

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

Final Minutes of March 25, 2009 TAMC Board Meeting

Held at the
 Salinas Community Center –Santa Lucia Conference Room
 940 N. Main Street, Salinas

	APR 08	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09
F. Armenta, Supr. Dist. 1 (A. Chavez)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	N	P(A)	P	P	P
L. Calcagno, Supr. Dist. 2 1 st Vice Chair (H. Gowin)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	P
S. Salinas, Supr. Dist. 3 (D. Dunham)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P		P(A)	P	P	P
J. Parker Supr. Dist. 4 (K. Markey)	P	P	P	P	P	P	M	P(A)	P	P	P
D. Potter, Supr. Dist 5– Past Chair (K. Lee)	P(A)	P	E	P(A)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
K. Sharp, Carmel-by-the-Sea	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
J. Edelen, Del Rey Oaks (J. Russell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	T	P	P	P	P
M. Orozco, Gonzales (M. Gourley)	P	P	P	-	P	P	I	P	P	-	P(A)
J. Huerta, Greenfield (A. Moreno)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	E	P
S. Kleber, King City (J. Pereira)	P	E	P	P	E	P	G	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (K. Gray)	P	P	P	P	P	P		E	E	P	P
F. Sollecito, Monterey - Chairman (C. Della Sala, W. Reichmuth)	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
D. Lindsay, Pacific Grove (C. Garcia)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P	P	P	P
S. Villegas, Salinas, 2nd Vice Chairman (R. Russell , J. Serrano)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	-		P	P	P(A)	P
S. Matarazzo, Sand City (R. Simonitch)	P	-	-	P	-	P		P	P	P	P
R. Rubio, Seaside (S. Bloomer, D. Ingersoll)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
R.Ortiz, Soledad (G. Gerbrandt)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Doughty, AMBAG (R. Deshazo)	P	P	-	P	P	P		P	P	P	P(A)
M. Bersamin, Watsonville (M. Rodriguez)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
R. Krumholz, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (A. Loe, D. Murray , M. McCumsey)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)		P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Getchell, MBUAPCD (B. Nunes, D. Fairchild)	-	P	E	P	P	P		E	P	P	-
W. Sabo, Mtry Pen. Airport Dist. (R. Searle)	P	E	P	P	E	P		P	P	-	P
C. Sedoryk, MST (H. Harvath, M. Hernandez)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P		P	P(A)	P	P(A)

TAMC STAFF	APR 08	MAY 08	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	NOV 08	DEC 08	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P
L. Blankenship, TAMC Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>O</i>	P	P	P	P
D. Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
K. Chen, Transportation Planner	P	P	E	P	E	P	<i>M</i>	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Associate Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>E</i>	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Director of Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	<i>T</i>	P	P	P	E
K. Hoschouer, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	<i>I</i>	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Principal Trans. Planner	P	E	P	P	P	P	<i>G</i>	P	P	E	P
H. Myers, Associate Engineer	E	E	E	P	E	P		P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant					P			P	P	E	E
C. Watson, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P		P	P	E	E
M. Zeller, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Brigid McGrath	TAMC Consultant	Mark McCumsey	Caltrans District 5
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Raul Martinez	Monterey County Public Works	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Ogarita Carranza	Monterey County Public Works	Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula
Troy Griffin	Strawberry Hills Forever	Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula
Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates	Michael Martins	Access Monterey Peninsula
Derrick Mills	Sound consultant		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Sollecito called the meeting to order, and welcomed Board alternate Matt Gourley, City of Gonzales. Agency Counsel Blankenship led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA
M/S/C Calcagno/Gerbrandt/unanimous

Board member Delgado pulled item 3.7.1 Rail Committee minutes for comment.

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 February 25, 2009.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for February 2009 and credit card statements for the month of January 2009.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences attended by Agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved 2008 Annual Report.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

No items this month

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** *No items this month*

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Freeway Service Patrol contracts:
 - 1. Approved contracts with Dick's Valero and USA Towing to provide services for the Freeway Service Patrol Program in the amount not to exceed \$339,889.52 and \$406,779.38, respectively;
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the contracts and changes to the contracts if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency Counsel;
 - 3. Authorized the use of \$746,668.90 from State Freeway Service Patrol funding and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funding for the contracts.
- 3.4.2** Approved selection of on-call consultants for construction management services.
- 3.4.3** Regarding Transportation Planning Grant Application:
 - 1. Adopted Resolution 2009-3 approving an application for grant funds from the California Department of Transportation Planning Grant program; and
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents related to this application for the Transportation Planning grant funding.

RAIL PROGRAM

No items this month

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Approved reclassification of restaurant developments in the regional fee program as “retail” and associated conditional pass-by rates recommended by the Agency’s traffic engineering consultant.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft February 20, 2009
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 2, 2009
- Social Services Transportation Advisory Council – Draft March 5, 2009 (online at www.tamcmonterey.org)
- Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 5, 2009

Board member Delgado noted that under item 4, of the March 2, 2009 Rail Policy Committee draft minutes read “Staff and Parsons distributed the Alternatives Analysis to committee members and reported on the latest information in preparation for Board selection of a locally preferred alternative, most likely in September 2009, previously scheduled for April 2009.” He indicated his concern that the project schedule had slipped by 5 months. Staff responded that the time would be used to answer questions raised by Monterey-Salinas Transit and expected that the delay in alternative selection would not substantially affect the overall project delivery date.

END OF CONSENT

4. STUDY SESSION ON AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Board conducted a study session on Agency Goals and Objectives and directed staff to implement follow-up actions resulting from the study session as needed.

