

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

**FINAL MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 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

*68 South Street, Hingham, Massachusetts, Dave Potter*

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



**OTHERS PRESENT**

Meg Henry	Caltrans	Lisa Rheinheimer	Monterey-Salinas Transit
Tyler LeSage	Caltrans	Mauricio Arias	Assembly Member Dawn Addis
David Silberberger	Caltrans	Jasmine Mejia Cortez	County Supervisor District 1
Randy Ishii	County Public Works	Linda Gonzales	County Supervisor District 1
Enrique Saavedra	County Public Works	Javier Gomez	County Supervisor District 1
Peter Meyerhofer	Consultant	Monica Hale	County Supervisor District 3
Tony Harris	Consultant	Kevin Kahn	CA Coastal Commission
Norm Groot	Farm Bureau	Annie Nutthoff	CA Coastal Commission
Michael Salerno	Keep Fort Ord Wild	Breylen Ammen	CA Coastal Commission
Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Sarah Christie	CA Coastal Commission
Todd Clark	Museum of Handcar	Sean Drake	CA Coastal Commission
Dwight Stump	Public	Michael DeLapa	Land Watch Monterey County
Mike Moeller	Public	Bryan Rosen	Public
Liz Gerrity	Public	Daniel Hollingsworth	Public
Becki Ross	Public	Diana Miller	Public
Brooke Haskins	Public	Lorna Moffat	Public
Marc del Piero	Public	Walt Dennings	Public
Robert Powell	Public	Heather Golden	Public
Brennan Orman	Public	David Schonbrunn	Train Riders Association of California (TRAC)
Andrew Vonnegut	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. Agency County Counsel Shane Strong led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lorna Moffat, member of the public, commented in opposition to the proposed SURF! Project.

Dwight Stump, member of the public, commented on the SR 68 Corridor Pilot Project.

Mike Moeller, member of the public, commented on the Hand Car Lease renewal.

Daniel Hollingsworth, member of the public, commented on the Torrero Drive traffic conditions.

Bryan Rosen, member of the public, commented on the rail system.

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### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Smith/ Askew/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Item 3.4.1 was pulled by Chair Lopez for a separate vote.

#### ***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 June 26, 2024.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of June and July 2024 and credit card statements for the months of May and June 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** Regarding Measure X sales tax forecasting and auditing service contract amendment:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) for the Agency's Measure X sales tax forecasting and auditing service to extend the term for an additional three years and increase the budget by \$27,000 for a new total contract budget of \$81,000;
2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support an award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director 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.

**3.1.6** Regarding Fiscal Year 2024/25 Overall Work Program Amendment #1:

Approved Resolution 2024-10, pending legal counsel approval, providing:

1. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to add \$2,250,000 of new grant funds into the Agency's FY 2024-2025 work program and budget;
2. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute work program and budget amendment No. 1 in accordance with this Resolution; and
3. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

**3.1.7** Regarding Computer & Information Technology Services Request for Proposals:

1. Approved the Request for Proposals Scope of Work for Computer & Information Technology Services;
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, pending Agency Counsel approval; and
3. Approved the use of funds from the approved project budget for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$142,000.

**3.1.8** Regarding Alvarez Technology Group - Manage IT Services Contract Amendment #4

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #4 with Alvarez Technology Group for the Agency's managed IT services contract to increase the budget by \$25,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$220,070 over the remaining term of the agreement ending December 31, 2024 to cover additional unexpected IT services, pending Agency Counsel approval;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director 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.

**3.1.9** 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** Approved the appointment of Micheel Fitzsimmons as the Del Rey Oaks representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.
- 3.2.2** Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation:
1. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit District's MST application for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
  2. Adopted Resolution 2024-11 allocating a total of \$26, 435,542 in Transportation Development Act funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, composed of \$19,689,686 in Local Transportation Funds and \$6,745,856 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1** Regarding Monterey County Regional Vision Zero Program:
1. Approved the Request for Proposals Scope of Work for the Monterey County Regional Vision Zero Program;
  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 the approved budget for this contract in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.
- 3.3.2** Received updates on state and federal legislative issues.

