

FINAL MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY
FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Robert Huitt (Chair),
Luis Alejo (1st Vice Chair), Ed Smith (2nd Vice Chair),
John Phillips (Past Chair),
Mary Adams (County representative), Michael LeBarre (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	JUN 18	AUG 18	SEPT 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19
Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales ; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)			
Michael LeBarre, City Representative King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P			
Robert Huitt, Chair Pacific Grove (D. Gho)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
John Phillips, Past Chair Supr. Dist. 2 (J. Stratton)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)			
Mary Adams, County Representative Supr. Dist. 5 (Y. Anderson)	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P(A)			
Ed Smith, 2nd Vice Chair Monterey (A. Renny)	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P			

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Huitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Alternate Javier Gomez representing Supervisor Alejo arrived after item 4 was approved.

Staff present: Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson

Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann and Gus Khouri, TAMC’s Legislative Consultant (via phone)

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Chair Huitt, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda, with Smith abstaining.

- 3.1** Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 6, 2019.

END OF CONSENT

4. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

On a motion by Committee Alternate Anderson and seconded by Committee Member LeBarre, the Committee voted 5-0 to recommend that the Board adopt positions on legislation and to approve a sponsor position on Senate Bill (SB) 628 (Caballero).

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the federal shutdown ended in February, and Congress negotiated a budget for fiscal year 2019. The funding for transportation includes \$49.3 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, \$13.4 billion for the Federal Transit Administration, \$2.9 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration, and \$900 for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development program. She reported that at the State of the State address, Governor Newsom announced his intention to complete the portion of the High-Speed Rail project on the Central Valley (Bakersfield to Merced) and the bookends Caltrain in the San Francisco area and Metrolink in Southern California. She noted that staff will continue to stay involved as it relates to the TAMC rail projects.

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, reported on state legislative priorities and highlighted bills of interest. He addressed the Governor's proposal to leverage transportation funds to punish regions that do not meet their housing production goals. He reported on pressure from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) favoring projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled, putting at risk Measure X projects that are focused on safety or goods movement. Mr. Khouri also noted that the Local Partnership Program is facing tension from southern California entities that wish to change the formula from 50% to 95% of the program, reducing the amount of funding for competitive awards under that program.

Ms. Watson asked the Committee to take action on behalf of the Board to approve a "sponsor" position on SB 628 (Caballero), per TAMC legislative priority #4S.

Committee Member LeBarre requested more information about SB 50 (Wiener) regarding transit-oriented development limits, asking whether the author would consider

adding a 1-mile radius for rural towns to the qualifying projects. Mr. Khouri said he would investigate and report back.

Committee Alternate Anderson asked whether it would be possible for the Agency position on SB 526 (Allen) to be modified to be “oppose unless amended”. Deputy Executive Director Muck noted the biggest concern with this bill was its impacts on local control, and that this bill would circumvent local authority and disregard the voter-approved expenditure plan in Measure X. He stated that there are already regulations and ramifications in law for not achieving the greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets set in AMBAG’s Sustainable Communities Strategy. Committee Alternate Anderson suggested the Board report should contain more explanation of the efforts now underway in the region to reduce emissions. She also asked staff to coordinate with Senator Monning, recently appointed to the CARB, on this issue.

5. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 27, 2019

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the highlights of the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 27, 2019. He noted that the Board will:

- Hold a closed session regarding rail acquisition;
- Receive and provide comment on the Measure X Safe Routes to School; and
- Receive update on state and federal legislative activities and adopt positions on legislation.

On the consent agenda, the Board will:

- Update Procurement Policies to Add Small Purchases Policy; and
- Accept the demolition work at the Salinas train station as complete.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Smith reported that the City of Monterey has prevailed in a lawsuit “Turn down lights” to replace the lightbulbs in the City to LED.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huitt adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.