

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Meeting Held At The

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

**Final Minutes of Thursday, August 3, 2017**

	AUG 16	SEP 16	NOV 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	AUG 17
R. Mullane, Carmel-by-the-Sea (M. Weiner)	<i>C</i>						<i>C</i>		<i>C</i>	P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks (R. Lang Ford)	<i>A</i>	P	P				<i>A</i>	P	<i>A</i>	P
P. Dobbins Gonzales <b>Vice Chair</b> (R. Mendez, J. Lipe)	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P		<i>N</i>	P	<i>N</i>	P
M. Steinmann, Greenfield (S. Stanton)	<i>C</i>		P				<i>C</i>	P	<i>C</i>	
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	<i>E</i>	P		P	P		<i>E</i>	P	<i>E</i>	P
B. McMinn, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	<i>L</i>	P	P	P	P		<i>L</i>	P	<i>L</i>	P
R. Deal, Monterey (A.Renny)	<i>L</i>			P(A)	P		<i>L</i>	P	<i>L</i>	P
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	<i>E</i>		P	P	P		<i>E</i>	P	<i>E</i>	P
J. Serrano, Salinas, (R. Russell, V. Gutierrez)	<i>D</i>	P	P	P			<i>D</i>	P	<i>D</i>	P
T. Bodem, Sand City										P
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)			P(A)		P(A)			P		P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (M. McHatten)		P			P					
E. Saavedra, MCPW <b>Chair</b> (M. Qureshi)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)			P		P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development										
H. Adamson, AMBAG (S. Vienna)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)			P(A)		
B. Rider, Caltrans			P(A)	P(A)	P(A)			P(A)		P(A)

(O. Ochoa-Monroy)										
A. Spear, CSUMB										P
A. Romero, MBUAPCD										
J. Brinkmann, FORA (C. Soares)	P	P								
L. Rheinheimer, MST ( M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P					P(A)		P(A)
<b>STAFF</b>										
D. Hale, Exec. Director		P								
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	P	P					P		P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer		P	P	P				P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P					P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner			P							
V. Murillo, Asst. Transp. Planner		P	P		P					
Theresa Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator			P							P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner		P			P			p		P

- Andrea Renny, City of Monterey
- Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas

## 1. ROLL CALL

Chair Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

### 1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

TAMC staff Hank Myers noted a correction in the recommended action for Item 5. The recommended action was changed to read “Nominate up to three members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the Competitive Grant Application Review Committee”.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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## 3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

### *Motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

M/S/C Pick / Dobbins / unanimous

- ### 3.1 APPROVE the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of May 4, 2017.

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## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

#### **4. 2017 COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

The Committee received an update on the 2017 Competitive Grants recommended program of projects.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that in establishing the Regional Surface Transportation Program Competitive Grants program, the Transportation Agency is seeking to fund projects that advance the goals of the Transportation Agency Board. These include delivering projects of regional significance that improve safety, provide maintenance for existing facilities, or support the development of a multimodal transportation network utilizing the principles of Complete Streets. Fair geographic balance in distributing the funds and the cost effectiveness of the proposed projects are also taken into consideration when awarding grant funds.

The Transportation Agency received thirteen completed grant applications, totaling over \$14.3 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. Each application was reviewed and scored four times by the committee. The attached summary sheet provides an overview of the projects submitted for consideration, and how the applications were scored by the review committee. After considering the scores and factoring in geographic equity and cost effectiveness, the following projects are recommended by Agency staff for grant funding:

Monterey - North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Improvements - \$1,933,000  
Soledad - Metz Road Traffic Calming Project - \$516,800  
County - State Route 1 Climbing Lane - \$600,000  
Salinas - Downtown Complete Streets - \$2,970,000  
Pacific Grove - Highway 68 Complete Street Corridor - \$502,268

Michelle Overmeyer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, asked what the plan is for the remaining grant funding. Staff reported that they would be reaching out to the grant applicants in ranked order to determine if they could use some of the funding to fully-fund a phase of their project.

