

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 25, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4 (W. Askew)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 2nd Vice Chair (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P
M. LeBarre, King City, City Representative (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (F. O'Connell)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P
E. Smith, Monterey, 1st Vice Chair (A. Renny)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Huit, Pacific Grove, Past Chair (N. Smith , D. Gho)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S. Davis, Salinas (C. Cromones , J. Gunter)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	-	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P(A)	P	-	-
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson; B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik , K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero , D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer – Michelle Overmeyer)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville (L. Hurst)	-	P	-	P	E	P	E	P	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	-	-	-	P	-	-

TAMC STAFF	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19	OCT 19	DEC 19	JAN 20	FEB 20	MAR 20
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner				P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Dayton Measure X Oversight Comm.
 Fred Watson FORTAG

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant confirmed a quorum was established. Board member Davis led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/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 26, 2020

- 3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4 Accepted the Agency's Financial Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.
- 3.1.5 Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Approved Resolution 2020-04 designating the Transportation Agency's allocation of \$814,702 for FY 2019/20 Low Carbon Transit Operation funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for free fares on the weekends on routes on the weekends on routes that serve disadvantaged communities in Salinas, free monthly youth passes, free fares for Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College students, and discounted hospitality group transit passes.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Received update on state legislative activities and adopted positions on legislation.
- 3.3.2 Regarding Graphic Design for Public Outreach and Marketing Materials:
 - 1. Approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant graphic design work of the Transportation Agency's public outreach/marketing documents, subject to counsel approval;
 - 2. Authorized staff to publish the RFQ, and return to the Board of Directors with recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
 - 3. Approved the use of funds from the Agency's approved budget for this contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment #1 with KNN Public Finance to continue providing Measure X financial advisory services through the period ending June 30, 2023.

RAIL PROGRAM

No Report this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1 No Report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1 Accept draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
 - Executive Committee –draft minutes of March 4, 2020
 - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of March 2, 2020
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – No meeting
 - Technical Advisory Committee – March 5, 2020
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – February 18, 2020
- 3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for March 2020.

4. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY (FORTAG) FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**M/S/C** LeBarre/Delgado/unanimous

The Board took the following action regarding the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Final Environmental Document

1. Certified Final Environmental Impact Report on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project;
2. Adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15097;
3. Adopted Findings in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21081 and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15091 that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects as identified in the Final EIR;
4. Approved the Master Agreement between and among the Transportation Agency and the County of Monterey, the cities of Seaside, Marina, Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, California State University Monterey Bay, University of California Santa Cruz, and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District; and
5. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the Master Agreement.

The FORTAG project proposes to construct a continuous 12-foot wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trails that will connect the Monterey Peninsula cities from the existing Monterey Bay Coastal Trail to the California State Monterey Bay University campus through the former Fort Ord open space area.

Board member Oglesby expressed concern that the trail alignment as specified will jeopardize the City of Seaside Campus Town project and noted that the City's concerns were not addressed in the Master Agreement. Mr. Deal replied that TAMC is not trying to force an alignment on any jurisdiction and noted that adjustments can be made in the Supplemental Agreement, which will be entered into as segments are funded. Agency counsel confirmed that the EIR may need adjustment if the trail alignments change, and the Master Agreement language reflects that fact; however, CEQA environmental law requires a stable project description. Mr. Deal added that in the alignment specified in the EIR the trail goes up to Campus Town but does not go through it.

Public comment:

Fred Watson, Co-founder of FORTAG, echoed what Mr Deal noted, that the FORTAG did not go through Campus Town. Board member Delgado thanked Mr. Watson his efforts as a private citizen helping to craft the project a detailed level, including meeting with many stakeholders.

Kevin Dayton, Monterey County resident and Measure X Oversight Committee member, encouraged the Board to support this project and the recommended action, noting that the project is a long -term legacy for Measure X.

