

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

FINAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Agricultural Center Conference Room
 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, 1st Vice Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, Past Chair (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	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(A)	P	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	-	P	P*	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. DeLeon)	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 2nd Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	P	P	-	E	P	E	P	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. Cromones , J. Gunter)	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
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	-
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	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(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (H. Harvath; L. Rheinheimer)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	-	P	P*	-	P	-	P	-	P	E
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-

TAMC STAFF	OCT 18	DEC 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	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	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner									P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Ramirez, Go831 Coordinator									P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	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	E	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Colleen Courtney	Office of Senator Bill Monning

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board confirmed a quorum was established. Board member Luis Alejo led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Kerr/Phillips/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

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 August 28, 2019.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for August 2019 and credit card statements for the month of July 2019.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Request for Proposal for Computer & Information Technology Services:
 - 1. Approved the Request for Proposals Scope of Work for Computer & Information Technology Services, subject to counsel approval;
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 - 3. Approved the use of funds from the approved project budget for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.
- 3.1.5** Adopted Policy for Reviewing Unsolicited Proposals.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2019-11 allocating \$796,521 of Fiscal Year 2019-20 SB 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to support bus procurement that will replace seven cutaway buses that have met their useful life.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received update on federal transportation legislation and ratified the Executive Committee action to support the California Consensus Federal Transportation Reauthorization Principles.

3.3.2 Regarding Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan Partner Contracts:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the following agreements related to the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan, with the entities:
 - City of Salinas for an amount not to exceed \$72,116;
 - Monterey County Health Department for an amount not to exceed \$180,000; and
 - Ecology Action for an amount not to exceed \$690,000.
2. Authorized the use of Salinas Safe Routes to School grant funding, and Measure X Safe Routes to School grant funding, and Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds as approved in the FY 19/20 budget; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreements if such changes do not decrease services to be performed or increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

3.3.3 Regarding Caltrans Planning Grant Applications:

1. Authorized staff to submit a Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant application to prepare a Carmel Area Highway 1 Corrido Study;
2. Approved the local grant match of up to \$66,040 from the Agency's Rural Planning Assistance funding; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Approved Resolution 2019-10 supporting route rescission and disposition of excess Prunedale Bypass Property.**3.4.2** Regarding Ride Amigos Contract Extension:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into Amendment No. 1 to extend the contract with Right Click Solutions, Inc., dba Ride Amigos an additional 2 years, for an additional amount of \$60,000 not to exceed \$120,000 to continue providing ridesharing and trip planning software for TAMC's Go831 Program;
2. Approved the use of \$60,000 of Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not decrease services or increase the Agency's net cost, pending approval by Agency counsel.

3.4.3 Regarding Safe Routes to School Program Implementation Agreement:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TAMC standard agreement with Ecology Action, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$979,329 to assist in the delivery of the Every Child: Community-Supported Safe Routes to School grant work and expand the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program implementation, including an initial three-year contract and three optional one-year contract extensions;
2. Approved the use of Active Transportation Program Grant and Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into up to three additional one-year contract extensions, provided the additional funds for such extensions do not exceed the amount of \$200,000 per year for a total aggregate amount over six years not to exceed \$1,579,329; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved Agreement term or amount.
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RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** No items this month.***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 – September 4, 2019
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – September 4, 2019
- Technical Advisory Committee – September 5, 2019
- Rail Policy Committee – No Meeting
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No Meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for September 2019.**4. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 -Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

Chair Huitt reconvened the meeting and reported that the Board evaluated the Executive Director and Agency Counsel, and there was no reportable information.

5. **INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS**

The Board received and provided comments on the preliminary draft Integrated Funding Plan for priority regional transportation projects.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, presented an initial review of available fund sources over the next five to seven years and a proposed strategy for funding and delivering the Agency's priority projects. Board Chair Robert Huitt described the Integrated Funding Plan as "one of the best tools" TAMC has developed, for it clarifies complex transportation funding relationships and puts everything in perspective. The updated Integrated Funding Plan identifies Measure X sales tax revenues, regional development fees, State Transportation Investment Program funds, SB 1 competitive funds, and Local Partnership formula funds as potentially available sources of funding. The Integrated Funding Plan strategizes how to best match availability of funds with the latest delivery schedules for priority regional transportation projects. The Plan's purpose is to ensure that the Agency is coordinating the programming of various funding sources in the most efficient manner, as well as, identifying and pursuing available sources of matching funds for Measure X and State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

6. **MEASURE X ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board held a Measure X Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing and:

1. Received a presentation on the draft Ordinance 2019-01 to revise the Measure X Maintenance of Effort definition;
2. Held a public hearing on the draft Ordinance 2019-01;
3. Received no public comments; and
4. Closed the public hearing.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that 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 - the so-called "bait and switch". Measure X currently has a rolling three-year average calculation of Maintenance of Effort. By contrast, the state's Senate Bill 1 program calculates Maintenance of Effort based on a fixed three years of past expenditures (Fiscal Years 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012). The goal of modifying the Measure X Maintenance of Effort is to meet the Measure X Maintenance of Effort intent without penalizing agencies that make a large one-time investment in transportation.

