# TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)  
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS  
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE  
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

## FINAL Minutes of June 22, 2016 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the  
Agricultural Center Conference Room  
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Vice Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

1.1 **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**  
None this month.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None this month.
3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Huitt

Abstain item 3.1.1: Hardy

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

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 May 25, 2016, with Board member Hardy abstaining.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for May 2016 and credit card statements for the month of April 2016.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

3.1.4 Approved attached updated Agency weighted vote table.

3.1.5 Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2016.

3.1.6 Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel as recommended by the Executive Committee.

3.1.7 Approved and Directed staff to release the enclosed Request for Proposals to solicit an accounting & bookkeeping firm to provide services to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation and Unmet Transit Needs:

1. Received list of Monterey County’s unmet transit needs; and

2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit’s application for Transportation Development Act funds; and


PLANNING

No items this month.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING
3.4.1 Regarding the Call Box Call Answering Center Contract:
   1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract not to exceed $4,600 per year or a total of
      $13,800 with Keolis America, Inc., for three years of call box answering services; and
   2. Authorized the use of $13,800 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call
      box answering services;
   3. Authorized the Executive Director to approve one three-year extension of the contract, with the
      same annual rates of compensation, provided there are sufficient funds in the Service Authority
      for Freeways and Expressways funds at the time of the extension; and
   4. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the standard contract if such
      changes do not increase the Agency’s net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

   **RAIL PROGRAM**

3.5.1 Accepted Amtrak study findings for the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Jose and San
      Diego.

3.5.2 Adopted the updated real property ownership policies regarding uses of Agency-owned real property
      through leases, easements, and encroachment permits.

   **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 June 1, 2016
   - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft June 1, 2016
     (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
   - Rail Policy Committee – Draft June 6, 2016
   - Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month.
4. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & INVESTMENT PLAN SURVEY

M/S/C Delgado/Salinas/unanimous

The Board received a report on the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan survey conducted by EMC Research during the week of June 13, 2016.

Sarah Labatt reported that the survey was conducted via landlines, cell phones and in English and Spanish. She noted that the results show support for a sales tax dedicated to local transportation needs at nearly 2/3rds of respondents, which is December 2015 poll. She noted that the poll shows that voters in Monterey County continue to recognize the need for investment in transportation improvements and appear willing tax themselves. Four-in-five voters (79%) say there is at least some need for additional funding for Monterey County’s transportation network, with 44% saying there is a great need.

More specifically, the June poll showed support at 66% yes and 26% no; an additional 4% lean yes and 1% lean no in support of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan which developed by the Agency in coordination with community stakeholders. If approved by voters in November, the plan will focus on fixing potholes and improving safety, with 60% of the money dedicated to local jurisdictions and the 40% for regional safety and mobility projects. The plan is to be funded by a 3/8% transportation sales tax that would raise approximately $20 million a year totaling $600 million over a 30 year period.

5. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & INVESTMENT PLAN ORDINANCE

M/S/C Potter/Rubio/unanimous

The Board adopted Ordinance 2016-01, adopting the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and Retail Transaction & Use Tax; and authorized the Agency’s Executive Director to request that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors place the measure for voter consideration on the November 8, 2016 ballot. As of May 10, 2016, the County and all twelve cities in Monterey County had adopted the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, exceeding the state requirement that the County and a majority of cities representing a majority of the population in incorporated areas adopt a transportation expenditure plan that is to be placed on the ballot. The Board of Supervisors will consider the Agency’s request at its meeting on July 19, 2016.

Board members discussed whether or not to make minor changes to the ballot measure language or the provisions for amending the plan. After discussion, they decided not to make changes to the language that had been adopted by all the cities and the County.
6. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

M/S/C Markey/Smith/unanimous

The Board received the state legislative update and adopted positions on bills of interest to the Agency. Executive Director Hale highlighted the TAMC Bill list additions and changes. She noted that staff recommends a “support” instead of a “watch” position on SB 824 (Beall) Low Carbon Transit Operations Program; an “oppose” position on SB 885 (Wolk) Construction contracts: indemnity; and SB 1259 Vehicles; exempt veterans from paying a toll.

With a motion to vote separately on SB 1259, the Board unanimously voted to approve the staff recommendations.

