Expenditure Plan and decide if TAMC wants to move forward to place a measure on the November, 2016 ballot. Staff noted that a specific expenditure plan must be adopted by the TAMC Board, and a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population, plus the Board of Supervisors. That plan can be as specific or as general as the Board decides, but past efforts have shown that voters want a certain amount of specificity in the plan.

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors requested that brainstorming session on the Transportation Expenditure Plan take place at the next Board meeting so that they could provide input prior to the release of a draft plan. Based upon the information gathered during the transportation measure public outreach efforts and the professional advice of Agency staff, a list of potential safety and improvement projects will be identified in a draft Transportation Expenditure Plan for public circulation and eventual adoption by the TAMC Board. The Board also asked for frequent report backs on the activities of the working group and the measure development.

5. FORT ORD RECREATION TRAIL AND GREENWAY

M/S/C Delgado/Rubio/unanimous

The Board received report from Fred Watson and Scott Waltz on the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway proposal; in addition, they directed staff to assist in finding funding sources for the project, provide more information on a possible TAMC role, and present funding and phasing ideas.

Mr. Waltz reported the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway proposes two connected regional loop trails totaling 30 miles in the former Fort Ord area. These trails will provide better opportunities for residents and visitors to access the Fort Ord National Monument and surrounding destinations without driving. Mr. Watson reviewed the concept which includes two connected trail loops with an open-space buffer on either side of a 12' wide trail. The northern loop is a 13-mile route that encircles Marina and includes 3 miles of the existing Coastal Recreational Trail. The southern loop encircles Seaside and bisects Del Rey Oaks, following a 15-mile route that includes 4 miles of the existing coastal trail system. The Trail includes spurs connecting with existing bike/pedestrian infrastructure and other plan for infrastructure, including the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor. Many public residents testified in support of the project.

Mr. Watson noted that the next steps are to name a lead agency or agencies, and noted that TAMC and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District would be possible lead agencies.

6. **REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING PLAN**

The Board received an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan, and provided input on regional routes and the wayfinding sign theme.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner, gave a presentation to the Board. The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan will provide standard guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County. The Plan will include wayfinding sign design guidelines, identification and branding of regional bicycle and pedestrian routes and sign locations, along with an implementation strategy. The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan will provide standard guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County, including sign design, sign locations and implementation strategies. The goal of the Wayfinding Plan is to improve access to regional destinations, provide consistent wayfinding signs for regional connections, and promote key signage features that jurisdictions will be encouraged to incorporate into their own signs in order to improve wayfinding across city boundaries. The Plan has proposed routes throughout Monterey County that enhance connections to neighboring cities and other destinations in the region. Uniform sign designs will include space for jurisdictions to promote their own local identity. Having uniform signs can support residents and visitors who want to bicycle and walk in the cities and in the county, and can enhance the each jurisdiction's brand as a regional destination.

Public comment:

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented that this plan will bring tourists here.

7. **PACIFIC GROVE SR 68 CORRIDOR STUDY**

The Board received report on the Pacific Grove SR 68 Corridor Study.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, gave a presentation to the Board. The project budget is \$150,000, utilizing a \$120,000 Caltrans Partnership Planning for Sustainable Transportation grant and state and local planning funds allocated to the Transportation Agency. In June 2015 the TAMC Board approved a contract with consulting firm Eisen | Letunic to assist with the study. The purpose of the State Route 68 Corridor Study through Pacific Grove is to identify projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in this corridor, developed to a level of detail sufficient for the City of Pacific Grove to pursue funding opportunities to further develop and construct improvements. As a link in the State Highway system, this study also presents an opportunity to partner with Caltrans to implement "complete streets" projects and advance regional sustainable transportation initiatives.

The study area includes State Route 68 between the Pacific Grove city limits and Asilomar Boulevard, and is divided into three distinct segments: 1) Forest Avenue between the City limits and Sunset Drive; 2) Sunset Drive to the end of State Route 68 at 17 Mile Drive; and 3) Sunset Drive from 17 Mile Drive to Asilomar Boulevard. Each segment has different land uses, features and needs.

Board member Rubio asked how much the improvements would cost. Ms. Green replied that cost estimates would be included as part of the study.

Board member Smith requested that City of Monterey be included as a project stakeholder.

Board member Huitt thanked TAMC, the consultant and Caltrans, particularly John Olejnik, for their partnership on this project with the City of Pacific Grove.

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

None this month.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, Caltrans Director, Caltrans announced the FY 2016-17 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide and workshop on September 1, 2015 at the Caltrans office. Applications are due October 30, 2015 by 5 PM. She also reported on the Caltrans rationale for denying the request to install flashing lights at Oak Hills and Highway 156, but noted that the speed feedback signs will be installed. She added that the issues regarding safe access to US 101 by Mr. Esparza at the June TAMC meeting point to the need to additional access management in the corridor, despite the major set of improvements already made by the Prunedale Improvement Project and the San Juan Road interchange.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked Caltrans and the TAMC Board for the San Juan Road interchange project, noting it is the last phase of making Highway 101 safer.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the Monterey Regional Airport runway safety project is almost complete, with construction still going on at night. He announced that the Airport District is completing their master plan and next it will be undergoing CEQA review. He encouraged the Board to Fly Monterey.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced MST new service routes as follows:

Line 42: New route between East Salinas and Westridge Shopping Center on weekends.

Line 84: New route between Soledad and Paso Robles serving Greenfield, San Lucas, San Ardo, and San Miguel.

Line 86: New route between King City and San Jose Airport serving cities in South Monterey County, Salinas, and Gilroy.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale thanked Vice Chair Armenta for chairing the meeting. She also thanked everyone for using the electronic version of the agenda, noting staff has reduced their agenda printing to half. She announced the Ciclovía Salinas will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2015 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In conclusion, Director Hale recognized Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant, for 15 years of dedicated service.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Mayor Delgado announced that the success of the roundabouts on Reservation Road in Marina has led the City to apply for and receive a state grant of \$1.15 million to install a roundabout at Beach Road and Del Monte.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.