

AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES
AND
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2016TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

****9:00 AM****

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1. ROLL CALL

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

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of Transportation Agency and Executive Committee. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3. BEGINNING OF 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 minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 7, 2016. – Rodriguez

-Rodriguez

3.2 RECEIVE the call for nominations for the fifteenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects

for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

-Wright

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code
Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel.

(Enclosure sent separately)

-Board Chair

5. RECEIVE state legislative update.

-Watson

6. REVIEW and **DISCUSS** draft 2017 Legislative Program.

- Watson

7. RECEIVE report on draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting.

- Hale

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURN

**Next Executive Committee meeting is:
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Please mark your calendars.**

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS - No items this month.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: Draft Exec minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 7, 2016. – Rodriguez

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Executive Committee draft minutes

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DRAFT MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
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COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Fernando Armenta (Chair),
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Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
John Phillips (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, September 7, 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: Chavez, alternates Mohammadi for Potter, Phillips, Craig and Huitt. Staff present: Hale, Muck, Montiel, Zeller and Intern Fontanilla. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, John Arriaga, JEA & Associates; and Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - On a motion by Committee Craig and seconded by Phillips, the committee voted 6 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 1, 2016.

END OF CONSENT

4. The Committee received a legislative update and recommended that the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, reported that this TAMC staff has been working with stakeholder entities on AB2730 (Alejo): Department of Transportation: Prundale Bypass: County of Monterey: disposition of excess properties. He noted that AB 2730 was passed through the Assembly and Senate and is currently awaiting action from the Governor. Mr. Arriaga thanked Supervisor Phillips for his attendance and others for sending letters of support. In conclusion Mr. Arriaga noted that the state legislative transportation committee chairs, Senator Beall and Assembly Member Frazier have introduced a \$7.4 billion year transportation funding package to repair and maintain our state and local roads, improve our trade corridors, and support public transit and active transportation. He noted that a possibility of re-introducing of SB1117 regarding the Coast Rail Authority Joint Powers to add line.

5. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director & Legal Counsel.

The Committee reconvened in open session: Vice Chair Chavez reported that the committee agreed to extend the deadline to next month on both evaluations. He noted that Chair Armenta will contact those Board members who haven't turned in the performance evaluation forms.

6. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of September 28, 2016:

Executive Director Hale reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. She reported that the Board would receive a presentation and approve the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Study to be conducted by Niko Letunic. She also noted that a presentation on the California Road Charge Pilot Program will be presented by Mike Zeller. She noted that Road charge is a funding mechanism that allows drivers to support road maintenance based on the distance they travel or the period of time they use the roads, rather than the amount of gasoline they consume. On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with the County of Monterey for 20 West Market Street to be used as a temporary warming shelter. Also, the Transportation Agency staff is proposing to update its Bylaws by adding a second representative to the Rail Policy Committee from the South County area.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: **Transportation Excellence Awards**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the call for nominations for the fifteenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages Board members to submit nominations, which are due by December 2, 2016. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2017 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs associated the presentation of the awards except those incurred to print and frame the certificates.

DISCUSSION:

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- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to promote the most efficient use of the transportation system;
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network;
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues; or,
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of alternatives to driving alone.

Committee and Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and nominate projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County. Staff will be vigorously promoting this appreciation program by a mass mailing, press releases and follow-up Board reports. The nomination form is attached and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. The form can be mailed to Transportation Agency offices or faxed to the attention of Theresa Wright. The deadline for nominations is noon, December 2, 2016. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the award recipients at its January meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transportation Excellence 2016 Nomination Form

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Transportation Excellence Awards



Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee:

Category: (circle one)	Individual	Business/Group	Program	Project
Address:			Email:	
City:		Zip	Phone:	
If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name:				
Title:			Phone:	
			Email:	

2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name:	Phone:
Title:	Email:
Organization:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:

Please return by **noon, December 2, 2016** via fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901

For additional information, please call 831-775-4411. This form is also available on TAMC's website at: <http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/excelaward/index.html>

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: State Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE state legislative update.