Executive Director Hale gave an overview of the Agency Goals and Objectives. She reported that the draft goals and objectives focus on: “aggressively pursuing” all available funding –particularly federal stimulus funds; delivering high-priority regional projects throughout the county (including road, bus, rail and bicycle projects), pursuing business-friendly policies and projects, and supporting the engagement of the Board and staff in these activities.

Brigid McGrath Massie facilitated the study session. She reported that the Board had requested updated goals and objectives due to Measure Z not passing. Ms. Massie gave an update on the input received by the Agency board members on the Agency goals and objectives. She noted that the board members focused on funding, productivity/ progress and staff’s role. She highlighted the following one to three-year goals and objectives: Aggressively pursue all available Federal, State and local funding options to initiate transportation development projects; Prioritize funding to maximize timely construction of high priority projects on State highways, rail, rapid transit corridors, local streets and roads; and lastly continue the engagement and involvement of the Board becoming the conduits of communication, advocacy and involvement between the member agencies, the community and staff.

The Board discussed the importance of low cost, high value projects; improving coordination among agencies within the county and throughout the region to increase our resources; emphasizing alternatives to driving and geographic equity; and, assisting member agencies with timely project delivery.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed the need for public awareness on what is being done to secure maximum stimulus funding, and an explanation of how the process works.

In conclusion, Executive Director Hale thanked the Board for their input and Brigid for facilitating the study session. Some of the themes discussed are: Stimulus funding, coordination with-in the county/regions and other regions, economy, emphasis alternative transportation, continue to do outreach to the cities and the county, include projects in south county, assist member agencies with project delivery, and provide a Board member handbook. She reported that staff would come back to the Board with a revised set of goals and objectives for adoption at the May Board meeting.

5. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING

M/S/C Potter/Delgado/unanimous

The Board received a status report on federal infrastructure stimulus funds and provided direction to staff on project priorities.

Todd Muck, Transportation Principal Planner, reported Monterey County's share of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be between \$19 and \$20.5 million. At its February 25th meeting, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors approved a list of local projects totaling \$8.3 million to be implemented with federal economic stimulus funds. The final amount of funding and how the remaining funds can be used depends on whether special state legislation, SB 165, is signed into law. He noted that how the Transportation Agency can allocate the remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 depends on whether state legislation (SB 165) is passed and the funds are distributed to regions by formula, or through the California Transportation Commission. Staff recommends that the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange and the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange be the Transportation Agency's highest priorities for programming the remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Mr. Muck also noted that the Salinas Road will need \$18 million of Caltrans stimulus funds and the San Juan Road interchange project must have a non-state match. In conclusion, Mr. Muck noted that staff recommends that if any American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds remain after pursuing these two projects the remaining funds should be programmed to the Tier 2 list of projects. He also noted that these additional funds are unlikely.

Board member Rubio reported that he supports the Salinas Road project, noting it supports the stimulus goal for job creation. He also noted that most of the projects on the Tier 2 list are paving projects that do not create as many jobs, and asked that staff take that into consideration. Board member Edelen concurred with Board member Rubio. Board member Delgado commented that it is important to create and retain jobs in our cities.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, reported that Caltrans supports the Salinas Road and San Juan Road interchange projects.

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

Board member Ralph Rubio reported that he and Executive Director Hale met with California Transportation Commissioner Bob Alvarado in Oakland to forward the Agency's priorities. He noted that Commissioner Alvarado expressed his appreciation of the Agency's outreach.

7. **REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

- ❑ **Caltrans** –Aileen Loe, Chief Deputy for District 5 Planning, announced that the States Treasurer’s office on Tuesday reported selling \$6.54 billion in general obligation bonds to finance stalled infrastructure projects, but it was unclear whether or not this would include the Highway 1/Salinas Road interchange project.
- ❑ **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments** – No report this month.
- ❑ **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, announced that the Air District acquired direct service to Los Angeles and San Diego by Allegiant Air at an introductory fare of \$19.00 each way beginning May 3rd, noting this is a replacement for the Express Jet service they had lost. He reported that the Air District expects to receive \$8 million in stimulus funds to use on runway repairs.
- ❑ **Monterey-Salinas Transit**– Hunter Harvath, Director of Administration, reported that he and MST Board Chair Armenta attended the American Public Transit Association’s annual legislative conference in D.C. He noted that the federal budget was finally adopted, avoiding a continuing resolution and loss of \$1 million in operating and capital funds for MST. Mr. Harvath reported that no state transit bonds have been sold. In conclusion, Mr. Harvath thanked the Board, Council members and Board of Supervisors for their letters of support for AB644, transforming MST from a Joint Powers Authority to a Transit District. He noted that Assembly member Anna Caballero is carrying this bill that will affect this change. Mr. Harvath reported that the federal government supports public transit, MST would be using \$7.5 million stimulus funds for various capital projects.

Chairman Sollecito thanked MST staff for lobbying in Washington for our area.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Hale reported that staff met with Diane Harrison, CSUMB President, to discuss the traffic impact fee obligation agreement. She noted that CSUMB staff is working with the Transportation Agency and AMBAG staff to develop a plan to reduce fee impacts and reduced trips. Ms. Hale announced that a representative of King County Transit Authority would be at the next Agency Board meeting to discuss their agricultural workers vanpool program brought to the attention of the Board, by Board member Huerta.

Board member Armenta asked if this agency provided vanpool service to state employees going to and from the correctional facilities. Executive Director Hale replied that she believes King County Transit Authority was providing vanpool service to the prisons, but would confirm and get back to Mr. Armenta at a future date.

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

Board member Lindsay announced that Santa Cruz County has a rideshare program called "Rides Spring" and encouraged the Agency to research this program.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sollecito adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.