

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 28, 2019 TAMC BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE
Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 ABBOTT STREET, SALINAS

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, 1st Vice Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, Past Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Barrpn)	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. LIntell)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	-	P	P*	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 2nd Vice Chair (A. Renny)	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	E	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (C. Cromenes , J. Gunter)	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	-	P(A)	-	-	-	P	P	P	P(A)	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik , K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey)	P	-	P	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Peninsula Airport District	-	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (H. Harvath; L. Rheinheimer)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	-	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P	-	P	P*	-	P	-	P	-	P
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P (A)	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)

TAMC STAFF	SEP 18	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Assoc. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner										P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
J. Ramirez, GO831 Program Coordinator										P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/Sr.Adm.	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Nico Lepore	TAMC intern
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
Sam Teal	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.	Hunter Harvath	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Edre Santos	City of Marina	Jerry Edelen	Del Rey Oaks resident
Catherine Stedman	California American Water	Tim O'Halloran	California American Water
Steve Snodgrass	Resident	Ian Crooks	California American Water
Erie Frost	Marina resident	Paul Bruno	Monterey resident
Kevin Dayton	Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Maria Montiel confirmed a quorum was established. Board member Allison Kerr led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Executive Director Hale introduced three new employees at TAMC:

- Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, undergraduate of Clark University, with a graduate degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in City and Regional Planning.
- Justine Ramirez, Go831 Program Coordinator, undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Cal State Monterey Bay.
- Nico Lepore, Intern Go831, currently a student at UC Davis.

3. CONSENT AGENDA**M/S/C** Alejo/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda excluding item 3.5.3, as follows:
Board member Delgado pulled item 3.5.3, for discussion.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of June 26, 2019.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2019 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2019.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 23, 26 and 27, 2019.
- 3.1.6** Received the 2018/19 workforce data analysis for the Voluntary Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 3.1.7** Approved Resolution 2019-08 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute amendment No. 1 to the fiscal year 2019/20 Overall Work Program and Budget to develop a Salinas Safe Walking and Biking to School Plan.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved the appointment of Joachim Hofmann Jr. to serve as the City of Marina primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received update on state legislative activities.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved proposed changes to the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws.
- 3.4.2** Approved Resolution 2019-07 authorizing the use of \$2,489 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds as the Agency contribution to the 2020 & 2022 Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessments.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Received the final budget for the partial acquisition of 21 Happ Place.
- 3.5.2** Received update on activities related to management and development of TAMC's Fort Ord property along Highway 1 and authorized participation in Fort Ord Reuse Authority's building demolition.
- 3.5.3** Board member Delgado pulled the item for discussion.
- M/S** Delgado/Parker/
Substitute motion to delay action on the easement until after state approvals of the project were in hand. Motion failed 4 – 12, with Board members Adams, Delgado, Kerr and Parker voting yes; all others voting no.
- M/S/C** LeBarre/Phillips
Original motion passed 15 – 1. Noes: Delgado
Regarding California American Water Company Pipeline Easements:
1. Adopted a Resolution determining that the approval of an Easement Purchase Agreement and an Operations Plan and Agreement with California American Water Company for the installation and operation of a water pipeline as part of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Program is contained within the scope of the Final EIR/EIS for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (SCH# 2006101004), and TAMC has reviewed and understood the conditions of that document and has determined that no new environmental analysis is required;
 2. Approved the Easement Purchase Agreement and Operations Plan and Agreement with California American Water Company regarding a permanent easement and a series of temporary construction easements to install a water pipeline in the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way;
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute deeds granting a permanent easement and temporary construction easements in favor of California American Water Company to install a water pipeline in the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way;
 4. Approved design exceptions to American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association standards requested by California American Water Company; and
 5. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the of the easements including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved easement terms or amounts of compensation, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

Rich Deal, Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the recommended action will approve California American Water's purchase from TAMC of a 20'-25' wide permanent easement in the amount of \$693,000, and temporary construction easements to install approximately 50,000 of water pipelines within the Monterey Branch Line rail right-of way.

