

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (X-TOC)

Final Minutes of July 18, 2017

Held at the Marina Branch Library

139 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA

Voting Members	APR 17	JUL 18	OCT 17	JAN 17	APR 18	JUL 18	OCT 18	JAN 19
Kevin Dayton, Chair Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P A	P P						
Cesar Lara, Vice Chair Transit Users <i>(Soon-to-be hired Land Use Coordinator)</i>	P -	P -						
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P P	E P						
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Jack Jensen)</i>	P P	P A						
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	P P	P E						
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate <i>(Claire Rygg)</i>	E P	P E						
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P A	P P						
Christie Cromeenes Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Cliff Fasnacht)</i>	P P	P A						
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(John Bailey)</i>	P P	P A						
Dan Limesand Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Jody Hansen)</i>	P P	P P						
Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation <i>(Sarah Hardgrave)</i>	P A	P P						
Barbara Meister Hospitality <i>(Gary Cursio)</i>	P P	P P						
Norm Groot Agriculture <i>(Kurt Gollnick)</i>	P P	P A						
Joshua Jorn Education <i>(Ruben Parra, Patrick Deberdt)</i>	P P P	P A A						
Paula Getzelman South County <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	P E	P A						

Chris Barrera Latino Organization (Vacant)	P	E						
Ron Rader North County (Scott Freeman)	P	P						
(Vacant) Pedestrian (Vacant)	E	A						
(Vacant) Youth/College (Vacant)	-	-						
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Sean Hebard Construction (Keith Severson)	E	P						
(Vacant) Youth/College (Vacant)	E	A						
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	P						
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P						
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P						
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P						
Kay Reimann, Transportation Agency Counsel	P	E						
Hank Myers, Transportation Engineer		P						
Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner		P						
OTHERS PRESENT:								
Heidi Zamzov, Communities for Sustainable Monterey County								
E. Sebastian								
Bill Sabo, Monterey Airport District								
Kevin Zamzov-Pollock								

P-PRESENT
E-EXCUSED
A-ABSENT
-Vacant Position

1. **WELCOME**

Kevin Dayton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He welcomed the committee and proceed to take roll call. Committee member Victoria Beach call in on the free conference call in number to participate in the meeting. During the roll call, it was noted that a correction was needed to show that the alternate habitat preservation representative is Sarah Hardgrave and not Rita Dalessio as listed.

After the roll call, Chair Dayton asked for self-introductions from those in attendance. After introducing herself, Theresa Wright, TAMC's community outreach coordinator, announced that the Agency had received a nomination from Communities for Sustainable Monterey County for Heidi Zamzov to serve on the committee as a pedestrian representative. She went on to say that the TAMC Board would receive Heidi's nomination for the appointment to serve on the committee on August 23rd. She then invited Heidi, who was attending the meeting as a member of the public to introduce herself. Chair Dayton, then asked if there were any other open position on the committee. Ms. Wright said there were alternate representative positions open for the categories:

- youth/college
- pedestrian
- Latino organization
- transit users alternate

Vice-Chair Cesar Lara announced that Healthy Communities had hired a Land Use Coordinator, who is designated to serve as their alternate. He agreed to provide that person's name so that Ms. Wright could include it in her staff report for the August TAMC Board meeting.

2. **RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE MEASURE X STRATEGIC EXPENDITURE PLAN**

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner for TAMC, provided a comprehensive update on the Agency's efforts to adopt a Strategic Plan that prioritized the regional projects and establishes a timeline for their implementation within twelve months of the sales tax taking effect. Mr. Zeller explained that the primary purposes of the Strategic Plan are to:

- Define the preliminary scope, cost and schedule for the regional projects in Measure X;
- Forecast Measure X and matching fund revenue streams and identify possible financing tools needed to deliver the regional program;
- Prioritize regional projects and define a schedule for delivery of those projects spread out over 30 years to match cash flows and potential debt financing obligations;
- Identify sources of matching and leveraged funds for regional projects;
- Identify critical issues and risks to program delivery;
- Identify a lead implementation agency or "project sponsor" for each regional project;
- Layout a year by year implementation schedule and cash flow; and,
- Gather into one document the policies and procedures adopted to implement the Measure X Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan is a 5-year programming document. It provides a snapshot of anticipated cash flow, as well as a commitment of funds to specific projects for the next five years of Measure X. In order to effectively reflect upon actual revenues and project progression, Agency staff is proposing to update the Plan every two years.

After a robust discussion, Vice Chair Lara asked if the committee could schedule a study session to review the final draft plan before it goes to the TAMC Board for approval in October. It was recommended that the committee work with Ms. Wright to set up another meeting in September for that purpose.

3. **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SR 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN**

Grant Leonard, TAMC's Transportation Planner, presented an update on the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. The outcome of this plan will help determine how best to leverage the \$50 million dollars in Measure X funds designated to make improvements on the highway approved by voters in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan.

