

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**  
**JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

**FINAL MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2020 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

| <b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>   | <b>SEP<br/>19</b> | <b>OCT<br/>19</b> | <b>DEC<br/>19</b> | <b>JAN<br/>20</b> | <b>FEB<br/>20</b> | <b>MAR<br/>20</b> | <b>APR<br/>20</b> | <b>MAY<br/>20</b> | <b>JUN<br/>20</b> | <b>AUG<br/>20</b> |
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| L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, <b>Chair</b><br>(L. Gonzales; <del>J. Gomez</del> )  | P                 | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2,<br>(J. Stratton)                                  | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              |
| C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 <b>County Rep</b><br>(P. Barba)                       | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| J. Parker, Supr. Dist. 4<br>(W. Askew)  | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              |
| M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b><br>(Y. Anderson)      | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea<br>(J. Baron)                                    | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks<br>(P. Lintell)   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 |
| M. Orozco, Gonzales<br>(L. Worthy)  | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | -                 |
| A. Untalon, Greenfield<br>(A. Tipton)   | P                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| M. LeBarre, King City, <b>City<br/>Representative</b><br>(C. DeLeon)          | P                 | P                 | -                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| B. Delgado, Marina<br>(F. O'Connell)  | P                 | P(A)              | -                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | -                 | P                 |
| E. Smith, Monterey, <b>1st Vice Chair</b><br>(A. Renny)                       | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| R. Huitt, Pacific Grove, <b>Past Chair</b><br>( <del>N. Smith</del> , D. Gho) | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| S. Davis, Salinas<br>(C. Cromeenes)   | P                 | P                 | -                 | P                 | -                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P(A)              |
| Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City<br>(J. Blackwelder)                              | -                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | P                 |
| I. Oglesby, Seaside<br>(D. Pacheco)   | -                 | -                 | -                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |

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| A. Chavez, Soledad<br>(F. Ledesma)  | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | E                 |
| M. Twomey, AMBAG<br>(H. Adamson, <del>B. Patel</del> , S. Vienna)   | P(A)              | P                 | -                 | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | -                 |
| T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5<br>(S. Eades, <del>O. Monroy Ochoa</del> , J. Olejnik,<br><del>K. McClendon</del> ) | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P                 | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              | P(A)              |
| R. Stedman,<br>Monterey Bay Air Resources District<br>( <del>A. Romero</del> , D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)              | -                 | P(A)              | -                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | -                 | P                 | P                 |
| B. Sabo,<br>Monterey Regional Airport District  | P                 | -                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit<br>(L. Rheinheimer, <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )                                | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P(A)              | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P(A)              | P                 |
| T. Coffman-Gomez, Watsonville<br>(L. Hurst)   | E                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | -                 | -                 | P                 | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| E. Ochoa, CSUMB<br>( <del>A. Lewis</del> , L. Samuels)  | -                 | -                 | -                 | P                 | -                 | -                 | -                 | P(A)              | -                 | P                 |
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| S. Castillo, Transportation Planner   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| R. Deal, Principal Engineer   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration  | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner  | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| D. Hale, Executive Director   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant  | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director  | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| K. Reimann, Legal Counsel   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/<br>Senior Administrative Assistant  | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| L. Terry, Accountant Assistant  | E                 | E                 | E                 | P                 | E                 | E                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| T. Wright, Community Outreach   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |
| M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner   | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 | P                 |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Katherine Hansen  
Daniel Ghossein  
Andrea Williams

County Counsel  
City of Pacific Grove

Andrea Renny  
Lisa Rheinheimer

City of Monterey  
MST

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alejo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Alejo led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Potter/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, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of June 24, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for June and July 2020 and credit card statement for the month of May and June 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2020.
- 3.1.5** Received report the 2019/20 workforce data analysis for the Voluntary Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 3.1.6** Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with Alvarez Technology Group to increase the budget by \$3,735 over five years to cover higher Microsoft Azure subscription costs.
- 3.1.7** Received report on the most current COVID-19 Protection Protocols and approved one-time benefit related to COVID-19 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to complete the final design and right-of-way review process for the Highway 218 segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.
- 3.2.2** Approved the appointment of Miranda Taylor to serve as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

- 3.2.3** Federal Funds for Rural Transit - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Phase 2:
1. Approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program Phase 2 in the amount of \$1,325,495 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes and on-call services;
  2. Adopted Resolution 2020-09 authorizing funding under the CARES Act Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program Phase 2; and
  3. Ratified the signed Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the program of projects.
- 3.2.4** Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation & Unmet Transit Needs:
1. Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs;
  2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
  3. Adopted Resolution 2020-10 allocating a total of \$22,193,789 in Transportation Development Act funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit, composed of \$16,995,417 in Local Transportation Funds and \$5,198,372 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

