



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
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Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments' ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. In light of this, the April 1, 2020 meeting of the TAMC Executive Committee will be held via Zoom conference. There will be NO physical location of the meeting. The public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Due to the current circumstances, there may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during the meeting. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to TAMC at info@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 30, 2020; such comments will be distributed to the TAMC Executive Committee before the meeting. Members of the public participating by Zoom are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Chair. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the the Zoom app at: <https://zoom.us/download> A link to simplified instructions for use of the Zoom app is: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/>

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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****9:00 AM****

1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1 APPROVE the Executive Committee Draft Minutes of March 4, 2020.

-Rodriguez

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update on legislative activities; RECOMMEND Board adopt positions on legislation; and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff as regards Monterey Salinas Transit's fiscal emergency.

- Watson

Staff will present an updated draft bill list and an update on state and federal legislative activities.

5. RECEIVE report on draft TAMC Board meeting agenda of April 22 2020.

- Muck

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURN

Next Executive Committee meeting is:

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Please mark your calendars.

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection on the Committee website. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available online; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available online after the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS - No items this month.



Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: April 1, 2020
Subject: **Executive Committee Draft Minutes of March 4, 2020**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Executive Committee Draft Minutes of March 4, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Executive Committee Draft Minutes of March 4, 2020

DRAFT 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: Luis Alejo (Chair),
 Ed Smith (1st Vice Chair), Mary Adams (2nd Vice Chair),
 Robert Huitt (Past Chair),
 Chris Lopez (County representative), Michael LeBarre (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	NOV 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20
Luis Alejo, Chair Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P (TC)	P (TC)
Michael LeBarre, City Representative King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robert Huitt, Past Chair Pacific Grove (D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, County Representative Supr. Dist. 2									P*	P
Mary Adams, 2nd Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 5 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
Ed Smith, 1st Vice Monterey (A. Renny)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

TC: via teleconference

**: new member*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Hale, Jacobsen, Muck, Rodriguez, and Watson

Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann; Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit;

Via teleconference: Chair Luis Alejo and Gus Khouri, Legislative Analyst

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 5, 2020.

END OF CONSENT

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, reported that the Central Coast Coalition legislative day held on February 19 in Sacramento was successful. He thanked Committee members and staff for a phenomenal job. Committee Member Alejo thanked Mr. Khouri for a well-organized and very productive day. Director Hale thanked Chair Alejo and Vice Chair Smith for attending and supporting state funding for the Highway 156 interchange and rail service to the county.

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Committee Member Lopez, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board "oppose unless amended" AB 2012 Free Senior Transit Passes: Eligibility for Transit Funding.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, commented that this bill would require transit agencies to offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations program.

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Committee Alternate Anderson, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board "oppose unless amended" AB 2176 - Free student transit passes; eligibility for state funding; and AB1350 - Free youth transit passes; eligibility for state funding.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted that a better option is to fund transit passes through the school district.

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member LeBarre, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend to the Board all other bill positions as recommended by staff in the bill list included in the agenda.

Director Hale noted she was in Washington, DC in mid-February and noted that if, as expected, the Congress does not move forward with a re-authorization bill in 2020, APWA is requesting a yearlong continuing resolution so there is not a break in funding.

5. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR March 25, 2020

Deputy Director Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 25, 2020. After Executive Committee discussion, the following items will be considered on the regular agenda:

- Closed Session regarding rail acquisitions
- Final Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Environmental Document
- 2020 Programming Guidelines & Competitive Grants

On the consent agenda, the Board will consider actions related to:

- Legislative update
- Graphic Design of Public Outreach RFQ
- 2020 Programming Guidelines and Grants

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member LeBarre requested that staff talk to Access Monterey Peninsula to develop subtler methods to alert staff and/or the Board Chair regarding microphone usage. Director Hale responded that staff would address this issue.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.



Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: April 1, 2020
Subject: Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on legislative activities; **RECOMMEND** Board adopt positions on legislation; and **PROVIDE DIRECTION** to staff as regards Monterey Salinas Transit's fiscal emergency.

SUMMARY:

Staff will present an updated draft bill list and an update on state and federal legislative activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Three new bills present a threat to local control over locally approved sales tax measures and the locally driven transportation planning process. MST has declared a fiscal emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis.

DISCUSSION:

Attached are a state update from Agency legislative consultant Gus Khouri and a draft bill list. Additions from the list adopted by the TAMC Board of Directors on March 25, 2020 include the following bills:

- Assembly Bill 2011 (Holden): West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority and Senate Bill 1390 (Portantino): Montclair to Ontario Airport Construction Authority - both bills would undermine existing local sales tax authorities by creating new entities to be funded through a previously approved sales tax measure currently overseen by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, who are asking partner agencies around the state to oppose this measure. Staff recommends an oppose position on both bills.
- Senate Bill 1363 (Allen): Regional Transportation Plans: Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Vehicle Miles Traveled: this bill would give the California Air Resources Board even more authority over the currently locally-driven planning process. Staff recommends an oppose position.

On March 19, 2020, Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) declared a fiscal emergency to enable implementation of emergency service reductions and other strategies to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, including seeking state or federal assistance (see **web attachment**). As this situation is fluctuating daily, TAMC staff will present an update and request direction as to expressing support for MST in this crisis.

On March 25, the US Senate passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act (see **web attachment**). The Transportation section has important grant features that may help MST through this crisis:

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Transit Infrastructure Grants – \$25 billion for transit providers, including states and local governments across the country, for operating and capital expenses. Funding will be distributed using existing FTA formulas.

In addition, the CARES Act could help airports and Amtrak:

- Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) – \$10 billion to maintain operations at our nation’s airports that are facing a record drop in passengers. AIP funds will be distributed by formula.
- Amtrak – \$1.018 billion for Amtrak operating assistance to cover revenue losses related to coronavirus. In addition funding is provided to help states pay for their share of the cost of state supported routes.

Staff will provide a verbal update on all activities at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State report - Khouri
- State bill list

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [MST news release: MST declares fiscal emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [CARES Act Summary](#)



March 19, 2020

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
FROM: Gus Khouri, Principal
Khouri Consulting LLC

RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MARCH

On March 16, the California State Legislature approved [Assembly Concurrent Resolution 189](#) to adjourn the 2019-20 Regular Legislative Session for Spring Recess until at least April 13, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. This has resulted in committee hearings being cancelled and staff being ordered to work remotely. The Capitol is not open to the public during this time. There has been discussion about shortening the Summer Recess to account for the lost time, but with the uncertain duration needed to flatten the curve of spreading the virus, the situation remains fluid.

TAMC-Sponsored Legislation

Senator Bill Monning has agreed to author legislation, SB 1231, on behalf of TAMC to improve safety through the State Route 156 Corridor (SR 156). The bill has been referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. It was scheduled to be heard on March 24, but will be rescheduled to April 14 instead, due to the Recess.

Transportation Development Act Reform

The 1971 Transportation Development Act (TDA) dedicated a statewide 1/4 cent sales tax to local transportation. That 1/4 cent sales tax, now known as the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), generates over \$1.7 billion annually, primarily for public transit.

To be eligible to receive its full share of Local Transportation Funding, existing law requires a transit operator to meet a specified ratio of fare revenues to operating cost, called farebox recovery ratios. Generally, existing law defines the minimum ratio necessary to receive all Local Transportation Funding as either 20% for urban operators, or 10% for operators in a non-urbanized area. If a transit operator fails to meet its specified farebox recovery ratios, existing law requires the Regional Transportation Planning Agency to withhold a percentage of the Local Transportation Fund equal to the percentage by which the operator missed its expected ratio. At the

request of the legislature, the California Transit Association (CTA) has been leading working groups to determine the feasibility of either amending or overhauling the Transportation Development Act.

We have proposed that California Transit Association consider a prospective fix for operators in rural and suburbanized areas (Central Coast, rural counties in Northern California, and San Joaquin Valley) that would increase the “urbanized area” population threshold from 500,000 to 1 million, reflecting the doubling of the state’s population since 1971, and allow for those areas to consider using population density as a metric. Another suggestion was to allow for Local Transportation Funding to always be used for operations rather than restricting funding for capital purposes only. It seems logical that you should not purchase a bus that you cannot operate and that maintenance of existing service should be a priority.

Monterey-Salinas Transit has expressed an interest in a bill that can provide relief through a prospective global fix, particularly to address the high cost of providing paratransit service.

TAMC Bill Matrix – April 2020

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>AB 1350 (Gonzalez)</p> <p>Free youth transit passes: eligibility for state funding.</p>	<p>1/28/20</p> <p>Senate Rules</p>	<p>This bill would require transit agencies to offer free youth transit passes to persons 18 years of age and under in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, or the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would also require a free youth transit pass to count as a full price fare for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and the California Transit Association (CTA) will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to school districts to purchase passes for youth.</p>	<p>OPPOSE unless amended</p> <p>Priority 13S</p>
<p>AB 1839 (Bonta)</p> <p>California New Green Deal</p>	<p>1/6/20</p> <p>Introduced</p>	<p>This bill is a spot bill that intends to create the California Green New Deal Council with a membership appointed by the Governor. The bill would require the California Green New Deal Council to submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022.</p>	<p>WATCH</p> <p>Priority 12S</p>
<p>AB 1908 (Chen)</p> <p>Homeless encampment and litter</p>	<p>2/27/20</p> <p>Assembly Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would require Caltrans to clean up homeless encampments and litter within its right-of-way and expedited and coordinated access to housing and supportive services.</p>	<p>WATCH</p> <p>Priority NA</p>
<p>AB 2011 (Holden)</p> <p><u>West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority</u></p>	<p><u>2/14/20</u></p> <p><u>Assembly Transportation</u></p>	<p><u>This bill would create a new authority for purposes of awarding and overseeing all design and construction contracts for completion of an extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail project from the City of Montclair to the Ontario International Airport. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority is asking TAMC to oppose the bill because it transfers the responsibility from the county’s transportation planning agency to a newly created authority that provides less influence in the decision-making process. By creating the new entity, the bill is circumventive an existing function of the regional planning and taxing authority in one county to address a project that will predominantly serve an adjacent county (Los Angeles).</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p><u>Priority 1S</u></p>

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<p>AB 2012 (Chu)</p> <p>Free senior transit passes: eligibility for transit funding</p>	<p>2/14/20</p> <p>Assembly Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would require transit agencies to offer free senior transit passes to persons over 65 years of age in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Deddeh Transit Development Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would require those free senior transit passes to count as full price fares for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and CTA will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to senior centers to purchase passes for seniors.</p>	<p>OPPOSE unless amended</p> <p>Priority 13S</p>
<p>AB 2121 (Friedman)</p> <p>Traffic safety</p>	<p>2/20/20</p> <p>Assembly Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would require Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. The bill would also require the California Traffic Safety Program to include a traffic safety monitoring program that identifies and addresses locations with pedestrian- and bicyclist-related crashes. It would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes. The bill implements Vision Zero to allow for reducing speed limits and eliminating bicycle and pedestrian fatalities.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Priority 7S</p>
<p>AB 2145 (Ting)</p> <p>Electric vehicle charging stations</p>	<p>2/10/20</p> <p>Introduced</p>	<p>Spot bill related to the electric vehicle charging infrastructure approval process employed by the Public Utilities Commission, to help ensure that by 2030 California will install enough electric vehicle charging ports to meet the demand for charging infrastructure.</p>	<p>WATCH</p> <p>Priority 11S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – April 2020