Mr. Deal provided answers to several questions from Board member Delgado. No permanent structures can be built on top of the proposed easement, but surfaces (e.g. paths, busway) can be improved. The permanent easement is not available until the pipeline is built. The appraisal does not consider transit-oriented development as the highest and best use since it is a transportation corridor that cannot accommodate permanent structures. In response to a question from Board member Hawthorne, Mr. Deal noted that the pipeline easement does not extend into Sand City. Ian Crooks, California American Water, noted the need for timely approval of the easement in order to maintain the timeframe for construction of the desalination facility.

Public comment:

Sam Teal, Monterey County Hospitality Association; Kevin Dayton, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Edelen, former mayor of Del Rey Oaks; Paul Bruno, Monterey Peninsula Engineering; and, Eric Tynan, Castroville Community Services District all expressed support for the recommended action, stating the need to provide a sustainable and reliable water supply and water-dependent jobs.

After extensive discussion, Board member LeBarre moved the staff recommendation; seconded by Board Member Phillips. Board member Delgado made a substitute motion, seconded by Board member Parker, to delay action on the easement request until state approvals for the project are in hand. The substitute motion failed 4 – 12, with Board members Adams, Delgado, Kerr and Parker voting in favor. The Board approved the original motion in favor of the staff recommendation 15 – 1 with Board member Delgado voting no.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – August 7, 2019
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – August 7, 2019
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Rail Policy Committee – August 5, 2019
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – July 16, 2019

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for August 2019.

4. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HUNTER HARVATH

The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Hunter Harvath, Monterey-Salinas Transit Assistant General Manager, for his many years of service enhancing transportation in the Monterey County area region and beyond. He will be retiring from Monterey-Salinas Transit in September.

Hunter Harvath thanked TAMC Directors and staff for all the financial support TAMC has provided to MST over the years.

5. TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

The Board presented Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter to Adriana Green and Stefania Castillo for the period of April - June 2019.

The Agency employees recognized Ariana for her work developing the Safe Routes to Schools plan in the Cities of Marina and Seaside, for securing a grant for safe routes to schools in Salinas, for participating in the Blue Zones schools task force, and for working on the My Town transportation exhibit.

The Agency employees recognized Stefania for her positive attitude, tactful citizen engagement and thorough research in developing the Measure X Senior/Disabled Transportation Program assessment. She has overseen the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings, provided bike safety education at public events, conducted bilingual outreach at Safe Routes to School pop-ups in Marina and Seaside, and serves as the assistant Project Manager for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway.

6. CANYON DEL REY BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY

M/S/C Potter/Ian/unanimous

The Board received the presentation; determined that approval of the Canyon Del Rey Blvd (SR 218) Corridor Study is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Resources Code Section 21102, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility plans); and approved the Canyon Del Rey Blvd (SR 218) Corridor Study.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reviewed the study, whose goal was to develop improvements to provide safer access to all modes of travel along the Canyon Del Rey corridor. She noted that conceptual design alternatives for the corridor were developed based on current and future travel patterns. The alternatives were developed in coordination with the parallel Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway. Numerous community workshops were held to discuss the draft conceptual designs. Overall, traffic congestion and safety, including balancing safe pedestrian and bicycle access with improved vehicle operations, were the main concerns of the attendees. The study included cost estimates for recommended improvements, discussion of the most promising ways to fund the improvements, and a list of recommended next steps to advance implementation of the study.

Fredrik Venter, Project Manager for Kimley-Horn, discussed the operational considerations including the rationale for proposing a roundabout at Harcourt but not at Hilby, Carlton and

General Jim Moore, due to traffic flow, park impacts and hillside constraints. He noted that an undercrossing is being considered at Carlton for the trail. Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit, noted that it will be important for buses to be able to navigate through roundabout, in coordination with pedestrians and bicyclists. He requested that the corridor preserve the ability of MST to get a jump queue for buses at the Fremont/Highway 218 signal.

