



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Executive Committee

Members are: Chris Lopez, Chair; Dave Potter, 1st Vice Chair; Wendy Askew, 2nd Vice Chair; Michael LeBarre, Past Chair; Luis Alejo, County Representative; Chaps Poduri, City Representative

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024
9:00 AM**

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum
*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

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*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933
Supervisor Askew's Office
168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's Office
599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, California 93927 and
Supervisor Lopez's Office*

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of February 7, 2024.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

- Christina Watson

Staff and consultants will present updates on state and federal legislative activities and present proposed positions on draft legislation.

5. **RECEIVE report on draft agenda for the March 27, 2024, TAMC Board meeting.**

- Todd Muck

6. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant

Elouise@tamcmonterey.org

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: March 6, 2024
Subject: Executive Committee Draft Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of February 7, 2024.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exec draft minutes Feb_7_2024

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT 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: Chris Lopez(Chair), Dave Potter (1st Vice Chair),
Wendy Root Askew (2nd Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (Past Chair),
Luis Alejo (County representative), Chaps Poduri (City representative)*

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

Alternate locations:

2616 1st Avenue, Marina, CA 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office

599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927, Supervisor Lopez's Office

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	JAN 24	FEB 24
Chris Lopez, Chair Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Dave Potter, 1st Vice Chair Carmel-By-The-Sea (J. Baron)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, 2nd Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Michael LeBarre, Past Chair King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P
Luis Alejo, County Representative Supr. Dist. 5 (C. Courtney)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P*
Chaps Poduri, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P (VC)	P	P	P	P	P	P

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P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P*= New Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Watson and Zeller.

Others present: Robert Brayer, County Counsel; Monica Hale, Supervisor 3 District office; and Javier Gomez, Supervisor District 1 office.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri seconded by Committee Member LeBarre, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of January 10, 2024; and recommended the Board of Directors adopt the revised Travel Policy.

Committee Member Alejo arrived after consent.

4. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INTEGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre, seconded by Committee Member Alejo, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 24/25 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review; recommended that the Board provide direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 24/25 through 26/27, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 24/25, and the 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy; and recommended that the Board direct the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy back to the Board on May 22, 2024 for approval.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, highlighted the Draft Overall Work Program and the 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy. The Transportation Agency gets the majority of its funding from state sources. The funding is usually specific to the project or program for which it is granted and cannot be used to cover expenditures of a different project or program, e.g., the funding received for the call box program can only be used for motorist aid programs. The use of state funding is approved by Caltrans in the annual Overall Work Program. The draft 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy updates the 2023 version of the strategy with the latest funding and timing information for the projects and programs. The 2024 version of the strategy includes a few additional projects to be consistent with staff work identified in the budget and work program.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the Agency's budget which separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment. Direct

program expenditures for outside consultants, construction contracts, and ongoing project and program delivery with continuous funding, such as Freeway Service Patrol and Call Boxes, are in the Agency's budget and the Overall Work Program. Staff proposed several assumptions for the operating budget, which were reviewed by the Executive Committee in January 2024.

The next steps in the process are to present the draft budget, Overall Work Program, and Integrated Funding Strategy to the Board of Directors in February, send the OWP to Caltrans to review, and to bring the final versions of the documents to the Executive Committee for review and the Board of Directors for adoption in May.

5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of February 28, 2024. After Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing
- Regional Transportation Plan Policy Element
- Federal Legislative Update-Community Funding Project
- Sand City Bike Trail and Parking Proposal
- Review Draft Budget

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Muck asked if two Committee Members would like to attend the Central Coast Coalition State Legislative Day on March 20, 2024 in Sacramento. Dave Potter has volunteered and Committee Members Askew and Poduri will check their schedules to see if they are available to attend.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: March 6, 2024
Subject: **Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

SUMMARY:

Staff and consultants will present updates on state and federal legislative activities and present proposed positions on draft legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The legislative proposals may have a financial impact on TAMC if they are enacted.

DISCUSSION:

Agency legislative analyst Gus Khouri will present an update on state legislative activities and staff will present an update on federal legislative activities.

Attachment 1 is the draft state bill list. Priorities listed in the bill list refer to the adopted 2024 legislative program, online as a **web attachment**. Staff requests the Committee consider recommending the Board adopt the following positions:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 817 (Pacheco): Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body - this is one of two Brown Act reform bills that could help TAMC have more flexibility on its committee meetings. One recent example was the February Rail Policy Committee meeting, which was fully noticed and would have had a zoom link, but had to be canceled last minute due to the lack of a quorum at one of the noticed locations because of a severe weather event. Recommend a "support" position.
- AB 2535 (Bonta): Trade Corridor Enhancement Program - would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to ensure that at least 50% of the funds allocated under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in any fiscal year are allocated to investments in zero-emission freight infrastructure and would prohibit funding any capacity projects or general purposes lanes on the state highway system. The US 101 South of Salinas project is poised to apply for this grant program but would not be eligible with these revisions to the program. Recommend an "oppose" position.
- AB 3005 (Wallis): Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension - this is a reintroduction

of a bill from prior years that would severely impact the main funding source for transportation in California, the gas tax. Recommend an "oppose" position.

- Senate Bill (SB) 537 (Becker): Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences - this is the other Brown Act reform bill. Recommend a "support" position.
- SB 768 (Caballero): California Environmental Quality Act: Air Resources Board: vehicle miles traveled: study - would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to coordinate with relevant agencies, including Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), to conduct a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Recommend a "support" position.
- SB 947 (Seyarto): Caltrans: state highway projects: agreements with public entities: project design changes - would require Caltrans, in an agreement with a city, county, or other public entity for the contribution of funds for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of any portion of state highway, to include a provision that makes Caltrans responsible for any additional costs associated with a new project design adopted by Caltrans after the project is included in the state transportation improvement program or the state highway operation and protection program. Recommend a "support" position.

Attachment 2 is a state legislative update and **Attachment 3** is the federal legislative update. Staff and consultants will present a verbal update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TAMC-February-Bill Matrix
2. State Legislative Update
3. Federal Legislative Update

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [TAMC 2024 Legislative Program](#)

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>AB 6 (Friedman) Transportation Planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors</p>	<p>6/14/23 Senate Transportation Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on March 16, this bill would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to establish additional greenhouse gas emission targets for automobiles and light trucks. The bill adds a 60-day timeline before the public participation process for a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to submit its technical methodology to ARB to determine greenhouse gas emissions reductions. An MPO must submit its sustainable communities strategy to ARB within 120 days of adoption, and ARB would be provided with 180 days, rather than 60, to review a sustainable communities strategy. This bill would require each Solutions for Congested Corridors project nomination to demonstrate how the project would contribute to achieving the state’s greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.</p>	<p>Watch Priority 1S</p>
<p>AB 7 (Friedman) Transportation: project selection processes</p>	<p>9/11/23 Senate Floor Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on September 1, this bill would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to incorporate principles outlined in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), and the federal Justice40 initiative into their existing program funding guidelines and processes. TAMC staff has concerns related to provision (g), “Promoting projects that do not significantly increase passenger vehicle travel, particularly in congested urbanized settings where other mobility options can be provided and where projects are shown to induce significant auto travel. These projects should generally aim to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and not induce significant VMT growth. When addressing congestion, consider alternatives to highway capacity expansion, such as providing multimodal options in the corridor, employing pricing strategies, and using technology to optimize operations.”</p>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Watch Priority 1S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 817 (Pacheco) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body	1/25/24 Senate Rules	This bill allows, until January 1, 2026, a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). A subsidiary body is defined as a commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body that does not take final action on behalf of a local entity.	SUPPORT Priority 15S
AB 1773 (Dixon) Vehicles: bicycles on boardwalks	1/16/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would authorize a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on boardwalks.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 1778 (Connolly) Vehicles: electric bicycles	1/16/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit any person under 16 years of age from operating a Class 2 electric bicycle. A class 2 electric bicycle is defined as a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 1904 (Ward) Transit buses: yield right-of-way sign	2/5/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would allow transit agencies statewide to equip buses with a yield right-of-way sign on the left rear of the bus designed to warn a person operating a motor vehicle approaching the rear of the bus that the bus is entering traffic and be illuminated by a red flashing light when the bus is signaling in preparation for entering a traffic lane after having stopped to receive or discharge passengers.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2234 (Boerner) Vehicles: electric bikes	2/8/24 Introduced	This bill would prohibit people under the age of 12 from operating an electric bicycle of any class. This bill would require the California Highway Patrol, on or before June 30, 2025, to issue a skills waiver for those who completed a electric bicycle safety and training program.	Watch Priority 9S