The proposed amendment will change the method for calculating the existing ordinance's required maintenance of effort to be the greater of the SB 1 requirement, or the amount local funds spent in fiscal year 2016/17, plus the recommendation from the Measure X Citizen Advisory Committee to include an annual growth factor.

Board member Smith commented that the revised Maintenance of Effort requirement is a good thing that preserves future assets and makes sure the Agency keeps an eye on inflationary factors. He added that he appreciates the work that the advisory committee has done on this issue.

7. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

M/S/C Smith/Huitt

The Committee voted 8-4, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Adams, Barba, Chavez, Huitt, Phillips, LeBarre, Orozco, Smith

Noes: Alejo, Delgado, Kerr and Untalon

1. The Board approved contract amendment #3 with Khouri Consulting to extend the time of the contract by 12 months to October 31, 2020 and increase the payment to \$4,000 per month;
2. Approved the use of agency funds budgeted for legislative activities; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the draft contract amendment and the history of the solicitation for state legislative services. She noted that the proposed amendment of \$4,000 per month is a compromise approved by the Executive Committee between the previous contract amount of \$3,000 per month and the proposed increase by Mr. Khouri to \$5,000 per month.

Board member Alejo reported that he would not support the contract amendment increase, noting this is an unreasonable increase and he did not feel that there was enough work to merit the raise.

Board member Smith commented that Mr. Khouri started out at a lower amount than he would normally accept with the understanding that the Agency would consider an increase in the future. Mr. Smith noted that Khouri has provided TAMC with better exposure and results and is a vast improvement over the Agency's prior services. He concluded that it is time to bring his compensation into line with what others are paying.

Past Chair Phillips commented that he supports the motion and noted that the Executive Committee meeting had a robust discussion and considered that other jurisdictions are paying more than TAMC; Mr. Phillips noted this compromise is the middle ground. Board member LeBarre thanked Mr. Alejo for urging the Executive Committee to offer a compromise to Mr. Khouri, noting that he finds the compromise fair.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe announced that Governor Newsom appointed a new Caltrans Director, Toks Omishakin, from Tennessee Department of Transportation, and has appointed long-time Caltrans employee Jim Davis as the Caltrans Chief Deputy. The Governor’s Executive Order proposing new priorities for climate resilience, health and equity: electric vehicle infrastructure and multimodal funding, Ms. Loe noting she is not sure how it the Executive Order will advise state funding strategies. In conclusion, Ms. Loe announced on October 3, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Caltrans and TAMC will be hosting a Highway 68 EIR scoping meeting at Monterey Salinas Transit, 19 Upper Ragsdale, Suite 100.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that traffic counts at the airport are strong. He announced that the American Airlines flight to Dallas has been extended to December. He noted that that United Airlines is cutting back the Denver flight to once a week, instead of 2 flights per week, adding that airports are struggling with time delays occurring due to runway construction at San Francisco Airport. Monterey Airport is talking with Allegiant about adding inbound flights to bring more people into Monterey. The Airport has received FAA funding to make taxiway improvements. He announced that the Salinas Airport “Young Eagles” program takes children between 8 and 17 on free airplane rides and encouraged Board members to refer interested parties to the program.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced that MST is offering free fares for Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula College students. The Free Rides Program has increased ridership to Hartnell College by 75%. He noted that the free fare zone at Monterey Peninsula College is also popular. In August, MST kicked off a micro-transit demonstration project in south County cities and Marina, and has added a new app for their “on-call” service. This Trans-Loc Application allows riders to view the schedule of service and get real time travel information.

Board member Delgado asked for information on the status of the MST bus operator recruitment, Mr. Sedoryk replied that they are receiving plenty of applications, but it is hard for applicants to meet the stringent safety and training program requirements; he noted that for every 100 applications received, 5 individuals graduate into bus driving.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report

California State University Monterey Bay – No report

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

None this month.

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale announced that October is Smart Commuter Month and referred Board members to the flyer on the dais for more information. She reported that learned at the California Council of Governments on September 24, 2019, noting everyone was concerned with the Governor Executive Order proposing to shift funds completely away from projects that aren't specifically transit, rail or active transportation modes, which could affect funding for safety and freight projects. Director Hale also announced that on October 8, 2019, she will attend a hearing on Interregional Transportation Improvement Program to remind the California Transportation Commission that the US 101 South of Salinas project is still a critical safety need and will request interregional funding in the 2022 program.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.