

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

**FINAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2019 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

Agricultural Center Conference Room  
 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEC 18</b>	<b>JAN 19</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>APR 19</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JUN 19</b>	<b>AUG 19</b>	<b>SEP 19</b>	<b>OCT 19</b>
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (L. Gonzales; <del>J. Gomez</del> )	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, <b>Past Chair</b> (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	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(A)	P	P	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P*	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
E. Smith, Monterey, <b>2nd Vice Chair</b> (A. Renny)	P	P	-	E	P	E	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, <b>Chair</b> ( <del>N. Smith</del> , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas ( <del>C. Cromones</del> , J. Gunter)	P	P*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	-	-	-	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, <del>B. Patel</del> , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa</del> , 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 ( <del>A. Romero</del> , D. Frisbey)	P	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	-	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	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	P	P*	-	P	-	P	-	P	E	P
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis</del> , L. Samuels)	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	-

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Vee Thomas	North Monterey County resident
Todd Clark	Museum of Handcar Technology	Mason Clark	Museum of Handcar Technology

**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 Alejandro Chavez led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA****M/S/C** Smith/Chavez/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 September 25, 2019.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for September 2019 and credit card statements for the month of August 2019.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Receive report on conferences and trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Received the call for nominations for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Transit Grant Section 5310 Application for Monterey-Salinas Transit bus funds:
  - 1. Accepted Monterey-Salinas Transit's Federal transit grant application for six bus replacements for its RIDES paratransit service for the elderly and persons with disabilities; and
  - 2. Adopted Resolution 2019-12 approving Monterey County's scores for Traditional Section 5310 grant applications and certifying that the projects meet federal program requirements and conditions.
- 3.2.2** Received update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway environmental impact report.
- 3.2.3** Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation & Unmet Transit Needs:
  - 1. Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs;
  - 2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's applications for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
  - 3. Adopted Resolution 2019-06 allocating a total of \$22,467,183 in Transportation Development Act funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit, comprised of \$16,749,685 in Local Transportation Funds and \$5,717,498 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- 3.2.4** Regarding Regional Traffic Counts Request for Proposals:
  - 1. Approved the scope of work for the Regional Traffic Counts Request for Proposals, 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 Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$109,000.

- 3.2.5** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to complete the federal environmental review process for the Highway 218 segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding US 101 South of Salinas Concept Analysis:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with GHD for an amount not to exceed \$521,513 to provide consulting services to develop, analyze and recommend preferred concept alternatives for the US 101 South of Salinas, for the period ending June 30, 2021;
  2. Authorized the use of \$521,513 of Measure X funds budgeted for this purpose; and
  3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other 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.
- 3.3.2** Received update on state legislative issues and approved the draft 2020 legislative program for distribution to Committees for comment.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Adopted 2019 Public Participation Plan.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the City of Salinas to program \$900,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the East Laurel Drive Pedestrian Improvement Project; and
  2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.
- 3.4.3** Adopted Ordinance 2019-01 to revise the Measure X Maintenance of Effort calculation.
- 3.4.4** Regarding Measure X Local Funding Agreement Amendment:
1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Measure X Master Programs Funding Agreement to make the Maintenance Effort calculation consistent with Ordinance 2019-01; and
  2. Distributed to the cities and County of Monterey for their adoption.

**3.4.5** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Seaside to program \$221,901 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Intersection Control Evaluation & Corridor Studies Project; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

**3.4.6** Approved the appointment of Sam Teel as the alternate representative for the Monterey Peninsula Hospitality Association of the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

***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 – October 2, 2019
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – October 2, 2019
- Technical Advisory Committee – October 3, 2019
- Rail Policy Committee – October 7, 2019
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – October 15, 2019

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for October 2019.

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**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter from July 1<sup>st</sup>, to September 30, 2019, to Laurie Williamson. The Agency employees recognized Laurie for her professionalism, her positive attitude and her hard work overseeing construction of the Lincoln Avenue Extension and Salinas Station Improvements. She was also appreciated for her management of the Freeway Service Patrol and SAFE call box programs and her assistance with the security and management of Agency property on the former Fort Ord.