SUMMARY:

Assembly Bill 2730, authored by Assembly Member Alejo, was vetoed by Governor Brown. A major transportation proposal stalled in the regular session but may move in the special session that is still open until the end of November. Staff will present a legislative update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has been working with the legislature and stakeholder entities on AB 2730 (Alejo): Department of Transportation: Prunedale Bypass: County of Monterey: disposition of excess properties. AB 2730 was passed through the Assembly and the Senate but was vetoed by the Governor (see **attachment 1**).

As presented at the September 7, 2016 Executive Committee meeting, the state legislative transportation committee chairs, Senator Beall and Assembly Member Frazier, have introduced a \$7.4 billion/year transportation funding package. This is an ambitious new proposal based on months of negotiations. The package did not move during the regular session that ended on August 31, but may still be brought forward during the ongoing extraordinary session for transportation, that ends in late November. **Attachment 2** is an end-of-regular-session report from TAMC's legislative consultants JEA & Associates.

Staff will present an update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ AB 2730 Veto Message
- ▣ JEA & Associates Report

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 22 2016

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2730 without my signature.

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to use the revenues from surplus property sold in Monterey County towards local highway projects in the county, rather than transfer the proceeds to the General Fund.

These revenues are used to pay existing debt service on transportation construction projects statewide, which is an important purpose. Maintaining this funding stream to the General Fund is even more necessary when the state's budget remains precariously balanced.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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MEMO

DATE: September 22, 2016

TO: Debbie Hale, Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: John E. Arriaga, President

SUBJ: Transportation Report

Transportation –

Two weeks before the Legislature adjourned, both Transportation Chairs unveiled a \$7.4-billion transportation plan, the latest effort to break through a yearlong logjam over the state's funding woes. The plan, highlighted by an increase of 17 cents per gallon in the gas tax, comes from Assemblyman Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) and Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) in an attempt to unify the disparate proposals the pair had previously introduced in their respective houses.

The combined plan is more than double the Governor's \$3.6-billion proposal, which calls for a 6-cent gas tax hike. Last summer, the Governor called a special session of the Legislature to highlight the \$130-billion backlog in state and local road repairs, as well as the billions more in other transportation budget deficits. But lawmakers have made little progress, especially with gas tax hikes - which would require a bipartisan supermajority vote - on the table.

Republican lawmakers have previously shown little appetite for a tax increase, instead pitching a plan that would eliminate vacant state worker positions and reallocate existing dollars - including from the state's climate change programs - toward transportation spending.

The specifics of the deal are:

- A \$7.4 billion annual funding package to repair and maintain our state and local roads, improve our trade corridors, and support public transit and active transportation.
- A \$706 million repayment of outstanding transportation loans for state and local roads.
- Eliminates the BOE "true up" that causes funding uncertainty and is responsible for drastic cuts to regional transportation projects.

- Indexes transportation taxes and fees to the California CPI to keep pace with inflation.
- Reforms and accountability for state and local governments to protect taxpayers.
- Streamlines transportation project delivery to help complete projects quicker and cheaper.
- Protects transportation revenue from being diverted for non-transportation purposes.
- Helps local governments raise revenue at home to meet the needs of their communities.

New Annual Funding

- State -- \$2.9 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system.
- Locals -- \$2.5 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads.
- Regions -- \$534 million annually to help restore the cuts to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Transit -- \$516 million annually for transit capital projects and operations.
- Freight -- \$900 million annually for goods movement.
- Active Transportation -- \$80 million annually, with up to \$150 million possible through Caltrans efficiencies, for bicycle and pedestrian projects. • Constitutional Amendment to help locals raise funding at home by lowering the voter threshold for transportation tax measures to 55 percent.

Reforms and Accountability

- Restores the independence of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).
- Creates the Office of Transportation Inspector General to oversee all state spending on transportation.
- Increases CTC oversight and approval of the State Highway Operations and Protection (SHOPP) program.
- Requires local governments to report streets and roads projects to the CTC and continue their own funding commitments to the local system.

Streamlining Project Delivery

- Permanently extends existing CEQA exemption for improvements in the existing roadway.
- Permanently extends existing federal NEPA delegation for Caltrans.

- Creates an Advance Mitigation program for transportation projects to help plan ahead for needed environmental mitigation.

