

TAMC STAFF	OCT 14	DEC 14	JAN 15	FEB 15	MAR 15	APR 15	MAY 15	JUN 15	AUG 15	SEP 15	OCT 15
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Trans. Planning Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside	Leslie Llantero	City of Seaside
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

1.2 CLOSED SESSION

The Board held closed session to discuss the Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code section §54957- Position: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

Reconvened in open session: Chair Craig reported there was no reportable action.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, requested a future agenda item to provide information on the proposed state legislation to keep the proceeds from selling unused Prunedale Bypass project property for future Monterey County projects.

Eric Petersen thanked all the volunteers who participated in the City of Salinas Ciclovía event held on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Phillips/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meetings of September 23, 2015.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for October 2015 and credit card statements for the month of September 2015.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2015-17 amending the prior unmet transit needs finding to find that within Monterey County there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.
- 3.2.2** Approved the City of Greenfield's Local Transportation Fund application for \$531,115 for their citywide street maintenance project.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Regarding State Legislative Analyst/Advocate Contract:
 - 1. Authorized the Executive Director to renew and amend the contract with JEA & Associates, (subject to approval by Agency Counsel) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year, to provide state legislative analyst/advocate services, for the period ending June 30, 2017;
 - 2. Approved the use of local funds budgeted to this purpose; and
 - 3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Application for Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant:
 - 1. Authorized staff to submit an application for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to prepare for Monterey County Park and Ride Plan;
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds if offered.
- 3.3.3** Received state legislative update.
- 3.3.4** Received federal legislative update.
- 3.3.5** Received an update on the Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

No items this month.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Salinas-San Jose Coast Rail Line Environmental Review:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with HDR, (subject to approval by Agency Counsel) in an amount not to exceed \$452,975 to complete the federal environmental review of the Salinas-San Jose Coast Rail Line, for the period ending June 30, 2017;
2. Approved the use of State Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

3.5.2 Regarding Capitol Corridor Reimbursement Agreement Renewal & Amendment:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to renew and amend a reimbursement agreement with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to review designs and assist with planning for the Salinas Rail Extension Project, for no additional funding, until December 31, 2016;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the agreement if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – Draft October 7, 2015
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft October 7, 2015
- Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting this month

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTERS

The Board presented certificates of recognition to the Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarters: Ariana Green and Maria Montiel.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner was selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for April 1st – June 30, 2015 and Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant was selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for July 1st – September 30, 2015.

5. 2016 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIES

The Board reviewed and provided input on proposed project list for the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program funding allocations.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported that every two years the Agency submits a five-year program of projects to be funded by the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Due to a shortfall in gas tax revenues, the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program fund estimate includes no new funding for the next five year cycle. The effect is that no new projects can be programmed this cycle and some existing projects will need to be delayed. California Transportation Commission guidelines require Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to submit a proposed reprogramming of projects as part of a Regional Transportation Improvement Program by December 15, 2015. The Agency staff has been meeting with sponsors of the projects currently programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program to develop a strategy on which projects to postpone to later years as required to meet the fund estimates for the next five-year cycle. A final proposal for programming projects and the final 2016 RTIP will be brought back to the TAMC Board for approval in December.

Board member Delgado inquired as to how long it would take to build the Imjin Parkway improvements; Mr. Muck replied that within 4 to 5 years it could be open to the public after construction funding becomes available.

Board member Potter thanked Caltrans for performing the federal NEPA environmental review to keep the Highway 1 truck climbing lane moving forward and able to receive federal funding. He appreciated their support for this and the other small highway operational improvements.

6. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT MEASURE OUTREACH PLAN

The Board received an update on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan and development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator/Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency has been getting input from the public on which transportation projects and programs are important to them. She noted what is important to the community can be summarized into four categories:

- Road maintenance and pothole repair
- Safety and Traffic congestion
- More transit for seniors, youth and commuters
- Walkability, bicycle safety and the environment

The goal is to build an investment plan that inspires broad support across Monterey County's diverse communities. Mrs. Wright noted, in response to a question from Board member Delgado, light rail is not a part of the measure due to its high cost and lack of uniform community support. Board member Smith agreed that this is a sensitive topic on the Peninsula, and if light rail is tied to the measure it will generate strong opposition from some interest groups. Ms. Wright added that a proposed busway along Highway 1 has been named as a possible project in the plan, and it could serve as a precursor to light-rail in the long-term, by building ridership in the corridor. Board member Burnett agreed that the Highway 156 project is too large to put in the measure, but he and Board members Phillips and Rubio suggested that a stand-alone, lower-cost safety improvement in the corridor, such as the Castroville Blvd/156 interchange, be included. Board member Rubio noted that the City of Seaside supports the light rail project. Board member Parker requested a copy of the word cloud and the long list of projects. Board member Burnett suggested framing the program as a "transportation and mobility" measure that includes funding for several modes, not just road improvements.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, Prunedale resident, commented that it is important to communicate what the schedule and the steps for a project to be completed. She noted that the public doesn't understand the time and complexity involved in delivering transportation projects.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, requested an improvement at Highway 1 and Dolan Road.

7. **HOLMAN HIGHWAY 68 ROUNDABOUT UPDATE**

The Board received an update on the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout project.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout will be the first state highway roundabout in Monterey County and will improve access to the Community Hospital, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. Construction of the roundabout will begin in spring 2016 and finish in spring 2017. She noted that the total cost of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout is \$8.2 Million. The Transportation Agency has contributed \$3.3 Million in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds toward the project. The Transportation Agency is coordinating community outreach and received funds from the City of Monterey and Air District to fund pre-construction activities. In response to a Board member question, Ms. Green noted that the project will take nearly one-year to construct and therefore cannot be built during the short off-season period; in addition, not all work can be done in the rain, and during lower temperatures.

Ms. Green reported Transportation Agency staff will continue to meet with stakeholder groups and provide updates on the project website, in newsletters, news releases and via email. In January/February 2016, the Transportation Agency will hold several community meetings to provide information about the final construction schedule, detours and transportation alternatives. Staff will alert TAMC Board members to the dates of these public information meetings.

Board member Huitt expressed concerns with the daytime construction in the peak season, noting this will have an unbelievable impact on Pacific Grove. Ms. Green noted that there are some road closures and detours, and the project team is working to get the word out to the traveling public. She added that the schedule is likely to change somewhat over time and the team is working with a number of constituencies to get the word out before these closures take place. Board member Delgado noted that the traffic simulation was very helpful and asked if a special event traffic scenario could be prepared. Board member Smith encouraged TAMC staff to reach out to the Monterey Peninsula Human Resources Coalition to get assistance from employers in the area to promote ridesharing and telecommuting during construction.

Public comment:

Sam Teel, MCHA, expressed his appreciation to TAMC for being on top of this project and noted that it could be “carmageddon”.

8. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXPENSE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

No report this month.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Brandy Rider, Caltrans, reported that the California Transportation Commission has adopted 114 biking and walking projects, valued at more than \$262 million, in the state’s 2015 Active Transportation Program. Caltrans received 617 applications from cities and counties across California, totaling more than \$1 billion in project requests. Four projects in Monterey County received a total of over \$11 million grants: two in Salinas, one in Seaside and one in Monterey.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo announced that Michael LaPier is the new Executive Director of the Airport. He reported that Airport District is trying to expand service to Phoenix from American Airlines, also obtain new service to Los Angeles with Alaska Airlines. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo commented that the Airport District is working diligently on their new master plan. He encouraged the Board to *Fly Monterey*.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, MST General Manager, had no report this month.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Richard Stedman reported that their new district name will be announced soon. He noted that the District’s office is currently being remodeled and once finished will house AMBAG.

11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Hale announced the call for nominations for the fourteenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County. The deadline for nominations is December 4, 2015. She announced there would be no Board meeting in November and the next TAMC Board meeting will be held on December 2, 2015.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS**

Board Chair Craig announced that she would not be at the December Board meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.