**5. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation on process and timeline for 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and provided input regarding Plan's development.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported on the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan, a long range 20-year plan updated every four years, forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the Monterey Bay area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. The three required plan chapters are: The Policy Element, focused on identifying transportation need, the Financial Element, which identifies current and anticipated revenue sources, and the Action Element, focused on implementation of the Plan.

Ms. Jacobsen used an interactive polling tool to engage Board members in identifying transportation needs to be included in the development of the plan's goals and policy objectives. It is anticipated that the draft 2022 Plan will be released to the public for review and comment in December 2021, and the final Plan is expected to go to the Board of Directors for approval in June 2022.

**6. SCENIC ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board received an update on the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, reported that the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project proposes to make safety and traffic flow improvements at each of the nine signalized intersections on the highway between Josselyn Canyon Road and San Benancio Road. The plan also proposes to create wildlife crossings on several segments to reduce wildlife crashes. He noted that Caltrans, as the lead agency, is in the environmental phase of the project and has begun preparing the technical studies, survey work, and preliminary engineering to evaluate two alternative sets of improvements. The alternatives are to either modify each signalized intersection with adaptive signal controls or install roundabouts at each intersection. It is anticipated that construction of the first segment(s) could start in 2026. The Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan has allocated \$50 million towards the construction of the project. Matching state and federal funds will be sought to cover the remaining cost of the project.

Public comment:

Eric Petersen commented that this project will make Highway 68 safer for bicyclists.

**7. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE RECREATIONAL USE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL****M/S/F** Smith/Huitt

On a motion by Board member Parker and seconded by Board member Smith, the Board rejected a motion to not move forward with the next steps in the unsolicited proposal process. The motion failed on a vote of 6 to 10, as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Hawthorne, LeBarre, O'Connell, Parker and Smith

Noes: Gonzales, Lopez, Potter, Kerr, Orozco, Huitt, Davis, Chavez, Stratton and Untalon

**M/S/C** On a second motion by Board member Davis and seconded by Board member Potter, the Board voted to move forward with Phase 2 of the unsolicited proposal process to evaluate the interim use of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way for a recreational enterprise. The motion passed on a vote of 10 to 6, as follows:

Ayes: Chavez, Davis, Gonzales, Huitt, Kerr, Lopez, Orozco, Potter, Stratton and Untalon

Noes: Adams, Hawthorne, LeBarre, O'Connell, Parker and Smith

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on October 2, 2019 the Executive Committee discussed an unsolicited conceptual proposal and directed staff to bring the proposal to the Board of Directors for further direction. In July 2019, TAMC received a letter and unsolicited proposal from Mason and Todd Clark of the Museum of Handcar Technology to use three miles of the Monterey Branch Line for a one-month demo of tourist handcar operations in the summer of 2020.

Mason Clark urged the Board to "give them a chance" with a temporary use of the rail line next summer. He reported their proposal is to host a temporary 30-day event from July 1 - July 31, 2020, to demonstrate the concept using their sit-down style handcars. He noted that this operation will not interfere with proposed future daily bus operations, also noting that the Monterey Branch Line is the most suitable location "in the country." He added that they are only proposing temporary use for 30 days, will do a trash and brush clean up, will pay a lease and will carry liability insurance. Based on the 30-day test period, they may develop a longer-term operational plan.

Board comments:

Board member Hawthorne expressed concerns with people drinking and getting onto the handcars and people running in front of the tracks.

Board alternate Stratton reported that Supervisor Phillips supports the idea; he doesn't think we should micromanage it.

Board member Davis commented that the handcars would be fun to do but he is concerned about the long-term impact. In addition, he doesn't want staff to spend an undue amount of time on this project. That said, TAMC may want to give this a try.

Agency Counsel Reimann clarified that if the Board decided to go forward, the next step would be to negotiate an agreement and get more information. Public bidding may be required if we agree to move forward.

Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit, commented that it “sounds like a fun project”, but that he had serious objections to it. He expressed MST’s concern with the timing and place of the trial, noting that MST is actively working to put bus service on this segment of the Monterey Branch Line. He added that the proposal doesn’t meet the goals of TAMC, nor is it consistent with MST’s plan. He expressed further concerns that this recreational service may establish a precedent that could make it impossible for TAMC or MST to pursue the long-term project of light rail on the tracks.

