

FINAL MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members are: Fernando Armenta (Chair),
Alejandro Chavez (1st Vice Chair), Dave Potter (2nd Vice Chair),
Kimbley Craig (Past Chair),
John Phillips (County representative), Robert Huitt (City representative)*

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Huitt, Potter, Phillips (arrived after the Consent Agenda approval), alternate Serrano (for Craig). Staff present: Hale, Goel, Rodriguez and Watson. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann; Reed Sanders, Senator Cannella's office; and MacGregor Eddy, *We Could Car Less* columnist for The Salinas Californian.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - On a motion by Committee Chavez and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 5 – 0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 7, 2016.
 - 3.2 Received the call for nominations for the fifteenth annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee held a closed session regarding the Public Employee Performance evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

The Committee reconvened in open session:

Committee Chair Armenta reported that there was nothing to report and the review would go to the Board of Directors for approval in October.

5. The Committee received a state legislative update.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that Assembly Bill 2730, authored by Assembly Member Alejo, was vetoed by the Governor. It was not clear why the legislation was vetoed, particularly since the bill was amended to take the amendments that the Administration requested; it is possible that it was vetoed pending adoption of the transportation funding package, or there was a concern with its possible impact on the state's General Fund. Director Hale commented that sometimes it takes two years for a bill to succeed. She suggested that we coordinate with Cannella's and Monning's offices to run the bill next year. She also noted this state action reinforces why it is important to raise our own local transportation funds.

6. On a motion by Committee member Potter and second by Committee member Phillips, the Committee reviewed the draft 2017 Legislative Program and approved forwarding it to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board to proposed legislative issues. She highlighted priority 9s, supporting legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region. She also highlighted priority 10s, supporting legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency to San Francisco. Committee member Potter noted that this rail corridor legislation should be a high priority.

Committee alternate Serrano commented that priority 2s, to encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects, is important to the City of Salinas.

7. The Committee received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of October 26, 2016:

Executive Director Hale reviewed the highlights of the draft agenda. She reported that the Board would hold two closed sessions, one for the Executive Director and Legal Counsel Evaluations and the other for rail property acquisition. The Board will recognize Congressman Sam Farr for his support and contributions towards transportation projects. On the consent agenda, the Board will be asked to approve the Request for Proposal for the bike rodeos, the Transportation Agency's draft Relocation Plan for the Salinas Rail Extension project and a Memorandum of Understanding among the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the City of Salinas, and Monterey-Salinas Transit, regarding the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center expansion.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MacGregor Eddy announced that she is endorsing Measure X, and opposing Proposition 53 (which will require a vote of the people prior to the State of California issuing over \$2 billion in revenue bonds). She also announced that the City of Salinas is closing two miles of Alisal Street to hold Ciclovía on Sunday, October 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.