

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

FINAL MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 2nd Vice Chair (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	E
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	E	P	E	P	P	P
M. LeBarre, King City, City Representative (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 1st Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	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 (C. Cromeenes , J. Gunter)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	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	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P(A)	P	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Lee, O. Monroy-Ochoa , J. Olejnik, K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P	P	-	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	-
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer – Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	-	P	E	P	E	P	-	-	P	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P(A)
TAMC STAFF	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	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	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Hansen

County Counsel

Orchid Monroy-Ochoa

Caltrans District 5

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Orozco/Lopez/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 April 22, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for April 2020 and credit card statement for the month of March 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding On-Call Graphic Design Consultant:
 - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Boots Road Group, for an amount not to exceed \$90,000, to provide on-call consultant services for graphic design of public outreach/marketing documents for three years, July 2020 through June 2023;
 - 2. Approved the use of reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contracts if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Received update on Bicycle Secure Program and adopted revised Bicycle Secure Program Guidelines for rolling program.

- 3.2.2** Regarding Measure X Funding Agreement - MST South County Facility:
1. Determined that the proposed regional funding agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15332 and 15061(B)(3); and
 2. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Measure X Funding Agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$10,359,695 to support construction of the South County Maintenance and Operations Facility.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding Senate Bill 1 Grant Applications:
1. Authorized staff to submit Senate Bill 1 grant applications to the following programs to fund construction of the State Route 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project: Local Partnership Program, Solutions for Congested Corridor Program and Trade Corridor Enhancements Program.
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.
- 3.3.2** Received update on state legislative activities and adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge Decorative Treatment Contract Amendment:
1. Approved contract Amendment No. 2 with the Arts Council for Monterey County extending the terms of the agreement to June 30, 2021; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment and changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's cost for the design, fabrication, and installation of decorative treatments on the Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Bridge.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the City of Salinas to program \$90,473.60 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement Project; and
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include this project and funding.

3.5.1 ***RAIL PROGRAM***

No items this month.

3.6.1

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

No items this month.

3.7.1

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Accept draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee –draft minutes of May 6, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of May 4, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – draft minutes of May 6, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of May 7, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – draft minutes of May 5, 2020

3.7.2

Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2020.

4.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Mike Zeller. Agency employees recognized Mike for his key role in helping TAMC evolve into a nearly fully remote workplace during the COVID-19 crisis. He not only led training sessions for staff and Board members, he also assisted other agencies in learning how to hold professional remote meetings. He implemented a cloud-based system before the shelter-in-place, contributing to our ability to transition. Despite these extra duties, Mike maintains a positive attitude and continues to provide personalized staff assistance. Mike Zeller has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for January - March 2020.

5.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

M/S/C

LeBarre/Potter/unanimous

The Board adopted the Proclamation for 2020 National Public Works Week.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's proclamation of the week of May 17-23 as National Public Works Week joins others from around California and the United States to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and recognize the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life.

6. BIG SUR HIGHWAY 1 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from John Olejnik, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 5, on the Big Sur Highway 1 Sustainable Transportation Demand Management Plan.

The Plan provides a collaborative and comprehensive framework to address the increasing visitor demand along the Big Sur Coast in an efficient and environmentally sustainable way. The Plan addresses issues associated with the Highway 1 corridor, including limited off-highway parking, visitors walking along the highway, increased travel times, guidelines for potential electric vehicle charging stations, and other operational concerns. Also addressed are the physical and environmental constraints which limit the ability and appropriateness of expanding the footprint of roads, parking areas, and other transportation infrastructure. The Plan was developed with input from a Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which included the Transportation Agency and other stakeholders from different regions along the corridor as well as interested residents, and provides a collaborative and comprehensive framework to address the increasing visitor demand along the Big Sur Coast in an efficient and environmentally sustainable way.

Director Hale noted the key challenges will be with how to pay for non-roadway items such as rest stops, shuttles, cell phone towers and electric vehicle charging stations.

Board member LeBarre expressed his support for the parking and shuttles and asked if there was data available on how far people will park and shuttle in.

Board Member Davis noted that he has heard about lack of restrooms and likes the idea of a shuttle service, suggesting the possibility of a private company.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, noted that MST Line 22 services Big Sur during summer months, but noted it is under-used. Board Member Adams noted that she has used this service and enjoyed it.

Board Alternate Askew asked if 122 respondents was sufficient; Mr. Olejnik noted that the information from the surveys was also validated by stakeholder input at meetings.

