

**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 24, 2023 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA 93901, Cinnamon Conference Room

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	E	P	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P*	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (Priscilla Barba)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, <b>County Representative</b> (Yuri Anderson, <del>Eric Mora</del> )	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, <b>Past Chair</b> (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Jeff Baron)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	A	P	P	A	E	P*	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	A	E	E	E
Michael LeBarre, King City, <b>Chair</b> (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, ( <del>Kim Barber</del> , Marissa Garcia, <del>Andrea Renny</del> )	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	E	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, <b>City Representative</b> (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder, <del>Kim Cruz</del> )	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	A	P(V)	P	P(A)	A	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Fernando Cabrera, Don Wilcox)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P



**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Silberberger	Caltrans District 5	Joanna Xiao	Caltrans District 5
Kevin Drabrinski	Caltrans District 5	Mike Lew	Caltrans District 5
Javier Gomez (V)	District 1 Office	Michael Weaver (V)	Public
Monica Hale (V)	District 3 Office	Gary Cursio (V)	Public
Rachel Ortiz (V)	City of Greenfield		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER; TAMC BOARD PHOTO**

Vice Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Rita Goel led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/Smith/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 26, 2023.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of April 2023 and credit card statements for the month of March 2023.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Overall Work Program, Integrated Funding Plan & 3-Year Budget:
  - 1. Approved Resolution 2023-08 adopting the fiscal year 23/24 budget and estimated budgets for fiscal years 24/25 and 25/26; approving the Overall Work Program for FY 23/24; approving adjustments to job classifications, salaries and benefits; approving out of state travel; and directing and authorizing the Executive Director or his/her designee to take action with respect to federal, state and local funding, grants and certifications; and
  - 2. Approved the 2023 Integrated Funding Strategy.

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

- 3.2.1** Received information about the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy and implications for future implementation of zero emission vehicle infrastructure in Monterey County.

Board member Church pulled this item for comment: He expressed issues regarding the electric vehicle charging station installations, noting how does Monterey County and California plan to move forward with 12,000 electric vehicle installations by 2035. TAMC Staff Guther replied that the state goal does pose a challenge, and TAMC has been working closely with AMBAG on regional initiatives, including pursuing grant funding for charging infrastructure implementation, and that the goals from the state can serve to increase momentum on implementation.

- 3.2.2** Approved the appointment of Kari Murray to serve as the City of Pacific Grove alternate on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.
- 3.2.3** Approved the appointments of Victor Tafoya to serve as Supervisorial District 2 primary representative and Mark Chaffey as Velo Club primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative activities and adopted positions on legislation.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - GHD Contract Amendment #3:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #3 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term by one year and to increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$162,271, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,990,912, for additional design work on Plumas Avenue, structures design and soils testing, public meeting attendance, and habitat mitigation planning and permits;
  2. Authorized the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
  3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
  4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, 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.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

**3.5.1** No items this month.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

**3.6.1** No items this month.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of May 3, 2023
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of May 8, 2023
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 3, 2023
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 4, 2023
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – draft minutes of April 18, 2023

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2023.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO RITA GOEL**

**M/S/C** Smith/Oglesby/unanimous

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors Adopted and Presented a Resolution of Appreciation to retiring Director of Finance and Administration Rita Goel. After seventeen years with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Rita Goel is retiring as of June 2, 2023.

The Board of Directors expressed their appreciation to Rita for her encouragement, helpfulness, professionalism and always providing a simplified presentation of the budget.

Director Goel thanked the Board of Directors for their support and guidance and thanked Agency staff noting it was a pleasure to work at TAMC. In conclusion, she expressed her proudness of her most notable accomplishment “reserving a healthy balance”!

**5. PROCLAMATION FOR 2023 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**M/S/C** Chavez/Adams/unanimous

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors Proclamation for 2023 National Public Works Week.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's proclamation of the week of May 21 through 27 as National Public Works Week joins others from around California and the United States to pay tribute to our public works planners, engineers, managers, administrative staff, and operators in recognition of the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life.

The theme for the 2023 National Public Works Week is "Connecting the World Through Public Works". Public works is the thread that connects us all, no matter where we live in the world. Every public works professional strives to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, safer communities. The "Connecting the World Through Public Works" theme highlights the way public works professionals connect us physically, through infrastructure, and inspirationally, through service to their communities, whether as first responders, or daily workers carrying out their duties with pride. Public works connectors help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities great places to live and work.

**6. STATE ROUTE 156 / CASTROVILLE BLVD UPDATE****M/S/C** Smith/Hawthorne/unanimous

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the status of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project; and approved programming up to an additional \$10,361,000 of Regional Measure X funds to cover TAMC's share of the increased estimated costs.

Mike Lew reported that the deadline to request allocation of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project's \$20 million Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding allocation is June 30, 2023. The project will not be "ready to list" by this deadline, due to PG&E utility relocation work that will not be completed until December 2023. To avoid losing funding, California Transportation Commission staff supports an at-risk allocation at the June CTC meeting, conditional upon Caltrans receiving all approvals from PG&E to finish the right-of-way certification before the construction contract is awarded.

