

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Final Minutes of March 26, 2008 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the

Agricultural Commission – Nutter Conference Room

1428 Abbott Street, Salinas

	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	DEC 07	JAN 08	FEB 08	MAR 08
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 2nd Vice Chairman (H. Gowin)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
I. Mettee -McCutchon Supr. Dist. 4 (C. Link)	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5 Chairman (K. Lee)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (J. Russell)	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales	P	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	-	P
J. Huerta, Greenfield – Past Chair (Y. Teneyuque)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Wilmot, Marina	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-	P	P	P	P	-
F. Sollecito, Monterey - 1 st Vice Chair (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
S. Miller, Pacific Grove (R. Huitt, D.Davis)	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
S. Villegas, Salinas (R. Russell, J. Serrano)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
K. Morgan, Sand City (S. Matarazzo)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P(A)
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer)	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P
R. Rubio, AMBAG (M. Griffin)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Bersamin, Watsonville (M. Rodriguez)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray, M. McCumsey)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (D. Quetin, D. Fairchild)	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	-	-	-
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P(A)	P	P	P		P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)

TAMC STAFF	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	DEC 07	JAN 08	FEB 08	MAR 08
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. 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	P
R. Goel, Administrative Services Mgr.	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	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, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Reichmuth	City of Monterey	Paul Greenway	MCPWD
James Serrano	City of Salinas	Patricia Lopez	MCPWD
Vanessa Vallarta	City of Salinas		
Christie Cromeenes	Salinas Valley Builders Exchange	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
Gwen Wells	Salinas Valley Builders Exchange	Mike Dodd	Salinas Valley Builders Exchange
Carole Dawson	City of Seaside	Tom Carvey	Common Ground
Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula	Derrick Mills	Sound consultant
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sig Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Jan Mitchell	Prunedale Neighbors Group		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Dave Potter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rubio/Sollecito/unanimous

Approved Consent Agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1 Approved draft minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) meeting of February 27, 2008.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for February 2008 and credit card statements for the months of October and January 2008.

- 3.1.3 Approved selection of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, Certified Public Accountants of Santa Maria, California, to prepare annual Transportation Development Act compliance and audit reports for five years beginning with fiscal year 2007-2008 through fiscal year 2011-2012, and Authorized Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the CPA firm not to exceed the amount of \$18,215 for the first two years and \$19,035 for the next three years.
- 3.1.4 Received report on Transportation Agency Community Meetings.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1 Approved Resolution 2008-06 apportionment of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the amount of \$16,915,462.
- 3.2.2 Authorized the use of interest, in the amount of \$9,000, generated from the Transportation Development Act Article 3 bicycle and pedestrian account to pay for printing the 2008 Monterey County bicycle map.
- 3.2.3 Approved adding \$10,000 to the contract with Whitson Engineers for the Carmel Hill to River Trail project and Approved creating a \$40,000 contingency fund for the project.
- 3.2.4 Approved appointment of Olivia Quezada to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council representing the Area Agency on Aging and potential transit users ages 60 and over.
- 3.2.5 Approved appointments of North County Recreation & Park District to serve as a voting member, Alex Cappelli as a Velo Club representative on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1 Authorized Executive Director to execute an amendment to the contract with Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission extending coordinated traffic counts program through June 2008 for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000, for a total contract amount of \$60,000.
- 3.3.2 Received report on Environmental Document Review activities for 2007.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1 Received fiscal year 2006-2007 Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report.
- 3.4.2 Approved the requests by the City of King City to allocate \$114,150.00 in Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds from the Fiscal Years 04/05/06 and 07/08/09 cycles to eligible improvements on Division Street.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1 Approved draft scope of work for Caltrain Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project Assistance with Negotiations and Authorized the Executive Director to release the request for proposals.
- 3.5.2 Regarding Employment Development Data Memorandum of Understanding:
 - 1. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and The State of California Employment Development Department.
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to make minor changes, approved by legal counsel, to the Memorandum of Understanding, as needed.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.6.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Drafts February 25, 2008 and March 10, 2008
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 5, 2008
(online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft February 25, 2008, No March meeting
 - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – No March meeting
 - Technical Advisory Committee – March 6, 2008 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)

END OF CONSENT

4. PRESENTATION TO KELLY MORGAN

Chairman Potter reported that due to the absence of Mr. Morgan, he would present him the certificate of appreciation at a future date.

5. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE AND TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX INVESTMENT PLAN POLICY

M/S/C Rubio/Sollecito/Carry

Noes: Kleber

Provided direction to finalize Impact Fee legal documents such that:

- The fee program implementation shall not be contingent on the sales tax;
- The impact fees shall be calculated according to Four Impact Zones;
- Priority use for zone fees shall be within the zone if sales tax does not pass;
- Include reference in the Regional Fee Ordinance regarding credits to the applicant for overlapping fees;
- Increase the Sales Tax oversight committee to two members of the Builder's Exchanges representation, one from the Salinas Valley and the Central Coast; and
- Staff to re-examine the AMBAG model numbers.

Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director, presented the Regional Impact Fee Policies for legal documents. He reported that the City of Salinas Council unanimously adopted a new position of implementation, supporting the recommendation by staff. Mr. Bachman announced that staff has completed the presentation of the impact fee and the sales tax programs to the city councils as an informational item. Approval by the cities and County will be sought starting in April, to conform with the schedule for Board adoption of the Sales Tax Investment plan in May.

Board alternate Russell reported that the City of Salinas is supportive and thanked Agency staff for reaching consensus, noting that he appreciated all the hard work on both sides.

Board member Calcagno expressed concerns of splitting the Salinas and north county zones because north county communities are expected to produce a small share of growth in coming decades and shouldn't have the highest developer fees in the county. He asked that the AMBAG model numbers be examined by staff.

