

TAMC STAFF	DEC 13	JAN 14	FEB 14	MA R 14	APR 14	MAY 14	JUN 14	AUG 14	SEP 14	OCT 14	DEC 14
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	E	P	E	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner										P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach							P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Orman	North Monterey County Fire Chief	Susie Brusa	Rancho Cielo
Chris Devers	Monterey County Office of Education	Mark Reasons	Ocean Mist
Jackie Lonero	101 Bypass Committee	Nancy Barnett	Prunedale resident
Julie Lonero	101 Bypass Committee	Scott Barnett	Prunedale resident
Sig Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Mary Heiskala	Prunedale resident
Vee Thomas	101 Bypass Committee	Tom Kenck	Prunedale resident
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Roberto Garcia	Alliance on Aging	MacGregor Eddy	We Could Car Less
Mary Hagins	La Casa Adult Day Care Health Center	Linda Greer	
Nancy Ausonio	Castroville Library	Abel Moran	
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Ross Jensen	
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Arthur McLoughlin	
Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality	Christine Kemp	
Frank Shean	Valley Pallet Inc.		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., and Board member Delgado led the pledge of allegiance. Due to a lack of quorum, Agency Counsel Reimann directed staff to proceed with informational items on the agenda. A quorum was established at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting continued with action items. A quorum was lost at ??? and informational items 8, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 were informally discussed after that time.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Director Hale noted that the revised agenda includes the Unmet Public Transit Needs Hearing, which was inadvertently left off of the printed agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Sollecito

Director Debbie Hale pulled item 3.3.3 for a correction

Linda Greer pulled item 3.4.2 for discussion and separate vote.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, minus item 3.4.2.

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 October 22, 2014.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2014 and credit card statements for the month of September 2014.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2015 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Regarding Fort Ord Property – Basewide Environmental Insurance Company:
 - 1. Received report regarding the basewide environmental insurance coverage offered to TAMC by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) ; and
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to use Railroad lease reserve funds to purchase \$2 Million of environmental insurance coverage, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- 3.1.6** Appointed a Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 28, 2015 with recommendations for a 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 27, 2016 Board meeting.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** No items this month.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received update on federal legislative activities.
- 3.3.2** Received update on state legislative activities.
- 3.3.3** Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with Kittelson & Associates to increase the not-to exceed amount of the contract by \$71,151 to allow three additional intersections to be studied using Regional Surface Transportation Program Reserve funds.

This item was pulled by staff for correction “to allow ~~five~~ three additional intersections to be studied using Regional Surface Transportation Program Reserve funds.”

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Received information on the national discussion regarding tolling and Public-Private Partnerships.

3.4.2

M/S/C Rubio/Sollecito
Noes: Calcagno

Regarding State Route 156 Public Private Partnership Financial Services:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to provide public-private partnership financial services for the State Route 156 West Corridor Project, for the three –year period ending June 30, 2017;
2. Approved the use of Regional Development Impact Fees or Agency reserve funds not yet budgeted for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

Linda Greer asked the Board to pull this item for discussion. She noted that spending \$300,000 for a P3 is premature, stating that TAMC has not done public outreach, and that publicly-raised issues need to be further addressed. Julie Lonero expressed concern that businesses will be taken away if the 156 project is built.

Board member Calcagno expressed the need to address the problems and concerns of the North County residents, believing they are being ignored.

Vee Thomas, North Monterey County Mother’s Group, thanked Board member Calcagno for all his years of service. She asked if there was a law that permits from allowing local residents free passes for toll roads.

Sam Teel, MCHA, commented that there have been a lot of public outreach meetings, noting that the existing Highway 156 will be a free frontage road for residents and other travelers and no one will have to use the toll road.

Roseanne Cardinali, Moving and Storage Company, expressed the need for more public outreach, noting this could affect her 20-25 local trucks that operate on a daily basis.

Nancy Ausonio, Castroville Library, reported that Espinosa Road traffic is now on on Blackie Road due to the new overcrossing. She supports adding to the project a connection from the Castroville Industrial Park to the 156/Castroville Road interchange.

Chair Parker closed public comment.

Board members Calcagno and Salinas asked that the concerns of the residents be taken into consideration. Board member Rubio noted that the Board of Directors has still made no decision on the toll road and that many options will be evaluated. He also commented that he felt that any agenda items related to Highway 156 issues should be on the regular agenda for discussion, rather than on the consent agenda.