A total of \$29.5 million has been secured from various local and state sources to construct the SR 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project. Additionally, recent construction cost estimates for the project have come in \$18 million higher than the originally budgeted \$29.5 million. According to the Baseline Agreement between Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and TAMC, the additional costs are proposed to come from the state's Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and TAMC's share was approved by the Board to come from Measure X funds previously dedicated for this project.

The State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is one of the regional safety and mobility projects listed in Measure X and approved by 67.7% of Monterey County voters in 2016.

Board member Church noted that he was uncomfortable with how this is laid out, noting no breakdown on cost, and that this is a really big jump in the cost estimate. Board members Church and Oglesby both encouraged staff to continue coordination efforts with PG&E to maintain the project schedule and seek assistance from Board members as necessary and appropriate.

Board member Adams expressed how critical this project is to the peninsula and hospitality. Board member Smith commented that this project is a very big deal for not only the peninsula but the entire county!

## 7. **CORRIDOR ADVISOR UPDATE ON MEASURE X PROJECTS**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation from Tony Harris, the Agency's Corridor Advisor on state highway projects expected to use Measure X funds.

Tony Harris of PointC was hired by TAMC to assist with project development for Measure X funded highway projects in Monterey County. Mr. Harris provided an update on the US 101 South of Salinas and the State Route 68 Scenic Highway projects. Measure X identified \$160 million to be allocated for regional road safety and congestion improvements. The Transportation Safety and Investment Plan allocates \$82 million of these funds to projects along State Route 68, State Route 156, and US 101. Mr. Harris was hired to assist staff to deliver projects on schedule and within the approved budget.

The US 101 South of Salinas project and the State Route 68 Scenic Highway project are both in the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. The Caltrans design team is developing conceptual plans for the US 101 project that will be used to define the project's environmental impacts. Recent flooding events have emphasized the need to coordinate this project with stormwater management efforts along the highway.

Once conceptual designs are completed, a series of public outreach engagements with the Chualar community are scheduled to occur later this year. Staff also continues to coordinate work on this project with the US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance. The project to construct a northbound auxiliary lane on US 101 near Spence Road is expected to start construction before the end of the year, with completion due early next year.

Mr. Harris reported that the Caltrans design team is close to completing the conceptual plans that define the environmental impacts for the State Route 68 Scenic Highway project; and that he is assisting staff with identifying potential funding sources that can be used to leverage the Measure X funds allocated to both projects.

With community engagement a critical component of the State Route 68 project, staff has tentatively scheduled the first of several community engagement events to be held at a venue near Laguna Seca. The first is on July 19, 2023, in the hospitality pavilion at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. This meeting will update the public on the project status, discuss what is being studied in the environmental document, and explain how stakeholders can submit input.

Public comment:

Mike Weaver expressed issues on Highway 68, noting there are 30,000 vehicles per day and there is no room for roundabouts.



## 8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

**Caltrans District 5** – Kelly McClendon highlighted Caltrans District 5 construction, road closures and repairs:

Big Sur Coast Slides:

- Gilbert’s Slide: (north of Gorda) is the southern closure of Hwy. 1 is scheduled to move 21 miles north of Ragged Point on Friday May 26, at 4 pm ahead of Memorial Day Weekend.
- Paul’s Slide: Crews working 12-hour shifts and seven days a week at Paul’s Slide, anticipate that they will have a more refined estimate on the reopening of Hwy. 1 at that location by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The current estimate for reopening Highway 1 at Paul’s Slide is several months.
- Dani Creek Slide: immediately north of Paul’s Slide, estimated to be completed mid-July

Highway 198 update: PM 20.2 is nearly complete with asphalt paving scheduled for May 30th.

Camp Roberts Safety Roadside rest area to reopen: Caltrans D5 has completed work on the rest areas. The soonest possible date for reopening is after July 10<sup>th</sup>, contingent on PG&E.

CA Office of Traffic Safety launched the “[Go Safely Movement](#)” campaign with the help of traffic safety partners CalSTA, Caltrans, and CHP

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

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Lisa Rheinheimer, announced the return of the Monterey Trolley service beginning on May 27<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day. She reported that MST Line 25 servicing CSUMB is temporarily suspended through the summer. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer announced the SURF Fair June 10, 2023, 10 to 2 p.m., at the Marina Transit Exchange. She thanked TAMC for their tremendous partnership leveraging funding.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – David Frisbey reported that zero emission buses are in high demand, he is hoping to see deliveries at the end of this year. He reported that the Monterey Bay Air Resources District is offering \$2,000 Incentives for electric vehicle purchases and double incentive rebates for the low-income applicants.

## 9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the 2022 TAMC Annual Report has been mailed out to residents in Monterey County. He announced a "Save the Date" for the California Transportation Commission Town Hall in San Benito County on September 20, 2023. In conclusion, Director Muck announced that TAMC will be hosting the California Transportation Commission Town Hall in Monterey County in May 2024.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Church expressed concern that the door to the TAMC meeting room is automatically locked. Director Muck noted that this has been an issue and we are working with county staff to resolve.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.