## **PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

### **3.4.1 M/S/C**

Askew/LeBarre/Carry

Recuse: Mary Ann Carbone

Regarding Measure X Ordinance Amendment - Sand City's Maintenance of Effort:

1. Adopted Ordinance 2024-01 to revise the Measure X Maintenance of Effort calculation; and
2. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute amendment #2 to the Measure X funding agreement with Sand City to make the Maintenance of Effort requirement consistent with the amended ordinance.

### **3.4.2**

Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Time Extension Requests:

1. Approved time extensions on the use of Transportation Agency competitive funds until August 28, 2025 for the following projects:
  1. City of Greenfield - Walnut Avenue Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvements project;
  2. City of Marina - Reservation Road Roundabouts;
  3. City of Monterey - Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades Citywide; and
  4. City of Salinas - Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project - Phase 1.
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include updated funding deadlines for these projects.

### **3.4.3**

Regarding San Antonio Path & Safe Routes to Schools Contracts:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with the City of King and County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$2,294,631.46 to provide Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement services for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. Approved the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds budgeted to this purpose; 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.

**3.4.4** Regarding California Custom Sheds Inc. Contract for Safe Routes to School Traffic Garden Sheds:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with California Custom Sheds Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$67,298 to provide and install traffic garden sheds for the period ending December 31, 2024;
2. Approved the use of Measure X Safe Routes to Schools funds budgeted for this purpose; 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.

**3.4.5** Regarding Rancho Cielo Bike Repair Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Rancho Cielo, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$99,625 to provide bike repair programming and mobile repair workshops for the period ending June 30, 2028;
2. Approved the use of Measure X Safe Routes to School funds as approved in the FY 24/25 budget; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

**3.4.6** Regarding Safe Routes to School - MIIS Fellowship:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$194,180, to provide assistance with Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement programs and projects for the period ending June 30, 2029;
2. Approved the use of Measure X funds budgeted for this purpose; 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.



**3.4.7** Regarding Monterey Branch Line Easements to Pacific Gas and Electric Company:

1. Approved the utility easements in favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, subject to legal counsel approval, for the Monterey-Salinas Transit SURF! Busway project; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute deeds granting temporary utility easements in favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Monterey-Salinas Transit SURF! Busway project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the temporary utility easements including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the approved easements and/or approving and executing resolutions relating to these easements.

***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 August 7, 2024
- Rail Policy Committee –draft minutes of August 5, 2024
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of August 1, 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. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Presented the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Doug Bipse.

The Agency employees recognized Doug for his great attitude, his professionalism, and his willingness to help his colleagues. Most notably, they appreciate him for his engineering expertise on the Toro Park project and for his outreach on the U.S. 101 and State Route 68 projects.

**5. US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board of Directors received a report and provided input on the US 101 South of Salinas project.

Doug Bipse, TAMC Principal Engineer, reported the US 101 South of Salinas project is in the planning stage that includes extensive community engagement. The project will address safety issues along the corridor between the southern Salinas city limits and Chualar. This corridor experiences collision rates above the state average with concentrations at uncontrolled intersections. The two existing US 101 interchanges at Abbot Street and Main Street need significant upgrades to address antiquated features. The project's environmental process is expected to include alternatives to reconstruct both interchanges along with some combination of frontage roads that may maintain access from US 101 to existing properties. The project team is scheduled to conduct the next series of community engagement activities this fall, while working towards identifying the project alternatives. Identifying feasible alternatives that meet the project purpose and need are an important part of the environmental evaluation that is scheduled to start early next year.

Public comment:

Diana Miller, member of the public, commented that proposed roads cutting through agricultural land would cause major impacts.

Norm Groot, Farm Bureau, commented that this is a great collaboration with the stakeholders, landowners, and farm operators, noting the critical nature of the problem.

Andrew Vonnegut, member of the public, commented that other options could avoid the take of private lands.

## 6. **SURF! BUSWAY PROJECT ALIGNMENT AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

**M/S/C** Askew/ Sandoval/unanimous

The TAMC Board approved the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project alternative alignment on the existing rail tracks within the Monterey Branch Line corridor, on the condition the California Coastal Commission acknowledge the Monterey Branch Line, including portions owned by the Cities of Monterey and Seaside, is a historic and future transportation corridor; and that the California Coastal Commission agree to not require putting a conservation easement on the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, which would maintain the opportunity for future rail service.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported California Coastal Commission staff requested the SURF! busway project be realigned onto the existing Monterey Branch Line rail tracks to minimize impacts on Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA). If this request is not met, the Coastal Commission staff would likely recommend denying the project's Coastal Development Permit application; this denial would result in the cessation of the SURF! project, undermining years of planning and investments made toward improving regional transit.

The Monterey Branch Line corridor, acquired by TAMC in 2003 with Proposition 116 funds, has been envisioned as a key transportation asset that can support both near-term bus rapid transit and long-term rail service. The corridor has been integral to several planning documents, including the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study and the California State Rail Plan, both of which propose a phased approach starting with bus service and transitioning to rail.

Board Member Askew acknowledged Senator Laird for coming forward with this solution, noting the SURF! Project is an essential solution to existing travel needs and the importance of maintaining the corridor for rail in the future.

Board Member LeBarre expressed his appreciation for the Coastal Commission letter stating that this solution provides a path for future rail.

Board Member Delgado commented that he hopes the Board will consider an extension for the handcar use.

Board Member Alejo remarked on the voter approval of the SURF! Project via the supermajority vote on Measure X, which allocated \$15 million to the project.

Board Chair Lopez commented that many Salinas Valley residents do not have easy access to the coast, and that MST's long-term goal is to change that situation.

Public comment:

Kevin Kahn, Central Coast District Manager, California Coastal Commission, reported that the Coastal Commission has been working with MST, and thinks the alternative alignment facilitates both bus and rail and preserves the habitat.

Lorna Moffat, member of the public, expressed concern that this proposal will prevent future rail service.

David Schonbrunn, Train Riders Association of California (TRAC), commented in support of passenger rail.

Michael Salerno, Keep Fort Ord Wild, commented on the substantial nature of the proposed change.

Michael DeLapa, Executive Director of Land Watch Monterey County, commented that the proposal is a solution to keep the project in alignment with the Coastal Act.

Bryan Rosen, member of the public, commented in support of passenger rail.

## 7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Brandy Rider announced the following:

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to release the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) Application Guide (Draft) for a public comment period from September 10 to October 10, 2024.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The Airport District is continuing towards construction of the new terminal project.
- The Airport District is working on an airport ramp and parking lot.
- Monterey welcomes Sun Country Airlines with seasonal flights to/from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (MSP)

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk thanked the Board for their kind words and support of the SURF! project. He announced the following:

- Summer trolley will be discontinued on Labor Day.
- MST Line 84 Paso Robles to Bradley will be discontinued.

- Good News, MST received \$500,000 for a Bus Rapid Transit study.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey announced:

- Electric Vehicle new purchase incentive \$1,500.
- FY 2024-25 Zero Emission School Bus Program (ZESBP) and receive up to \$400,000 for a zero-emission school bus and up to \$20,000 for EV infrastructure.
- Grants for disadvantaged low-income community.
- Fast chargers located at 1463 N. Davis Road, Salinas.

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

Mike LeBarre and Dave Potter attended the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee meeting on August 22-23 in San Luis Obispo.

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Dave Delfino is retiring after 23½ years of service at TAMC.
- TAMC was awarded \$2.25 million for the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project.
- Staff preparing grant applications for the SR 156/ Castroville Boulevard and SR 68 projects.
- TAMC hosted the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Tour in Monterey in June.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**12. CLOSED SESSION - MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROPERTY**

Public comment on the closed session:

David Schonbrunn, TRAC, commented the description of the closed session item was confusing.

The Board of Directors went into closed session:

Regarding real estate negotiations. Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.8, conferred with real property negotiators concerning the disposition of Agency-owned property.

Property: Monterey Branch Line

Agency negotiators: Todd Muck, Christina Watson, Alissa Guther

Negotiating parties: City of Marina

Under negotiation: Length of contract

Reconvened in open session; no reportable action was taken.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.