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 23, 2026, TAMC BOARD MEETING
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room
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168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	AUG 31, 2026	SEP 26
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 1st Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, ~~Javier Gomez~~)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (~~Marilyn Vierra~~, Leonie Gray)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	E	P
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, (Priscilla Ramos)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	E	P	P(V)	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Past Chair (~~Yuri Anderson~~, Kera Abraham Panni)	P(V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbley Craig)	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves, Dale Byrne)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, 2nd Vice Chair (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P(V) (ADA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V) (ADA)
Robert White, Greenfield (Rachel Ortiz)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Gino Garcia, ~~Marissa Garcia, Andrew Easterling~~)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	P	E
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dennis Donohue, Salinas City Representative (Margaret D 'Arrigo)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Marilee Diaz)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E

Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	P	P	E	E	P(V) JC 1	P	P	P	E	A
Ex Officio Members:	**DEC 25**	**JAN 26**	**FEB 26**	**MAR 26**	**APR 26**	**MAY 26**	**JUN 26**	**AUG 26**	**AUG 31, 2026**	**SEP 26**
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson~~, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)	E	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa~~, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kyle Birch, Kelly McClendon; Paul Valadão~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	E	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	E	P(A) (V)
Dino Pick, Monterey Regional Airport District (Carl Miller)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(A) (V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, ~~Michelle Overmeyer~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P(A)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	E	E	A	E	P(A) (V)

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; ADA= American Disabilities Act; JC# =Just Cause; A = absent; P= New Representative*

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O. Barajas, Transportation Planner				P*	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Cook, Principal Transp. Planner				P*	P	P	P	P	E	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	P	P	E	P
A. Guther, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)	E	P
A. Hernandez, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Hernandez, Principal Engineer							P*	P	E	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P(V)	P	E	E	P	P	P
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner					P*	P	P	P	P(V)	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P

J. Strause, Sr. Transp. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	E
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Jasmine Cortez Mejia	Monterey County District 1	Mayte Anaya	Public
Tyler Lesage	Caltrans District 5	Elvira Ramirez Molina	Monterey County
Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5	Gabi Guillen	MIIS
Paul Valadao	Caltrans District 5	Reginald Paulding	Public
Carolyn Meyer	MIIS	Michael Miller	Public
Kendra Howell	Salinas Valley Health	Jairo Hernandez	Public
Nick Pasculli	Monterey County Communications	Tony Harris	Point C

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Poduri led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Stump commented on the Highway 68 Adaptive Signal Project.

Executive Director Muck noted that all Highway 68 Project communication and concerns should go to Caltrans.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C LeBarre/White/unanimous

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 26, 2026, and Special Meeting August 31, 2026.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of payments and deposits for August 2026 and the credit card statement for August 2026.

3.1.3 Received list of contracts awarded under $50,000.

3.1.4 Regarding Vasquez and Company LLP Contract Amendment #2:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract amendment with Vasquez and Company LLP, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed $18,000 for a total contract amount of $272,600, to provide auditing services for the 5-year period ending December 31, 2029;
2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted for the work;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. 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.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit State of Good Repair Funds:

1. Adopted Resolution 2026-15 allocating $1,008,028 of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund replacement of non-revenue vehicles and replacement of battery-electric high-capacity buses; 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 Regarding Legislative update:

1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments:

M/S/C Panni/White/unanimous

Approved the appointment of Robert Rodoni to serve as the North County representative, John Noah Pope to serve as the alternate North County representative, Jacob Lomanto to serve as the alternate labor organization representative, Rob Snyder to serve as the alternate construction representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee; postponed the appointment of Dixon Bourne to serve as the student representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

Board Alternate Panni pulled this item to request more time to discuss the appointment of Dixon Bourne to the student representative seat.

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 2, 2026
- Rail Policy Committee – Meeting Agenda for September 14, 2026
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting in September
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of September 3, 2026
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting in September

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for September 2026.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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4. **SAFE STREETS TOGETHER MONTEREY COUNTY SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The Board of Directors received an update on an update on the Safe Streets Together Monterey County Safety Awareness Campaign.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the "Safe Streets Together Monterey County" is a countywide safety awareness campaign focused on changing unsafe roadway behaviors and promoting shared responsibility among all roadway users. Following a successful pilot campaign in San Ardo, campaigns are being launched in King City, Chualar, Castroville, and Salinas.

