



A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; <del>B. Patel, S. Vienna</del> )	-	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa, J. Olejnik, K. McClendon</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P	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, A. Clymo)	-	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	E	P	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB ( <del>A. Lewis</del> ; L. Samuels)	-	P	-	-	-	P(A)	-	P	P	-

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; - unnoticed absence*

<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>DEC 19</b>	<b>JAN 20</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>MAR 20</b>	<b>APR 20</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>JUN 20</b>	<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>SEP 20</b>	<b>OCT 20</b>
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	P	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	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	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Katherine Hansen  
Lisa Rheinheimer  
Gus Khouri

County Counsel  
Monterey-Salinas Transit  
Khouri Consulting

Grant Leonard  
David Silberberger

City of Monterey  
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, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Alejo led the pledge of allegiance and acknowledged Veterans Day on November 11, 2020.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/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 September 23, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for September 2020 and credit card statement for the month of August 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of Contracts Awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding the Maynard Group - Contract Amendment #1. The Maynard Group - Cloud-based Phone System Contract Amendment #1:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with The Maynard Group for the Agency's cloud-based phone service to extend the term for an additional three years and increase the budget by \$15,000 for a new total contract budget of \$32,677;
  2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
  3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
- 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.
- 3.1.5** Received the call for nominations for the 19th annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
- 3.1.6** Approved the Transportation Agency's updated Telework Policy.

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

- 3.2.1** Approved the appointment of Grant Leonard to serve as the North County Recreation and Parks District primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding State Legislative Advocate Services Contract:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Khouri Consulting for state legislative analyst/ advocate services, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for a total contract budget of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$144,000) for three years, until October 31, 2023;
  2. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to extend the contract by one year to October 31, 2024, based on continued satisfactory performance and subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an additional Fourty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000);
  3. Authorized the use of reserve funds budgeted to this project; and
  4. 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.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Canyon Del Rey Segment (Phase 1) Final Design and Right of Way:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel and the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, in an amount not to exceed of \$2,674,283, which includes a 15% contingency, to provide final design and right of way certification services for Phase 1 of the FORTAG Canyon Del Rey Segment, for the 2-year period ending June 30, 2022.
  2. Approved the use of state and Measure X funds budgeted to this project; 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.
  4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the FORTAG Master Agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved purpose of the agreement.

***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 October 7, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of October 5, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – draft minutes of October 7, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of October 1, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – No meeting this month

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for October 2020.**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Presented the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Theresa Wright.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, has been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July-September 2020.

Agency employees recognized Theresa Wright for her professionalism and her diligence in handling media coverage, writing news releases and preparing the weekly Cone Zone Construction Report. Most notably, employees appreciate her work on the transition of the new Transportation Agency Streamline website to a format that is ADA accessible.

**5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & DRAFT 2021 PROGRAM**

**M/S/C** Phillips/Davis/unanimously

The Board received an update on state and federal legislative issues and approved the draft 2021 legislative program for distribution to Committees for comment.

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, presented a recap of the 2020 legislative session. Of the bills enacted this session, the TAMC-sponsored bill Senate Bill 1231 (Monning) will allow Caltrans and TAMC to move forward with the next steps of the State Route 156 project while protecting Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander habitat. SB 288 (Wiener) will help Monterey-Salinas Transit expedite their bus projects by simplifying the environmental review process for transit capital projects. SB 1459 (Caballero) will empower Salinas to take control of State Route 183 within their City limits and make improvements to the corridor to support their adopted downtown vibrancy plan. He reported that the Governor announced an Executive Order that requires that by 2035 all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be zero-emission vehicles.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the federal continuing resolution signed on October 1, 2020 extends transportation funding appropriations through December 11, 2020 and extends transportation authorizations for spending through September 30, 2021.

Ms. Watson reviewed the draft 2021 legislative program, noting that since SB 1231 was passed, the relevant item has been deleted from the 2021 program. She highlighted the new or edited items in the draft 2021 program as compared to the 2020 adopted program.

Board member Phillips thanked staff and Senator Monning for their work on SB 1231.

Board member Lopez noted concerns with the proposed Vehicle Miles Traveled fees and analysis for rural areas. He and other Board members asked that proposed legislation be evaluated through that lens.

Board member Parker asked if the new VMT and greenhouse gas reduction requirements would help with funding for transit-oriented development. Mr. Khouri stated that it should. She further asked for a status report on the use of California's environmental process (CEQA) to substitute for federal environmental rules (NEPA).

Board member LeBarre suggested that tech companies be given mitigation credits for improvements to the telecommunications systems in order to help bridge the digital divide between low and high income communities.

Board member Smith noted his concerns with the challenges of the Governor's zero emission vehicles Executive Order, particularly as how it applies to construction and agricultural vehicles given their high cost.

Ex Officio Board member Carl Sedoryk noted the challenges of power storage that will arise as the fleet transitions to more and more electric vehicles.

Mr. Khouri noted the the Central Coast Coalition, of which TAMC is a member, sent a letter noting the need for more Administration support and partnership to implement the Executive Orders, including additional rail and active transportation funding, and credit for increased telecommuting.

## 6. **SURF! BUSWAY AND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**

The Board received presentation and update on the SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported that in fall 2019, Monterey-Salinas Transit kicked-off the preliminary engineering and environmental review phase of the SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project, listed in Measure X as the Highway 1 Traffic Relief -Busway. The project team provided an update on the development of the project, including its history, goals and design.

