

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom

Final Minutes of Thursday, August 6, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	C	P		P		P	P	C	P	P	P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks	A			P				A			
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	N	P/A	P		P		P	N	P	P	P
D. Pike, Greenfield (T. Nisich)	C					P/P(A)	P	C	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)
O. Hurtado, King City, Vice Chair (S. Adams)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	L	P	P	P		P	P	L	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri, M. Garcia)	L		P	P(A)	P	P		L	P(A)	P	P/P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	E		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Easterling, Salinas, Chair (J. Serrano)	D	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	D	P	P	p
L. Gomez, Sand City (A. Blair)		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
S. Ottmar, Seaside (L. Llantero)			P	P	P	P	P		P	P(A)	P
L. Gomez, Soledad (O. Antillon)			P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
E. Saavedra, MCPW (R. Martinez)		P	P	P	P/A	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)		
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development											
M. Taylor, AMBAG (P. Hierling)				P(A)	P/A	P(A)	P(A)				P
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans (K. McClendon)		P	P			P	P		P/P(A)	P	P
M. McCluney, CSUMB											
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
P. Said, FORA											
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)			P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)

STAFF	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20
D. Hale, Exec. Director			P	P	P		P	C	P		P
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director		P	P	P	P		P	A	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner							P	C		P	
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner		P	P	P	P	P	P	E		P	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator								L		P	
R. Deal, Principal Engineer			P	P		P	P	L	P	P	
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner					P			E			
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner					P			D			
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer					P	P			P		
M. Montiel, administrative Assistant											P
Tracy Burke Vasquez, Go831 Coordinator											P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeremiah LaRose, Fehr & Peers
 Brandon Swanson, County of Monterey
 Nisha Patel, City of Seaside

John Olejnik, Caltrans D5
 Heather Adamson, AMBAG

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Harary / McMinn / unanimous

Ayes: Dobbins, Easterling, Gho, Gomez, Harary, Hurtado, McMinn, Ottmar, Pick, Pike, Renny

No: None

Abstain: None

3.1 APPROVE the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 4, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY & 2022 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST

Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, provided an update on the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2045 Plan) and 2022 Regional Growth Forecast

Ms. Adamson presented that these regional plans outline the tri-county priorities for meeting future transportation and mobility needs, consistent with the adopted policy goals and objectives, as well as within the constraints of transportation revenues forecast over the 20-year planning horizon of the document. AMBAG's current 2040 Plan is built on a set of integrated policies, strategies and investments to maintain and improve the transportation system to meet the diverse needs of the region through 2040, consistent with those developed within Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County's transportation plans. The new Plan's forecast year will be 2045. She provided the Committee with an updated schedule for the development of the plans.

5. 2020 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, requested that the Committee recommend the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$10.547 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the 2020 Competitive Grants Program of Projects.

Mr. Zeller presented that The Transportation Agency received ten completed grant applications, totaling over \$27.6 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. Each application was reviewed and scored by five committee members. After considering the scores and factoring in geographic equity and cost effectiveness, the following projects are recommended by Agency staff for grant funding in ranked order:

- Salinas - Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project - \$4,000,000
- Salinas - Bardin Road Safe Routes to School - \$1,800,000
- King City - Complete Streets Downtown Streetscape - \$950,000
- Monterey - Traffic System, Pedestrian/Bike Upgrades - \$1,680,000
- Salinas - Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements - \$545,000
- Pacific Grove - Point Pinos Trail Project - \$382,000
- Greenfield - Walnut Avenue Pedestrian/Bike Improvements - \$590,000
- Seaside - Broadway Avenue Corridor Improvements - \$600,000

MOTION: RECOMMEND the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$10.547 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the 2020 Competitive Grants Program of Projects.

M / S / C: Hurtado / Renny / unanimous

Ayes: Dobbins, Easterling, Gho, Gomez, Harary, Hurtado, McMinn, Ottmar,
Pick, Pike, Renny

No: None

Abstain: None

6. PRESENTATION ON MONTEREY SALINAS TRANSIT UPDATE TO "DESIGNING FOR TRANSIT" GUIDELINES

Michelle Overmeyer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and Jeremiah LaRose, Fehr & Peers, presented on Monterey-Salinas Transit's update of the "Designing for Transit" Guidelines.

They presented that Monterey-Salinas Transit is in the process of updating its "Designing for Transit" guidance to reflect the latest standards and best practices. The original guidance was published in 2006, and since that time, a number of national best practice resources on transit stop and street design have been published or updated. Additionally, updates have been made to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and to the application of the ADA to transit facilities.

Fehr & Peers has been hired to review MST's outdated guidelines, review industry material, and update MST's Designing for Transit. They have been tasked to focus on those elements that best suit the varied character of MST's urban and rural communities. The intent of this effort is to provide a "user guide" to help agencies in the evaluation and decision-making process for adding or updating transit infrastructure. The guidance updates technical design references for buses and stops, stop dimensions and roadway considerations for bus maneuverability, and off-street facility or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) applications. The updated guidance also includes high-level discussion of signal operations, bus-bike interface, and pedestrian access in reference to other best practices documents.

They requested that the Committee review and submit comments by Thursday August 13, 2020.

Todd Muck, Deputy Director, asked how certain treatments like bulbouts and roundabouts are addressed in the guidelines. Mr. LaRose responded that they would review the draft guidelines and update to incorporate this information where appropriate.

Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, asked how raised crosswalks, speed tables, and other traffic calming features are addressed. Mr. LaRose responded that they would review the draft guidelines and update to incorporate this information where appropriate.

Robert Harary, City of Carmel, asked if Monterey-Salinas Transit has plans to upgrade bus stops? Michelle Overmeyer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, responded that in most cases, MST does not own the land where bus stops are located and will need to work with the local jurisdictions.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orchid Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5, announced that Caltrans has a new Senate Bill 743 informational website.

Scott Ottmar, City of Seaside, introduced Nisha Patel, the city's new Public Works Director.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.