

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 22	FEB 22*	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Claudia Link)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 2nd Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	P	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Rep (Yuri Anderson)	P	A	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Chair (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, 1st Vice Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, Past Chair (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, City Representative (Christie Cromeenes)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz)	A	P	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P

Ex Officio Members:	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	A	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Tim Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Scott Eades, Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A)	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P(A)
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P(A)	A	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	A
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Larry Samuels, CSUMB	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; A = unnoticed absence
Special Meeting

TAMC STAFF	JAN 22	FEB* 22	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 25	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
D. Bilsle, Principal Engineer	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Babeeta Nagra Pacific Gas & Electric Tony Harris PointC

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams 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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Phillips/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 September 28, 2022.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of September 2022 and credit card statements for the month of August 2022.
- 3.1.3** Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Agreement for Accounting Services:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #1 with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLC in an amount not to exceed \$23,730 per year for a two-year extension to provide auditing services for the period ending June 30, 2025;
 2. Approved the use of \$47,460 for the extended term of the Agreement in funds budgeted for this purpose; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

- 3.1.5 Received the call for nominations for the 21st Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
- 3.1.6 Approved Resolution 2022-12 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute amendment No. 1 to the fiscal year 2022/23 Overall Work Program and Budget.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Received report on the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Regarding Legislative Update & Draft 2023 Program:
 - 1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
 - 2. Approved the draft 2023 legislative program for distribution to committees.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Received an update on the quarterly Measure X revenue forecasts.
- 3.4.2 Approved Amendment #1 to the Measure X regional funding agreement between the Transportation Agency and the City of Marina for the Imjin Road Widening project, pending legal counsel approval, and Authorized the Executive Director to execute the amendment.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1 Approved Resolution 2022-13 approving the revised land transfer agreement with the City of Salinas for the properties acquired for the rail station improvements at Lincoln Avenue and West Market Street and authorizing the Executive Director to enter into the agreement.

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 October 5, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of October 5, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of October 6, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – October 18, 2022.

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for October 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The TAMC Board presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner. Janneke has been selected by her colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July 1 – September 30, 2022.

Agency employees recognize Janneke for having a great attitude, for her professionalism, and for her hard work. Most notably they appreciate her hard work on the Greenfield Safe Routes to Schools Steering Committee and the Participatory Budgeting process, as well as her assistance on the upcoming Salinas Valley Steering Committees. They also appreciate her great job in managing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

5. **CORRIDOR ADVISOR REPORT**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from Tony Harris, Principal Partner with the consulting firm PointC, the Transportation Agency's Corridor Advisor, on the status of the State Route 68 Scenic Highway, US 101 South of Salinas, and State Route 156/ Castroville interchange projects, which have a total of \$110 million allocated from Measure X funds.

Mr. Harris and his team are tasked with assisting TAMC with the delivery of state highway improvement projects that use Measure X funds. This includes working with Caltrans and TAMC staff to evaluate project delivery schedules, facilitate project team meetings, and develop funding strategies. After providing an update on the status, opportunities, and challenges of each project, Mr. Harris concluded his presentation by stating that during future development of projects, the focus should be on the following:

- Opportunities to leverage Measure X funding to obtain state and federal funding.
- Identifying opportunities to align with emerging transportation values and policies.
- Exploring methods and opportunities to advance implementation; and
- Ongoing engagement with community and stakeholders throughout the process.

Vice Chair LeBarre suggested that the MST SURF! bus project be included in the SR 156 project to provide a multimodal component, and that the SR 156/ US 101 project should include a large parking structure to enable tourists to park and ride into the Peninsula.

6. **CENTRAL COAST ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE STUDY PRESENTATION**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from Mike Usen, DKS Consultants, on the Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy.

Mr. Usen noted that the strategy, funded through a Caltrans sustainable transportation planning grant, will become a resource to accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles and identify gaps and opportunities to implement zero emission vehicle infrastructure along the Central Coast. The project study area is the California Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

The goal of this effort is to identify future charging infrastructure siting and technology needs to accommodate future travel demand specifically for interregional motorists, regional transit services, and freight. A key emphasis will be on addressing the region's electromobility needs for accommodating intercity travel within the less developed unincorporated areas of the Central Coast and underserved populations such as disadvantaged communities and residents of multi-family dwelling units. Through the development of this plan, all Central Coast agencies will be

better positioned to apply and/or compete for state and federal funding for electric vehicle infrastructure implementation.

Board Member Phillips asked if the private sector is involved in the study. Mr. Usen noted that most of the charging stations are installed by the private sector.

Vice Chair LeBarre suggested that new technologies such as hybrid airplanes should be incorporated into the study.

Board Member Askew commented that the study should consider the needs of disadvantaged communities and higher density housing for charging infrastructure.

7. PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING GRID READINESS

The Board received a presentation from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) on grid readiness for widespread electric vehicle adoption.

Babeeta Nagra, clean energy transportation and electric project management subject matter expert at PG&E, presented PG&E 's work to support local government transportation electrification plans and PG&E's Vehicle-Grid Integration programs. She noted that PG&E ensures grid capacity and reliability to support electrification. PG&E's goal is to maintain and expand its electric transportation programs and grants to support electrifying California's roads and support electric vehicle adoption for all customers.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades announced that there will be a Clean California grant cycle 2 guidelines workshop on November 3, 2022.

Mr. Eades announced that Caltrans will host workshops on November 9-10 to discuss the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program, which includes:

- Sustainable Communities Grants (\$17 million Competitive; \$12.5 million Formula) to encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission
- Climate Adaptation Planning Grants (\$50 million) to support local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure
- Strategic Partnerships Grants (\$4.5 million) to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system in partnership with Caltrans. The transit component that will fund planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies with a focus on transit.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the airport is doing great, noting people are using the airport. He noted that American Airlines is providing flights to Phoenix and Dallas/ Ft. Worth. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo announced the airport is having a strategic planning meeting, to discuss the master plan on November 4, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – No report this month.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey reported the Monterey Bay Air Resources District offered \$50,000 for the Monterey Bay e-Bike Incentive Program to low-income applicants from Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. He noted that this was so popular that it closed in 6-weeks. Mr. Frisbey also reported a \$2000 incentive for the purchase of a new electric vehicle. In conclusion, he announced grants funded by Department of Motor Vehicle fees for projects at Highway 156/Merritt and North Davis Road.

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

Vice Chair LeBarre reported that he attended Coast Rail Coordinating Council Legislative Day in Sacramento on October 24, 2022, along with Agency staff and Board Member Potter.

Board Member Potter noted that in addition to the Sacramento trip, he also accompanied Agency staff on a tour of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) rail system on October 25.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck expressed his excitement for the California Transportation Commission announcement of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6, which recommended awards to 7 projects in Monterey County. TAMC was involved in 5 of the 7 grants applications that help our jurisdictions and support maximizing funding to improve our community. He noted that the final action will be determined in December. Director Muck reported that Governor Newsom has announced he will be lifting the COVID-19 state of emergency on February 28, 2023, noting that TAMC will have to return to live in-person meetings after that date. He noted that staff will work on the process to implement new rules.

Director Muck reported that last week he attended a roundtable meeting at CSUMB with Antonio Villaraigosa, appointed by Governor Newsom as his Infrastructure Advisor, and toured the SURF! Bus Way Project and the Salinas Rail Station. He noted that this was a very productive opportunity to convey our needs.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.