Shyam Kamath, Dean, College of Business, CSUMB submitted a comment letter. Theresa Wright, TAMC Community Outreach Coordinator, read the letter into the record: *It is a pleasure and*

privilege for me to support the establishment of the FORTAG Trail in the Monterey Bay Region. As a Steward-of-Place University and Responsible Business School committed to a quintuple bottom line (People, Ethics, Equity, Planet and Profit), my university and business school community colleagues and I believe that FORTAG will bring unique, transformational and generational benefits to the Monterey Bay Community. It is a transformational project and will put Monterey Bay in the forefront of being the leading ecotourism, eco-recreation and wellness region in the country.

5. 2020 PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES & COMPETITIVE GRANTS

M/S/C Smith/Parker/unanimous

The Board took the following action regarding programming guidelines and competitive grants:

1. Approved the programming of three years (2020/21/22) of fair share formula Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds to the cities and County;
2. Approved setting aside 10% of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to a TAMC reserve for complete streets; and
3. Approved updated guidelines and application and Released a call for projects to program competitive Transportation Development Act 2% and RSTP funds.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the three-year estimated amount of Regional Surface Transportation Program grants is \$3.6 million in fair share funds and up to \$12.2 million for the competitive program. The \$12.2 million includes \$9.36 million of new Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, \$750,000 of new Transportation Development Act 2% for bicycle and pedestrian project funds, and up to \$2.1 million unexpended from the last competitive grants cycle. The deadline for billing to the prior cycle is three years after approval of the grants, or August 31, 2020. The Transportation Agency distributes the competitive portion of the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria, including safety, traffic volume and project readiness. The competitive grants process starts with a call for project and the release of grant application materials, then the Technical Advisory Committee will establish a subcommittee to review and rank project proposals. Under the proposed schedule, the applications would be due June 1, 2020 and a program of projects would be brought to the Board for consideration at the August 2020 Board meeting.

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, District 5 Chief of Planning and Programming, thanked TAMC for putting the remote meeting together in order to keep business moving. She reported that Caltrans is working very hard to keep essential services open, noting that keeping goods moving is a priority. She added that the Caltrans maintenance crew continues to work at keeping roads open.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the airport remains open and committed to service. Staff is working every day to keep the terminal sanitary. Passenger counts are down, but the airport is flying a full schedule with American and United operators. The rental cars and food service are still available on boarding side, but the Golden Tee restaurant remains closed. He noted that the shelter in place and COVID-19 restrictions will have a major financial impact on the airport. He urged Board members to please make Monterey Airport their first choice and whenever possible to Fly Monterey.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, reported that MST transportation is considered an essential service, but given the shelter in place, ridership was down 80 percent in the last week. To enforce social distancing, MST is allowing no more than ten passengers on a bus at a time. In addition, to protect drivers and passengers, MST has taped off the front of the bus, made its rides free and required all passengers to enter through the back door; the front of the buses are taped off. MST coach operators and staff who are aged 65 and older are staying home. The District is in negotiations with the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels to provide services to them and keep its drivers working and employed. MST is also still providing necessary trips to dialysis and doctor's appointments. The federal legislation recently approved will provide \$25 billion nationwide for transit, which will provide much-needed funding to MST.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman, General Manager, reported that the Air District remains open, noting they cancelled their Board meeting last week. The electric vehicle incentive program is still providing subsidies to those who purchase electric vehicles until funding runs out.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale made the following report:

- TAMC has cancelled all the committee meetings for April, except for the Executive Committee meeting on April 1st.
- TAMC staff has been working at home since March 16, and all meetings are being conducted via conference call or Zoom due to the shelter-in-place order.
- FPPC Form 700s are due (prior date of April 1, 2020 has been extended to July 1, 2020); all Board members need to send a signed copy of the documents to info@tamcmonterey.org.
- She encouraged everyone to stay safe by washing their hands frequently, observing the shelter-in-place order and practicing social distancing.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Alejo thanked the staffs of TAMC, the cities and County for serving during this time, he sent his prayers to everyone in the community to stay health, and he urged people to stay home.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.