

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**  
**October 16, 2018 Meeting**

Held at the Agricultural Center Conference Room  
1428 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA

Voting Members	APR 17 2017	JUL 18 2017	OCT 17 2017	JAN 16 2018	APR 17 2018	JUL 17 2018	OCT 16 2018	JAN 15 2019
Kevin Dayton, Chair Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cesar Lara Transit Users <i>(Monica Gurmilan)</i>	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Jack Jensen)</i> -Deceased September 2018	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate <i>(Claire Rygg)</i>	P	E	A	A	A	A	A	
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Christie Cromeenes Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Cliff Fasnacht)</i>	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(John Bailey)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Dan Limesand Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Jody Hansen)</i>	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	
Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation <i>(Sarah Hardgrave)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Barbara Meister Hospitality <i>(Gary Cursio)</i>	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Norm Groot Agriculture <i>(Kurt Gollnick)</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	
Joshua Jorn Education <i>(Ruben Parra, Patrick Deberdt)</i>	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	
	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	
	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	

Paula Getzelman South County (Carol Kenyon)	P E	P A	P P	P P	P P	P P	P P	
Chris Barrera Latino Organization (Vacant)	P -	E -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	
Ron Rader North County (Scott Freeman)	P E	P A	P A	P A	P A	P A	P -	
Heidi Zamzow- Resigned April 2018 Pedestrian	-	-	P	P	P	A	-	
Daniel Hernandez – Appointed October 2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	
Anthony Tomas Rocha Youth/College (Vacant)	- -	A -	P -	P -	E -	P -	A -	
Sean Hebard Construction (Keith Severson)	E E	P A	E P	P E	P A	E E	E A	
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kay Reimann, Transportation Agency Council	P							
Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner			P	P	P			
Rich Deal, Transportation Engineer			P	P			P	
Ariana Green, Transportation Planner				P		P		
Rita Goel, Deputy for Administration & Finance					P			
Dave Delfino, Finance Director					P			
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>								
Jayne Smith, SOS US Traffic Safety Alliance							P	
Andrew Sandoval – Resident, City of Salinas							P	
Regina Mason - Resident, City of Seaside							P	
David Jacobs - Public Works Director, City of Salinas							P	
Maribel Trejo, Alliance on Aging							P	

**P-PRESENT**

**E-EXCUSED**

**A-ABSENT**

**- VACANT POSITION**

1. **WELCOME**

Kevin Dayton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Chair Dayton asked each member to introduce themselves and for Theresa Wright, TAMC's Community Outreach Coordinator, to use their introductions as a roll call, by noting who was present. Chair Dayton also asked TAMC staff and members of the public to introduce themselves.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Dayton called for public comment.

Jayne Smith, founding member of SOS US Traffic Safety Alliance, addressed the committee to talk about the Alliance's efforts to find short-term improvements and long-term solutions for the dangerous road conditions on US Highway 101 between Harrison Road and Chualar. Ms. Smith said the Alliance was particularly concerned about Potter and Spence Road and noted that another fatality had occurred at that intersection since the CTC Townhall meeting in Gonzales. During her comments, she thanked the committee for listening to what she had to say and noted that some of the funding from Measure X would be used to address this issue. She said that funding was a great example of how Measure X funds are and will be making a difference in people lives. She ended her comments by encouraging interested stakeholders to contact the Alliance on their Facebook page.

Andrew Sandoval, a resident of Salinas, expressed his concerns about safety improvements needed in North Salinas. He said numerous collisions occur on North Main Street and there is a need for safe paths to schools. He said he didn't see any projects in Salinas addressing this need. He stated that he is looking for ideas on how to organize the community to help get short-term solutions for these safety improvements. He concluded by saying he was encouraged by Jayne Smith's comments and that he will seek her help on how to organize his community.

Daniel Hernandez, from Sustainable Communities Salinas, asked if anyone knew what was going to happen to the trees at the Salinas Rail Station the Salinas Kickstart Rail project moves forward.

Regina Mason, a resident of the City of Seaside, wanted to know what Measure X projects are being done in Seaside. She asked the committee to consider having a future local Measure X presentation from the City of Seaside.

Barbara Meister, Public Affairs Director, of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, spoke of the Aquarium's role in supporting Measure X and the importance of maintaining SB 1 funds to get the additional funding needed to get Measure X maintenance and safety projects done. She said the Aquarium has taken an oppose position to Proposition 6, which proposes to repeal the gas tax. She further stated that the Aquarium has actively worked to educate their members and subscribers about SB 1's importance and how the projects it funds relates to their mission. She encouraged others to reach out to their constituents to educated them about the importance of the SB 1 gas tax. Ms. Meister also reported that she and several other members of the committee had written a joint "letter to the editor" to the Monterey Herald explaining why they opposed Proposition 6 efforts to repeal SB1.

Chair Dayton thanked each of the speakers for their comments. He then proceeded to items on the consent agenda.

**3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Dayton said that item 3.3, the proposed 2019 meeting schedule for the oversight committee needed to be pulled for discussion. He then asked if members wanted any other item pulled from the consent agenda. Receiving no further requests, he asked Theresa Wright, TAMC community outreach coordinator, to discuss the proposed calendar. Ms. Wright stated that the proposal was to alternate the meetings between the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas, starting with the January meeting in Marina and the April meeting in Salinas. However, she said the Ag Center Conference Room was not available in April; so, the revised 2019 schedule would be to continue the current schedule by having the January/April meetings on the Monterey Peninsula and the July/October meetings in Salinas.

Chair Dayton called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by member Brennan, seconded by member Groot and passed unanimously.

The Chair proceeded to items on the regular agenda.

**4. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON MEASURE X LOCAL PROJECTS FROM THE CITY OF SALINAS**

David Jacobs, Director of Public Works, City of Salinas, provided a presentation on the status of local Measure X projects in the city. Mr. Jacobs explained how the city did a “pavement investigation” to see what the condition of their streets were and then determined what the cost would be to fix them. Their investigation revealed that the city has a \$140 million backlog in road maintenance needs and that backlog could grow to \$280 million in the next five years. To address this need, the city chose to bond their Measure X funds to get more projects done in a shorter amount of time. Mr. Jacobs said the city has identified 40 street improvements projects in the next three years and presented the committee with the list of 26 major projects that they are working on this fiscal year.

The presentation was followed by extensive discussion with members asking questions about the bonding, projects and how Measure X transportation dollars were being spent on the city’s Downtown Vibrancy Plan.

Chair Dayton called for public comments after the discussion.

Andy Sandoval said he was concerned about the oversight committee and wanted to know if they were limited in their oversight responsibilities on projects such as the Vibrancy Plan. He said that it appears as if the City of Salinas didn’t want oversight from the committee.

Chair Dayton, then returned to the committee for comments. Committee members said that they needed more information about the Vibrancy Plan before they could make a value judgment on whether the plan meets transportation needs. They also said that it would be good to have other cities present to the committee on their Measure X projects and suggested that one presentation be made at each committee meeting.

A motion to evaluate whether the Downtown Vibrancy Plan meets the Measure X transportation eligibility criteria was made by member Barrera, seconded by member Brennan. Member Bumba spoke against the motion, saying it was not appropriate and that a more appropriate motion

needed to be made.

After further discussion Chair Dayton made a modified the motion as a friendly amendment to ask the City of Salinas what part of their vibrancy plan is being funded by Measure X for transportation projects. The friendly amendment was accepted by member Barrera. The motion passed, with Chair Dayton abstaining and the other members voting yes. Chair Dayton asked Mr. Jacobs to provide the requested information in a follow-up to this meeting.

### **RECEIVE NOVEMBER BALLOT UPDATE**

5. Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided an update on Proposition 6, the ballot measure to repeal SB 1 and the impact that this ballot measure would have on the delivery of priority Measure X projects and local road maintenance in Monterey County.

Ms. Wright said that since the last committee meeting in July, Transportation Agency staff continued their educational outreach on the gas tax and its importance in delivering on Measure X projects and local road maintenance. She reported that their outreach included:

- presentations by Director Hale and Deputy Director Muck to each of the city councils and to the Board of Supervisors
- guest commentary in the Weekly by the TAMC Board Chair
- localized city project flyers
- news articles, post and tweets.

Ms. Wright also shared that the Agency was developing SB 1 pages on their website to explain transportation funding and what's a risk if SB 1 is repealed. She said the draft website pages would be vetted by the Agency's counsel before launching them publicly. She told members she would notify them when the pages were public and that they could be used as a resource in any of their educational outreach efforts.

Director Hale pointed out that the County of Monterey's 5-Year Pavement Management Plan identifying their Measure X projects, MST's staff report on their Measure X South County Maintenance & Operation facility in King City and the PPIC Statewide Survey on the 2018 Election handouts were on the table for committee members.

Chair Dayton called for questions. Hearing none from the committee, he asked for public comments. Receiving none, from the public, he proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

6. **RECEIVE REPORT ON THE TRANSPORTATION TOWN HALL MEETING IN GONZALES**

Director Hale reported that the City of Gonzales, the Transportation Agency and the Central Coast Coalition hosted 5 members of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and their staff at a Transportation Town Hall in Gonzales on September 19 and 20. She said the town hall presented the opportunity for regional transportation agencies and members of the public to provide information on local transportation patterns and what our regional transportation needs are to the key decision-makers for state transportation funding.

On day 2, CTC staff and two of the commissioners took a tour of some of the region's priority

project corridors, including State Routes 218, 68, 156, as well as, the US 101 corridor south of Salinas, the new Monterey-Salinas Transit operations and maintenance facility and the Salinas Train Station. Ms. Hale said that the feedback from the commissioners and their staff was that they found the event to be very helpful. She added that it certainly made an impression on them about the need for transportation safety improvements in the US 101 corridor.

After Director Hale finished her report, Chair Dayton called for comments.

Member Rowley thanked Director Hale for responding to his inquiry and including State Route 156 on the tour route. He then pointed out that Highway 101 is a federal highway and federal funds should be coming in to help fund this project. He encouraged other members talk to their congressional representative about federal funding for federal highways.

Chair Dayton, commented that this was on the best oversight committees in the state. He said some had questioned the size of the committee, but in his opinion the committee was working efficiently with its 20 members and 20 alternate members. He said that it had an excellent record in accountability. He then called for public comments. Receiving none, he proceeded to announcements and/or comments.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Chair Dayton called for announcements and/or comments.

Member Groot asked that a presentation on the Highway 68 project be given to the committee next year when its deemed there is new information about the status of the project.

Member Beach said she thought it would be a good idea to have a presentation by the City of Seaside at the next meeting as suggested in public comments. Committee members agreed and asked for a presentation by the City of Seaside.

With no further announcements or comments, Chair Dayton proceeded to adjourn the meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.