

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

Meeting of October 28, 2015

**Agricultural Center Conference Room  
1428 Abbott Street  
Salinas, California  
9:00 AM**

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**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER.** Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.

*If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1.1 ADDITIONS or CORRECTIONS** to the agenda.

**1.2 CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code section §54957-Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

**RECONVENE** in open session and report any actions taken.

*(No Enclosures- provided only to Board members)*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Any person may address the Transportation Agency Board at this time. Presentations should not exceed three minutes, should be directed to an item **NOT** on today's agenda, and should be within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Agency Board. *Though it is not required, the Transportation Agency Board appreciates your cooperation in completing a speaker request form available on the table at the entrance to the meeting room. Please give the completed form to the Transportation Agency Administrative Assistant. If you have handouts, please provide 30 copies for the entire Board before the meeting starts or email to Agency Administrative Assistant 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVE** the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be considered for discussion and action after the Consent Agenda.

**4. PRESENTATION** of Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarters to Ariana Green and Maria Montiel. – Hale

*Ariana Green has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for April-June 2015. Maria Montiel has been selected as the Employee of the Quarter for July-September 2015.*

5. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE INPUT** on proposed project list for the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations. - Muck

*Every two years, the Agency submits a five-year program of projects to be funded by the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Due to a shortfall in gas tax revenues, the program cannot fund new projects. Agency staff has developed a draft list of priority projects in the development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed program shifts funding between some projects to align with schedules without raising the overall budget.*

6. **RECEIVE** update on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan and the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan. - Wright

*No Enclosures*

*Based upon TAMC analysis, safety priorities, and public input from the Agency's outreach efforts, a list of safety and improvement categories have been identified to assist with the development of a draft Transportation Expenditure Plan was presented to the Agency's Board of Directors on September 23, 2015. This report provides an update on public outreach efforts and projects identified by the Board and community stakeholders for the draft Transportation Expenditure Plan.*

7. **RECEIVE** update on the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout project - Green

*The Holman Highway 68 Roundabout will be the first state highway roundabout in Monterey County and improve access to the Community Hospital, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. Construction of the roundabout will begin in spring 2016 and finish in spring 2017.*

8. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.
9. Reports from transportation providers:
  - Caltrans Director's Report – Project Update –Gubbins
  - Monterey Peninsula Airport District - Sabo
  - Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
10. Executive Director's report
11. Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.
12. **ADJOURN**

**Please send any items for the December 2, 2015 Transportation Agency agenda to Senior Administrative Assistant Elouise Rodriguez by 12 noon, Thursday, November 19, 2015.**

The Transportation Agency Agenda will be prepared by Transportation Agency staff and will close at noon Thursday, November 19, 2015 nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County meeting will be on

**December 2, 2015**

**Agricultural Center Conference Room**

**1428 Abbott Street**

**Salinas, California**

**9:00 A.M.**

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**BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the staff recommendations for items 3.1.1 - 3.7.1 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.

### **ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET**

**3.1.1 APPROVE** minutes of the Transportation Agency For Monterey County (TAMC) Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency of September 23, 2015. – Rodriguez

**3.1.2 ACCEPT** the list of checks written for October 2015 and credit card statements for the month of September 2015. – Delfino

*The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.*

**3.1.3 RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff. – Muck

*Agency staff occasionally attends conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.*

## **BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 3.2.1 ADOPT** Resolution 2015-17 amending the prior unmet transit needs finding to find that within Monterey County there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. - Murillo

*The Agency annually conducts public hearings on unmet transit needs. In June, the Board adopted the unmet transit needs finding for 2015; however, upon further staff analysis, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council determined that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in fiscal year 2015/2016.*

- 3.2.2 APPROVE** the City of Greenfield's Local Transportation Fund application for \$531,115 for their citywide street maintenance project. - Murillo

*The Agency adopted Resolution 2008-14 allocating Local Transportation Funds to the City of Greenfield for streets and roads projects. The City of Greenfield submitted an application for an eligible citywide street maintenance project to use the remaining balance of their Local Transportation Funds.*



## PLANNING

### 3.3.1 State Legislative Analyst/Advocate Contract - Watson

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to renew and amend the contract with JEA & Associates, (subject to approval by Agency Counsel) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year, to provide state legislative analyst/advocate services, for the period ending June 30, 2017;
2. **APPROVE** the use of local funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** 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.