The current preliminary engineering and environmental analysis phase of the project is budgeted at \$1,550,000. The TAMC Board approved a Measure X funding agreement at its December 4, 2019 meeting, programming \$1,450,000 for this phase, and Monterey-Salinas Transit has contributed \$100,000 of its share of Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds. Funding for the entire project is available from Measure X, up to a total of \$15 million. Additional matching dollars, from federal, state or both sources, will be needed to fully fund the project, which currently has a total estimated cost of \$52 million.

In what was described as a “game changer” by MST General Manager Carl Sedoryk, the project will encourage more people to get out of their vehicles to bypass congestion on Highway 1.

The goals of the SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit project, partially funded by Measure X, include:

- Improving air quality through reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Increasing transit ridership
- Reducing traffic on Highway 1
- Enhancing mobility through improved bicycle path connections
- Improving travel time reliability for transit users
- Improving transit connections

Additionally, one of the major goals has been to design the busway in a cost-effective manner that also minimizes the impact on the tracks, to preserve the option for future rail use. The project is not intended to replace rail but provide an opportunity to build ridership demand required to support rail service. Link to overall project map: [SURF Busway - Overall Project Map](#)

The project timeline anticipates completing the final engineering and design by Summer 2022/Fall 2023, construction beginning in Spring 2024 and operation at the beginning of Spring 2027. At the close of the presentation, Staff shared the first video simulation of the SURF! Project for the Board of Directors, available following this link: <https://vimeo.com/453809906>.

Board member Adams asked about access to the state park via the SURF! Line and parking at the transit stops. It was noted that there will be a stop at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Bike and transit access to the line will be encouraged.

Board member Parker commented that this busway is valuable to the hospitality workers, providing a smooth trip from Salinas to the Peninsula. She thanked TAMC and MST staff for presenting the concept at her Hot Topics event. In response to her question, Mr. Sedoryk noted that all buses will be able to use the corridor, not just trips from Marina or Seaside.

Board member Hawthorne asked if the busway would go through Sand City. Carl Sedoryk replied that Phase 1 of the SURF! project ends at Playa and California, but that Phase 2 of the project continues to Contra Costa; he noted that the first segment will provide the highest ridership for the cost.

Ex Officio Board member Sabo asked if the project will be coordinated with Santa Cruz since congestion on Highway 1 is heavy in that corridor. He noted that there would be a bus on shoulder lane in Santa Cruz County, but there will still be a gap in the Moss Landing area.

## **7. PRUNEDALE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RIGHT OF WAY RESCISSION**

**M/S/C** Phillips/Davis/unanimously

The Board received a presentation on the Prunedale Improvement Project right-of-way rescission process and the Monterey County Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program List of Projects; and adopted the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project and Route 156 West Corridor Project as the transportation projects included in the Monterey County Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reported The Transportation Agency and Caltrans seek to rescind the old Prunedale Bypass route segment of the US 101 corridor, sell the excess property originally purchased for the bypass in the 1970's, and insure that the estimated \$10 million of proceeds from the sell are applied to a project (or projects) identified in the Monterey County Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program.

The TAMC Board adopted the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project and Route 156 West Corridor Project as transportation projects included in the alternative program. A 60-day public review period is required as part of the rescission process prior to a submittal to the California Transportation Commission. Caltrans is scheduled to submit the rescission request to the Transportation Commission in January 2021.

Board Chair Alejo commended staff for keeping the funds in the county. Board member Phillips expressed his appreciation, noting he had testified twice expressing the importance of keeping the funds locally and Highway 156 and Spence Road are critical areas.



**8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Scott Eades, the District 5 Director for Planning, Local Assistance and Sustainability, announced that Caltrans Call-for-Projects for Highway Safety Improvement Program HSIP Cycle 10 on May 5, 2020. The application submittal deadline has been extended again to November 2, 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and California wildfires. He also announced that the Department of Transportation establishes October as the first-ever National Pedestrian Safety Month, Caltrans is refining its data-driven programs to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce injury and death on California roadways. Caltrans has also released and is seeking input on the California Transportation Plan - 2050.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the Airport is working hard to extend flights out of Monterey. Passenger flights have increased, noting the Airport is at 35% of where they were at a year ago. He reported that Alaska Airlines is providing two same day flights to San Diego, and that the Los Angeles and Denver flights are doing well. Mr. Sabo announced that the Airbus has suspended service to San Jose. In conclusion, he noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager & CEO, announced MST is offering free fares, systemwide on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that the lack of transportation does not prevent anyone from being able to exercise their right to vote. He also announced MST has restored service on lines 48, 46 Alisal area to the Monterey County Government Center For more information, visit [mst.org](http://mst.org) or call 1-888-MST-BUS1 (1-888-678-2871) toll free.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – Richard Stedman reported that the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program, which provides rebates to the public for the purchase of fully electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, still has funding available and offers double incentive rebates to qualified persons with a low income; applications are online and rebates are available until funds run out. He also noted that the Air District is always looking for new infrastructure projects for installing charging stations.

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

No reports this month due to shelter-in-place.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Transportation Excellence Awards will be held on January 27, 2021, please submit your nominations before December 4, 2020 for:

- Individual Awards
- Innovative Awards
- Programs, and
- Projects

She is still holding Board member check-in meetings and if you haven't met yet Elouise Rodriguez will be scheduling meetings with you.

1. Ribbon Cutting for the Salinas Rail moved to January 2021, this will be a Covid sensitive event
2. TAMC Staff has been attending Racial Equity Training and Fostering Racial Equity in the Workplace. These courses provided participants with advanced tools on how to implement racial equity work at the local level.
3. New TAMC Website, easier to read font, ADA requirement

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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