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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
*** 9:00 a.m. ***
Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee
members present: Armenta, Chavez, Huitt, Phillips and alternate Mohamadi for Potter.
Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson. Others present: Agency
Counsel Reimann, John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; Terry Feinberg, Moxxy Marketing
and Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella’s office.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:
On a motion by Committee Member Huitt and seconded by Committee Member Phillips
the committee voted 5– 0 to approve the consent agenda. Committee member Craig
arrived after consent approval.

3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of April 6, 2016.
3.2 Received the legislative update.

END OF CONSENT
4. On a motion by Committee Member Phillips and seconded by Committee Member Craig the committee voted 6–0 to receive the state legislative update and recommend that the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that staff has been working with the legislature and stakeholders on AB 2730, authored by Alejo. As amended, this bill restricts the funding for use in the US 101 corridor and deletes the requirement that Caltrans declare the properties as surplus and sell them immediately, to give Caltrans the opportunity to fully vet the potential use of the properties and to hold on to properties that it can potentially use in the foreseeable future. Also, SB1197, authored by Cannella, would have authorized the extension of intercity passenger rail service beyond the statutorily-defined boundaries of the corridor. Agency staff, along with the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, decided that, instead of making amendments to the bill in open hearing, to pull the bill to develop language all stakeholders can support next year.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, reported that SB 885 by Wolk, related to indemnity clauses in design contracts, has been controversial but is moving forward through the process. He noted that the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Special Districts Association are among the entities that oppose the bill. Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that the Chambers of Commerce are in support based on concerns from the American Institute of Architects.

5. On a motion by Committee Member Chavez and seconded by Committee Member Huitt the committee voted 6–0 to receive information on ballot initiative and recommend an oppose position on the “No Blank Checks” initiative on the November 2016 ballot.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the California Association of Councils is encouraging their members to review and consider opposing the ‘No Blank Checks” initiative on the November 2016 ballot. This initiative would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from issuing bonds on projects exceeding $2 billion without a direct vote of the people.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, reported that the initiative was in response to the Delta tunnel project, and noted the Governor opposes the initiative.
6. On a motion by Committee Member Huitt and seconded by Committee Member Phillips the committee voted 6–0 to recommend that the Board approve Resolution 2016-09 adopting the fiscal year 16/17 budget and overall work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 17/18 and 18/19.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, highlighted work the Agency will be doing in fiscal year 16/17, with examples such as outreach on the Holman Highway construction and the Monterey to Salinas Highway 68 Scenic Corridor study.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported the Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific overall work program tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc.

Next step on May 25, 2016, the Board will be asked to approve the budget and overall work program, in accord with Agency Bylaws requiring the annual budget be approved no later than the Board’s May meeting.
7. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of May 25, 2016:

Executive Director Hale reported that the Board would be asked to adopt the Regional Pedestrian and Bicyclist Way finding Plan for Monterey County. The Board will also hold a Sales Tax Ballot Hearing to introduce ordinance to place on ballot. Receive presentation on the Regional Development Impact Fee program and FORA Fee Study update; Approve removal of South County interchanges from the Regional Development Impact Fee project list and the revised fee schedule; and Provide policy input on coordinating the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Community Facilities District fees with the Regional Development Impact Fee after the dissolution of FORA.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant