

## 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: Ed Smith (Chair),  
Mary Adams (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Luis Alejo (Past Chair),  
Chris Lopez (County representative), Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

\*\*\* 8:30 a.m. \*\*\*

REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	AUG 21
Ed Smith, <b>Chair</b> Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Mary Adams, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 5 ( <del>S. Hardgrave</del> , C. Courtney)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Michael LeBarre, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> King City (C. DeLeon)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, <b>Past Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales/ <del>J. Gomez</del> )	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chris Lopez, <b>County Representative</b> Supr. Dist. 2 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)
Kimbley Craig, <b>City Representative</b> (C. Cromeenes)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

*TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference*

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. Committee Member Craig arrived after the consent agenda.

Staff present: Goel, Hale, Hernandez, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Agency Counsel Katherine Hansen, Paul Schlesinger and Perrin Badini of Alcalde & Fay, and Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Executive Director Debbie Hale welcomed TAMC new staff Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

M/S/C

Lopez/Alejo/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez seconded by Committee Member Alejo, the committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 2, 2021.

**4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

M/S/C

LeBarre/Craig/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre seconded by Committee Member Craig, the committee voted 6-0 to: receive an update on state and federal legislative activities, recommend the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed state legislation, and endorse the California coalition letter to California's federal delegation.

Gus Khouri, Agency State Legislative Consultant, provided a state legislative update and highlighted the bills of interest. He reported that the legislature adjourned for summer recess between July 16 and August 16 and will conclude regular session on September 10. He highlighted the budget bills authorizing revenue for transportation infrastructure and noted that funding to augment the Active Transportation Program (ATP), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and State and Local Climate Adaption, would not be available unless additional legislation is enacted by October 10 related to the remaining \$4.2 billion Proposition 1A appropriation for high-speed rail. Two bills with new support recommendations included AB 122, about bike safety stops, and SB 69, enabling the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit to be considered an intercity rail carrier. He also noted a change in recommended position from oppose to watch for SB 771, as it no longer applies to local sales taxes.

Paul Schlesinger, Agency Federal Legislative Consultant, reported on transportation authorization and infrastructure efforts now being negotiated, and the potential for the \$2 million earmark for the US 101 South of Salinas project that Congressman Panetta set aside in the House authorization bill being transferred instead to an appropriations bill yet to be discussed by the House or Senate.

Committee Alternate Courtney asked if AB 122 was discussed at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC). Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, noted that the BPC has not weighed in, although the recommended position came from a BPC member. Committee Member LeBarre suggested that staff bring the bill to the BPC. Agency Counsel Hansen will evaluate if it can be discussed at tonight's Bike meeting as an urgency item on short notice.

## **5. COVID 19 DISCUSSION**

The Committee received an update on COVID-19 status and discussed plans for upcoming Board and Committee meetings.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that, pursuant to state law, and to protect TAMC staff, Board members and Committee members, she proposed continuing to hold virtual meetings through September.

Committee Member Craig expressed support for virtual meetings but suggested that closed sessions should be in-person. The Committee agreed that in a virtual meeting, a live video feed showing faces should be required for closed sessions.

## **6. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of August 25, 2021.

After Executive Committee discussion, direction was provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- State and Federal Legislative Update
- Regional Telework Survey
- Closed and Open Session regarding Public Employment Appointment

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Hale congratulated Todd Muck on his new position as Executive Director. Committee Member Craig introduced her intern, Sophia Cho.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.