

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

FINAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Agricultural Center Conference Room
 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 2nd Vice Chair (Y. Anderson)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	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	P(A)
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. LeBarre, King City, City Representative (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	-	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 1st Vice Chair (A. Renny)	-	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, Past Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (G. Gromecenes , J. Gunter)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	-	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P(A)	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P
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(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)	-	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer – Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	-	P	-	P	-	P	E	P	E	P

E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis, L. Samuels)	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-	P
TAMC STAFF	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	OCT	DEC	JAN
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	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	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Ramirez, Go831 Coordinator						P	P	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	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Peterson	Salinas resident
Justin Riedmiller	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	Mo Co Hospitality Assn
Tiffany Twisselmann	City of Gonzales	Jose Haro	City of Gonzales
Robert Zavalo	City of Gonzales	Martin Espino's	City of Gonzales
David Martinez	City of Gonzales	Andrew Cujan	City of Gonzales
Jaime Vasquez	City of Gonzales	Joyce Halabi	City of Pacific Grove
Leigh Ann Sutton	City of Monterey	Colleen Courtney	Office of Senator Mooning
Andrea Renny	City of Monterey	Patrick Dobbins	City of Gonzales
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting	Enrique Saavedra	Mo Co Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant confirmed a quorum was established. Councilmember Bruce Delgado led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Peterson, Pedali Alpini, noted that Vision Zero programs have been very effective at improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Last year there were zero pedestrian fatalities and zero bicyclist fatalities and only one motorist fatality in the Vision Zero community of Oslo, Norway. Mr. Petersen urged the TAMC Board to encourage Monterey County cities to implement Vision Zero.

3. CONSENT AGENDA**M/S/C** Potter/Adams /unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Board member Adams pulled item 3.7.1 due to no available minutes; staff will include the January committee minutes in the February TAMC Board packet.

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 December 4, 2019.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2019 and credit card statements for the month of November 2019.
- 3.1.3** Regarding revised contract templates for professional services:
1. Approved revised standard template for use when only local funds are used in contracting for professional services; and
 2. Approved the simplified template for use when only local funds are used in contracting for professional services.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Americans with Disabilities Act: Best Practices for Documents, Outreach, and Web Content Accessibility:
1. Adopted accessibility best practices for document preparation and public outreach efforts consistent with guidance for achieving compliance with the American with Disabilities Act;
 2. Approved the use of up to \$10,000 in TAMC reserves to provide website accessibility support for the Transportation Agency;
 3. Approve and Authorized the Executive Director to enter contracts in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with website accessibility consultants to enhance the Agency's website to meet federally recognized Web Content Accessibility Guidelines; and
 4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contracts, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change and approved contract term or amount.
- 3.1.5** Received report of first quarter of fiscal year 2019/20 Measure X sales tax receipts.
- 3.1.6** Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director and Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, as ex-officio alternates to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and Administrative Committee for 2020.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved appointment of William Condon to serve as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received summary of environmental document reviews conducted by TAMC in 2019.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved amendment to grant funds requested by City of Marina for the Cardoza Avenue Corridor Improvement Project as part of the Safe Routes Pilot Program.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Accepted the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Deferred acceptance of draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Technical Advisory Committee – January 9, 2020
 - Rail Policy Committee – January 6, 2020
 - Executive Committee – January 8, 2020
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – January 8, 2020
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – October 15, 2019
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board presented the Employee of the Quarter to Rich Deal. Rich Deal has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October - December 2019. The Agency employees recognized Rich Deal for his professionalism and diligence in representing the Agency in various forums. Most notably, they appreciate him for his engineering expertise on roundabout and bicycle and pedestrian projects and doing an awesome job at answering questions and facilitating consensus. Director Hale noted that Mr. Deal had given his notice to retire later this year.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**M/S/C** Delgado/Phillips/ unanimous

The Board received a report from the nominating Committee and elected Luis Alejo, Chair; Ed Smith, 1st Vice Chair; Mary Adams, 2nd Vice Chair; Robert Huitt, Past Chair; Chris Lopez, County Representative; and Michael LeBarre, City Representative, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2021 Board meeting.