### ***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative activities and **ratified** Executive Committee adoption of positions on legislation on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- 3.3.2** Regarding State Legislative Advocate Services:
1. Approved a Request for Qualifications for state legislative assistance, subject to counsel approval;
  2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Qualifications and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
  3. Approved the use of reserve funding for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 per year for a three-year contract ending October 31, 2023, with the option to extend for one year.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

**3.4.1** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Carmel to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the following projects:
  - o Mission Street Sidewalk Reconstruction project in the amount of \$15,310.79;
  - o City-wide Traffic Striping project in the amount of \$15,000; and
  - o Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the amount of \$10,000
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

**3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Monterey to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the "Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades" project in the amount of \$431,352.19; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

**3.4.3** Regarding Roundabout Design Peer Review Contract Amendment:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with GHD, a California Corporation, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the contract by a total amount of \$116,000 from \$640,000 to \$756,000 to provide additional engineering design services;
2. Approved the use of Measure X funds budgeted to the SR 68 Scenic Highway Improvement project and the SR 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

**3.4.4** Approved the appointment of Cal State University, Monterey Bay student, Natalie Olivas, to serve as the alternate youth representative on the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.

**3.4.5** Authorized the use of \$ 100,000 from State Freeway Service Patrol and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funding to continue temporary services.

### **RAIL PROGRAM**

#### **3.5.1 Salinas Rail Project Negotiations:**

1. Approved a Request for Qualifications for negotiation assistance on the Rail Extension to Monterey County project, subject to counsel approval;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Qualifications and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
3. Approved the use of reserve funding for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 over three fiscal years, FY 20/21-22/23.

#### **3.5.2 Salinas Rail Project - MNS Engineers Contract Amendment #1:**

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with MNS Engineers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget for construction management of the Monterey County Rail Extension project by \$106,377 for a new total contract budget of \$4,417,482;
2. Authorized the use of state funds budgeted to this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

### **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

- 3.6.1** Approved the 2020 Strategic Expenditure Plan Update for the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

#### **3.7.1 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee –draft minutes of August 5, 2020
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of August 3, 2020
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – draft minutes of August 5, 2020
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of August 6, 2020
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee (xTOC) – draft minutes of July 21, 2020

- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for August 2020.

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**4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter to Dave Delfino and Madilyn Jacobsen.

Dave Delfino, Director of Finance/ Analyst, and Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, have been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employees of the Quarter for April-June 2020. Agency employees recognize Dave Delfino for his professionalism and diligence in taking on an extra workload by being the sole daily presence in the TAMC office during the shelter-in-place. This extra work includes scanning and sending documents to staff, assisting with the installation of COVID-19 protective devices, and coordinating the tenting of the office for termites with the landlord. Madilyn Jacobsen is recognized for leading the multiagency team that prepared for four complex grant applications within 5 weeks, aimed at securing \$20 million in funding required to deliver the Highway 156 - Castroville Interchange project in 2022.

**5. PRESENTATION ON REVISED MEASURE X REVENUE FORECASTS**

The Board received a presentation on the revised Measure X Revenue Forecasts.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that due to the shelter-in-place order, sales of many taxable goods have declined. As a result, according to revised estimates from the Transportation Agency's sales tax forecasting consultant, HdL Companies, Measure X sales tax revenues will fall below prior projections. Prior to Monterey County voters adopting Measure X in November 2016, revenues were conservatively estimated to be \$20 million per year. Actual revenues have been significantly higher, with 2018/19 receipts (the second full year of Measure X receipts) totaling \$30.5 million. The latest estimates are that Measure X revenues are expected to drop to \$23.53 million in 2019/20, rise to \$27.38 million in 20/21, then decrease again to \$26.75 million in 21/22.

If these revenue projections do not further decline, the Measure X program's existing fund balance along with new revenues will allow the Measure X program of projects to stay on track to meet programmed local match requirements for the next four years. Priority projects that are expected to start construction during this time frame include the Imjin Road Widening project, which uses \$17 million of Measure X funds as match to a \$19 million SB1 Local Partnership Program grant, the Highway 218 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, which uses \$1.0 million of Measure X funds as a match to a \$9.2 million Active Transportation Program grant, and the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project, pending receipt of \$20 million of grant funds with \$2.5 million of Measure X as match. In response to a question from Board member Kerr, Mr. Zeller noted that if revenues fall short then TAMC can look into bonding earlier than anticipated in order to fund these priority projects.