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2259 (Boener) Transportation: bicycle safety handbook	2/8/24 Introduced	This bill would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop and distribute, on or before September 1, 2025, a bicycle safety handbook that includes information on, among other things, existing laws regulating bicycles and e-bikes.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2266 (Petrie-Norris) California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project	2/8/24 Introduced	This bill would require the ARB to authorize a voucher issued under the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project to be used for the acquisition of any zero-emission vehicle that meets specified requirements.	Watch Priority 13S
AB 2290 (Friedman) Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program	2/12/24 Introduced	This bill would prohibit the allocation of Active Transportation Program funds for a project that creates a Class III bikeway unless the project is on a residential street with a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. A Class III bikeway is defined as a bikeway that provides a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. This bill would establish the Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program to expedite development and implementation of bikeways on the state highway system.	Watch Priority 2S
AB 2401 (Ting) Clean Cars 4 All Program	2/12/24 Introduced	This bill would require the Clean Cars 4 All Program to ensure that incentives provided under the program are available in all areas of the state and that, in those areas where a local air district has not elected to manage the distribution of incentives, the ARB manages the distribution of incentives to eligible residents of those areas.	Watch Priority 4S

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2535 (Bonta) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program	2/13/24 Introduced	This bill would require the CTC to ensure that at least 50% of the funds allocated under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in any fiscal year are allocated to investments in zero-emission freight infrastructure. The bill would prohibit funding any capacity projects or general purposes lanes on the state highway system.	OPPOSE Priority 1S
AB 2744 (McCarty) Vehicles: pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety	2/15/24 Introduced	This bill would prohibit the addition of a right-turn or travel lane within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is not already a dedicated and marked right-turn or travel lane, and would prohibit vehicles from using this 20-foot area for right turns unless the area is already marked as a dedicated right-turn lane.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2796 (Alvarez) Equitable Access to Zero-Emissions Vehicles Fund	2/15/24 Introduced	This bill would require the ARB to establish the Equitable Access to Zero-Emission Vehicles Fund to offer rebates for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles.	Watch Priority 4S
AB 2815 (Petrie-Norris) Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle charging infrastructure	2/15/24 Introduced	This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to establish a program under the Clean Transportation Program to provide grants for repairs to electric vehicle charging infrastructure that has been in operation for at least 5 years and that is in a publicly available parking space. The bill would require the commission to allocate at least 50% of grant funding to low-income communities and disadvantaged communities.	Watch Priority 4S
AB 3005 (Wallis) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension	2/16/24 Introduced	This bill would suspend the annual inflationary adjustment of gas tax revenues, which would create a deficit of funding for the State Transportation improvement Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and local streets and roads.	OPPOSE Priority 1S

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 537 (Becker) Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences</p>	<p>9/14/23 Assembly Floor Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on September 5, this bill authorizes multi-jurisdictional, cross-county legislative bodies to use alternate teleconferencing provisions if the authorizing agency has adopted a resolution. The bill would require a legislative body to provide a record of attendance <u>of the members of the legislative body, the number of community members in attendance in the teleconference meeting</u>, on its internet website within <u>7 10</u> days after a teleconference meeting. The bill requires a quorum of members of the legislative body to participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the agency’s jurisdiction. The bill would require a member who receives compensation for their service on the legislative body to participate from a physical location that is open to the public. The bill requires the legislative body to identify in the agenda each member who plans to participate remotely and to include the address of the publicly accessible building from each member will participate via teleconference. The bill would prohibit a member from participating remotely pursuant to these provisions unless the remote location is the member’s office or another location in a publicly accessible building and is more than 40 miles from the in-person location of the meeting.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 15S Letter sent 6/27/23</p>
<p>SB 768 (Caballero) CEQA: ARB: vehicle miles traveled: study</p>	<p>1/29/24 Assembly Rules</p>	<p>As amended on January 11, 2024, this bill would require the ARB to coordinate with relevant agencies, including Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), to conduct a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 2S</p>
<p>SB 947 (Seyarto) Caltrans: state highway projects: agreements with public entities: project design changes</p>	<p>2/14/24 Assembly Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would require Caltrans, in an agreement with a city, county, or other public entity for the contribution of funds for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of any portion of state highway, to include a provision that makes Caltrans responsible for any additional costs associated with a new project design adopted by Caltrans after the project is included in the state transportation improvement program or the state highway operation and protection program.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Priority 8S</p>

TAMC Bill Matrix – February 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 960 (Wiener) Transportation: planning: transit priority projects: multimodal	2/14/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the Caltrans asset management plan for the state highway operation and protection program (SHOPP) to prioritize the implementation of comfortable, convenient, and connected facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on all projects in the program. The bill would repeal the requirement for the CTC to adopt targets and performance measures and instead require the CTC to adopt 4-year and 10-year objective targets and performance measures reflecting state transportation goals and objectives, including for complete streets assets that reflect the existence and conditions of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities on the state highway system. The bill would require Caltrans plain language performance report to include a description of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities on each project. The bill would require Caltrans, in consultation with the CTC, to update the asset management plan and use it to guide the selection of transit priority projects for the SHOPP.	Watch Priority 1S
SB 961 (Wiener) Vehicles: safety equipment	2/14/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles.	Watch Priority 9S
SB 1387 (Newman) California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project	2/16/24 Introduced	Spot bill related to the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.	Watch Priority 13S



February 27, 2024

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, President

Khoury Consulting LLC

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FEBRUARY**

General Outlook

The 2024 Calendar states that August 31 will be the final day of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The legislature is currently going through its budget subcommittee process to take public comment on the Governor's proposed FY 24-25 State Budget. Items will remain open without action until the May Revise is released on or by May 14. The State Budget must be enacted by the legislature on June 15 and signed by the Governor by June 30. Governor Newsom will have until September 30 to sign or veto legislation.