Chair Huitt reported on the Executive Committee’s action. Under the recently adopted Unsolicited Proposal Policy, the Executive Committee reviewed the proposal and considered whether to approve moving to the second phase of the evaluation of the project. The Committee voted 3 - 3 to proceed with further analysis of the proposal; given the tie vote, the Committee they referred the matter to the Board for a decision on whether to proceed with the next step or not.

Board Ex-Officio Coffman-Gomez commented that in Santa Cruz County Progressive Rail has the ability to run an excursion train. She suggested that the Clarks may want to reach out to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission to see if they are interested in running handcars on the Santa Cruz Branch Line.

Board member LeBarre agreed that other sites may be better suited to this project. He noted that he doesn’t want to have the agency divert staff time to an economic development project, but instead we should be focused on implementing the Measure X program.

Board member Potter expressed his support for the 30-day trial period and proceeding to the next step. If the service were implemented, TAMC could structure the contract to end when the busway becomes operational.

Board member Smith commented that while this as an appealing project, a recreational hand truck project is not a core part of TAMC’s mission and he did not see the short-term benefits of it to the Agency of having a project in this location.



**8. GO831 PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Board received update on Go831 Program activities for fiscal year 2018/19 and anticipated program activities in fiscal year 2019/20.

Ariana Green reported that the Go831 is a transportation demand management program that seeks to reduce traffic, increase healthy behaviors and improve air quality by encouraging smart commute alternatives to driving alone to work, school or for recreational purposes in Monterey County.

The presentation included an overview of the following resources provided to community members free of charge:

- Employee Commute Survey & Trip Reduction Planning
- Access to the Go831 smart commute program management platform and mobile app (go831.rideamigos.com)
- TAMC's Emergency Ride Home Program
- Go831 Challenges (Bike/Walk in May; Commute Challenge in October)
- Smart Commute Workshops (pilot phase)
- Information on local transportation resources
- Smart Commute program networking events

She also presented an overview of the Agency's Commuter Challenges and employer engagement activities that support employers and academic institutions who want to reduce traffic and parking demand through smart commute programs for employees and/or students.

## 9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Aileen Loe announced Governor’s Executive Order aligning climate goals with transportation spending, but she confirmed that the focus of SB 1 is still “fix it first” -i.e. road maintenance and safety. She noted that the Governor ordered agencies to update their approach to spending to advance the State’s progress on combating climate change.

Caltrans released its SB 1 Annual Efficiencies Report for fiscal year 2018-2019, noting that its efficiency measures saved nearly \$233 million that year, which was more than double the statutory goal of \$100 million per year. This funding will be reinvested to maintain and rehabilitate state highways. To achieve this savings, Caltrans implemented innovative contracting tools, including accelerating work, independent contract evaluations and advance mitigation credits; process improvements, such as value analysis and streamlining environmental review; and, the use of new technologies, including highly reflective striping materials, mobile field devices to reduce the time spent traveling between job sites and field offices for reporting.

The Active Transportation Plan for Caltrans District 5 is under preparation and early in 2020 a draft document is anticipated to be released. In addition, the Active Transportation Plan symposium will be held on October 30 and 31.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – No report.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – No report.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – David Frisbey announced that now is the time to buy an electric vehicle since MBARD is providing is a \$1000 incentive for all new electric vehicles purchased in the region. He also announced that two solar-powered direct current fast-charge electric vehicle stations have been installed at the Camp Roberts Rest Areas along US 101 in Monterey County. They are the first solar-powered EV charging stations being operated in the United States.

**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**

Executive Director Hale reported:

- Salinas Ciclovía event last weekend was a great success. She thanked staff Green and Jacobsen for their participation.
- TAMC is accepting applications for its annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The award honors Monterey County residents, businesses, employees, individuals, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system.
- Ribbon Cutting for the design art for the Castroville bridge date to be announced.
- Next TAMC Board meeting on December 4, 2019.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.