Maura Twomey, AMBAG, commented that she has worked on the state side of the funding process and the best way to protect TAMC’s interests is to have its own independent financial advisor.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Right-of-Way Acquisition:
1. Approved contract amendment #3 with Overland, Pacific, and Cutler to extend the expiration date of the contract to March 31, 2015, at no additional cost; and
 2. Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition services, not to exceed \$200,000 as approved in the fiscal year 2014/15 Agency budget.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft November 5, 2014
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 5, 2014
 - Rail Policy Committee – No Meeting
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft November 6, 2014

4. UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

The Board received a report and held a public hearing on the unmet transit needs process. Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that pursuant to the Transportation Development Act, the Transportation Agency annually seeks public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds for public transit or other eligible purposes. The Agency must provide for a public hearing to solicit public comments on unmet transit needs. The Agency can direct public transit operators to implement new services with Local Transportation Funds available after funding existing services and commitments.

Board Chair Parker opened the public hearing:

Susie Brusa, CEO of Rancho Cielo, expressed the need for bus stops and transportation to their facility. Rancho Cielo's mission is to provide a safe campus to deliver programs and services that inspire at risk youth to learn new skills, gain self-esteem and confidence. Rancho Cielo is located in the unincorporated area of Monterey County. Currently the Monterey County Office of Education is providing transportation but will no longer be available to provide transportation as of January 1, 2015.

Chris Devers, Monterey County Office of Education, expressed the need for bus service at Rancho Cielo from South County and the Peninsula.

Mary Hagins, La Casa Adult Day Health Center, expressed the need for more transit service from South County to Salinas, and more reliable RIDES services. She noted that patients at the La Casa Adult Day Health Center sometimes have trouble getting to their doctor's appointments due to the cost of transportation, and noted that transit to medical appointments should be free.

Roberto Garcia, Alliance on Aging, thanked the Board for addressing these transportation issues. He noted that we need to serve the veterans and elderly by providing vehicles that kneel down.

Nancy Ausonio, Castroville Library, expressed the need for better transit service for North County and Castroville students.

Chair Parker thanked the members of the public for their comments and closed the public hearing.

Board member Armenta reported that the Rancho Cielo transportation issues need to be explored with Monterey-Salinas Transit and MV Transportation. Board member Salinas concurred with Board member Armenta, noting it is important to figure out a way to meet this need.

Board member Delgado asked for a cost benefit analysis to look at which programs could be funded or modified. Director Hale commented that the Unmet Transit Needs requires us to do a cost analysis, noting that MST consistently looks for ways to meet requests for additional service without additional funding.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, reported that the success of Measure Q will provide a 15-year plan funding for seniors, veterans and the disabled community. MST will review the needs identified by TAMC in its upcoming budget.

5. **COAST CORRIDOR DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)**

The Board received a report on the proposed Coast Daylight train project and held a public hearing on the Coast Corridor Draft Program EIS/EIR.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Coast Corridor Draft Program EIS/EIR examines the potential environmental impacts of rail line improvement alternatives located between Salinas and San Luis Obispo (the “Coast Corridor”) being considered to support the proposed Coast Daylight train project. All comments received at the hearing will be recorded and responses to comments will be given in the Final EIS/EIR.

Board member Calcagno asked how many riders are on the Coast Starlight today. Ms. Watson indicated that she would look that information up and report back.

Board member Delgado requested that staff add “increased safety” to the presentation slide about the project benefits.

Board Chair Parker opened the public hearing:

Christine Kemp, noted the potential loss of agricultural land is a great concern. She indicated that affected property owners did not receive appropriate notice, and that the project approval process is unclear.

Arthur McLoughlin reported that he is in favor of the Coast Daylight train project; he noted that he has traveled on Amtrak to Los Angeles and the train is usually more than half full.

Ross Jensen, property owner off Highway 101 at Spence Road, asked if the proposed siding improvement would conflict with the proposed highway frontage road.

Chair Parker thanked the public for their comments and closed the public hearing.

Board member Chavez commented that he has traveled several times on the train and it is almost 75%

full. He noted his support for the train project and a train station in Soledad.