Mr. Leonard explained that in 2015, the Agency received a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements

He said that for more than a year, the Agency with a team of consultants has conducted extensive public outreach plan to determine what the public viewed as the most critical needs for the corridor. The outreach included a public workshop, meetings with local jurisdictions and stakeholder groups, and an interactive online forum for people to provide comments. The Agency also conducted numerous transportation studies to develop three concepts designed to improve the reliability of the highway that reflected the public's input and the outcomes from the transportation studies and recommendation for wildlife connectivity enhancements.

The three corridor alternatives presented at the April 26, 2017 TAMC Board meeting were:

- Concept 1: Installation of roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 2: Selective segment widening with roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 3: Integrated corridor management (adaptive signalization) with some widening

Mr. Leonard explained that since the April Board meeting, the project team has been engaged in a second phase of public outreach to gather public input on the three alternatives. Some of the key findings of the outreach include:

- Strong support for roundabouts in general and for Highway 68
- Support for keeping Highway 68 a scenic roadway
- Strong opinions for and against widening Highway 68 to four lanes
- A lack of support for Alternative 3

He went on to say that this public feedback was used to help inform final recommendations for the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. At the June 28th Board meeting, he presented Concept 1 as the recommend option for inclusion in the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan, with the caveat that some widening may occur because of the approved Ferrini Ranch Development, as well as the possibility for widening between San Benancio Road and Corral De Tierra Road as a design element of the future roundabouts.

The Plan has been released for public review and will be presented to Agency Board for approval on August 23, 2017. Following adoption by the Board, the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will progress into the project development phase with Caltrans, followed by the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process, and once the EIR is finalized TAMC and our partner agencies can begin a phased implementation of the Scenic Highway Plan.

Several questions followed Mr. Leonard's presentation with members asking for clarification on some of the points made, offered suggestions and expressed concerns about the "learning curve" for drivers unfamiliar with how to drive through a roundabout.

4. **RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Hank Myers, the Senior Transportation Planning Engineer for TAMC, explained that in accordance with the approved ordinance for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan (Measure X), to receive Measure X funds, the cities and the County must utilize a Pavement Management Program (PMP) and submit regular reports on the conditions of their streets, to ensure timely repairs and keep the public informed.

He went on to explain that a Pavement Management Program is essentially a computer assisted method for organizing and analyzing information about pavement conditions. It is a tool that allows local agencies to assess the conditions of the roadways and determine cost effective strategies for maintaining the roadway network to get the best value for their limited dollars.

A Pavement Management Program utilizes a software-based tool such as “StreetSaver” for analyzing pavement conditions and reports findings on rehabilitation/maintenance strategies based on funding levels. The software focuses on providing cost-effective recommendations that enhance the overall system Pavement Condition Index (PCI). It provides administrators and maintenance personnel with:

- A current database inventory of roadways within a jurisdiction;
- Pavement condition tracking (PCI) for the roadways;
- A recommended project listing of all pavements needing maintenance, rehabilitation, or replacement;
- The most cost effective level of maintenance or repair appropriate at the time of the inspection;
- A forecast of budget needs for maintenance, rehabilitation or replacement of deficient pavement sections for a multi-year capital improvement program, at various overall condition levels;
- Regular reports to allow objective decision making based on data.

On a scale of 100 (excellent) to zero (failed), the statewide average PCI has deteriorated to 65 in 2016 (and was only 50 for Monterey County).

He went on to say that the Transportation Agency is assisting with the development of an overall implementation plan for this region with the participation and coordination of all the cities and the county. Nine of the thirteen agencies have provided letters of intent to participate in the joint procurement of services. The remaining four agencies are providing their own pavement management programs.

Committee members asked follow-up questions and suggested that Agency staff inquire about the public’s ability to provide input to their local jurisdictions and see what projects are being conducted in their communities.

5. **REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

The Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee Bylaws were emailed to members at the request of Chairman Dayton after the April committee meeting for their review. Debbie Hale, Executive Director of TAMC asked if committee members had any questions regarding the bylaws. Several members expressed that the bylaws were “great, short & sweet.” Receiving no questions, Chair Dayton asked for a motion to approve the bylaws. The motion was made by Ms. Bumba, seconded by Mr. Schaller and unanimously approved by the committee.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Chair Dayton called for announcements and/or comments. Mr. Rowley noted that the minutes from the July meeting had been passed out to members but were not listed on the agenda for approval. To avoid any conflicts with the Brown Act, Chair Dayton asked that the draft minutes from the April meeting and the minutes from the July meeting be included on the next committee agenda for approval.

Committee members also asked for the following items to be placed on the October 18, 2017 oversight committee agenda:

- Measure X Strategic Expenditure Plan
- A look at the Measure X projects identified by the local jurisdictions
- A “Transportation 101” primer

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.