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<p>AB 2176 (Holden)</p> <p>Free student transit passes: eligibility for state funding</p>	<p>2/27/20</p> <p>Assembly Transportation and Higher Education</p>	<p>This bill would require transit agencies to offer free student transit passes to persons attending the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California in order to be eligible for state funding under the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act, the State Transit Assistance Program, or the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. The bill would also require a free student transit pass to count as a full price fare for purposes of calculating the ratio of fare revenues to operating costs. MST is concerned about this bill impacting their budget and their ability to provide fixed-route services. MST and the California Transit Association (CTA) will recommend amendments to the bill that would instead provide state funding to schools to purchase passes for students.</p>	<p>OPPOSE unless amended</p> <p>Priority 13S</p>
<p>AB 2262 (Berman)</p> <p>Zero-emission vehicle readiness plan</p>	<p>2/14/20</p> <p>Assembly Transportation and Natural Resources</p>	<p>This bill would require each sustainable communities strategy to also include a zero-emission vehicle readiness plan. By imposing new requirements on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p>	<p>WATCH</p> <p>Priority 11S</p>
<p>SB 757 (Allen)</p> <p>State highways: relinquishments</p>	<p>1/23/20</p> <p>Assembly Rules</p>	<p>This bill would allow for the California Transportation Commission, rather than the legislature, to oversee the process for requests to relinquish portions of the state highway system to local jurisdictions.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Priority 13S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – April 2020

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<p>SB 795 (Beall)</p> <p>Affordable housing and community development investment</p>	<p>1/15/20</p> <p>Referred to Senate Governance and Finance; Housing; and Education</p>	<p>This bill would establish the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, to authorize a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority, transit village development district, or a combination of those entities, to apply for funding for eligible projects include, among other things, construction of workforce and affordable housing, certain transit-oriented development, and “projects promoting strong neighborhoods.” The source of funding for this program is from a county’s transfer of the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). SB 795 is being sponsored by the California State Building & Construction Trades Council. TAMC supported its predecessor, SB 5, and sent a support letter as the language was identical.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Priority 12S</p> <p>Letter sent 1/24/20</p>
<p>SB 1231 (Monning)</p> <p>Endangered species: take: Santa Cruz long-toed salamander</p>	<p>3/18/20</p> <p>Senate Natural Resources and Water</p>	<p>This bill would allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</i>) resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 (SR 156) corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. The purpose of this bill is to allow TAMC to implement safety improvements to eliminate collisions and fatalities along the SR 156 corridor while allowing for enhanced mitigation for an endangered species.</p>	<p>SPONSOR</p> <p>Priority 4S</p>
<p>SB 1363 (Allen)</p> <p>Regional Transportation Plans: Reduction of GHG and VMT</p>	<p>3/18/20</p> <p>Senate Environmental Quality</p>	<p><u>This bill would provide the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with a more pronounced role in the approval of regional transportation planning. It requires CARB to provide each affected region with greenhouse gas emission (GHG) targets for the automobile and light truck sector for 2045 and 2050, and with vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction targets for 2035, 2045, and 2050. This bill would require each MPO to work with CARB until CARB approves or rejects the accuracy of the technical methodology used to estimate the GHG and VMT reductions in the MPO’s sustainable communities strategy. While Monterey County is an attainment area, this bill would undermine local control (AMBAG) and could alter the ability to deliver certain projects, particularly those expressed in the Measure X expenditure plan.</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p>Priority 1S</p>

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<p><u>SB 1390 (Portantino)</u></p> <p><u>Montclair to Ontario Airport Construction Authority</u></p>	<p><u>3/12/20</u></p> <p><u>Senate Transportation</u></p>	<p><u>This bill is similar to AB 2011 in circumventing the local transportation planning agency's decision-making authority. The difference in this bill is that it requires the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to transfer the unencumbered balance of all funds programmed from its local sales tax measure, and an unspecified source of funding to the new construction authority, Montclair to Ontario Airport Construction Authority versus the West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority created in AB 2011, for completion of the project. This bill would authorize Los Angeles Metro to review any significant changes in the scope of the design or construction of the project. The concern is that voter-approved resources in one county would be diverted for the benefit of a project that predominantly serves an adjacent county (Los Angeles).</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p><u>Priority 1S</u></p>