Board member Salinas suggested sending a notice to all the property owners so that they would be aware of the project. Ms. Watson replied that a notice had been sent to all of the property owners. She also noted that the lead agency for the project is San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

Executive Director Hale noted that the Amtrak Coast Starlight train had 454,000 riders in 2012, and was the number 2 long-distance train in the nation. Of all state-supported rail services in the nation, the Coast Starlight ridership was 13th out of 42 services nationwide. She also noted that staff would evaluate the potential conflict between the proposed siding and the highway frontage road project.

6. CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Board received a briefing on draft statewide Cap and Trade program guidelines.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the state-approved budget included a cap and trade funding plan. State agencies are now developing guidelines to implement the new funding programs. Mr. Zeller discussed the background of legislative efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California, and provided a primer on how cap and trade programs function. He noted that the recommended action has no direct financial impact, but the program itself could result in millions of dollars in revenue for eligible projects, depending on how the guidelines are written for each program. For fiscal year 2014-15, there is \$630 million budgeted for transportation related projects. Future funding cycles will be dependent on carbon credit sales revenue. Mr. Zeller also discussed how the funding programs are to dedicate a portion of the funding to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, and the weaknesses in CalEnviroScreen (the tool used to identify disadvantaged communities). He also summarized coordination efforts with regional partners to provide comments on the draft guidelines.

Board member Chavez commented that we need to work with our legislators to advocate for changes to the disadvantage communities definition to bring funding to our region. Director Hale replied that staff has already started working with Monterey Bay area legislators, and that the issue of how disadvantaged communities are defined is a very high priority to TAMC and the central coast region.

7. CALTRANS AUDIT UPDATE

Executive Director Hale provided an update on the recent Caltrans audit of TAMC. Director Hale noted that staff has is developing a corrective action plan that includes: adopting a procurement manual and checklist, in coordination with other rural counties; adopting updated Regional Surface Transportation Program policies; set up a Master Agreement for funding allocations to other jurisdictions; updating the Professional Services Contract; preparing Construction Project Administration and Construction Change Policies; preparing an Accounting and Finance Manual; and adjusting billing procedures as requested.

Ms. Hale noted that the Agency is still negotiating with Caltrans on a payback amount, a small amount in federal funding and a larger amount of state funding. The state funding can be paid down over 10 years without interest and will be substantially less than proposed in the original audit finding. She is asking that Caltrans focus on moving forward by helping TAMC learn from and make improvements based on the findings, rather than charging a large repayment penalty. In conclusion, Ms. Hale noted that the Agency will be asked to sign an agreement with Caltrans on the action plan once it is final. The Caltrans management has changed three times since the audit was released, making negotiations difficult, and the Agency's goal is to have a fair assessment.

Chair Parker commented that this issue has been discussed at the Executive Committee and staff has been working very diligently with legal counsel on a resolution.

8. **PRUNEDALE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING EVENT**

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, gave a slide presentation on the Prunedale Improvement Project Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. She thanked those who attended and noted that nearly 100 people gathered under a clear-blue sky to commemorate this historic moment in Monterey County. The slide presentation can be seen on the TAMC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Transportation-Agency-for-Monterey-County/141069562571022?ref=ts>

9. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING TAMC BOARD MEMBERS**

M/S/C Salinas/Delgado/unanimous

The Board approved certificates of appreciation for outgoing TAMC Board members Supervisor Lou Calcagno and Monterey City Councilmember Frank Sollecito.

Board member Sollecito was recognized for his eight years of service on the TAMC Board of Directors representing the City of Monterey, including his term as the Chair of the Board and member of the Executive Committee.

Board member Calcagno was thanked for being a representative to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County since 1999, and serving as Agency's Chairperson in 2002 and 2010. He was recognized for his leadership in support of several projects, including Monterey-Salinas Transit's bus service between the South County cities and Salinas the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project, the State Route 1 at Salinas Road interchange, improvements to the interchange at US 101 and Airport Boulevard, and the US 101 interchange at San Juan Road.

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

None this month.

11. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Tim Gubbins, Caltrans Director, reported Steve Price, Deputy Director is retiring after 23 years with Caltrans, He reminded the Board to consider the weather conditions and slow down, take your time, and drive safe.

Monterey Regional Airport District –Bill Sabo reported that the Airport is in the process of building a \$55 million runway safety project. He noted that this project will provide increased stopping distance on each end of the runway and should not interfere with traffic. He announced General Manager Tom Greer is retiring.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer reported that MST is available for all of your holiday travels.

12. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hale noted the Agency offices would be closed the week of Christmas and that the office would have low staff the week after Christmas.

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

None this month

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.