M/S/C Markey/Salinas

Noes: LeBarre

On a separate vote, the Board voted to oppose SB 1259, exempting veterans from paying a toll fee on toll facilities. Board member LeBarre expressed his support for SB 1259, stating his support for an exemption for veterans in recognition of their service. Other Board members noted their support for veterans, but opposed the notion of creating an exemption from paying tolls.

7. **GOODS MOVEMENT UPDATE**

M/S/C Smith/LeBarre/unanimous

AMBAG Executive Director Maura Twomey provided an update on goods movement programs and legislation to the Board.

Ms. Twomey serves on the California Freight Advisory Committee and has been working with our partner agencies across the state to provide input on how new federal and state programs can benefit the Monterey Bay region. She noted that goods movement and freight related businesses are critical to the Monterey Bay Area region and the California Central Coast, and the US 101 and SR 156 corridors are key corridors for goods movement through our region. In May 2016 the state released the Draft California Sustainable Freight Action plan to modernize California’s multi-billion dollar freight transportation system, while also reducing pollution. Initial concerns with the draft plan are:

- Economic implications, including cost to the agricultural industry of converting trucks to zero emission vehicles;
- Lack of proposals for investment in new transportation infrastructure; and,
- Focus on urbanized areas, which may exclude more rural areas, such as Monterey County, from funding.

Director Hale and Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, thanked Ms. Twomey for her representation on statewide goods movement task forces on behalf of the Monterey Bay Area.
8. **PACIFIC GROVE HWY 68 CORRIDOR STUDY**
Staff presented the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study recommended designs and proposed implementation strategy to the Board.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency, in partnership with the City of Pacific Grove and Caltrans, is conducting a study of the State Route 68 Corridor in Pacific Grove, from Asilomar to the eastern City limits. The purpose of the study is to identify improvements that will provide safer access for pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles. She reviewed the recommended corridor improvements, which include new or improved sidewalks or paths, crossings, bike lanes, drainage improvements and intersection redesigns, including roundabouts. The final phase of the project will be to revise the potential improvements and conceptual designs based on public comment, begin developing an implementation strategy, and produce the study report.

9. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.**
Board member Edelen reported he attended the California Association of Councils of Governments meeting in Sacramento on May 24, 2016. He noted that CalCOG’s efforts monitoring and providing input on state and federal rules and funding programs is a benefit to its member agencies, including TARC.
10. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

**Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, Caltrans Chief Deputy for Planning and Modal Programs, announced the following:

- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP):** The California HSIP program funds local highway safety improvement projects. The applicant must be a city, a county, or a tribal government (federally-recognized in the State of California). Cycle 8 HSIP deadline to submit a funding application is Friday, August 12, 2016.

- **Caltrans’ Protect Every Drop Campaign:** Caltrans three-year effort to educate the public about storm water pollution and water quality in our streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waters. The campaign includes more cleanup events, environmental education for young people and transportation to shoreline field trips for low-income students: [http://www.protecteverydrop.com/](http://www.protecteverydrop.com/)

- **Mile Marker:** This quarterly publication provides a transparent, plain language accounting of Caltrans’ Performance and is available here: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/)

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that passenger counts are up and have remained consistent. He noted that American Airlines is operating flights from Monterey to Phoenix. He also noted that the Airport District is interested in securing flights to Seattle, and has secured a $500,000 grant to promote and help carriers willing to fly that route. Mr. Sabo reported that the Airport District is working with the Growers-Shippers Association to move some of their higher valued goods via air. In conclusion, he reminded the Board to “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – Hunter Harvath announced MST is moving its administration offices to 19 Upper Ragsdale, and their One Ryan Ranch location will be renovated to expand their maintenance facilities. He reminded Board members that MST will make available $13 monthly passes to those affected by the Holman Highway 68 roundabout construction, help reduce traffic congestion. In conclusion, Mr. Harvath announced MST is offering $38 summer youth passes for passengers under the age of 18, from June to August.

**Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District** – No report this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hale announced that the evaluations forms for TAMC’s Director and County counsel will be sent out to the Board members to fill out and return to Chair Armenta. Ms. Hale also reminded Board members that there will be no TAMC committee meetings or a Board meeting in July, and the next meeting will be held on August 24, 2016.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Rubio requested staff re-instate the TAMC Highlights. Staff noted that the Highlights were still being produced and sent out and would double-check the distribution list.

Board member Smith announced the City of Monterey is hosting a Pancake Breakfast and parade on July 4th, from 7 to 11 a.m., at the fire station on 600 Pacific Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.