

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

Final Minutes of August 23, 2017 TAMC Board Meeting

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

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	AUG 17
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1- (L. Gonzales)	P	P	P	P	P*	P*	P*	P*	P*	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, 1st Vice Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (C. Lopez, P. Barba)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 - (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P*	P*	P(A*)	P*	P*	P	P
C. Hardy, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Dallas)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (K. Clark)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (J. Lopez, R. Bonoc)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
L. Santibanez, Greenfield	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	E	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. Victoria)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	-	P	-	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
E. Smith, Monterey (R. Deal)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huit, Pacific Grove - 2nd Vice Chair (C. Garfield)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas - immediate Past Chair (J. Gunter)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City (L. Gomez)	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
A. Chavez, Soledad - Chair (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, O. Monroy Ochoa, J. Olejnik,)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey)	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	P	P(A)	E	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (M. Hernandez, H. Harvath, L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
O. Rios, Watsonville (F. Hernandez)	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P	P	P	P	E	-

*New member/alternate

TAMC STAFF	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	AUG 17
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	E	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	P	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Martinez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Mike Weaver	Public
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sig & Dell Matt	Prunedale residents
Linda Gonzalez	Alternate District 1	Cynthia Suverkrop	Oak Hills resident
Warren P. Poitras	Monterey County Fire District	Louise Iredell	Oak Hills resident
John Narigi	Monterey Plaza Hotel	Mike Weaver	Corral De Tierra
Gary Cursio	MCHA	Eric Phelps	OMNI Resources, LLC
Mike McCallach	Salinas resident	Susan Holmsky	Montera Place

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and Board member Huitt led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C LeBarre/Smith/unanimous (Board member Alejo arrived after the consent agenda was voted on.)
The Board approved the consent agenda.

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 June 28, 2017.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2017 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2017.
- 3.1.3** Approved proposed amendments to the Agency bylaws as announced at the June Board meeting.
- 3.1.4** Received the 2016/17 workforce data analysis for the Voluntary Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 3.1.5** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Active Transportation Plan Engineering Consultant Agreement:
 - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Alta Planning + Design for an amount not to exceed \$124,981 to provide engineering and mapping assistance for the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan;
 - 2. Approved the use of \$124,981 of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds budgeted for this purpose; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, pending approval by Agency counsel.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received state legislative update.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor Study:
 - 1. Authorized staff to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant assistance, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 - 2. Approved the use of up to \$242,929 in planning funds budgeted to this purpose.
- 3.3.3** Regarding Canyon Del Rey Boulevard (SR 218) Corridor Study:
 - 1. Authorized staff to publish a Request for Proposals for the Canyon Del Rey Boulevard (SR 218) Corridor Study, subject to review and approval of Agency counsel; and
 - 2. Approved the use of up to \$133,800 in planning funds budgeted to this purpose.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved programming \$83,427 of King City's Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share funds to King City Street Project.
- 3.4.2** Approved the extension on the use of competitive Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the City of Seaside's West Broadway Urban Village project until June 30, 2019.
- 3.4.3** Approved nominees Monica Gurmilan, representing Building Healthy Communities and Heidi Zamzow, representing Communities for Sustainable Monterey County for the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee.
- 3.4.4** Authorized the Executive Director to execute a project loan agreement with the City of Gonzales to fund the Alta Street Rehabilitation project with \$2.5 million to be repaid by the City's share of Measure X revenues, pending Agency Counsel approval.
- 3.4.5** Received update on the California Transportation Commission's development of the Senate Bill 1 funding programs.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Approved contract amendment #3 with HDR Engineering, Inc., for the final design of the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, to approve a budget amendment to allow for the shifting of budgeted funds between tasks, without increasing the approved not to exceed amount, subject to approval by Agency counsel.
- 3.5.2** Approved Amendment #2 to the lost Rent Agreement with Elaine Molinari for 17 Station Place to extend the term agreement until October 31, 2017 in exchange for Ms. Molinari granting possession of the property as of September 1, 2017.
- 3.5.3** Regarding 18 Station Place Settlement Agreement:
 - 1. Approved the real estate acquisition settlement agreement with Chisum Trail, LLC for one parcel located at 18 Station Place for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project by increasing the \$273,000 currently deposited in the State Condemnation Fund as just compensation for the property by \$1,000 to a not to exceed amount of \$274,000;
 - 2. Approved the payment of statutory costs not to exceed the amount of \$4,785 and property owner appraisal costs not-to-exceed \$5,000;
 - 3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
 - 4. Authorized the use of no more than \$10,785 from Agency funds budgeted to this project for a total settlement not-to-exceed amount of \$283,785.