New Senate President pro Tempore

On February 5, Senator Mike McGuire was sworn in as the 52nd President pro Tempore of the California State Senate. He succeeds Toni Atkins, who served as pro Temp since 2018 but will be termed out of office this year. She intends to run for Governor in 2026 when Governor Newsom is termed out. McGuire will be termed out in 2026.

New California Transportation Commissioner

On February 1, Assembly Speaker Rivas appointed Robert Tiffany, former San Benito County Supervisor, to the California Transportation Commission. Mr. Tiffany succeeds Joseph Lyou, Executive Director for the Coalition for Clean Air, previously appointed by former Speaker

Anthony Rendon. It is the first time a member from the California coast has been selected. The CTC consists of 11 members, including nine gubernatorial appointees, and one each by the Senate President pro Tempore (Clarissa Falcon of San Diego) and the Assembly Speaker. Mr. Tiffany will attend his first Commission meeting in San Jose on March 21-22.

Bills of Interest

AB 2535 (Bonta) would require 50% of all Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds to be dedicated to zero-emission vehicle infrastructure. It prohibits funding for capacity projects or general-purpose lanes. Per statute, the TCEP is currently intended to improve congestion and reduce goods movement congestion on the state highway system. It is a supplemental program to the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and the competitive portion of the Local Partnership Program for those purposes.

AB 3005 (Wallis) would suspend the inflationary adjustment to the gas tax, resulting in diminished revenue for the State Transportation Improvement Program (flexible funding for county priorities), State Highway Operations and Protection Program (highway maintenance), and local streets and roads. In 2017, SB 1 was approved to provide an inflationary adjustment to the gas tax, which had not seen an increase since 1994. The lack of an adjustment resulted in less purchasing power to keep up with the demand of addressing the state highway system and multi-modal capital needs.

SB 768 (Caballero) would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to study how vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is used to measure impact on transportation projects. This bill could impact project planning, state competitive grant guidelines, and funding decisions based on understanding how vehicle miles traveled are applied. VMT has been used as a metric by ARB for approving sustainable communities strategies, which regions must adopt in order to qualify to receive funding.

SB 960 (Wiener) would require Caltrans to use State Highway Operations and Protection programs funds to address complete street assets and develop transit priority projects, which are defined as roadway design, operations, and enforcement action, treatment, or project that help transit buses and other transit vehicles avoid traffic congestion, reduce signal delays, and move more predictably and reliably on state and local highways. Caltrans must establish 4-year and 10-year targets for the fast and reliable movement of transit vehicles on state highways.

TO: Christina Watson

FROM: Paul Schlesinger
Jim Davenport

With the first continuing resolution expiring this Friday, March 1, there is a possibility that the government shuts while Congress wraps up the first tranche of spending bills, that includes: (1) Agriculture-Food & Drug Administration (Ag), (2) Energy and Water, (3) Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and (4) Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD). Opposition to the spending levels in the current bills by the House Freedom Caucus, coupled with their demands for controversial policy riders, has put Speaker Johnson in a precarious position of putting appropriations bills on the floor under unanimous consent, meaning he will need to rely on roughly half the Republican conference and most of the Democrats to pass the appropriations bills. This could lead to a House Freedom Caucus member offering a motion to vacate the Speakership.

As it pertains to TAMC, \$1.811 million for the Pajaro to Prunedale project is included in the FY 24 Senate THUD Appropriations Bill, which passed the Senate on November 1 as part of a three-bill minibuss that also included spending for Military Construction-VA and Agriculture. Various reports have said that these bills, along with Energy and Water, are more or less finished with the congressionally directed spending projects intact.

As we wait for Congress to finalize FY 2024 spending, members of Congress and Senators have begun accepting FY 2025 community project funding requests. Senator Butler's appropriations portal opens today and closes on March 12. We expect Senator Padilla's, Representative Lofgren's and Representative Panetta's appropriations forms to be available soon.

In the meantime, we are working to obtain a letter of support from Senator Padilla for TAMC's PROTECT grant application for the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project.