

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

Final Minutes of December 3, 2008 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
 Agricultural Center –Conference Room
 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

	JAN 08	FEB 08	MAR 08	APR 08	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	N	P(A)
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 2nd Vice Chairman (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	O	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P		P(A)
I. Mettee -McCutchon Supr. Dist. 4 (C. Link)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	M	P(A)
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 Chairman (K. Lee)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	E	P(A)	P	P	E	P
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (J. Russell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	T	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (L. Senkir)	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	I	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield – Past Chair (A. Moreno)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	G	P
G. Wilmot, Marina (J. Ford)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P		E
F. Sollecito, Monterey - 1 st Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
S. Miller, Pacific Grove (R. Huitt, D. Davis)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P
S. Villegas, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-		P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	P	P(A)	P	-	-	P	-	P		P
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)
R. Rubio, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P		P
M. Bersamin, Watsonville (M. Rodriguez)	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-		-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)		P
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	-	-	-	-	P	E	P	P	P		E
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	-	-	P(A)	P	E	P	P	E	P		P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P

TAMC STAFF	JAN 08	FEB 08	MAR 08	APR 08	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>N</i>	P
L. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
K. Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	<i>M</i>	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	<i>E</i>	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>E</i>	P
R. Goel, Administrative Services Mgr.	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>T</i>	P
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	<i>I</i>	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	<i>N</i>	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	<i>G</i>	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	P		P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant								P			P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P		P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5	Patrick Dobbins	Harris & Associates
Alfred Diaz Infante	CHISPA	Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside
Trish Lopez	MCPWD	Eileen Goodwin	Apex Strategies
Oga Carranza	MCPWD	Ruth Bernstein	EMC
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Vee Thomas	North Monterey County
Tucker Ramsay	Carmel resident	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
John Dillard	Carmel resident	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Neil Agron	Carmel resident	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Dale Agron	Carmel resident	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Bonnie Gillooly	Carmel resident	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Nancy Selfridge	Public resident		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Potter called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
M/S/C Rubio/Sollecito/unanimous
Approved Consent Agenda

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 22, 2008.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2008 and credit card statements for the months of September 2008.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2009 schedule of meetings for Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Approved Resolution 2008-24 declaring as surplus selected furniture, equipment, and computers; and Authorized the Executive Director to dispose of the surplus property in accordance with Administrative Policy No. 7, Paragraph 4.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project Application for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Funding:
1. Adopted resolution 2008-25 approving an application for grant funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents related to this application for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program funding.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects:
1. Approved the Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$405,465 for rural public transit services in the Cities of King, Greenfield, and Soledad, and for Monterey-Salinas Transit for service on rural transit routes;
 2. Adopted Resolution 2008-26 authorizing federal funding under Federal Transit Administration Section 5311; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Part II – Certification and Assurances of the Regional Agency as part of the project application.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Adopted final 2009 Legislative Program.
- 3.3.2** *Staff pulled this item and deferred to a future date.*
Adopt CALCOG 2009 Priority Actions.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved City of Monterey reallocation request for \$200,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities funds.
- 3.4.2** Approved the requests by the County of Monterey to allocate \$ 239,000.00 to four Monterey County projects with the condition that the County consults with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Advisory Committee on the installation of rumble strips to ensure that they are bicycle friendly, and by the City of Pacific Grove to allocate \$ 131,093.00 to eligible citywide maintenance, in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 07/08/09 cycle.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 *No items this month*

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 *This item was pulled from the agenda for comment at the request of Alfred Diaz Infante, then added back on the consent agenda and approved.*

Approved the updated interim fee guidelines based on new information related to affordable housing and feedback from the jurisdictions.

Alfred Diaz Infante, CHISPA, thanked staff for the opportunity to comment on the proposed trip rates for affordable housing developments related to the regional development traffic impact fee. He requested that affordable developments that have access to Dial-a-ride services qualify for the reduced trip rates. He also thanked staff for their cooperation.

3.6.2 *This item was pulled from the agenda for comment at the request of Board alternate Gerbrandt, then added back to the consent agenda.* He requested that input from the cities should come to the TAC and then priorities drafting a work plan come next. Executive Director Hale assured him that the cities will be provided the opportunity to input earlier in the process and noted staff would integrate this into the process.

Approved the proposed draft work plan for the Regional Development Impact Fee Strategic Expenditure Plan, with changes requested by Board alternate Gerbrandt.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 **Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:**

- Executive Committee – Draft November 5, 2008
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft November 5, 2008 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – See item 10
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No Meeting (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft November 6, 2008

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, as the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter for July 1st, through September 30, 2008.

The Agency employees recognized Maria for her great office support at the front desk, her positive attitude, always having a smile, her efficiency and most notably for being “on it”!