***Motion to approve the staff recommended program of projects.***

**M/S/C Bodem / Dobbins / unanimous**

#### **5. MEASURE X IMPLEMENTATION**

The Committee received an update on the coordination activities necessary between the Transportation Agency and local jurisdictions in order to implement Measure X.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that with the passage of Measure X by the voters of Monterey County, Transportation Agency staff has been working to develop the organizational frameworks and agreements necessary to implement the

measure in advance of revenues being available by September 2017. As required by the implementing ordinance, each city and the County of Monterey must enter into a funding agreement with the Transportation Agency. That agreement includes enforcement procedures, designed to reassure the public that tax revenues are spent in accordance with the ballot language. As of this meeting, all of the jurisdictions have approved the agreement with the exception of the City of Monterey and County of Monterey, which are both scheduled to consider approval on August 15 and 29 respectively.

In order to confirm compliance with the tax sharing agreement, each jurisdiction will submit a package of documents. The first set of documents due by August 31, 2017 are the Maintenance of Effort and Five Year Capital Improvement Program reports. The full set of documents will be due by December 31st of each year, starting December 31, 2018. The documents will then be reviewed by Transportation Agency staff and the Citizens Oversight Committee, as well as be presented to the Transportation Agency Board.

Additionally, the funding agreement requires the jurisdiction to post signs notifying the public of any roadway project funded by Measure X. Agency staff has prepared a draft template of a "Funded by Measure X" sign for the Committee's review and feedback.

James Serrano, City of Salinas, asked if the cities need to pass a resolution for the Capital Improvement Program and Maintenance of Effort. Staff responded that it's not necessary unless it's part of your jurisdiction's protocol.

Rick Reidl, City of Seaside, asked if Senate Bill 1 funds pass through TAMC. Staff responded no.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, asked how specific does the Capital Improvement Program need to be? Staff responded that a template was included with the funding agreement to show the project name, description, total cost, Measure X share, and the pavement condition index if available.

Rick Reidl asked about the timing of the pavement management program. Hank Myers, Transportation Agency, responded that the Agency is contracting with a consultant and that results likely will be available by December 2017.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, asked if there are sign specifications. Theresa Wright, Transportation Agency, responded that there are specifications and provided a handout.

Dino Pick, City of Del Rey Oaks, asked what the plan is for bonding. Staff responded that we are currently conducting a bonding analysis and will bring back a recommendation along with the Regional Transportation Improvement Program in October.

## 6. STATE ROUTE 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN

The Committee received an update on the State Route 68 Scenic Highway Plan.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner, reported that In 2015, the Agency received a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements.

Through the summer and fall of 2016, the project team completed a detailed analysis of the existing conditions along the corridor. The findings of the analysis are included in technical memorandums that are published on the project website for public review at: [www.sr68sceniccorridorstudy.com](http://www.sr68sceniccorridorstudy.com).

Since January of 2017, the project team has been developed three corridor concept alternatives for consideration. The corridor alternatives are listed below and details of each alternative were presented at the April 26, 2017 Board meeting:

Concept 1: Installation of roundabouts at major intersections

Concept 2: Selective segment widening with roundabouts at major intersections

Concept 3: Integrated corridor management (adaptive signalization) with some widening

Based on the technical analysis and the public comments, Agency staff is recommending a slightly modified Concept 1 as the recommended option for inclusion in the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. The modified concept also recognizes the already approved plans for the Ferrini Ranch development, the Scenic Highway Plan notes that some widening may occur as a result of the approved Ferrini Ranch Development (currently in litigation). Finally, the modified concept recommends further studying the possibility for widening between San Benancio Road and Corral De Tierra Road as a design element of the future roundabouts to improve operations at that location.

The current project schedule calls for SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan to be released for public review in late July and presented to Agency Board for approval on August 23, 2017. Following adoption by the Board, the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will progress into the project development phase with Caltrans, which entails further analysis and refining the conceptual designs. Once the plan is further developed it will go through the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process, and once the EIR is finalized TAMC and our partner agencies can begin a phased implementation of the Scenic Highway Plan.

Rob Mullane, City of Carmel, indicated that staff may want to review the estimated costs of the roundabouts proposed in the study.

Todd Muck, Transportation Agency, responded that the next steps for the Agency are to conduct the environmental review process and coordinate with Caltrans.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rich Deal, City of Monterey, announced that Holman Highway 68 would be undergoing final striping on Tuesday.

Hank Myers, Transportation Agency, announced that Caltrans will hold A&E Contract Training, and that he would send out schedule information.

Orchid Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans, announced that Senate Bill 1 guidelines and workshops are coming up in September and that she will send out more information.

James Serrano, City of Salinas, announced that the city has a new traffic engineer, Andrew Easterling.

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.