

TAMC STAFF	DEC 15	JAN 16	FEB 16	MAR 16	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	DEC 16
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	E
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	P	E	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Martinez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula		

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., and Board member Potter led the pledge of allegiance.

1.1 **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** none.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, thanked the Board and Caltrans and said her goodbyes. She noted that she has been involved with transportation issues for over 29 years, and has decided that she will no longer be attending the Board meetings. Chair Armenta thanked her for all her dedication.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C LeBarre/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1 Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of October 26, 2016.
- 3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for October 2016 and credit card statements for the months of September 2016.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

3.1.4 Regarding Accounting Services Contract:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Oppidea in an amount not to exceed \$28,020 per year to provide accounting services for the period ending December 31, 2022;
2. Approved the use of \$28,020 per year for the 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 Approved Resolution 2016-12 providing authority for the Executive Director to execute amendment No. 1 to the fiscal year 2016/17 Overall Work Program and Budget.

3.1.6 Approved calendar year 2017 schedule of meetings for Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

3.1.7 Appointed a Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 28, 2017 with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2018 Board meeting.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Approved revised Bicycle Secure Program Application and Guidelines; and Released call for 2017 Bicycle Secure Program applications.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Traffic Counts Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the attached Request for Proposals to solicit consultants to provide the Agency with traffic counts services; and
2. Directed staff to release the Request for Proposals to potential consultants, with a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 over three years, as in the Agency's approved budget.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Approved selection of on-call consultants to provide engineering services for Agency projects.

3.4.2 Received the fiscal year 2014-2015 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Received update on the status of the planned Coast Daylight train service between San Francisco and Los Angeles and appointed Dave Potter to represent the Transportation Agency for Monterey County on the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

3.5.2 Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a short-term lease agreement for the Agency-purchased property at 30 West Market Street with Olivia's Café, subject to Agency Counsel approval.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft November 2, 2016.
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft November 7, 2016.
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4. MEASURE X ELECTION DEBRIEF

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Monterey County Elections Department certified on December 6th that Measure X passed with 67.71% voter approval. She outlined the next to implement the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, including establishing agreements, procedures and safeguards- many of which are outlined in the *Policies and Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan*. Some of these next steps include:

1. Approving contracts with the State Board of Equalization;
2. Developing an agreement with Monterey County Auditor/Controller;
3. Developing tax sharing agreements with each city and the County;
4. Developing or approving a pavement management program for the cities/County;
5. Developing an expenditure plan for delivery of projects;
6. Appointing a Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee; and,
7. Identifying a list of “early launch” projects for delivery in 2017.

Board member Craig suggested the importance of branding the program and creating a logo. In response to Board member Sedoryk, staff noted that the expenditure plan would consider the possibility of bonding for early delivery of projects. Board member Edelen reported that he, Director Hale, Deputy Director Muck, Theresa Wright and Mike Zeller and staff attended the Self-Help Counties Focus on the Future Conference on December 5th and 6th in Los Angeles. He noted that Monterey and the other new self-help counties were the stars of the conference.

5. SALINAS RAIL EXTENSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency is proposing to extend passenger rail service from Santa Clara County south to Salinas gave an update on the process and status of property acquisition for the. The Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start project. The project requires acquisition of parcels near the Salinas Rail Station properties in order to construct an extension of Lincoln Avenue, improve parking and access the rail station, and to build a train layover facility. The Salinas Rail Extension project includes funding for consultant work related to right-of-way acquisition of parcels near the Salinas Rail Station in order to construct an extension of Lincoln Avenue, improve parking and access to the rail station, and to build a train layover facility. TAMC’s real estate acquisition consultants are continuing to negotiate in good faith with the property owners near the Salinas Rail Station for the purchase of the properties. TAMC is in the process of updating the appraisals on the properties and, will present revised offers to the property owners, and will seek to continue negotiations with the owners.

Board member Craig requested information on how many property owners are “not negotiating”; Legal Counsel Reimann noted that specifics cannot be given, and Director Hale added that TAMC remains in negotiations with all the remaining property owners. Board member Parker asked about joint development opportunities for the project; staff confirmed that the City of Salinas’ plan calls for

housing and mixed use facilities in the station area.

6. CALL BOX PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Board received a presentation on the evaluation of the Monterey County Call Box Program; and provided direction on the development of a Monterey County Call Box Modernization Plan. Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner, reported the Agency currently maintains 190 active call boxes across Monterey County. The Agency is in the process of evaluating the call box program to determine how to improve program efficiency, and is developing a County Call Box Modernization Plan. He presented information on call box usage, cell phone coverage, and collision locations, as well as options for modernizing the program and reducing costs.

Board member Edelen commented that with 99% of drivers having cell phones, the call boxes should be removed from areas with cell phone coverage and placed in areas where there is no cell phone coverage, Board member Craig concurred, and added that 20% to 25% of the calls are non-emergency calls. Board member Parker supported the notion of reducing call boxes in areas with better cell phone coverage and fewer collisions, while relocating call boxes to underserved areas. Board member Hardy ask about the nature of the ADA improvements that are needed, and noted that call boxes should be removed before improvements are made in those locations. Monterey-Salinas Transit General Manager Carl Sedoryk commented that call boxes are a vital resource for drivers in areas of poor cell phone coverage, and MST bus drivers have used them before to call for help. Chair Armenta suggested that the Fresno County side of the Highway 198 corridor needed additional call boxes and encouraged staff to coordinate with that county. In conclusion, the Board recommended working with local jurisdictions and stakeholders on the development of the Call Box Modernization Plan.