3.5.4 Regarding 19 Station Place Settlement Agreement:

1. Approved the real estate acquisition settlement agreement with Mary Lou Wangberg, John V. Molinari, David A. Molinari, and co-trustees for one parcel located at 19 Station Place for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project by increasing the \$205,000 currently deposited in the State Condemnation Fund as just compensation for the property by \$5,000 to a not to exceed amount of \$210,000;
2. Approved the payment of statutory costs not to exceed the amount of \$3,915 and property owner appraisal costs not-to-exceed \$5,000;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement and changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net costs, subject to approval by Agency Counsel; and
4. Authorized the use of no more than \$13,915 from Agency funds budgeted to this project for a total settlement not-to-exceed amount of \$218,915.

3.5.5

Regarding Nashua Road Repair:

1. Authorized the use of Transportation Agency Monterey Branch Line Lease funds for the County of Monterey to repair the Monterey Branch Line railroad track crossing at Nashua Road; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the County of Monterey for the costs of the railroad track crossing repair, pending approval by Agency counsel.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 Regarding Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Wood Rodgers in an amount not to exceed \$92,790 to conduct the five-year update of the Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study for the period ending December 31, 2020;
2. Approved the use of \$92,790 for the term of the agreement in funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, pending approval by Agency counsel.

3.6.2 Approved the 2017 Strategic Expenditure Plan Update for the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft August 2, 2017.
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft August 2, 2017.
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft August 3, 2017.
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft August 7, 2017.

3.7.2 Received selected correspondence sent and received by the Transportation Agency for June 2017.

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, as the Employee of the Quarter for April 1st – June 30, 2017.

The Agency employees recognized Virginia Murillo for having a great attitude, for her professionalism, diligence, hard work on the Federal Transit Administration grants and for her mapping expertise. Staff

also recognized her for assisting with keeping staff computers functioning in her role as information technology backup and for her work on the TAMC conference room upgrades.

5. 2017 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

M/S/C LeBarre/Craig/unanimous

The Board adopted Resolution 2017-22 programming \$6.62 million of 2017 Competitive Grant funding for fiscal years 2017/18 through 2019/20; approved exchanging \$248,249 of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds with an equal amount of Transportation Development Act 2% funds in the 2017 Competitive Grants Fund Estimate; and approved the revised State and Federal Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A with all jurisdictions.

The Transportation Agency received thirteen completed grant applications, totaling over \$14.3 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program funding. Each application was reviewed and scored by four committee reviewers. After reviewing the committee recommendations, the Board approved the following projects 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
- Marina - Reservation Road Roundabouts - \$100,000
- Pacific Grove - Highway 68 Complete Street Corridor - \$502,268

Board alternate Askew asked if the City of Marina could complete the roundabout design with the proposed \$100,000 in funding; staff responded that the City had indicated that it could do so.

6. HIGHWAY 156 TOLLING STUDY UPDATE

The Board received update on the State Route 156 Level 2 Traffic and Revenue Study.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, and Frederik Venter, lead consultant on the project, reviewed the results of State Route 156 Level 2 Traffic and Revenue study, which provides an in-depth analysis of the traffic impacts and revenue potential from tolling to construct a new Monterey Expressway parallel to the existing State Route 156 between Prunedale and Castroville. He noted that the total estimated cost to construct this project using the conventional delivery process is \$365 million. The three primary diversionary routes will be Castroville Boulevard, the existing Highway 156 and Blackie Road, but traffic on all roads will be significantly less if the expressway is constructed.

The key takeaway from the study is that even with tolling, there remains a significant funding gap of \$75 million to \$100 million. Staff will be meeting with Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission to determine if the state is willing to provide grants to fill this funding gap. Mr. Muck also noted that other hurdles to project delivery include: Coastal Commission approval, existence of the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (a “no take” species), California Transportation Commission approval, and the expiration of the public-private partnership legislation.

Public comments:

Dell Matt, Prunedale resident, expressed concern regarding the diversionary traffic on Highway 156, and asked if consideration was taken for the workers coming from the North. Cynthia Suverkrop, Oak Hills resident, noted that the existing Highway 156 will be the top diversionary route, and expressed concerns that if there is a corridor of roundabouts on Highway 68 it will divert traffic to Highway 156. Louise Iredell, Oak Hills resident, expressed the need for additional safety measures now in the corridor and noted that she is starting a petition to install rumble strips on both sides of 156.