In the absence of Chair Alejo, Vice Chair Smith chaired the meeting from this point on.

6. TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2019

The Transportation Agency presented their 18th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards to honor community members, programs and projects that make a significant contribution to improve transportation in Monterey County.

Andrea Renny, *Traffic Engineer, City of Monterey* was recognized for her leadership and management skills which led to successful outcomes for two high profile projects in the city, the “North Fremont Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Safety Project” and the “Citywide Traffic Signal Adaptive System Project” on Lighthouse Avenue. Both projects were met with challenges, and through it all, Ms. Renny was able to organize large community involvement every step of the way. As a result, she was to provide solutions that balanced the needs of the community and access for people of all abilities.

Gonzales Public Works Department, for their pilot safety program at the 5th Street Bridge in Gonzales. The bridge is the main freeway interchange in the city; and it is congested during the morning from residents driving to work and children walking to the Gonzales Middle School and Gonzales High School. Staff members arrive at the bridge at 7:00 a.m. to set-up the traffic signs and other traffic control devices to direct traffic until 8:00 a.m. when school starts to move the traffic queues through both on/off ramps while juggling the pedestrian movements. The program has also increased the safety of the students who are more mindful using the crosswalks at the on/off ramp; and an unintended consequence are the personal connections public works staff is making with the children they see each day.

My Town Exhibit is a free traveling museum created by My Museum, CSU-Monterey Bay, First 5 Monterey County and Hijos del Sol which features a neighborhood playscape with characteristics found in healthy, vibrant communities. The interactive exhibit provides a unique educational opportunity for young children and their families a way to learn about street safety through fun and play. The admission-free My Town Pop-up Children’s Museum will return this year to Salinas, followed by an exhibit in South County later in the year to bring the experience to more families.

Congress Avenue Rehabilitation Project has improved road infrastructure and pedestrian facilities along a section of Congress Avenue from Sunset to David Avenue. This section of Congress Avenue serves as one of the main arterials in the city and provides access to schools, entry and exit gates to Pebble Beach and the City’s beloved Lynn “Rip” Van Winkle Open Space Park. Improvements included: road reconstruction, ADA ramps, a concrete pedestrian pathway, a sidewalk, curb and gutter, and various stormwater infrastructure improvements.

Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Center is an innovative mobility travel training center. Since it opened in February 2019, the center has served more than 7,300 people a month, providing a one-stop facility to host all of MST's Mobility programs and services. The center's design includes an indoor training room for individuals to learn how to safely and independently travel using the MST bus system. The room features a simulated street environment with two mock-up buses where individuals can experience the boarding process, a working traffic signal light with a crosswalk that includes an ADA compliant safety truncated dome surface, a variety of street surfaces to test individual mobility, two bus benches, and a bus stop flag pole.

River Road & Arroyo Seco Road Pavement Rehabilitation Projects resulted in the reconstruction of approximately 5 miles of roadway along the Monterey County Wine Corridor that stretches from the City of Greenfield into the City of Salinas. Both are mainly two-lane rural roads with minimal shoulders surrounded by agricultural lands; with sections classified as a "major collector" connecting a combination of 5,000 agricultural traffic/tourists/commuters each day to Highway 68 and Highway 101. Just as they had in a previous project on River Road, the County of Monterey utilized a pavement reconstruction technique that involved recycling the existing pavement for both projects. By utilizing this process, they reduced the emission of greenhouse gases, costs and the damage to the nearby road network due to the amount of trucking to the jobsite on these Measure X and SB 1 funded projects.

Employee Longevity Award to Theresa Wright: Executive Director Debbie Hale recognized Theresa Wright for her 5 years of service at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Outgoing Chair Huitt Recognition: Executive Director Debbie Hale recognized outgoing Chair Robert Huitt and she noted that he was the TAMC Board Chair when she first started. Board member Smith thanked outgoing TAMC Board Chair Robert Huitt for his excellent service.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS PHOTO**

The Board of Directors took a group photo.

8. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES - 2020**M/S/C** Delgado/Phillips/unanimous

The Board received an update on state legislative issues and adopted the 2020 legislative program.

Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that applications for state competitive grant programs are due in June, and awards will be announced in October. He also noted that Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order aimed at combating climate change and strengthening the state's climate resilience. With a focus on reducing emissions from the transportation sector, the Executive Order could lead to a greater focus on public transit and active transportation projects. In conclusion, Mr. Khouri noted that TAMC is considering an application for the State Route 156 at Castroville Road project; as a result staff members and Mr. Khouri have been attending several workshops for the various competitive programs to help position TAMC for a prospective award. He highlighted the proposed TAMC Legislative Program Item (4S): "Sponsor legislation to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project". He announced that the Central Coast Coalition of transportation agencies will hold a Legislative Day on February 19.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, gave an update on federal legislative activities and provided an overview of the draft 2020 legislative program. She highlighted Item 5S in the proposed Legislative Program: "Support resolution to recognize the Coast Route as an active rail corridor that can help the State meet transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals."

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe reported that the draft California Freight Mobility Plan 2020 is out for public comment until January 30th. She expressed the need for each jurisdiction to review this plan; she noted that freight is of key importance to the California economy. She also noted that several State agencies will be taking new roles to help fight the homeless crisis. She noted that Caltrans will be assisting with leasing properties that can be used for shelter encampments in the state right-of way. She noted that Caltrans has leeway to rent properties at below-market rates for homeless programs throughout the State and the Agency is working with the state Department of Social Services on a plan.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that passenger counts at the airport remain strong and are growing. Monterey Airport is starting Seattle service with Alaska Airlines in June. He added that American Airlines will possibly be adding a second flight to Dallas. He noted that all flight activity depends on usage. He added that it is important to provide quick and easy ground access to the airport.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced that MST has an employment opportunity in transit planning.

Board member Adams asked for information on the status of the Defense Language Institute's Monterey-Salinas Transit service. Ms. Rheinheimer responded that changes in the way the federal government administers the Mass Transportation Benefit Program has resulted in lower levels of funding to MST to provide transit services to military installations. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) will reduce transit service to the Presidio of Monterey beginning February 8, 2020. The cuts will decrease transit service to the Presidio by 50 percent. She noted that because of the reduction in service, drivers should expect more traffic on area roads both on and off base. It could affect travel time and the availability of parking. Board member Smith encouraged MST to reach out to the City Manager in Monterey to partner and work towards an agreement.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Steadman reported that the electric vehicle incentive program is still open until funding runs out. The incentive program is for any used or new alternative fuel vehicle from any dealer throughout California. He also announced the launch of a new diesel funding program will encourage replacement of older heavy-duty motors/engines.

City of Watsonville – Trina Coffman-Gomez introduced alternate Aurelio Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez noted that he is glad to work on finding solutions to solve the traffic issues in both counties and is supportive of the possible future roundabout at Salinas and Werner Roads.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE

Board member Mike LeBarre reported that on December 13, 2019 the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee met in Ventura and adopted a legislative program and discussed expansion of the council membership. He noted that the City of King City hired Rail Pros to design their temporary rail platform project.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale announced that after 20 years, TAMC has a new logo. She congratulated TAMC Safe Routes to Schools and Go831 Manager Ariana Green for being chosen as the APWA Monterey Bay Young Professional of the Year. She noted that the next TAMC Board meeting will be held at the Monterey Bay Air Resource District Conference Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board member Bruce Delgado announced that someone in a wheelchair was hit and killed on Imjin Parkway last night. He asked TAMC's Principal Engineer to work with the City to make this this corridor safer and suggested that flashing beacons may be needed on that location. He also thanked TAMC staff member Dave Delfino for working with the City of Marina on the Monterey Branch Line clean up.

Board member Lopez thanked Caltrans for its quick repairs on US 101 in King City and Chualar due to the flooding.

Board member Trina Coffman-Gomez announced the February 5th meeting of the Advisory Committee meeting on the Santa Cruz Branch Line.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.