

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**  
**JOINT POWERS AGENCY**  
**FINAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING**  
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>FEB 22*</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Claudia Link)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> (Priscilla Barba)	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, <b>County Rep</b> (Yuri Anderson)	A	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, <b>Chair</b> (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, <b>Past Chair</b> (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, <b>City Representative</b> (Christie Cromeenes)	A	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; <del>Kim Cruz</del> )	P	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	A
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>FEB* 22</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Tim Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Scott Eades, Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P(A)	P(A)
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	A	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	A	A
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Larry Samuels, CSUMB	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	A

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence  
\*Special Meeting*

<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>FEB*2 2</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>JUN 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>SEP 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>DEC 22</b>
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 Office	Javier Gomez	Supervisor District 1 Office
Orchid Monroy	Caltrans District 5	Gary Cursio	Resident
Colleen Courtney	Supervisor District 5 Office	Marissa Garcia	Resident

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adams 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. Caltrans Director Tim Gubbins led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Craig/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Director Muck pulled item 3.1.5 for revision.

***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 October 26, 2022.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of October 2022 and credit card statements for the month of September 2022.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and, the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

**3.1.5**

**M/S/C** Adams/Craig/unanimous

Approved calendar year 2023 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee with change noted by Director Muck to move the Executive Committee meeting from January 4, 2023 to January 11, 2023.

**3.1.6**

Appointed Board members Adams and Smith as Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 25, 2023 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024 Board meeting.

**3.1.7**

Adopted the proposed social media policy for the Transportation Agency.

**3.1.8**

Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

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

**3.2.1**

Received update on and Approved changes to the Active Transportation Support Program Funding Source.

***PLANNING***

**3.3.1**

No items this month.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

**3.4.1**

Regarding On-Call Traffic Engineering Services Request for Qualifications

1. Approved the scope of services for the On-Call Traffic Engineering Services Request for Qualifications;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Qualifications 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 Measure X and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**3.4.2**

Received the Call Box Annual Reports for Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021 and 2021 - 2022.

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

1. Approved the request by the City of Soledad to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Front Street Maintenance Project in the amount of \$398,928; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Construction Management - MNS Engineers Contract Amendment #4:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #4 with MNS Engineers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the contract timeline from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023, to continue to support the design and bid schedule for Packages 2 and 3;
2. 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
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.

***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 November 2, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of November 7, 2022
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 2, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of November 3, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2022.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. RECOGNIZE OUTGOING TAMC BOARD MEMBERS**

The TAMC Board adopted Certificates of Appreciation for outgoing Board members Del Rey Oaks Mayor Alison Kerr, Supervisor John Phillips, and retiring Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins.

The TAMC Board annually recognizes outgoing Board members with Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their years of service to the Transportation Agency. This year, outgoing Board members include Del Rey Oaks Mayor Alison Kerr, Supervisor John Phillips, and retiring Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins.

Board member Kerr was recognized for her leadership on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project and for her role in shepherding the first 1.5-mile segment of the project, which will be constructed in the City of Del Rey Oaks, through the final design process. This first segment of the approximately 28-mile project will provide a safe and comfortable route connecting the community to local and regional parks, Del Rey Woods Elementary school, and the City's Butterfly Garden.

Board member Phillips was recognized for his service as Co-Chair of the Measure X Campaign Committee, successfully leading the community effort that resulted in Monterey County voters approving Measure X in 2016, estimated to generate over \$600 million locally and leveraging millions more of state and federal dollars over its 30 year life, to implement local transportation priority projects; his support of the inclusion of the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, which will be one of the first regional Measure X road projects to start construction; and his extraordinary work for North County.

The TAMC Board recognized retiring Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins' leadership and creative problem solving to help deliver numerous improvements to the state highway system in Monterey County. These include the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project, US 101 San Juan Road Interchange, SR 1 Salinas Road Interchange, SR 1 Pfeiffer Creek emergency bridge replacement, and the SR 1 Mud Creek landslide project.

## 5. **SALINAS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

The TAMC Board received a presentation on the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan; and Adopted Resolution 2022-14 which determines the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan and its proposed improvements were identified and analyzed in the program-level EIR for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Regional Transportation Plan and adopts the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan identifies barriers to safe, convenient transportation and will guide future improvements around 45 city schools in four school districts. Recommendations in the Plan, which include infrastructure and programming, is designed to help address school-based traffic congestion and improve student health by fostering increased biking, walking, and carpooling. The project team, comprised of staff from the Transportation Agency, County Health Department, City of Salinas Public Works and Planning, School Districts, and non-profit Ecology Action, have engaged administrators, parents, and students in school bike/walk assessments, mapping activities, street demonstrations, and surveys.

The final Plan is anticipated to be adopted this month by the City of Salinas, Alisal Union School District, Salinas City School District, Salinas Union High School District, and Santa Rita Union School District. Once adopted, TAMC staff will work with the partner agencies to pursue funding to implement recommendations in the Plan.