New Annual Funding Sources

- Gasoline Excise Tax -- \$2.5 billion (17 cents per gallon increase)
- End the BOE "true up" -- \$1.1 billion
- Diesel Excise Tax -- \$900 million (30 cents per gallon increase)
- Vehicle Registration Fee -- \$1.3 billion (\$38 per year increase)
- Zero Emission Vehicle Registration Fee -- \$16 million (\$165 per year starting in 2nd year)
- Truck Weight Fees -- \$1 billion (Return to transportation over five years)
- Diesel Sales Tax -- \$216 million (3.5% increase)
- Cap and Trade -- \$300 million (from unallocated C&T funds)
- Miscellaneous transportation revenues -- \$149 million

Keeping Promises and Protecting Revenues

- One-time repayment of outstanding loans from transportation programs over two years. (\$706 million)
- Return of truck weight fees to transportation projects over five years. (\$1 billion)
- Constitutional amendment to ensure new funding cannot be diverted for non-transportation uses.

While many are hopeful that a deal can come to fruition before the 31st deadline, others are speculating that this might get passed by a "lame-duck" session. The Legislature's four caucuses always return two-days after a general election for internal affairs; therefore it is plausible that they could vote on something on November 10th prior to the new members being sworn in. The special session expires on November 30th.

Cap-and-Trade

Late last week, the Governor signed SB 859 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review provides statutory provisions for the \$900 million 2016 cap-and-trade expenditure appropriation in AB 1613 by the Committee on Budget, and a plan to produce more biomass energy in the face of California's tree mortality epidemic:

- \$368 million to the Air Resources Board, including:
- \$133 million to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program.
- \$80 million to the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, Plus-Up Pilot Project and up to \$20 million

of this amount may be used for other light-duty equity pilot projects.

- \$150 million for heavy-duty vehicles and off-road equipment investments.
- \$5 million for black carbon wood smoke programs.
- \$140 million to the Office of Planning and Research for the Strategic Growth Council to provide transformative climate communities grants.
- \$135 million to the Transportation Agency for the Transit and Intercity Rail Program.
- \$80 million to the Natural Resources Agency for the Urban Greening program.
- \$65 million to the Department of Food and Agriculture, including:
 - \$50 million for the early and extra methane emissions reductions from dairy and livestock operations.
 - \$7.5 million for the Healthy Soils Program.
 - \$7.5 million for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP).
- \$40 million to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, including:
 - \$25 million for the Healthy Forest Program.
 - \$15 million for urban forestry programs.
- \$40 million to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for waste diversion and greenhouse gas reduction financial assistance.
- \$20 million to the Department of Community Services and Development for weatherization and renewable energy projects.
- \$10 million to the Department of Transportation for the Active Transportation Program.
- \$2 million to the Office of Planning and Research for the Strategic Growth Council to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities.

Cap-and-trade investments in California, including expenditures in today's agreement, total \$3.2 billion.

Given the uncertainty associated with recent auctions of carbon allowances, the state has prudently reserved one-third of the total amount of proceeds for future allocation. Cap-and-trade investments in California, including expenditures in today's legislation, total \$3.2 billion.

The Governor also signed AB 2722, which creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program, a grant program administered by the Strategic Growth Council, for broad-based greenhouse gas emission reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: **Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **DISCUSS** draft 2017 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board respon to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The 2016 TAMC Legislative Program (**attached**) focused on maintaining and augmenting transportation funding. The 2017 legislative program will likely continue this focus on transportati funding. The draft program will go to the Board of Directors in December for review, to all committees in January for comment, and the final program will go to the Board in January for adoption. Staff recommends this Committee discuss the 2016 program and legislative priorities to pursue in 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2016 TAMC Adopted Legislative Program



FINAL 2016 Legislative Program: State Issues

- 1S. Increase and preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.
- 4S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
- 5S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
- 6S. Support efforts to develop alternative funding sources to offset the reduction in gas tax revenues and ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.
- 7S. Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek funding from the program for regional priority projects.
- 8S. Support measures to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.
- 9S. Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.
- 10S. Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco.
- 11S. Support funding proposals to enable cities and counties to implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.
- 12S. Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.
- 13S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



FINAL 2016 Legislative Program: Federal Issues

- 1F. Support stabilizing and increasing transportation funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee.
 3. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
- 2F. Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 3F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 4F. Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.