

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: 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, May 6, 2020

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

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

TC: via teleconference; VC: via Zoom video conference

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

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

Others present: Agency Counsel Kay Reimann; and Gus Khouri, Legislative Analyst

- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S/C Smith/Huitt/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member Smith and seconded by Committee Member Huitt, the committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of April 1, 2020.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C LeBarre/Adams/unanimous

Gus Khouri, Agency legislative consultant, reported that the Legislature is coming back from an extended spring break due to the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home order. After reconvening, their priority will be to enact a budget by June 15, 2020. Given the high and increasing unemployment rates, personal income tax revenues are expected to be far below pre-COVID-19 projections, and sales and gas tax income are also expected to be low, causing a huge deficit. Since data on income tax revenues will not be fully available until July or August, the Legislature will reevaluate the budget in August.

He noted that several bills will not proceed this legislative session and most that are moving forward will be on consent as much as possible to promote physical distancing. Mr. Khouri noted that Senator Monning's top priority is the TAMC-sponsored SB 1231, related to habitat mitigation for State Route 156. He reviewed the other new bill recommendations in the matrix.

Chair Alejo asked if SB 1231 can move forward on its own or if it will be included in a budget bill. Mr. Khouri replied that the Senator currently expects to pursue the bill independently of a budget trailer bill.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Senate returned to Washington on May 4 and Congress will come back on May 11, with a focus on a second COVID-19 relief/ economic stimulus bill that may include relief for states and local jurisdictions, possibly up to \$1 trillion.

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Committee Member Adams, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt positions on legislation as indicated in the staff report.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

M/S/C Smith/Lopez/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre and seconded by Committee Member Adams, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board **approve** Resolution 2020-06 adopting the fiscal year 20/21 budget and overall work program, and estimated budgets for fiscal years 21/22 and 22/23.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Board had reviewed the draft budget in February and had no recommended changes. However, with the impact of COVID-19, there are some hard decisions being made by jurisdictions and timing of the economic recovery could be 12-18 months away. Fortunately, TAMC continues to have a healthy reserve in the event revenues fall short of forecast. She noted the changes made to the Operating budget expenditures were to remove the 3% cost-of-living allowance that was in the February draft budget as well as a part-time retired annuitant position.

Ms. Goel reported no changes to the Direct budget, noting Caltrans has delayed approval of its planning grants until the end of May and so it is unknown whether or not they will approve the Highway 1 Carmel Hill corridor study.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported that there are no major changes to the Work Program and there is a lot of work continuing from the prior fiscal year. He noted that the Agency is in a good position to continue to keep projects moving forward due to strong Measure X revenues from prior years. The Imjin Parkway Measure X project is still expected to start construction in FY20/21.

6. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA

Executive Director Hale reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of May 27, 2020. After Executive Committee discussion, the following items will be considered on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter presentation to Mike Zeller
- Proclamation for 2020 National Public Works Week
- Big Sur Highway 1 Sustainable Transportation Demand Management Plan
- Measure X Senior and Disabled Transportation Cycle 2 Award recommendations
- 3 Year Budget and FY 20/21 Overall Work Program

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

- Bicycle Secure Program
- Measure X Funding Agreement – MST South County Facility
- Legislative Update

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Hale asked the Committee for recommendations on changing the Agency bylaws related to the definition of a quorum, noting that there have been some instances when obtaining or retaining a quorum has been difficult due to the requirement that there be 7 city representatives. Committee members expressed the opinion that the quorum bylaws should remain as is, but asked staff to reach out to the mayors and possibly send them a quarterly attendance sheet. Members also agreed to talk with their colleagues regarding the need for their regular and timely attendance at TAMC meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.