

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

FINAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2024 TAMC BOARD MEETING

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA 93901, Cayenne Conference Room

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2nd Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	DEC 23	JAN 24
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, County Representative (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P(V)	E	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, (Priscilla Barba) Chair	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, 2 ND Vice Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, (Colleen Courtney)	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) 1st Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uj)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	A	E	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City, Past Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina-Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	E	P	P	E	E	P(V)	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P(V)	P(A)	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P*	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P*	E

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 Office	Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5
Marissa Garcia	City of Monterey	Amir Attia	Associate Professor, CSUMB
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident	Justin Estassi	Boyds Asphalt
Shawn Boyle	Monterey Bay Air Resources District	Bruce Delgado	City of Marina
Octavio Hurtado	King City, Public Works Director		

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Vice Chair Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Lopez/Alejo/unanimous

Board Members Dirksen and Sandoval arrived after the consent agenda was approved.

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 December ,6 2023.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of November and December 2023 and credit card statements for the months of October and November 2023.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Adopted resolution 2024-03 authorizing Todd Muck, Jefferson Kise, Christina Watson, and Michael Zeller to conduct all commercial banking activities on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Approved the appointments of Nathalie Gomez as the District 3 alternate, Lester Brown as the Pacific Grove alternate, and Council Member Liesbeth Visscher as the City of Marina representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative issues and adopted the final 2024 legislative program.
- 3.3.2** Received summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2023.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Amendment #2 for the On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Services Contract with GHD, Inc:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with GHD, Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide on-call Traffic Engineering and ancillary services for the period ending June 30, 2026;
 2. Approved the use of Measure X funds budgeted for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement 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, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the GHD, Inc. contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Coast Corridor Rail Project Update:
1. Received update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles;
 2. Appointed representatives to the CRCC Policy Committee;
 3. Approved increase in annual membership dues for the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) from \$2,500 to \$3,000 annually; and
 4. Approved reimbursing San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a consultant contract to assist in the application for construction funding for the Coast Rail project.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – draft minutes of January 10, 2024
 - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of January 8, 2024
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of January 10, 2024
 - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of January 11, 2024
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for January 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S/C

Church/Oglesby/unanimous

The Board approved the election of the following members to serve as Board officers and to serve as Executive Committee officers:

- Chair, Supervisor Chris Lopez, District 3
- 1st Vice Chair, Mayor Dave Potter, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
- 2nd Vice Chair, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, District 4
- Past Chair, Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King
- County Representative, Supervisor Luis Alejo, District 1
- City Representative, Councilmember Chaps Poduri, City of Pacific Grove

Their terms begin upon their election and continue through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 22, 2025 Board meeting.

5. TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023

The Transportation Agency showed its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve the transportation network in Monterey County. The recipients of the 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards are:

- **Individual:** Amir Attia, Associate Professor, Graphic Design, California State University, Monterey Bay
- **Business:** Boyds Asphalt Services
- **Program:** "Better Bus Network", Monterey-Salinas Transit
- **Project:** California Avenue Pedestrian Crossing at Marina Heights Drive, City of Marina
- **Project:** King City Downtown Streetscape, City of King
- **Project:** Marina Parking Lot Improvement Project, City of Monterey

TAMC EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer, was recognized for 5 years of service to the Transportation Agency.

OUTGOING TAMC BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Mike LeBarre was recognized for chairing the TAMC Board of Directors during 2023.

Board Chair Lopez recognized outgoing Board Member Cristina Medina-Dirksen, City of Marina, for her leadership.

6. STATE ROUTE 156 / CASTROVILLE BLVD UPDATE

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County received a presentation on the status of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project and current cost estimates.

Chad Stoehr, Caltrans, reported since the last update to the Board in May 2023, Caltrans was successful in receiving a second 12-month time extension to request a funding allocation from the California Transportation Commission, allowing for PG&E to complete their utility relocation work. However, Caltrans recently notified the Agency that the overall project cost has risen significantly, from \$73.5 million to \$122.7 million. The Agency's share of this \$40 million cost increase is estimated to be between \$33 to \$35 million, with the State covering the remaining balance. The cost increases are across all phases of work, primarily driven by utility relocations and two new unfunded construction components for landscape planting and monitoring.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, presented four alternatives for the Board to consider, including: a) to increase the Measure X contribution to the project to cover the cost increases and keep the State grant; b) to forfeit the prior State grant and reapply in the next cycle of funding for an increased amount, which would mean the State would cover a larger portion of the cost increases; c) to forfeit the grant and do value engineering to seek cost-savings on the project; or d) to stop the project and do a thorough reevaluation of the project alternatives.

After reviewing the time delays and risks associated with each alternative, the Board directed staff to forfeit the past grant and reapply for the next cycle of state grant funds. While this alternative may delay the project by six months to a year, the timing for the upcoming grant cycle aligns well with the current project schedule. This alternative will allow a larger portion of the project's cost increases to be covered by the State rather than having to be covered by local funds.

Board Member Church noted that this project is in his district; he expressed dismay that the project cost has doubled and asked why the utility relocation issues were discovered so late. He noted that there have been plans to widen State Route 156 since the 1960's and that the Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is just the first phase of work on the overall project.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Dave Silberberger highlighted Caltrans District 5 construction, road closures, and repairs:

- The Paul Slide on Highway 1 is targeted to fully open in late spring.
- Engineers are currently looking at the concrete blocks at Big Sur, to see if any are loose.
- Winter season high alert on Highway 1.

Chair Lopez expressed his continued support to move forward with the US 101 South of Salinas project, noting that a life was taken recently on that stretch of the Highway.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The airport is proceeding with their new terminal; the plan will take 4-5 years and will cost \$170 million to complete.
- The airport has contracted with Granite Construction for their new ramp.
- The airport's old fire station has been demolished.
- The airport has 300,000 passengers per year and hopes to increase and add additional service in the future.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On February 7, 2024, MST will be implementing some service improvements adding more frequent time and extended hours from Westridge, downtown Salinas, and Natividad Road.
- MST will be adding service back to Monterey Peninsula College.
- On February 10, 2024, from 10-12, MST will be conducting a pop-up regarding the SURF! project at the 5th Street Station. He noted that this project is now fully funded.
- MST held a bus driver skills course event and made 25 job offers, looking forward to being fully staffed soon.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Shawn Boyle announced the following:

- Air District is currently getting their AB2766 Grant Cycle.
- DMV collects \$4 from vehicle registration from Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties for incentive programs for zero emission projects.
- On December 20, the Air Resources Board increased the Electric Bike incentive program to \$750 and so far, received 40 applications.

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

No report this month.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Imjin Road project continues to move forward, beginning construction in February.
- Bids opening for the FORTAG Canyon Del Rey Project is scheduled for February 15, 2024.
- Vote for Sidewalk Art January 22-February 1, vote for your favorite art to decorate sidewalks leading to schools and the Cesar Chavez Library in East Salinas.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.