**7. TRANSPORTATION AGENCY ROLE IN FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
TRANSITION PLANNING**

M/S/C Potter/Parker/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on the Transportation Agency's role in the Fort Ord Reuse Authority's transition planning efforts; authorized the Executive Director to request a seat on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Transition Task Force; and provided direction to staff related to regional transportation project funding in the reuse area.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that FORA is responsible for the oversight of the economic recovery from the closure and reuse of the former Fort Ord military base. Fort Ord Reuse Authority has an obligation of \$123.1 million for transportation projects, the majority of which are currently programmed after FORA sunsets in 2020. The FORA Board recently approved a two-pronged approach to transition planning, directing FORA staff to seek a legislative extension of FORA to 2037 while continuing to identify how FORA obligations could be transferred to other agencies if FORA sunsets in 2020. The Transportation Agency's Regional Development Impact Fee program has several projects that overlap with FORA's program, and TAMC's fee program could potentially assume the FORA regional transportation project obligations as a zone within the TAMC program.

Board member LeBarre confirmed with staff that fees for other areas will not increase if a FORA zone is added to the countywide fee program. Rubio commented that FORA still has jurisdiction over the fees in the reuse area and will make the decision on how to handle regional and other transportation fees. He added that it is important to assure that development in the reuse area mitigate its impacts under CEQA. He noted that it is critical that TAMC's work on the FORA Fee Study Update be completed so that information becomes available.

8. OUTGOING TAMC BOARD MEMBERS CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The Agency Board of Directors honored two of its longest serving Board members during the Board meeting on Wednesday. After a combine service of 40 years, Supervisor and Board Chair Fernando Armenta and Supervisor Dave Potter were recognized for their years of dedicated public service. Their distinguished service and dedication to improve transportation in Monterey County has been exemplary.

Supervisor Armenta has represented the City of Salinas and for 16 years has been a staunch supporter of transit and rail. He has served as the longtime Chair of Monterey-Salinas Transit District's Board of Directors during that period, and has served twice as the TAMC Board Chair. He also supported new MST bus lines to Gilroy and San Jose to help alleviate traffic congestion and provide a transit alternative to the drive on Highway 101, a precursor to the Salinas Rail Extension project; and has been a supporter of transit and expanded passenger rail service in Monterey County.

Supervisor Dave Potter has represented Big Sur, Carmel, Carmel Valley, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Salinas for 24 years. He has been an outspoken advocate of implementing new rail service to the County. Throughout his tenure, he has served as Chair of the Agency's Rail Policy Chair. He has advocated for the expansion of Intercity Rail Service between San Francisco and Los Angeles, as the Chair of the Cost Rail Coordinating Council and as a policy member of the California Intercity Passenger Rail coalition. Supervisor Potter was also a key participant in negotiating a successful acquisition of the 13-mile Monterey Branch Line railroad right-of-way from Union Pacific. He has been a tireless champion of expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area, representing the Agency, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council at the State and Federal levels and helping to seek and secure funding for rail projects in the region.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe announced that Caltrans released the FY 2017-18 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide. A total of \$9.3 million is available for transportation planning projects statewide. The transportation planning grant applications are due Friday, November 4, 2016 by 5PM. He reported that the California Transportation Commission met last week and allocated \$3.7 million to the Broadway Avenue improvements in Seaside. She noted that the Caltrans Mile Marker is a quarterly publication that provides a transparent, plain language accounting of Caltrans' Performance and is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/>.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport is doing well, keeping flights and carriers. He announced that they are working on new service to Seattle out of Monterey, noting the Airport has received a \$500,000 federal grant to establish that route. Alaska Airlines is aggressively marketing Monterey Airport, offering discounts to Los Angeles. He noted at this time there is no intent to extend the runways.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, thanked Dell Matt, Chair Armenta and Board member Potter, for their years of service. Mr. Armenta was recognized for his twenty years on Monterey-Salinas Transit. He announced that MST will be purchasing twenty five new buses, and two electric buses for the Salinas area. On January 9, 2017, MST will be hosting a strategic planning workshop.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – No report this month.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION**

AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

Board member Edelen reported that on November 14, 2016, he represented TAMC at the California Association of Councils of Government Board meeting. Board member Potter noted that he represented TAMC at the Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting in Santa Barbara.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale thanked Dell Matt for all her help over the years. She announced that the Transportation Agency is seeking nominations for the 16th Annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The awards honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The deadline to submit a nomination is noon, December 9, 2016.

She also announced the TAMC office will be closed on Monday, December 26th, and reopening on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Director Hale concluded by announcing that the next TAMC Board meeting will be held on January 25th 2017.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member LeBarre reported that the civilian deputy at Fort Hunter Liggett retired on December 2, 2016, and noted that it is important to coordinate with that facility since it has a major impact on regional transportation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.