Board member Kleber applauded the end result, noting that fair as it can be, it's going to be difficult to pass the sales tax without the linkage.

Public comments:

Tom Carvey, Common Ground, commented that this sales tax has to pass in November. He expressed his support for the linkage of the sales tax and fee program.

Christie Cromeenes of the Salinas Valley Builders Exchange presented a letter from the Monterey County Building Industry Council, regarding the TAMC regional development impact fee and transportation sales tax investment plan noting their requests for a reference in the regional fee ordinance regarding credits and a request for parity with other organizations on the Sales Tax oversight committee.

Chairman Dave Potter reported that a great deal of work was done to come to this compromise and it is time to move forward.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, JUNE PROPOSITIONS

M/S/C Rubio/Huerta/unanimous

1. Received state legislative update, and
2. Adopted recommended positions on propositions on the June 3, 2008 ballot; and
3. Adopted a "support" position on two bills of immediate relevance.

Christina Watson, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the main transportation topics in the state legislative update are the status of transit funding following a court decision, the governor's proposed "mid-year reduction package" budget and the alternate budget from the Legislative Analyst Office. Ms. Watson asked that the Board support the staff recommendations to oppose Proposition 98 and support Proposition 99. Ms. Watson noted that Proposition 98 could make it more expensive or even infeasible for the Agency to use eminent domain for rail projects and for Caltrans state highway projects. Proposition 99 would not affect the Agency's ability to use eminent domain for rail or roadway purposes.

Ms. Watson asked that the Board also support Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 (Feuer), which lowers the vote threshold for the approval of bonds and any tax increase associated with these bonds for local transportation projects from a 2/3 to a 55% majority vote, and Senate Bill 1659 (Maldonado), which authorizes the Director of General Services to sell, exchange, or lease for fair market value upon those terms and conditions determined by the director, two specified parcels of state property relating to mitigation of the impact of Prunedale Improvement Project on the North Monterey County Fire Protection District.

7. **UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF HWY 68/COMMUNITY HOSPITAL INTERSECTION PROJECT**

Received update on completion of Highway 68/Community Hospital Intersection Project.

Deputy Executive Director Bachman reported that the SR 68/Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula Phase I intersection project had been completed within contract time and construction budget. The project improves circulation, access to Community Hospital, safety at intersection and decreased delays along SR 68. The Agency partnered with the City of Monterey and Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula. The Agency contracted with Granite Construction, Bestor Engineers provided the project design, URS conducted the construction management and Caltrans provided project oversight. He noted that Phase II of the project to widen SR 68 to 4 lanes, add 8 foot shoulders, improve Beverly Manor intersection and SR 1 south bound ramps and re-align Pebble Beach gate should be completed by 2013 if funds are available. In conclusion, Mr. Bachman announced that a Ribbon Cutting would be held on March 27, 2008, 11:00 a.m., at the CHOMP parking lot and invited everyone to attend.

Board member Sharp thanked the project team, noting that the new project makes it safer. Chairman Potter noted he really appreciates the project staying on time and budget.

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

Chairman Potter reported that on March 10, 2008, he, Board member Morgan, Debbie Hale, Don Bachman and Christina Watson rode on board a 1950's vintage Tioga Pass Rail Car attached to the Coast Starlight from San Jose to Salinas to review the tracks along this stretch that will be utilized by the Agency's planned service between San Jose to Salinas. He also reported that he and Vice Chair Sollecito had a meeting with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission officers to discuss a regional approach on transportation. In conclusion, Chairman Potter announced that he and the Executive Director had met with California Transportation Commissioner Bob Alvarado in Monterey,.

Board member Sollecito reported that he, Rich Deal and Debbie Hale had attended the California Transportation Commission hearing on February 14, 2008 in Sacramento to lobby for our projects. He noted that the meeting was very productive and educational, and he recognized that self-help regions bringing their own money to the table were treated differently. In conclusion, he thanked Executive Director Hale for an excellent job.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- ❑ Caltrans –Aileen Loe announced that the Caltrans construction project report in the agenda was current. She reported that Caltrans is getting closer to securing \$28 million for the San Juan Road interchange, noting that the California Transportation Commission supports funding. Ms. Loe announced King City and Seaside were both granted \$900,000 for “Safe Routes to School”. In conclusion, she reported Caltrans just finished a litter campaign; noting that \$55 million is spent annually picking up trash.
- ❑ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments – No report this month.
- ❑ Fort Ord Reuse Authority – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Peninsula Airport District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – No report this month.
- ❑ Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) – Hunter Harvath reported that a judge upheld the state diversion of \$1.3 billion from public transit this year. He noted that a continued take-away of state funding will cause MST to raise fares and cut trips. In conclusion, Mr. Harvath reported MST would continue to monitor the update of the federal reauthorization act for transportation.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Debra Hale reported that the state was recommending the inter-regional funds from Caltrans for the Highway 101/San Juan Road Project; noting that CTC staff also supports Trade Corridor funds for the project, but this is contingent on the region coming up with \$28.5 million non-state matching funds. Ms. Hale reported that staff would be going to the cities and county asking for adoption of the sales tax and impact fee programs starting in April, noting that this would include the changes adopted by the Agency Board. Ms. Hale announced Bike Week is May 12th – 17th and she encouraged the Board members to participate in the annual “Bike to TAMC Board meeting challenge”, departing from TAMC offices at 8:00 am on April 23. In conclusion, Ms. Hale reported that public outreach efforts continue: the TAMC video is on the Access Monterey Peninsula Channel 24, the TAMC website and the annual report will be mailed out to Monterey County residents in late March or early April.

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

Correspondence can be found at www.tamcmonterey.org.

12. ADJOURNMENT

TAMC Chairman Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.