

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

**FINAL MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2024 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901, Cayenne Conference Room

Alternate locations: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940, Scott Donaldson's Office

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



**OTHERS PRESENT**

Javier Gomez	Supervisor District 1 Office	Tyler LeSage	Caltrans D5
Linda Gonzalez	Supervisor District 1 Office	Jasmine Mejia	Supervisor District 1 Office
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident	Barry Jones	Public
Tony Harris	Consultant	Tony Grissim	Public
Karin Moss	Salinas Chamber of Commerce	Kevin Dayton	Salinas City Center
Monica Lal	Monterey Chamber of Commerce	Tom Rowley	Monterey resident
Gary Cursio	Monterey Co. Hospitality Assoc.	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Joseph W Heston	Paseo Del Sur resident		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Past Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Committee Member Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None this month.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Smith/ Carbone/unanimous

Abstain: Sandoval

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 March 27, 2024.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of March 2024 and credit card statements for the months of February 2024.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

**3.2.1** Regarding Low Carbon Transit Operations Program:

1. Adopted resolution 2024-06 that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a "contributing sponsor" and transfer its \$1,139,950 Fiscal Year 2023/24 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to the Monterey Salinas-Transit District to support the fuel cell battery electric bus facility retrofits; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director or his designee to sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any actions and agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

***PLANNING***

**3.3.1** Received update on state and federal legislative issues.

**3.3.2** Adopted performance measures for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan update.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

**3.4.1** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Fair Share Allocation:

1. Approved the request by the City of Monterey to program RSTP fair share funds for the Del Monte / Washington Intersection Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project in the amount of \$208,940; and
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

**3.5.1** Adopted Resolution 2024-05 authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a Master Agreement and subsequent documents with Caltrans related to funding awards under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, pending approval by Agency Counsel.

**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 April 3, 2024
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of April 1, 2024
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of April 3, 2024
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of April 4, 2024
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – April 16, 2024, not available

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for April 2024.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. SCENIC STATE ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE****M/S/C** Smith/Alejo/unanimous

The Board of Directors Authorized the Executive Director to submit recommendations to Caltrans on the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project to:

1. Consider Alternative 1 (Roundabouts) as the project alternative that best meets the project objectives;
2. Identify and pursue funding for a Phase I that includes improvements to the intersections at San Benancio Road, Corral de Tierra, and Laureles Grade and construct wildlife crossings;
3. Ensure roundabout designs facilitate future upgrades to hybrid roundabouts with a focus on the intersections included in Phase I;
4. Continue to work with emergency responders to address concerns of project impacts on emergency response times; and
5. Request that Caltrans pursue interim operational improvements along the corridor focused on signal coordination including a pilot project to implement adaptive signal operations, with the recommendation to include all nine signals in the pilot project.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the State Route 68 corridor experiences heavy congestion, causing travel delays, which mostly occur at signalized intersections. He noted that daily travel delays are predicted to nearly triple by the year 2045 with the existing intersection traffic controls and lane configuration.

Mr. Bilse noted that the SR 68 Draft Environmental Document evaluated two build alternatives to improve traffic along the approximately nine-mile stretch of State Route 68 and the nine signalized intersections from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road. One alternative would modify each signalized intersection to add a second through lane in each direction that is merged back down to a single travel lane immediately downstream of the intersection. The second alternative would convert each signalized intersection into a roundabout. He noted that three public hearings were held to allow the public to review and submit comments on the environmental document. Mr. Bilse also presented a pilot project concept of using adaptive signal operations in the near term.

Public comment:

Barry Jones, Pasadera resident, commented that he supports the pilot project.

Dwight Stump, Monterey resident, commented that he encourages Caltrans to pursue the adaptive signal pilot project.

Joseph Heston, Paseo Del Sur resident, commented on the proposed roundabouts on SR 68.

Tom Rowley, Monterey resident, commented that safety improvements are needed at the west end of the corridor.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented that a bicycle boulevard would be safer than signals for cyclists.

Monica Lal, Monterey Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the project.

Board Member Ian Oglesby asked about the cost of the adaptive signals. Doug Bilse replied that Caltrans needs to develop an estimate, and it would depend on the number of traffic signals.

Board Member Fernando Cabrera noted a need for more education for the public on how to navigate a roundabout.

Board Member Scott Donaldson expressed a concern about improvements on SR 68 moving traffic congestion into nearby cities.

Board Member Luis Alejo noted that workers in the hospitality industry who commute on this corridor are the County's second largest work force, and thanked Caltrans for reaching out to those workers at a recent outreach event.

**5. TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERSHIP IN BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS**

**M/S/C LeBarre/ Alejo/ passed**

Yes: Alejo, Barba, Donaldson, Rios, Ortiz, LeBarre, Smith, Carbone, and Oglesby

No: Gray, Mora, Baron, Delgado, Sandoval, and Cabrera

Abstain: Courtney

Absent: Poduri

Committee member LeBarre made an amended motion, seconded by Committee Member Alejo, to provide in writing to the Board what staff are currently doing regarding activities and memberships with organizations, and to notify the Board if or when staff joins another organization, and that staff continues the practice of not participating in any political or endorsement processes. The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County provided direction to staff on Transportation Agency membership in community organizations that endorse candidates.

Executive Director Muck reported The Transportation Agency has been a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for 28 years, and a member of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce for 23 years. The Agency is one of hundreds of members comprised of a broad spectrum of business, non-profit, educational, special districts, and public agencies, which include the Cities of Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Sand City, and Seaside, the County of Monterey Economic Development Department, and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. He noted that both chambers support the agency's mission, projects, and programs; and Agency staff find the memberships to be of value, as it allows staff to provide regular updates on Agency projects and programs.

Public comment:

Monica Lal, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce commented that the Chambers have separate funding allocations and need more leaders in the business community.

Karin Mossm Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce commented that they also separate the funding and assist with sending out important messages to the community.

Gary Cursio, public, commented that the Transportation Agency used to be a member of the

Executive Director Muck reported that he stepped back from some organizations due to not meeting the needs and changed memberships.



**M/S Sandoval/ Delgado/ Failed**

Committee Member Sandoval made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Delgado, for the Executive Director to establish a policy about what type of organizations TAMC can be a member of, and take it to the Executive Committee for discussion.

**M/S LeBarre/ Alejo/ Failed**

Committee member LeBarre made a substitute motion, seconded by Committee Member Alejo, to direct staff to bring information to the Board if the Agency is planning to join any organization and continue the practice of not being involved in political and endorsement processes of any organizations.

**6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – David Silberberger announced the following:

- Highway 1 Rocky Creek slip-out repairs are now underway to stabilize the existing one lane to allow for stoplight-controlled travel on the lane. Eventual solution likely to be a viaduct/bridge to reopen two lanes.

Monterey Regional Airport District – None

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On May 25, MST will have major service changes, including connections to the Bay Area.
- On Memorial Day weekend, the MST Free Trolley starts service in downtown Monterey.
- MST noted that 20 new drivers in training and MST is hiring for various other positions, visit [mst.org](http://mst.org) for more information.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey announced the following:

- A new round of Air District grants are available starting May 1 for bicycle, pedestrian, and electric vehicle infrastructure.

**7. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

No reports this month.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Community meeting on US 101 South of Salinas will be held on April 29 at Chualar Elementary School
- TAMC will follow the AB 2449 process for remote participation using “just cause” or “emergency circumstances”, noting that it has some limitations.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Alejo announced a County General Plan meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and a 30-day comment period on future housing development and maps planned on future growth.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Past Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.