Board Member Adams expressed her thanks and appreciation to Caltrans for conducting the study.

7. MEASURE X SENIOR & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION CYCLE 2 AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

M/S/C Huitt/Lopez/unanimous

The Board adopted Resolution 2020-07 programming Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation funds to ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, and Partnership for Children, with the option to fund Kernes Memorial Pool if there are sufficient funds leftover from Cycle 1, as follows:

- ITN Monterey County - \$930,00
- Alliance on Aging - \$287,000
- Partnership for Children - \$297,250
- Kernes Pool - \$177,000

The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Grant Agreements with grantees, subject to Agency counsel approval.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported The Transportation Agency received five applications, three from returning applicants (ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, Kernes Memorial Pool) and two from new applicants (Partnership for Children, North County Recreation and Park District). The total request of \$1,879,670 came in \$379,670 above the \$1.5 million Measure X funds available for Cycle 2. To date, approximately \$271,590 remains unbilled from Cycle 1. Current grantees have until June 30, 2020, to expend the funds, and until July 31, 2020 to submit the final claim documentation. Ms. Castillo stated that the North County Recreation and Park District was not recommended for funding, noting concerns from that they did not provide all the information that was requested and the separation of service was unclear.

Board member Smith asked if partial funding would be enough to support the Kernes Pool program. Ms. Castillo responded affirmatively, noting that they had not spent their full allocation from Cycle 1. She confirmed that there had been extensive communications with the grant applicants despite the shelter-in-place.

Board Alternate Stratton asked that if there were extra funding that the North County project be considered and expressed his support for the Prunedale Senior Center.

Public comment:

Jennifer Ramirez, Executive Director of Partnership for Children, thanked the Board for considering their program needs, and noted that they are excited to expand their crucial services.

8. THREE-YEAR BUDGET AND FY 20/21 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

M/S/C LeBarre/Adams/unanimous

The Board approved Resolution 2020-06 adopting the fiscal year 2020/21 budget and overall work program, and estimated budgets for fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Rita Goel, Finance Director, reported that in February the Board adopted the draft budget. This updated budget makes changes to reflect the latest information on revenues and expenditures. She noted the changes made to the operating budget expenditures were to remove the 3% cost-of-living allowance that was in the February draft budget as well as a part-time retired annuitant position.

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – John Olejnik reported that Caltrans is working hard to continue to provide essential services, noting that keeping vital highways open 24 hour, 7 day a priority. He mentioned that there are upcoming SB 743 workshops and guidance available for local jurisdictions who are working on the shift from “level of service” to “vehicle miles traveled” as the threshold for measuring significant transportation impacts under CEQA for development and transportation projects. Mr. Olejnik encouraged everyone to be safe, noting there has been a 87% increase in speeding tickets given to people driving over 100 miles per hour.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the airport remains open and committed to service, and is only cancelling flights if necessary. Passenger counts are down 90%, but the airport is flying a full schedule with American, United and Alaska operators. Mr. Sabo announced that the Airport District received a \$12.6 million allocation from the Federal Administration Association under the CARES Act that will be used to replace lost revenue.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, CEO and General Manager, thanked the Board for Measure X funding for the King City Transit Facility. He reported that MST is considered an essential service, but given the shelter-in-place, total ridership is down 75%. MST RIDES (paratransit) service is down 60% since the COVID-19 shelter-in-place. The federal CARES legislation allocated \$25 billion nationwide for transit, which will provide much-needed funding to MST. Meanwhile, MST is working on reduced service plans. The District is expecting a surge in demand for MST RIDES service when the shelter-in-place expires.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report this month.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE No reports this month.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Debbie Hale reported that she presented to the American Public Works Association on the COVID-19 transportation impacts and shared the presentation. The impacts of the shelter-in-place include less traffic and fewer vehicle miles traveled, and more walking and biking, but there has been a substantial drop in revenue from fuel, sales tax, general funds, vehicle fees and transit fares. TAMC has been coordinating with its partner counties to promote telecommuting.

She noted that Caltrans had selected the State Route 156 Interchange at Castroville Boulevard to submit for a federal BUILD grant, which was due on May 15. Caltrans has also selected the 156 interchange for a joint grant application for state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds making it eligible for more funding than if the project were just submitted by TAMC. Cities and the County are encouraged to submit support letters to TAMC for the application.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.