Board member Bodem asked whether tolls would be variable; staff noted that there can be an active tolling policy to raise toll during peak periods of demand. Board member LeBarre expressed his frustration that toll roads are under consideration, advocating that given all the new SB 1 funding that the state should be responsible for paying for highway improvements, and he concluded by suggesting that all Monterey County residents be exempt from paying a toll. Board Member Alejo noted that there is a petition circulating to repeal SB 1. Board member Edelen asked if it was legal to give a discount for all Monterey County residents; according to TAMC legal counsel research, a local discount is legal. Board member Phillips commented that it is worthy to continuing to explore the toll proposal given the lack of other funding over the years, but that additional state funding is still needed. He added that there is tremendous diversion to local roads under current conditions, due to traffic on Highway 156, and this traffic would be diminished if there is new capacity on a toll road. He noted that Highway 156 is so impacted that traffic will be reduced if we have a new toll road.

7. **SR 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN APPROVAL**

M/S/C Edelen/Smith
Noes: Phillips
Absent: Rubio

After extensive discussion, the Board: determined that approval of the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21102, and CEQA Guidelines section 15262 (feasibility plans); approved SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan with Concept 1 as the recommended option incorporating additional analysis of widening between San Benancio Road and Corral De Tierra Road as a design element of future roundabouts to improve operations at that location, incorporating additional analysis for improving access to Laguna Seca, and accommodating SR 68 widening that would occur as mitigation if the Ferrini Ranch development is constructed; and authorized staff to file a Notice of Exemption and to work with Caltrans District 5 on the next stages of project development.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner, reported that the SR 68 Scenic Plan evaluated current and future travel between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility and 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. Throughout the summer and fall of 2016, the project team completed a detailed analysis of the existing conditions along the corridor and in 2017 released three corridor concepts to be put forth for public review and discussion. The concepts were as follows:

- Concept 1 - installation of roundabouts at major intersections;
- Concept 2 - selective segment widening with roundabouts at major intersections, and
- Concept 3 - integrated corridor management with adaptive signals and spot widening.

After months of public outreach and additional technical work, the project team took all the information and public input into consideration and recommended a modified Concept 1 as the preferred concept.

The project team provided several responses to Board member questions. Under the preferred concept, commute times will remain the same as at current levels, despite the fact that there will be 10% more traffic. Several states have corridors of roundabouts and there are several individual roundabouts in California, as well as a corridor of roundabouts in La Jolla, near San Diego. Wildlife corridor improvements are expensive but are dual purpose – because they involve improving existing culverts they provide substantial storm drainage benefits; the project will seek Caltrans funding for these. The cost of the widening to “new Torero” will come from the Ferrini Ranch development. Agricultural trucks and large trailers constitute about 4% to 5% of the traffic in the corridor and so the roundabouts will need to accommodate those vehicles.

The team did not extract an analysis of the difference between current traffic levels and projected opening day traffic levels under any of the concepts, but will find out if that information is available. The environmental document will provide more details on traffic diverted to other routes as well as air pollutant emissions – although some air quality information may be available (staff will reply). The project will be phased but the timing of the phasing has not been determined. Staff will return with information to Board member Craig on where the accidents in the corridor are occurring. Staff will also provide more information on emergency vehicle use of roundabouts, but in other areas they find roundabouts safer and swifter to navigate than traffic signals.

A large number of supporters and opponents spoke under public testimony for nearly two hours. They expressed concerns with emergency response time and the ability of the project to accommodate traffic on SR 68, as noted below:

- Pete Poitras, Monterey County Regional Fire District, President stated his concern that will have a profound effect on the delivery of emergency services. He asked that whatever decision is made, emergency response times not be adversely affected, and requested that TAMC be sure to evaluate this issue before deciding on a project alternative.
- Mike McCallach testified that he is not opposed to roundabouts but felt that the proposed concept is missing the mark if widening isn't included. He stated that he doesn't agree with the wildlife connectivity concept and asked that it be put on the shelf. He expressed the opinion that the public outreach component of the study has been lacking and that he did not feel that there had been outreach to the Spreckels and Las Palmas areas.
- Mike Weaver referred Board members to his email regarding the history of the corridor. He asked that TAMC focus on the CEQA process - Focus on CEQA - being asked to approve the plan with Concept 1 as the recommended option; authorizing staff to file a notice of exemption to work with Caltrans. He suggested approve the feasibility study and send it to Caltrans. Ask for a full EIR before you go further.
- Eric Phelps testified that he will be excited to see something happen on SR 68 soon. He suggested that studies should evaluate farther than 2035, and added that building housing on the Peninsula would also help reduce traffic congestion in the corridor.
- John Narigi introduced himself as a 19-year resident of Corral de Tierra and General Manager of Monterey Plaza Hotel. He gave his opinion that nothing in the study regarding project goals mentions commute time or congestion, but it mentions wildlife connectivity. He raised the question as to the benefits for travel time during non-peak hours, and expressed his concerns that large impacts will occur with 11 roundabouts. He asked that the Board postpone its decision and restudy the options. He urged the Board to widen the roadway and keep the signals.
- Gary Cursio - Monterey County Hospitality Association - read a letter into the record noting that the association is evaluating the three concepts and that they have concerns about the proposed roundabout corridor. He added that MCHA has not formed an opinion on the proposed concepts.
- Susan Holmsky - encouraged TAMC to adopt the study and to further evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed concept.