*The Executive Committee discussed the state legislative analyst/advocate services contract on October 7, 2015 and recommended renewing and extending the contract with JEA & Associates at \$25,000 per year, until June 30, 2017, due to the firm's longevity with the Agency and local government expertise. It was also recommended that \$10,000 per year in the budget be reserved for additional assistance, should the Agency choose to pursue special legislation.*

**3.3.2 Application for Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant – Leonard**

1. **AUTHORIZE** staff to submit an application for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to prepare a Monterey County Park and Ride Plan;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to accept grant funds if offered.

*Caltrans' Sustainable Communities planning grant program is accepting grant applications for fiscal year 2016-2017. Transportation Agency staff is seeking Board authorization to pursue a Sustainable Communities planning grant for a Monterey County Park and Ride Plan.*

**3.3.3 RECEIVE** state legislative update. - Watson

*On October 7, 2015, the Governor signed Senate Bill 705 (Hill), which enables TAMC to pursue a 3/8% transportation sales tax. This report summarizes the status of regular session transportation legislation.*

**3.3.4 RECEIVE** federal legislative update. - Watson

*The transportation authorization is currently set to expire on October 29, 2015. The Senate has passed a six-year authorization bill with provisions for funding for three of those six bills. The House is expected to pass another extension to the existing authorization in the near future.*

**3.3.5 RECEIVE** an update on the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study. - Green

*The Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study is a joint effort of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, City of Pacific Grove and Caltrans. The project team is now seeking input from the community on ways to make the corridor safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.*

## **PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

*No items this month.*

### **RAIL PROGRAM**

#### **3.5.1 Salinas-San Jose Coast Rail Line Environmental Review - Watson**

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract with HDR, (subject to approval by Agency Counsel) in an amount not to exceed \$452,975 to complete the federal environmental review of the Salinas-San Jose Coast Rail Line, for the period ending June 30, 2017;
2. **APPROVE** the use of State Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** 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.

*Staff recommends contracting with HDR to perform the federal environmental review of the Salinas-San Jose segment of the coast mainline rail corridor to support the Coast Daylight project and the next phases of work on the extension of Capitol Corridor service to Salinas. In June, TAMC published a Request for Proposals for this work and received four proposals by the deadline. The review panel ranked the proposals and HDR is recommended based on proven experience in the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and previous experience with NEPA analysis of rail line projects.*

### **3.5.2 Capitol Corridor Reimbursement Agreement Renewal & Amendment - Watson**

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to renew and amend a reimbursement agreement with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Salinas Rail Extension Project, for no additional funding, until December 31, 2016;
2. **AUTHORIZE** 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.

*In October 2013, the Transportation Agency and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) entered into a reimbursement agreement to cover actual costs incurred for Capitol Corridor staff work related to this project. That agreement expired on September 30, 2015 with funds still unexpended, and work still remains to be done on the planning of this project. Therefore, staff recommends a renewal and extension of this agreement to December 31, 2016 with no new funding.*

### **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

*No items this month.*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 3.7.1 ACCEPT minutes from Transportation Agency committees

- Executive Committee – Draft October 7, 2015
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee October 7, 2015– Draft (online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))
- Rail Policy Committee – No Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – No Meeting (online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org))

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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### CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MEDIA CLIPPINGS

Online at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)

- C1 September 9, 2015 letter from Suzanne St John, Sand City resident, to Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, re: Petition Sponsor: Residents of Sand City for Landscaping for Highway One at Sand City.
- C2 September 18, 2015 letter from Senator Dianne Feinstein to USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx supporting TAMC's application for federal grant funds for the Pajaro/Watsonville multimodal station.
- C3 Letters to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., in support of Senate Bill 705, from: Carmel-By-The-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield, Marina, Monterey County, MST, Salinas, Sand City, Soledad, and TAMC.
- C4 October 9, 2015, response letter from Caltrans regarding Jesus Esparza resident off of US 101 Dunbarton Road.

- C5 October 14, 2015 letter to Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, from Timothy Gubbins, Caltrans District 5 Director, re: Response to questions at the Transportation Agency Board of Directors' Meeting on September 23, 2015.
  
- C6 October 2, 2015 letter to Melissa Streder, Caltrans District 5, from Debra L. Hale, Executive Director, re: Support letter for Highway 1 grant application.