Ms. Wright noted that the campaign is a partnership between TAMC, Salinas Valley Health/ Live Well Project (formerly Blue Zones Monterey County), the Monterey County Communications and Health Departments, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS). Critical to the public outreach efforts of the campaign is the engagement of the enLACE Leadership and Civic Engagement program, funded by the Monterey County Health Department.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, commented that MST is supportive of the Safe Streets campaign, noting transit is the safest form of transportation, and encouraged the team to emphasize public transportation in the campaign.

Board Alternate Ramos thanked staff for piloting the Safe Streets campaign in San Ardo.

Board Member LeBarre asked that scooters are incorporated into campaign messaging for King City.

Nick Pasculli, Monterey County Communications, noted that they are working on adding scooters and e-bikes to the campaign.

5. STATE ROUTE 156 / CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD UPDATE

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors received an update on the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project.

Chad Stoehr, Caltrans District 5 Project Manager, reported that the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project will construct a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of State Route 156 and Castroville Boulevard, replacing the existing traffic signal. He noted that the project is designed to improve safety, reduce traffic delays, facilitate regional and agricultural freight movement, and enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the Castroville area.

Mr. Stoehr noted that Caltrans District 5 is currently working to finalize the bid package documents and complete all remaining administrative activities necessary to advertise the project for construction bids in fall 2026. Advertisement of the project will mark the final step before the award of a construction contract and the start of major construction activities from spring 2027 and fall 2029, pending resolution of utility relocations.

Board Member Church requested coordination between Caltrans and the Monterey County team working on the improvements on San Miguel Canyon, anticipated to be under construction at the same time.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades, District Director, Caltrans 5, announced the following:

- Highway 1 reopened on September 14, 2026, thanks to successful fire suppression work in Big Sur. He noted that Google Maps is still showing the highway is closed, and Caltrans is working to resolve these issues with Google Maps.
- In recognition of the fires along the Big Sur Coast potentially putting the highway at risk for landslides, Caltrans is going through the process of winter preparation.
- US 101 in the Salinas Valley has historical drainage challenges; Caltrans is trying to improve the facility to better handle impacts of winter storms.

- Caltrans will begin working on the US 101 South Salinas Safety Project to close the median openings by early 2027.
- Caltrans will be a joint applicant with TAMC on two projects in Monterey County – US 101 South of Salinas (frontage roads and interchange improvements), and the Highway 68 corridor improvement project Phase 1.

Monterey Regional Airport District (MRY) —No report

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) — Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- MST is providing shuttle transportation to the Monterey Jazz Festival Friday through Sunday.
- MST is hosting the California Transit Association Fall Conference Exposition October 28-30, at the Monterey Conference Center, registration is open.
- Hartnell College students will be able to ride MST (free!) more easily than ever through a new Tap2Ride pilot program that allows students to board by simply tapping a contactless bankcard on the fare reader. Staff are working on expanding this option to other colleges.
- Sand City Costco parking lot is temporarily closed due to new pavement installation.
- Bike lane, pedestrian, scooter and non-motorized transportation will be detoured from the Caltrans Bike trail next to Highway 1 over to beach Range Road as part of the SURF project improvements starting October 2, 2026.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- Air District is launching grants for electric vehicle fast-charge infrastructure.
- The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program is now open for vehicles purchased or leased on or after July 1, 2026. Low-income residential applicants will receive $500 in addition to the regular residential applicant incentive.
- Air District offers incentives up to $200,000 for replacing Medium and Heavy-Duty Fleets with 100% battery electric vehicles. Leveraging other funds outside of the AB 2766 program may be used to offset incremental project costs.

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

None.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Monterey County Active Transportation Plan – Give your input, take our survey online. Kudos to staff for organizing twenty-one community engagement outreach meetings in October.
- December activities include outreach and public meetings around the county, Highway 156 Castroville Boulevard, Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency, and San Miguel Canyon; staff will provide the meeting information as it becomes available.
- Agency Counsel & Executive Director evaluation forms are due to the TAMC Chair September 24, 2026

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.