Chair Chavez closed the public comment portion and returned to Board member discussion:

Kay Reimann, Agency Counsel, clarified that this study is not a "project" under CEQA; rather, it is a high level conceptual review to express a preferred concept for Caltrans to consider in the environmental document. She added that the study has a statutory exemption under CEQA for "feasibility studies."

Board member Phillips commented that he would not support the motion, noting that he felt more analysis of other concepts was needed. He expressed concern about the use of roundabouts by trucks and

emergency vehicles, and the cost of the project. He also expressed an interest in further studying some form of a bypass for SR 68. He added that he is not opposed to roundabouts but he feels there was a real bias in this report in favor of roundabouts and no real alternatives looked at. He expressed the opinion that spending this amount of money and not improving the peak commute times and reducing the non-commute times is not wise and that TAMC should work to improve the other corridors instead. He concluded that the citizen-proposed Corral de Tierra/San Benancio bypass needs more study.

Board ex officio Sabo stated that the airport is the largest single discretionary traffic user of SR 68. He noted that the future of our airport is dependent on us increasing passengers, and if we aren't increasing the travel speeds on Highway 68, then we need to do something else. If roundabouts impede traffic flow during non-peak hours, then there needs to be further study.

Board member Edelen commented that he has been on the Board for many years, and we now have a feasible plan for improving Highway 68. He encouraged moving forward and added that certain parties have been trying to shut down improvements on SR 68 for years.

Board member Smith supported the motion, noting roundabouts can improve safety and time if done correctly, noting that although we do need more information, the project will improve the livability along the corridor.

Board member Delgado noted that animal/car collisions are also human safety hazards. He added that given the experience we've had with roundabouts show that if they are well-designed that emergency vehicles can navigate them.

Board member Hardy concurred with Mayor Delgado said with regards to the importance of wildlife connectivity; she also suggested that the importance of the culverts as drainage improvements be emphasized. She noted the need to be sensitive to Highway 68 as a scenic highway and a commute corridor. She encouraged Caltrans to address the SPCA and Laguna Seca concerns in the nearer-term and noted that she is in favor of moving forward with this concept.

Board member Craig pointed out that Salinas has quite a few residents who travel Highway 68. She indicated her concerns with 11 roundabouts in a 13 mile stretch and wanted to ensure that any improvements do not shut down Highway 68. She expressed the opinion that diversion traffic from 156 may go to Highway 68. She recognized that the proposed concept would represent a big step, and she is open to the concept, but is cautiously watching the studies. She also noted her support for improvements to address the current issues for people going in and out of Toro Park, SPCA and Laguna Seca.

Board member Adams stated that she supports Board member Craig's comments and confirmed with staff that there would be opportunities to evaluate options within the CEQA process.

Board member Huitt noted that the concept proposes replacing signals with roundabouts, not adding roundabouts where there is free flowing traffic.

Board member LeBarre posited the notion that signal lights are easier to put in and cause less impact on travelers on a day to day use.

Board member Smith indicated his support for Concept 1, adding that he supports improving intersections that are not at the highest level of safety. He noted that he looks forward to getting more information in the environmental phase. He stated that roundabouts work in Europe and throughout our

country and if they can improve travel time and safety, they are a good idea. He added that he supports phasing in improvements over time along the whole corridor. He concluded by stating that it is important to improve this corridor to make it more livable for those who work and live here.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Dave Silberberger reported that the girders at Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge are slowly moving across the canyon and will soon be installed, adding that there is still a lot of work to be done before the bridge is open to the public. Board member Edelen thanked Caltrans for the corrected signs on Highway 1 directing travelers to Del Rey Oaks.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the airport is doing well, keeping flights and carriers and they are not expanding the runway. The airport is almost ready to unveil \$3 million in solar panels, which will reduce electricity use by 90%. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the airport is still in negotiations with American Airlines to add service to Dallas.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – No report this month.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Richard Stedman reported that the Clean Air Vehicle \$2,000 rebate program closed in July. He stated his hope that next year there will be grant/rebates for low income residents who change out dirty vehicles for electric vehicles.

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

No reports this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Debbie Hale announced that a Strategic Planning and Goals session will be held at the next Board meeting, and asked for the Board to allow for a three-hour meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

None this month.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.