

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 4, 2024, TAMC BOARD MEETING

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

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2nd Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24	OCT 24	DEC 24
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, County Representative (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, (Priscilla Barba) Chair	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, 2 nd Vice Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, (Colleen Courtney)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) 1 st Vice Chair	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	E	AB2	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	E	P	A	P	P	E	P	AB2	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, Past Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P*	P	E	P	AB2	P	P	A	P(V)	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	PA)	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	A	E	P(V)	P	P	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	E	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	County Supervisor District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	County Supervisor District 1	Bryan Rosen	Public
Tyler Lesage	Caltrans District 5	Barry Jones	Public
Juan	Local 46	Eric Petersen	Public
David S	Public	Lorna Moffat	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Vice Chair Potter led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorna Moffat, resident, commented on the need for public transit.

Bryan Rosen, resident, encouraged the Board to work with the Train Riders Association to restore rail on the Monterey Branch Line.

Dwight Stump, resident, thanked the Board for the vote in favor of SR 68 adaptive signals, and asked for a progress update.

Barry Jones, resident, thanked the Board for the vote in favor of SR 68 adaptive signals.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C

Carbone/Smith/unanimous

Board Member Cabrera did not vote on this item.

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the 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 October 23, 2024.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of October 2024 and credit card statements for the months of September and October 2024.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Approved Calendar year 2025 schedule of meetings for the Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.6** Appointed Board Chair Lopez and Past Chair LeBarre as Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 22, 2025, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 28, 2026, Board meeting.
- 3.1.7** Regarding Computer & Information Technology (IT) Services Agreement:
1. Authorized the Executive Director execute contract with AIXTEK (dba Eaton & Associates) in an amount not to exceed \$167,015 to provide and computer and information technology services for the period ending December 31, 2029;-
 2. Approved the use of \$167,015 for the term of the agreement; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.
- 3.1.8** Regarding Title VI and Language Assistance Plan
1. Adopted Resolution 2024-17 adopting the Agency's updated Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative modifications to the Plan, execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts and/or agreements required in execution and implementation of the Title VI Plan.

3.1.9 Regarding Annual Fiscal and Compliance Audit Request for Proposals:

1. Approved Request for Proposals scope of work to solicit an audit firm to prepare annual Transportation Development Act compliance and audit reports for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency, and Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, for a period of five years beginning fiscal year 2024-2025 through fiscal year 2028-2029;
2. Authorized staff to release the Request for Proposals to potential independent audit firms and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. Approved the use of funds from the approved project budget for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Approved Resolution 2024-16 for the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to Schools plan, which:

1. Adopts the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan; and
2. Determines the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and its proposed improvements were identified and analyzed in the program-level Environmental Impact Report for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Regional Transportation Plan.

3.2.2 Regarding Safe Routes to School Traffic Garden Sheds Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute amendment #1 with California Custom Sheds Inc. to extend the contract for the Traffic Garden Sheds Project through June 30, 2026; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

PLANNING**3.3.1** Regarding Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project Request for Proposals

1. Approved the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services for the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. Approved the use of state funds allocated to this project, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,841,749.

3.3.2 Regarding Monterey County Regional Vision Zero Plan - Consultant Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement for services with DKS Associates, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, to develop the Monterey County Regional Vision Zero Plan during the period ending December 31, 2026;
2. Authorized the use of federal Safe Streets for All grant and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) funds budgeted for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.3.3 Regarding Central Coast Coalition Memorandum of Understanding:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Central Coast Coalition; and
2. Approved the use of \$32,500 of undesignated Agency reserves for the five-year term of the MOU (\$6,500 per year).

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** No items this month.***RAIL PROGRAM*****3.5.1** Approved resolution 2024-15 for the Proposition 116 Credit to the State for the Monterey Branch Line Corridor, which:

1. Approves the appraisal report and current market valuation for the Monterey Branch Line corridor;
2. Approves and authorizes the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with the California Transportation Commission to establish a \$16,765,000 Prop 116 repayment credit to the State; and
3. Authorizes the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement terms.

3.5.2 Regarding SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit - Use Agreement Amendment #1 and Maintenance Agreement:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute amendment #1 to the use agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), to provide for the use of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, pending legal counsel approval;
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a maintenance agreement with Caltrans, to provide for maintenance responsibilities for portions of the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project within Caltrans right-of-way, pending legal counsel approval; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreements, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement terms.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 Regarding 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update

1. Approved the Request for Proposals and Scope of Work for the 2026 Regional Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. Approved the use of funds from fees collected by the agency in the Regional Development Impact Fee Program for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of November 6, 2024
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of November 4, 2024
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 6, 2024
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 7, 2024
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors recognized Supervisor Mary Adams and Mayor Dave Potter for their dedicated work to improve regional transportation throughout Monterey County. The certificates of appreciation are acknowledgements of their service and recognition of their retirement after years of dedicated public service on behalf of Monterey County.

