

## 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 are: Fernando Armenta (Chair),  
Alejandro Chavez (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Dave Potter (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair),  
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),  
John Phillips (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Huitt and Phillips. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; Terry Feinberg, Moxxy Marketing and Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office.
  2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
On a motion by Committee Member Craig and seconded by Committee Member Chavez the committee voted 4– 0 to approve the consent agenda. Committee member Phillips arrived after consent approval.
    - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 2, 2016.
    - 3.2 Approved out of-state travel; for one staff Christina Watson to the WTS International Conference in Austin TX May 18-20, 2016.

**END OF CONSENT**

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4. On a motion by Committee Member Chavez and seconded by Committee Member Phillips the committee voted 5– 0 to receive the state legislative update and recommend that the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the state legislature is deliberating on three transportation proposals that would raise new funds for transportation at different levels. The transportation funding proposals could help to fill an estimated \$7.8 billion annual statewide road and highway maintenance needs. Ms. Watson highlighted a handout of four bills added to the list in the packet.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, reported that at the Senate he believes they are close to coming to a deal, pending an agreement regarding CEQA streamlining. He noted that there is not much recent news from the Assembly side. June is the deadline for ballot measures to pass through the legislative process. The League of Cities has been hosting press conferences around the state on the need to get a transportation funding package together.

5. On a motion by Committee Member Craig and seconded by Committee Member Chavez the committee voted 5– 0 to receive the report on the federal legislative update.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on the federal “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation” (FAST) Act provisions of interest, including the Caltrans request for proposals to repurpose unused federal earmarks.

6. On a motion by Committee Member Craig and seconded by Committee Member Phillips the committee voted 5– 0 to receive the annual report update and authorize the Agency to 1) contract with Monterey County Weekly to produce and distribute the 2015-2016 annual report; and, 2) mail copies of the report to every household in the County.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Annual Report is a public outreach tool that the Agency has distributed since 2005. Each year the report has a theme that summarizes the Agency’s accomplishments and future activities. The Monterey County Weekly has proposed to write, edit, illustrate, design, print and distribute a 16-page annual report, half English and half Spanish. In addition to distributing 36,000 copies within the newspaper, report copies can be distributed to up to 15 locations. In response to committee comments from last month, Ms. Wright proposed a hybrid approach in which in addition to the Weekly’s distribution the annual report also be mailed to every household in the county.

Board member Craig commented that staff should have oversight over the content and be strategic in selecting the ancillary distribution sites of the annual report. She added a request that the cover page of the report be of a higher quality paper stock. Board member Phillips supported the recommendation, noting if the report reaches 160,000 people, the hybrid approach is worth it.

7. The Committee received an update on the State Transportation Improvement Program hearing.

Director Hale reported that due to the fall in gasoline prices, \$754 million had to be cut statewide from the \$2.4 billion, 5-year program. Each County was given a target amount for cutting, and Monterey County's target was \$7 million. Director Hale testified before the California Transportation Commission that TAMC's key priority is delivering the construction projects on Highway 1 and Highway 68 on-time (in FY2016/17). She noted that several counties did not propose cuts to meet their target. The California Transportation Commission's staff proposal for cuts and project delays will be released by April 22, 2016. Staff will provide an update at the TAMC Board meeting.

8. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 27, 2016:

Executive Director Hale reported that the Board would begin with a closed session regarding real estate negotiations regarding the property acquisition for the Salinas train station. The Board will hold a public hearing regarding 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment. The Board will also be asked to approve the Regional Roundabout Study and receive update on the Pacific Grove Hwy 68 Corridor Study.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

  
Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant