

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Office

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Alternate Location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office

Final Minutes of Thursday, January 11, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	JAN 24
Robert Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Culver)	E	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	E	C	P	P	P(VC)
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	A	A	A	A	P	-	A	A	-	-
Patrick Dobbins Gonzales, Chair (vacant)	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	N	P	E	P
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield (Tony Nisich)	A	P(A)	P	P	E	E	E	C	P	E	P
Octavio Hurtado, King City (Steve Adams)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P(VC)	P
Brian McMinn, Marina (Edrie Delos Santos)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	-
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	L	P	P	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	E	P	P	-
David Jacobs, Salinas (Adrian Robles)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	D	P	-	P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		E	P(VC)	P
Nisha Patel, Seaside (Patrick Grogan, Leslie Llantero, Carolyn Burke)	A	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P	P(A)	-
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Bryan Swanson)	P	E	P(A)	P(VC)	E	E	P		P	P(A)	P
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	E	P	E	P	P	E	P(A)		P(A)	-	P(A)
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	-		P(A)	-	P
Orchid Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P	P	P(VC)	A	P	P	-		A	P(VC)	-
Raju Ceerla CSUMB Vice Chair (Kyle Jordan)	P	P	P	A	A	-	-		-	P	P
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	P	A	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	-
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	A	P(A)	E	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	P		P	P(VC)	-

P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video conference

STAFF	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN
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T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	E		E	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	A	P	E	A	P	E	E		E	P(VC)	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	E	P	P		P(VC)	P	-
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	PV	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	P		P	P	P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	A	P	A	P	P	P(VC)	P		P	-	P(VC)
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	P	A	A	A	A	-	-		-	-	P(VC)
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	A	A	-	-		-	P	-
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	A	A	P	A	A	P(VC)	P		-	-	P(VC)
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	A	P(VC)	P		P	P(VC)	-
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.										P(VC)	P(VC)
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner									P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tyrone Bell, MBARD
Paul Hierling, AMBAG
Neal Thompson, Public
Berry Jones, Public
Chris Lindsey, Cambridge Systematics
Matt Deal, Monterey Salinas Transit
Dwight Stump, Public
Courtney Lindberg, Watsonville

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Dobbins, City of Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Jacobs /Garcia /unanimous

3.1 **APPROVED** the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for November 2, 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS PROJECT UPDATE

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that the US 101 South of Salinas project was redefined last year after a thorough review of the approved Project Study Report. He noted that the project development team is developing conceptual plans to address safety issues along US 101 as follows:

1. Relocating the existing interchanges at Abbott Street and Main Street in Chualar.
2. Constructing frontage roads to maintain access to properties currently served by direct links to US 101
3. Eliminating left turn movements along US 101 at uncontrolled intersections between Salinas and Chualar Page 10 of 16
4. Eliminating uncontrolled rail crossings
5. Working towards the ultimate goal of eliminating all uncontrolled intersections along US 101

5. SCENIC ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer reported that The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve traffic operations and reduce collisions and connect wildlife habitats on an approximately nine-mile stretch of State Route 68 in Monterey County by modifying the design of nine intersections from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road and providing five new underground wildlife crossings animals can use to cross under the highway.

In conclusion, Mr. Bilse reported that two build alternatives are being evaluated in the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase. Alternative 1 would convert nine intersections into roundabouts: eight single-lane roundabouts and one two-lane roundabout (at the intersection of SR 218). He noted that alternative 2 would include expanded signalized intersections with adaptive signal control technology and enhanced lane channelization to provide auxiliary through lanes and additional right and left turn lanes. He noted that both alternatives would provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and replacement lighting where necessary.

6. AMBAG CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT STUDY

Paul Hierling, AMBAG introduced Chris Lindsey with Cambridge Systematics, and she reported that they are preparing the California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study to provide guidance on the policies and projects supporting freight movement across the Central Coast region.

In conclusion Mr. Lindsey noted that the Central Coast region along the U.S. 101 corridor is one of the most important agricultural production areas in the country. In addition, it has significant clusters of freight-dependent industries that rely on the multimodal freight network to serve their customers and contribute to the economic prosperity of the region. Staff will continue to develop the California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study and work with partner agencies.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Hierling, AMBAG announced the Active Transportation Program Branch workshops Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1:00pm – 3:00pm Monterey Bay Air Resources District 24580 Silver Cloud Court Monterey, CA 93940.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.