Those recommendations based on safety, access to key destinations, connectivity and low stress network, equity and community identified needs include:

Infrastructure:

- 10 miles of separated bikeways
- 15.8 miles of bicycle boulevards
- 17 roundabouts
- 13 rectangular rapid flashing beacons; and
- 180 intersections upgraded to high-visibility crosswalks

Non-infrastructure programming includes "Walk & Roll to School" events, walking school buses, crossing guards, park & walk programming, and traffic safety education.

## 6. **RALPH M. BROWN ACT UPDATE**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from Agency Counsel Brayer on changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act discussed implications for meetings in 2023.

Counsel Brayer reported The Ralph M. Brown Act is a California law that guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. Located at California Government Code 54950 et seq., it is an act of the California State Legislature, authored by Assemblymember Ralph M. Brown and passed in 1953. Recent amendments to the Act will impact how TAMC holds meetings starting in March 2023.

Until February 28, 2023, Agency Board and Committee meetings can continue to be held via remote conferencing under the Governor's declared state of emergency, which is expected to be lifted on February 28, 2023. Starting in March, TAMC will resume in-person meetings pursuant to the revised Brown Act.

It will be possible to make the in-person meetings accessible for remote participation, following the revised Brown Act rules for remote participation, which requires at least a quorum to attend in person. A meeting can be split up to occur in multiple locations, so long as there is still a quorum in person at a singular location within the jurisdiction of TAMC (i.e., inside Monterey County), the agenda is posted at all in-person locations, and all those locations are accessible to the public and posted on the agenda.

Board or Committee members needing to participate remotely from a non-publicly accessible location must notify the Board or Committee in advance of the "just cause" for your remote participation due to specified reasons, unless timing makes that impossible, in which case the authorization can occur at the meeting, citing "emergency circumstances." This type of Board or Committee Member remote participation is limited to 20% of the meetings, meaning no more than two TAMC Board or TAMC Committee meetings, per year, as the TAMC Board and its Committees only meet ten times per year. Additional restrictions may apply to other Brown Act meetings.

Voting members have the following options for meeting participation:

- Attend the meeting in person at the posted location; or
- If you can't attend in person but want to participate remotely, attend from a location that is accessible to the public, post the location on the agenda in advance, post the agenda at the location no less than 72 hours in advance; or
- If you can't attend in person or from a location that is publicly available, but want to participate remotely, you need to make one of 2 claims, which cannot be done for more than 2 meetings of each body per year:
- "Just Cause" – you must notify the body as soon as possible, no later than the start of the meeting, due to one of these circumstances:
- Caring for a child, parent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner; or



- A contagious illness preventing in person attendance; or
- Physical or mental disability; or
- Travel while on official business for the legislative body or another state or local agency.
- “Emergency” - physical emergency or family-medical emergency preventing in-person attendance – you must explain the need to the Board in 20 words or fewer without divulging medical information. A majority of the body must approve the request, even if it is made too late to alter the agenda appropriately; or
- Ask your alternate to attend the meeting in your stead.

New transparency requirements will require Committee and Board members participating remotely to have the camera on throughout the meeting and to announce anyone in the same room over the age of 18.

If the internet connection broadcasting the meeting is lost during a hybrid meeting, the meeting must be stopped until internet service is restored.

The Executive Committee discussed these changes at their November 2, 2022 meeting and agreed to keep the Committee meetings in January and February as fully remote, returning to the TAMC conference room starting with the March 1, 2023 meeting.

The Board of Directors recommended the Board return to in-person meetings starting with the January 25, 2023 meeting, in a location that enables hybrid meetings, to test out the equipment and make sure it is possible and equitable to meet in the locations that have the requisite equipment for a hybrid meeting. Staff will test out various locations prior to posting that agenda and will cite the location on the agenda.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session:  
Agency Counsel Brayer reported no reportable actions taken.

**8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans District 5** – Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District Director, announced with the winter months here for safety please slow down. He announced that Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Grants (\$4.5 million) to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system in partnership with Caltrans. The transit component that will fund planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies with a focus on transit.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the airport is doing great, noting people are using the airport. He noted that they have extremely low cancellations. Airfares are scheduled to drop to less 50%. Mr. Sabo announced the Military Lounge open at Woody's providing snacks and meals. In conclusion, he announced the Airport was awarded a 2.5 million Federal Aviation Administration Grant for Infrastructure Act.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – No report this month.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – No report this month.

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

No report this month.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck expressed his excitement for the Federal Highway 7 million dollar grant for federal lands and second segment of the FORTAG Trail. California Transportation Commission announcement of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6, which recommended awards to 7 projects in Monterey County. TAMC was involved in 5 of the 7 grants applications that help our jurisdictions and support maximizing funding to improve our community.

TAMC staff is working on a meeting room that will accommodate the January TAMC Board meeting. Director Muck reminded the jurisdictions to submit their Measure X final reports by the December 31, 2022 deadline, noting kudos to the City of Salinas for being the first to submit.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Smith announced that he and Chair Adams have been appointed as the nominating committee and asked if anyone is interested in being an Executive committee member to please notify him.

Board member Alejo announced Assembly Democrats named Robert Rivas as Speaker-designee, noting he helps Monterey Bay Area with planned projects.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.