Public comment:

Eric Peterson, Pedali Alpini, noted his concerns with the plan. He expressed his preference for Class 2 facilities (bike lanes) on Highway 218 rather than Class 1 (a trail). He noted that many Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members opposed the plan.

Frederik Venter noted that bike trails have been found to be safer, reduce sideswipes, and encourage more use than bike lanes, particularly by families, children and casual cyclists. Bike lanes allow for faster travel, but more protection increases safety and promotes biking.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans Deputy for Planning, noted that Caltrans can work with the adjacent cities to on relinquishment of the corridor (i.e. revert it from a state highway to a local roadway), which would provide greater design flexibility.

Staff agreed to bring back information comparing the cost of bike lanes, a parallel path and the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway along the corridor.

7. MEASURE X ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

M/S/C Potter/Orozco/unanimous

Commence Process to Amend Measure X Maintenance of Effort Calculation Provision:

The Board introduced, waive the reading, and set October 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Measure X Ordinance to revise the Maintenance of Effort calculation; set a noticed public hearing for September 25, 2019, and directed staff to publish notice of the public hearing and publicize a 45-day comment period.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner reported the Transportation Agency has fiduciary responsibility for the administration of the voter-approved Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (Measure X) funds. Each jurisdiction entered into a tax sharing agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to receive their share of Measure X Local Streets & Roads revenues. In exchange, these agreements require the jurisdictions to submit audit reports annually to the Transportation Agency detailing the steps taken to comply with the implementing ordinance. He noted that after evaluating the first year of audits, Transportation Agency staff recommends a few changes to simplify the maintenance of effort reporting requirements and avoid reporting delinquencies in the future.

The purpose of the Maintenance of Effort requirement is to assure that no funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then back-filled with Measure X monies - a so-called "bait and switch." The current rolling average three-year maintenance of effort requirement penalizes jurisdictions that have a large expenditure in one year, which was not the intent of the provision. The proposed amendment would remove the three-year rolling average and utilize a base year of the larger of the SB 1 state-mandated maintenance of effort requirement (a fixed, 3-year average from FY2009/10 – 2011/12), or the amount spent on transportation projects in fiscal year 2016/17 (the year that Measure X was approved), adjusted annually for inflation.

This issue was discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Measure X Citizen Advisory Committee, as well as the Monterey Bay Area Managers group. No opposition was raised to the proposal. It was noted in addition to amending the ordinance, the tax sharing agreements will need to be updated and approved by the cities. The intent is for this change to take effect for the next round of audit reports, due December 31, 2019.

Public comment:

Kevin Dayton, past chair of the Measure X Citizen Advisory Committee, noted that the committee supported the proposal as providing flexibility yet ensuring "no cheating."

8. DRAFT 2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

M/S/C Oglesby/Kerr/unanimous

The Board approved the recommended action:

Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan

1. Received presentation on the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan;
2. Open public hearing;
3. Received public comment; and
4. Closed public hearing.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, made a brief presentation. Board Chair Huitt opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Chair Huitt closed the public hearing.

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe announced the Sustainable Transportation and Strategic Partnerships Grant Applications have been released, and the grant application deadline is October 11, 2019.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported the Airport event during the Concours was a success. He noted that service to Dallas will be suspended during the winter months and may return in the Spring. He announced that the Airport will be starting the runway construction project soon.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, noted that MST is offering free fares for Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula College students. He also announced that Lisa Rheinheimer will be replacing Mr. Harvath as the Assistant General Manager, adding the Hunter Harvath will be missed.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman announced that the Air District is partnering with Monterey Community Power to provide major incentives for electric vehicle purchases. He added that they are coordinating with Caltrans to provide Level 3 fast chargers at the Camp Roberts rest stop. The District is working with Monterey Community Power to provide electric school buses.

California State University Monterey Bay – No report

10. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**
None this month.
11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
None this month.
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**
Chair Huitt reminded the Board that the evaluation for the Executive Director and Agency Counsel are due to him.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.