

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Final Minutes of Thursday, March 1, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	C		C	P	P	P	C	P		P(A)
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks	A	P	A	P	P		A	P		
P. Dobbins Gonzales Chair (R. Mendez, J. Lipe)	N	P	N	P		P	N	P	P	P
M. Steinmann, Greenfield	C	P	C				C		P	
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina, Vice Chair (E. Delos Santos)	L	P	L	P	P	P	L	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri)	L	P	L	P	P	P	L	P(A)	P	P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
J. Serrano, Salinas (V. Gutierrez)	D	P	D	P	P	P	D		P	P
T. Bodem, Sand City				P	P				P	
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)		P		P	P(A)			P	P	P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (M. McHatten)								P		
E. Saavedra, MCPW		P		P	P	P			P	P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development										
H. Adamson, AMBAG (S. Vienna)		P(A)			P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
O. Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)				P(A)	P(A)
A. Spear, CSUMB (M. McCluney)				P		P(A)			P(A)	
A. Romero, MBUAPCD										
J. Brinkmann, FORA (P. Said)										
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)		P(A)		P(A)	P	P		P	P	P

STAFF	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18
D. Hale, Exec. Director										
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director		P		P	P	P		P		
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer		P		P		P		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner				P	P	P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner								P		
V. Murillo, Asst. Transp. Planner					P					P
Theresa Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator				P	P	P				
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner		p		P				P		
Rich Deal, Principal Engineer									P	P

Garin Schneider, Caltrans District 5
 Lisa Bayer, ALTA Planning
 Gus Alfaro, Caltrans District 5

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

M/S/C McMinn / Riedl / unanimous

3.1 APPROVE the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of February 1, 2018.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SALINAS VALLEY EXPRESS TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

The Committee received a presentation from Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, on the Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study.

Ms. Rheinheimer presented that approximately 67,000 people live in the rural South County incorporated cities and unincorporated communities. The same area is expected to

see the population increase by over 45% by 2035 (2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, AMBAG 2014). Existing transportation infrastructure is limited and needs to be improved to keep pace with growth in the area.

MST's Line 23 is the primary transit bus service connecting rural communities in southern Monterey County to Salinas where passengers can transfer to buses with connections to other parts of the region. Line 23 supports nearly 200,000 passenger boardings annually. The 69-mile route has over 75 bus stops, and it can take over 2.5 hours to travel from one end to the other. A more direct route with limited stops is needed to provide rural South County residents with a more efficient way to access employment, education, and medical appointments in the more urbanized areas of the county.

MST's Salinas Valley Express Transit Corridor Study will analyze this corridor to identify key locations for technology and infrastructure improvements that will facilitate a much-needed express bus service along the Salinas Valley. This study is needed to outline a path to improve transit service in a way that is equitable and will meet the transportation needs of the growing population. MST staff will present an overview and scope of the study.

Kelly McClendon, Caltrans District 5, asked if the Air Sage data that will be used in the study will look at all riders or just vehicles. Ms. Rheinheimer responded that it would be all riders.

Octavio Hurtado, King City, asked if Monterey-Salinas Transit will be looking at changing existing transit stops. Yes, they will be looking at strategic placements to improve service.

5. MONTEREY COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Committee received a presentation from Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, and provided input on the draft Measure X Safe Routes to School Program.

Ms. Murillo presented that the Active Transportation Plan will identify high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects in accordance with the State guidelines. In addition, this effort will also focus on analyzing key gaps in the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian networks, identifying opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and designating areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity.

TAMC staff collected stakeholder and public input from Spring 2016 to Winter 2016. In May 2016, Committee members from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee participated in a mapping activity to identify bicycle and pedestrian improvements throughout Monterey County. In August 2016, Committee members provided input on the list of projects identified in the May mapping exercise. From September to December 2016, TAMC staff set up an online mapping public input tool. Members of the public provided feedback on: barriers to bicycling/walking, routes that they currently walk/bike, and routes that they would like to bike/walk if improvements were made. Approximately 300 people submitted 430 comments via the Wikimapping tool. Staff collaborated with the Monterey County Health Department to gather input from their

Greenfield Leadership and Civic Engagement group. Staff also collaborated with the City of Gonzales to host a South County public workshop for the Plan in December 2016.

Staff has developed draft project list rankings for the proposed active transportation plan improvements. An interactive map of the projects as well as draft ranked project lists for the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City and Soledad are posted on the Active Transportation Plan website.

Staff requests Committee input on these draft ranked lists, and the proposed high-priority projects. The purpose of the ranking exercise is to identify high-priority projects. TAMC recently contracted with Alta Planning + Design to develop conceptual designs for up to 15 high-priority projects throughout the County. Alta Planning + Design will also develop cost estimates for these projects, and for the remaining projects in the Plan.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, asked when staff would like comments. Staff responded that comments are due by March 23rd.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, asked where does connection to transit fit in to the study. Staff responded that it is covered in the connectivity section.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, asked if the Active Transportation Program application will define these criteria better. Staff responded that yes, the idea is that this will give you the information that you need to put together an application.

6. CALTRANS UPDATES

Garin Schneider, Caltrans District 5, presented the Committee with updates on Caltrans' Permit Engineering Evaluation Report (PEER) process; and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project list.

Mr. Schneider presented that all projects funded by local agencies or private entities between \$1 million and \$3 million of encroachment within the State highway rights of way and that are not major State-funded projects will comply with the new streamlined PEER procedures. For purposes of this process, a Permit Engineering Evaluation Report may be used as the project approval document for projects that meet these specific criteria.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, asked if there is any discussion at the District of making the threshold higher? Mr. Schneider responded that the District acknowledges that there's not a log of project that can be done for under \$3 million, but that is what is in the guidelines.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked if the threshold is the total project cost or just the work in the State right of way? Mr. Schneider responded that it's just the work in the State right of way.

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, asked if it matters what phase of the project you are in? Mr. Schneider responded no.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, asked what is the timing of the work plan? Mr. Schneider responded that the timing is April / May and that jurisdictions will want to make sure your projects are listed so that you don't lose time and Caltrans has the resources to work on the project.

For the SHOPP presentation, Mr. Schneider announced that Caltrans is responsible for maintaining and operating about 50,000 lane-miles of the state highway system. This includes monitoring the condition and operational performance of the highways through periodic inspections, traffic studies and system analysis. The SHOPP is funded through the State Highway Account supporting the State's priority for preserving the existing infrastructure.

Caltrans identifies the highest priority projects for SHOPP funding to meet its performance objectives. For projects in Monterey County that are currently programmed in the SHOPP as of January 2018, and for projects currently under development for the 2020 SHOPP, see the attachments included in the meeting agenda packet.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hank Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer, announced that he will be retiring as of April 30th.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.