Supervisor Adams was recognized for nearly 8 years of service, which included acting as TAMC Chair in 2022, being a member of Transportation Agency's Executive Committee and the Rail Policy Committee, and working closely with the County, Caltrans, and CHP on safety improvements along Highway 1 and local road issues and traffic concerns.

Mayor Potter is the longest-term member of the TAMC Board, having served for 31 years in various roles. He has been a tireless champion of expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area, representing Monterey County, TAMC, and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council at the State and Federal levels to seek and secure funding for rail projects in our region.

Mayor Potter joined TAMC in 1993 as a Monterey City Council member, followed by his service as District 5 Supervisor from 1996-2016, where he was a key participant in negotiating a successful acquisition of the 13-mile Monterey Branch Line railroad right-of-way from Union Pacific in 2003; and since 2018, Mayor Potter has represented the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

During his tenure, Mayor Potter served as TAMC Board Chair in 1994, 1995, and 2008, and Rail Policy Committee Chair from 2001-2016. He advocated for the expansion of Intercity Rail Service between San Francisco and Los Angeles as the Chair of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council for over 30 years.

The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for outgoing members Adams and Potter.

5. DRAFT 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST AND REVENUE PROJECTIONS

The Board of Directors received an update on development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan; and Provided input on the project list and the financial assumptions to be studied as part of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan is being prepared in-house by staff in coordination with Agency committees and local jurisdictions.

The Plan will include cost estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2050 horizon year. The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan's financial estimate identified a total of approximately \$6.7 billion in projected funding for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2045 horizon year of the plan.

Board Member LeBarre asked whether the RTP financial section will address the potential for gas tax replacement mechanisms.

Public comment:

- Bryan Rose, resident, commented on rail service on the Monterey Branch Line.
- Lorna Moffat, resident, commented on the need for funding for transit.

6. **PAJARO/WATSONVILLE STATION SCOPING PERIOD**

The Board of Directors received an update on the Notice of Preparation and Scoping Period for the Pajaro/ Watsonville Multimodal Station.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that TAMC received \$2,274,000 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant funds to perform the environmental review work. No matching funds were required. She noted that The Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station Project is Phase 2 of the Monterey County Rail Extension project. The Project will create a connection point for new passenger rail service between the Monterey Bay Area and the San Francisco Bay Area region. She explained the status and timeline of the project.

Public comment:

- Juan, Carpenter's Local 646 union, expressed support for the future multi modal station, noting it would benefit local construction workers.

7. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Orchid Monroy announced the following:

- **Rocky Creek Highway 1:** A full 24-hour closure of Highway 1 at Rocky Creek starting Dec. 13 at 10 pm to Dec. 14 at 10 pm so that the construction team can install girders for the viaduct.
- **Rocks Road Eucalyptus Tree Removal:**

The project started Sunday Nov. 3 with night shifts for tree removal / cutting, followed by day shifts started on Monday Nov. 4 to grind trees and dispose of branches.

Work was halted Thanksgiving week due to the weather and holiday weekend, but work commenced again on Dec. 2.

- **Route 68 Adaptive Signalization Pilot Program**

The design for Adaptive Traffic Signal Control across nine intersections on Route 68, from San Benancio to Olmstead, is expected to be finalized by December 20.

Structural attachment approvals from Caltrans' Division of Engineering Services will follow, addressing the age and non-standard attachments on existing poles. Approval is anticipated by March 2025.

Recent evaluations show the current infrastructure cannot support Rhythm firmware without upgrades but can accommodate Mio vision firmware with minor modifications.

District 5 Traffic Operations has received approval to install Mio vision firmware at all nine intersections.

Caltrans is revising estimates for support costs related to design, installation, operation, and testing, which will be incorporated into a Co-Op Agreement with TAMC.

System installation is estimated to be 8–10 months after the agreement's execution.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- MST Line 23 major schedule changes include modifications for timed transfer in Soledad on weekdays. Increased frequency during AM and PM peak times due to overcrowding on weekdays.

- New Route will go into effect on Monday, January 6, 2025: Line 40, Salinas – Rancho Cielo, weekdays only.
- New Routes will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2025:

Line 31 (Gonzales Circulator): Replaces existing On-Call service.

Line 32 (Soledad Circulator): Replaces existing On-Call service.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit is pleased to share an exciting campaign in collaboration with Visa, a world leader in digital payments; every time a passenger taps to pay their bus fare with Visa, MST will donate \$1 to Monterey County Gives.

8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

Board Members LeBarre and Potter attended the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Meeting in Monterey on November 8, 2024.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Introduced new staff member Matt Sheehan, Finance Assistant.
- TAMC Excellence Award nominations are due on December 6, 2024.
- Toro Park workshop will be held on January 15, 2025.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None this month.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT on the Closed Session: None

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Positions: Executive Director & Agency Council.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session and Agency Counsel Strong reported to continue this item to next month, no actions were taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.