5. **ELECTION RESULTS FOR MEASURE Z TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX**

The Board received briefing on election results for Measure Z transportation sales tax and discussed next steps.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported the unofficial election results of the transportation sales tax measure. She noted that Monterey County Measure Z failed to reach the 66.7% vote needed, only reaching 63%. She highlighted the map of precinct-by-precinct results and the city-by-city results. Ms. Hale thanked the Board, Campaign Committee and staff for their participation and efforts both in planning and the election.

Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research, gave an overview of what happened on election day and the Measure Z election results. She stated that 63% of the voters voted yes on Measure Z, noting the challenge with this election was turning the “No” and “Undecided” votes into “Yeses”.

Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, gave an overview of what went right and what went wrong on the campaign. She noted that what went right was: high voter turnout, lots of signs, visibility, good media coverage, endorsements, multiple mailings, and a good campaign consultant. She praised Chairman Potter and Ron Pasquenelli as strong speakers for the campaign. Ms. Goodwin reported that what went wrong was: the campaign started late, there was no campaign structure or money in the bank when placed on the ballot. She concluded that there were great messages and endorsements, but not enough money to communicate them.

In conclusion, Executive Director Hale reported on next steps: let the campaign contributors and potential supporters come to TAMC; focus on projects already in the pipeline; use existing resources to deliver as many projects as possible, and schedule a visioning session to re-focus on Agency goals and objectives.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, stated that the economy was a contributing factor to why Measure Z failed. She noted that the members in opposition have no idea what “Self Help” means; she urged supporters to do a better job informing and educating the public on how the transportation funding and delivery system works. Chairman Potter thanked Ms. Matt for her advocacy throughout the years.

Board member Rubio concurred with Ms. Matt, noting that the active opposition hurt the campaign. He noted that the call for new revenues needs to happen outside of TAMC. Board member Calcagno concurred with Board member Rubio, noting that a lot of effort was put in by the campaign, but it hit a stone wall trying to get funds out of contributors. He also noted that 63% is a good showing, and that this campaign was done well.

Board member Huerta acknowledged Chairman Potter for his efforts, stating that eventually the measure will pass.

Board member Edelen reported that the Agency needs to spell out the need for matching funds. He noted the need to publicize it every time the California Transportation Commission turns us down because Monterey County is not a self-help county.

Chairman Potter reported that he shared everyone’s frustration. He noted that the campaign group met

every Monday. He thanked organized labor, the hospitality industry and the wine industry. Mr. Potter noted that the workshop in March would be a productive use of the Board's time to focus on the future. In conclusion, he thanked the Board members for their efforts, and noted by no means this should be looked at as a failure, but added we will need to do better in the future.

6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

The Board received a staff presentation on the unmet transit needs process and a presentation on Monterey-Salinas Transit funding needs.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported California state law requires the Transportation Agency to make a finding on Unmet Transit Needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds to any jurisdiction for local planning or street and road purposes.

Carl Sedoryk, CEO Monterey Salinas Transit, highlighted MST's Unmet Transit Needs. He noted that MST's Line 23 bus route is overcrowded, noting some passengers have to ride from Salinas to King City standing up. He expressed the need to increase frequency to hourly service. In conclusion, he noted that in order to maintain the transit network we need to allocate all of the Local Transportation Funds and all remaining State Transit Assistance funds to transit. He added that without new funds transit services will be cut.

The Chair opened the public hearing and with no comments the public hearing was closed.

M/S/C Calcagno/Rubio/unanimous

The Board directed staff to consult with local transit operators, affected jurisdictions, community agencies, and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and return to the Board with a recommended finding on Unmet Transit Needs for FY 2009-10.

Board member Calcagno requested that the Castroville undercrossing at Highway 156 and North Monterey County High School be included as an unmet transit need.

7. **BUDGET AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS FOR THE CARMEL HILL TO RIVER TRAIL PROJECT**

M/S/C Sollecito/Villegas/unanimous

The Board approved an increase of \$175,000 to the contract with Whitson Engineers for the Carmel Hill to River Trail project and approved up to \$60,000 for legal assistance to draft the Environment Impact Report.

Principal Planner Muck reported that on October 22, 2008 the Transportation Agency Board directed staff to proceed with a full Environmental Impact Report for the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail project. An amendment to the contract with Whitson Engineers for the amount of \$175,000 is needed to conduct the Environmental Impact Report and perform other project tasks. In addition to the added cost of producing an Environmental Impact Report, staff also recommended up to \$60,000 for a separate agreement for services with outside legal counsel to provide legal review of the environmental document. Mr. Muck announced that a Notice of Preparation Scoping meeting has been scheduled on December 18, 2008, 6 p.m., at the Monterey Courthouse, for the first opportunity for the community to comment on the scope of the Environment Impact Report.

Public comment:

John Dillard, Carmel resident, expressed that the community has major concerns. He noted that the project is probably not viable in its current configuration, and that the funds are desperately needed elsewhere, like Monterey-Salinas Transit. In conclusion, he noted that the project is not a transportation project; it is a nature park.

Tucker Ramsay, Carmel resident, urged the Board not to pave Hatton Canyon. She thanked the Board for being patient and Mr. Muck for his responsiveness.