**6. 2020 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS****M/S/C**

Lopez/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board of Directors **adopted** Resolution 2020-08 programming \$10.547 million of 2020 Competitive Grant funding for fiscal years 2020/21 through 2022/23 and deprogramming \$1.3 million from competitively awarded projects from prior cycles that have been completed with balances remaining or have exceeded the timely use of funds policy. In taking this action, the TAMC Board of Directors approved nearly \$11.39 million for fiscal years 2020/21 through 2022/23 to fund the following projects:

- Salinas - Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project - \$4,000,000
- Salinas - Bardin Road Safe Routes to School - \$1,800,000
- King City - Complete Streets Downtown Streetscape - \$950,000
- Monterey - Traffic System, Pedestrian/Bike Upgrades - \$1,680,000
- Salinas - Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements - \$545,000
- Pacific Grove - Point Piños Trail Project - \$382,000
- Greenfield - Walnut Avenue Pedestrian/Bike Improvements - \$590,000
- Seaside - Broadway Avenue Corridor Improvements - \$600,000

Mike Zeller reported that the Transportation Agency received ten completed grant applications, totaling over \$27.6 million in requests for Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. Each application was reviewed and scored by five committee members. For the Broadway Avenue Corridor Improvements Project, the City of Seaside requested \$4.2 million in competitive funds and ranked this as its top priority. The project scored lower than other submitted projects, primarily since the project has not completed the environmental phase and has not secured its matching funds. While there was not sufficient funding available to meet the project's full request, staff is recommending funding the environmental phase of the project at \$600,000.

Board member Hawthorne inquired as to how to initiate work on a roundabout at Broadway and Del Monte Boulevard. Mr. Zeller suggested that Sand City initiate discussions with the City of Seaside to decide whether or not to submit that project in a future funding cycle.

Board alternate Askew expressed her concern with pedestrian safety issues at Coe Avenue and General Jim Moore in the City of Seaside, and asked why that project was not funded. Mr. Zeller noted that the City had designated the Broadway Avenue project as its first priority, so funding was instead proposed for that project. Senior Planner Green added that TAMC is coordinating with the City of Seaside to apply for an Active Transportation Program grant to extend the Broadway corridor improvements to Martin Luther King school, so funding environmental review for that project is an important next step. Board member and Mayor of Seaside Ian Oglesby noted that the Broadway corridor is Seaside's top priority project, to facilitate children and parents walking from the neighborhoods to downtown.



Board member and Marina Mayor Delgado thanked TAMC staff for meeting with City staff to debrief on the recommendation not to fund funding the Del Monte Blvd/Patton Parkway Extension.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Scott Eades, the new District 5 Director for Planning, Local Assistance and Sustainability, introduced himself. He reported that Caltrans is monitoring the active fires throughout the state and is working with Cal Fire and the Forestry on traffic control. Mr. Eades announced that the 2050 draft California Transportation Plan was released on August 21<sup>st</sup> and he encouraged agencies to review and comment on it. Board member Adams welcomed Mr. Eades. She expressed concerns with the illegal camping along Highway 1, noting this is a standing problem and Big Sur constituents are calling for relief. She thanked Caltrans for replacing rumble strips on Highway 68 with so-called “mumble strips” to reduce noise.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** – No report this month.

**Monterey Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager & CEO, announced MST will be hosting a Zoom meeting regarding the SURF! rapid transit corridor connecting Marina to Seaside Environmental Impact Report on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. He noted that MST has added additional bus service on the following lines to allow for social distancing within the buses: JAZZ Line 11, Monterey to Salinas Line 20; and Grape Vine Express Line Monterey to Carmel Line 24. Mr. Sedoryk reported that as part of the Carmel fire evacuations, MST provided transportation services to the residents of Rippling River.

**Monterey Bay Air Resources District** – Richard Stedman reported that the Air District has updated its monitors to better track the poor air quality from the fires and is issuing regular advisories. Mr. Stedman reported that DC Fast Charger electric vehicle stations have been installed at the King City shopping center. The District has also funded the purchase of 6 new electric vehicle school busses in Soledad. The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program, which provides rebates to the public for the purchase of fully electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, still has funding available and offering double incentive rebates to qualified persons with a low income; applications are online.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

No reports this month due to shelter-in-place.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Debbie Hale welcomed Scott Eades, Caltrans District 5, and City of Salinas alternate Board representative of Christy Cromeenes. She announced that Caltrans, TAMC and Supervisor Phillips will be hosting a remote Castroville Highway 183 Project meeting will on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. Director Hale encouraged the Board to distribute the Passenger Rail survey to their constituents to provide feedback on your priorities and opinions regarding potential new passenger rail service throughout the Monterey Bay Area and the rest of the Central Coast. In conclusion, she announced that a few TAMC staff members were evacuated due to the fires, noting everyone is safe.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board conferred with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. TAMC v. Rodney Karl Neubert and Susan Greco-Neubert, et al., Court Number 20CV000457
2. TAMC v. The Baillie Family Limited Partnership, et al., Court Number 20CV000455
3. TAMC v. Joyce M. Selby and Cheryl Latimer, et al., Court Number 20CV000456

After the Board reconvened in open session, Agency Counsel Reimann reported that the Board met in closed session and approved an amendment to the legal counsel contract, otherwise no reportable action was taken.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.