

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

FINAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, TAMC BOARD MEETING

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

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

68 South Street, Hingham, Massachusetts, Dave Potter

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	OCT 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24	AUG 24	SEP 24
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, County Representative (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, (Priscilla Barba) Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, 2 nd Vice Chair (Yuri Anderson , Eric Mora)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, (Colleen Courtney)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) 1 st Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P(V)	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	E	AB2	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	E	P	E	P	A	P	P	E	P	AB2
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	P*	P	E	P	AB2	P	P	A
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber , Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	PA)
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	A	E	P(V)	P	P
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	A
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	P	P*	E	P	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales	County Supervisor District 1	Tyler LeSage	Caltrans
Javier Gomez	County Supervisor District 1	Ingrid McRoberts	Caltrans
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	County Supervisor District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Monica Hale	County Supervisor District 3	Bryan Rosen	Public
Priscilla Barba	County Supervisor District 3	Barry Jones	Public
Mary Zeeb	Monterey County Treasurer	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Jake Stroud	Monterey County Treasurer	Lorna Moffat	Public
		Eva Pelayo	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Board Member Poduri led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/ Carbone/unanimous

Board Members Cabrera, Garcia, Ortiz and Sandoval 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 August 28, 2024.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of August 2024 and credit card statements for the months of July and August 2024.

- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Approved the evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing the annual evaluation for Executive Director and County Counsel.
- 3.1.5** Approved denial of liability claim for accident along State Route 1 in Big Sur; and directed agency counsel to communicate denial to the claimant.
- 3.1.6** Received the call for nominations for the 23rd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.
- 3.1.9** Approved the agreement with Todd Muck to continue to perform services as Executive Director of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County effective September 25, 2024, and authorized the Agency Chair to sign the agreement.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit State of Good Repair Funds
 1. Adopted Resolution 2024-12 allocating \$1,009,225 of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund replacement of security systems at all MST facilities; and
 2. Authorized the Executive Director or their designee to take any actions and sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PLANNING

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

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding On-Call Property Cleanup Services - Smith & Enright Contract Amendment 2:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Smith & Enright, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the contract timeline from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027 and to increase the contract amount by \$180,000 for a not-to-exceed total of \$300,000, to continue to support cleanup operations on Agency-owned properties;
 2. Approved the use of \$180,000 in Lease Revenue funds for this purpose; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Time Extension Request
1. Approved time extension on the use of Transportation Agency competitive funds until August 27, 2025, for the City of Salinas - Downtown Salinas Complete Streets Improvements
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include updated funding deadlines for this project.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** No items this month.

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 September 4, 2024
 - Rail Policy Committee –draft minutes of September 9, 2024
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of September 4, 2024
 - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of September 5, 2024
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for August 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. PRESENTATION FROM COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Board of Directors received a presentation from the County Treasurer's Office.

Jake Stroud, Assistant Treasurer Tax Collector, reported on the agency's investments as managed by the Monterey County Treasurer's office utilizing its investment pool.

Chair Lopez thanked Mr. Stroud for his presentation and noted that it is clear the County takes a conservative approach to protect the assets, more than maximizing the return. He noted that the Board appreciates this approach, given the agency's goal of stability.

Public comment:

Lorna Moffat, member of the public, commented that the Agency should invest in better transit.

5. SALINAS VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE

M/S/C Carbone/Adams/unanimous

The Board of Directors received an update on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and Participatory Budgeting process and approved the request by the City of Gonzales to program RSTP funds dedicated to the City's Participatory Budgeting process; and approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, reported that the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan includes recommendations for all public K-12 schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. The Plan includes a democratic process, called Participatory Budgeting, where community members vote to decide how public funds are spent. TAMC is providing up to \$250,000 to each city to implement the highest voted projects.

Board Members Adams and Church expressed their support for this program, noting it is empowering residents to become more involved in local politics.

Director Muck noted that this a great example of Team TAMC working together to achieve a great result.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Orchid Monroy announced the following:

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce continued progress on Highway 1 Stabilization Work at Rocky Creek. She noted that one-way traffic controls are in place along southbound Highway 1 between Rocky Creek Bridge and the Rocky Creek Viaduct for bridge work.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The Airport District is continuing towards construction of the new terminal project and parking lot.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- Ridership has increased 25 percent.
- For a limited time, buy one, get one free boarding pass.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No Report this month.

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

None this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Ciclovía Salinas a fun free event on October 6, 2024, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Ciclovía King City a fun free event on October 13, 2024, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Portola Drive temporary partial road closure, TAMC is implementing a pilot project to address cut-through traffic using Portola Drive to avoid congestion on Highway 68.
- Toro Park Community meeting October 8, 2024, 6 p.m., at San Benancio Middle School.

Public comment:

Bryan Rose, member of the public, expressed concern about Director Muck.

Lorna Moffat, member of the public, commented in favor of train service.

Eric Petersen, member of the public, commented that he has been attending TAMC meetings for decades, and it is one of the best run agencies.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member Adams noted that the County has revised their employee evaluation form and asked that TAMC consider the same approach.

Board Member LeBarre thanked TAMC for supporting the Ciclovía event.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, announced the Transit Transportation Task Force will be having a public meeting on October 28, 2024, 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the Monterey Conference Center. He noted he attends as a representee of rural agencies.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.