Board member Sollecito reported that the Board made a proper decision to move forward with the Environmental Impact Report and to make sure it is a quality project.

Board member Miller expressed that this is a wonderful project and proceeding with the Environmental Impact Report was appropriate.

Board member Villegas noted he was not comfortable with granting additional funds, but if it's going to give better answers and more time for public input he supports the budget amendment.

Chairman Potter reported that one of the purposes of this agency is to allow for public input. Looking at alternatives may require some flexibility by Caltrans.

Board member Calcagno cautioned if you have a group of people who oppose and challenge the Environmental Impact Report, the agency could end up spending more money on lawsuits.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Chairman Potter reported that he had attended the Self Help Counties' Focus on the Future Conference on November 15-16th in Monterey. He noted he and Ms. Hale had lunch with Caltrans Director Will Kempton and Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Dale Bonner.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- **Caltrans** – Rich Krumholz, Chief Deputy for District 5 Planning, reported that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. He noted that the Camp Roberts rest areas between Monterey County and Paso Robles are closed for remodeling. He reported that he field reviewed the Big Sur Coast on Monday with his engineers. The cliffs were draped to prevent rockslides. He thanked Caltrans staff and the construction companies for their work. He noted that the Salinas Chinatown renewal plan's purpose is to continue community based planning into the implementation strategy stage, noting Caltrans has funded 88% of the partnership effort. The current version of the federal economic stimulus package is a \$136 billion infrastructure-spending program; California might get 10%, making \$13 billion available for transportation, highway, and bridges.

Chairman Potter thanked Caltrans for its efforts in preparing Big Sur area for the winter rains.

- **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** – Randy Deshazo, Senior Planner, announced that AMBAG Board of Directors filled the vacant Executive Director position by hiring John Doughty, formerly the Community Planning Director for the City of Watsonville. He announced that the SB375 bill calls for regions in California to shrink their carbon footprint. The bill also seeks to align the long-range transportation planning process and the regional housing needs assessment. AMBAG will be working with the local agencies to develop a local strategy for approaching this bill. In conclusion, Mr. Deshazo reported that AMBAG received a partnership-planning grant to do a commercial flows study for the entire District 5 region from Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz Counties. They will be looking at developing a commodity flows forecast to support the regional travel demand model and identify infrastructural needs.
- **Fort Ord Reuse Authority** – No report this month.
- **Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District** – No report this month.
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport District** – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport District had nothing to do with the accident that occurred off airport landing was caused by mechanical malfunctions. He noted the Airport Board is going through an intensive strategic planning process that is yielding good results to bring in more local air service, improve customer service and provide other enhancements. Mr. Sabo noted that he would like to include the Board members in the Airport's email blast list, so that they can be aware of good deals and fares.
- **Monterey-Salinas Transit** – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced Monterey-Salinas Transit is hosting several public hearings in South County and Salinas to discuss fare increases and service reductions.

10. RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Board member Rubio highlighted the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Rail Policy Committee meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hale reported that staff is actively working on getting funds from the economic stimulus package. She noted that she and Christina Watson would be attending the Transportation Research Board 88th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. January 11th – 14th and would meet with federal officials during that trip. Ms. Hale announced the call for nominations for the seventh annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County, due by Friday, December 5, 2008. She noted that the Agency office would be closed for the holidays on December 24th, 25th, 26th, and January 1st and 2nd. She also noted she will be on vacation out of the country from December 24th through January 6th. In conclusion, Ms. Hale congratulated the board members who were re-elected and gave a farewell and thanks for their services to those board members who were not re-elected.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS ON MATTERS THAT THEY WISH TO PUT ON FUTURE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY AGENDAS

Board member Rubio asked that staff look into redirection and reassignment of funds, so that project delivery is emphasized. Debbie Hale noted that staff will be bringing several financial items to the Board in January and one of them will be the strategic funding discussions staff has been having with Caltrans to fully fund a few projects as opposed to partly funding many projects.

13. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to outgoing Transportation Board members:

County Supervisor Ila Mettee-McCutchon,

Marina Mayor Gary Wilmot,

Pacific Grove City Councilmember Scott Miller and

Aide to District 4 County Supervisor Claudia Link,

in recognition of their contributions to improving transportation facilities and services in Monterey County.

14. ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS

M/S/C Rubio/Gerbrandt/unanimous

Received report from nominating committee and elected Frank Sollecito chair, Lou Calcagno 1st vice chair and Steve Villegas 2nd vice chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 2, 2009 board meeting; and, elected Frank Sollecito Chair, Lou Calcagno 1st Vice Chair and Steve Villegas 2nd Vice Chair, Simon Salinas, County representative, and Sue Kleber, City representative members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the close of the December 2, 2009 Board meeting.

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the close of Agency's December meeting. The Board officers consist of the Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair. The Executive Committee includes the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, the immediate past Chair, and a City and a County voting Board member.

Board member Karen Sharp reported that the nominating committee focused on maintaining a balance of interests.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.