

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2024 TAMC BOARD MEETING

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901, Cayenne Conference Room

Alternate locations: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2nd Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940, Scott Donaldson's Office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, County Representative (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, (Priscilla Barba) Chair	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, 2nd Vice Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) 1st Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P(V)
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P(V)	P(V)
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	A
Michael LeBarre, King City, Past Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams)	P	P	E	E	P(V)	P	P	P*	P	E
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	A	P	A	A	P*	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P*	E	P	E

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Supervisor District 1 Office	Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5
Lisa Rheinheimer	Monterey-Salinas Transit	Rachel Ortiz	City of Greenfield (V)
Nicole Hollingsworth	CSUMB	Bruce Delgado	City of Marina (V)
Tyler LeSage	Caltrans D5	John Guertin	City of Del Rey Oaks
Heather Adamson	AMBAG	Peter Le	Public
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident	Barry Jones	Public
Todd Clark	Handcar Tours	Bryan Rosen	Public
Mason Clark	Handcar Tours	Brian Jacobson	Public
		Ryan Western	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Past Chair LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Lopez welcomed Agency Counsel Shane Strong.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the proposed roundabouts on Highway 68.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Lopez/LeBarre/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 February 28, 2024.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of February 2024 and credit card statements for the months of January 2024.

3.1.3 Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

3.1.4 Accepted the Triennial Performance Audits for the 3-year period ending June 30, 2022.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding City of King - Participatory Budgeting Funding Request:

1. Approved the request by the City of King to program RSTP funds dedicated to the City's Participatory Budgeting process; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

3.2.2 Approved proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee bylaws, which the board noticed at the February 2024 Board meeting, to add a clause about BPC Members' responsibility to be a bridge to their jurisdictions overseeing local bicycle and pedestrian facility-related needs and developments.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Legislative Update:

1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

M/S/C Askew/Smith/unanimous

The Board pulled item 3.3.1 for discussion and approved the consent agenda item.

Public comments:

Todd Clark, Handcar Tours Company, commented on Proposition 116 and the SURF! Busway project.

Mason Clark, Handcar Tours Company, commented on the SURF! Busway project.

Bruce Delgado, Marina Mayor, commented that the handcar business should be allowed to continue to operate until the SURF! Busway project moves forward, noting his long-standing support for the SURF! Busway project.

Board Member comments:

Board Member Askew expressed her disappointment with the protests, noting the SURF! Busway is a longtime TAMC project, with many options studied. She noted that Bus Rapid Transit is a step toward passenger rail, which is the intended project for the corridor in the long term.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement Consultant - Request for Proposals:
1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to deliver Safe Routes to School education and encouragement programming across Monterey County, subject to agency counsel approval;
 2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
 3. Approved the use of Active Transportation Program grant funding and regional Measure X funds allocated to the Safe Routes to Schools Program, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,622,091.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP fair share funds for the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project in the amount of \$141,229; and
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

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 March 6, 2024
 - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of March 4, 2024
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of March 6, 2024
 - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of March 7, 2024
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. FORTAG CANYON DEL REY - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:

M/S/C Smith/Oglesby/unanimous

1. Approved the project plans, Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions;
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Granite Rock Company in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, with an anticipated completion date of May 2026, for construction of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project, subject to (1) approval by Agency Counsel, the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, and the Office of Civil Rights; and (2) the clearance of any protests related to the bid;
3. Approved the use of State and Measure X funds budgeted for this project in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, and \$2,700,000 in contingency funds for unforeseen circumstances; 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 amount or term.

The Board received a presentation from Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer, who reported the vision for the FORTAG project is to create a multimodal route designated to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, and community and recreation centers. She noted that the first segment of the FORTAG project is known as the Canyon Del Rey segment, which includes construction of the trail through the City of Del Rey Oaks from Fremont Boulevard to Del Rey Woods Elementary School in the City of Seaside.

Ms. Williamson reported that on December 15, 2023, the Agency advertised for construction bids, with a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 22%. The bid opening was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The Agency received four bids for the Canyon Del Rey Segment 1 as follows:

• Engineering Estimates	\$12,296,500.00
• Granite Rock	\$17,994,607.40
• Precision Grade	\$18,572,725.29
• Monterey Peninsula Engineer	\$19,268,434.09
• Granite Construction	\$20,862,529.00

Ms. Williamson reported that Granite Rock Company was the apparent low bidder, with a DBE commitment of 10%, meaning that of their total bid, 10% of the contract work would be performed by certified DBE firms. Since Granite Rock Company did not meet the project DBE goal of 22%, Agency

staff submitted documentation to the Caltrans Office of Civil Rights detailing the good faith efforts made by Granite Rock Company to include DBE firms in their bid.

Board Member Church expressed concern with the steep cost increase.

Past Chair LeBarre commented that he supports the project but is concerned about the significant cost overrun.

Board Member Donaldson concurred the estimated construction cost is a lot of money, but noted it is important TAMC approve the project plans, noting that TAMC made a commitment to the Del Rey Oaks residents who voted for this project as proposed.

Board Member Smith commented that he understands the construction cost increase, but recommended the team proceed with caution and seek cost savings where appropriate.

5. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN POLICY ELEMENT

M/S/C Askew/Smith/unanimous

The Board of Directors adopted goals and policy objectives for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, presented the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan, which is being prepared in-house by staff in coordination with Agency committees and the Board of Directors. The Plan's environmental document is led by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments not to exceed \$325,000, of which TAMC will pay \$75,000, and will cover the tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as the individual Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County Regional Transportation Plans. The Plan will include cost estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2050 horizon year.

Board Member LeBarre asked whether the RTP goals should be more specific about safety concerns on roadways and highways, especially as regards the U.S. 101 South of Salinas project. Director Muck replied that safety is a top priority for TAMC, and that the RTP's safety goal description can be expanded to explicitly cover reducing collisions and fatalities.

6. TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERSHIP IN BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

M/S/C

Adams/Church/unanimous

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County deferred this item to a future meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Orchid Monroy Ochoa announced the following:

- Congratulated City of Greenfield for their connectivity community grant award.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The airport is proceeding with their new terminal; the plan is going as scheduled.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On April 13, MST will have a booth at the Marina Earth Day event, at the Marina Library, to discuss the SURF Busway project.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey announced the following:

- A new round of AB 2766 motor vehicle emission reduction grants will start soon. Air District receives a \$4.00 per vehicle registration surcharge fee allocated to grant projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions.

8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

Board Member Askew attended the Central Coast Coalition meeting in Sacramento on March 20, 2024.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Director Muck expressed appreciation for the discussion on the RTP goals and objectives, noting TAMC is developing a Vision Zero plan, focused on safety and how to reduce injuries and fatalities.
- Community meetings on how to make traveling along US 101 and State Route 98 safe will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Firehouse Recreation Center in Salinas.
- TAMC is working with the county on SR 68 issues at Toro Park; cut-through traffic is estimated to cause 20-minute delays. Board Member Adams noted that TAMC is getting many compliments from the residents, this has been an ongoing problem, noting the work is applauded.
- Fair Political Practices forms are due April 1, 2024.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member LeBarre commented that the King City Participatory Budgeting Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, March 26, had great participation and leadership. He announced the King City High School Soccer Team State Title celebration parade would be held on Wednesday, March 27.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.