

A. Chavez, Soledad (A. Velazquez, O. Antillon)	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel , S. Vienna)	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, O. Monroy Ochoa , J. Olejnik, K. McClendon)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	-
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis , L. Samuels)	-	-	-	P(A)	-	P	P	-	-	P(A)

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; - unnoticed absence

TAMC STAFF	FEB 20	MAR 20	APR 20	MAY 20	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	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
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	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
K. Reimann, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Hansen
Gus Khouri

TAMC Counsel
Agency Legislative Consultant

Grant Leonard
Lisa Rheinheimer

North County resident
Monterey-Salinas Transit

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alejo 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. Chair Alejo led the pledge of allegiance and welcomed new appointed members Kimbley Craig, Mayor of Salinas; Jose Rios, Mayor of Gonzales; Wendy Askew, Supervisor District 4.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Askew/Kerr/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved 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 December 2, 2020.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for November and December 2020 and credit card statement for the months of October and November 2020.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of Contracts Awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.5** Accepted the Triennial Performance Audits for the 3-year period ending June 30, 2019.
- 3.1.6** Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement for Monterey Branch Line property located near 1711 Del Monte Boulevard, Seaside with Monterey Motors, Inc., subject to Agency Counsel approval.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Measure X Amendment - Capital Investment Grant Consultant Services:
 - 1. Approved Amendment #1 of Measure X Regional Funding Agreement, subject to approval by Agency counsel, for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project to include up to \$750,000 in Measure X funds for a Capital Investment Grant Consultant Services; and
 - 2. 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.
- 3.2.2** Approved the appointment of Ms. Natalie Popovich to serve as the City of Pacific Grove's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Received summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2020.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the appointments of Jonathan Geisler and Monica Lal, to serve as the representative and alternate representative for Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, on the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Citizens Oversight Committee.
- 3.4.2** Regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the County of Monterey to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project in the amount of \$560,000; and
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.
- 3.4.3** Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:
1. Approved the request by the City of Pacific Grove to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Point Piños Trail Project in the amount of \$61,282; and
 2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project - MNS Engineers Contract Amendment #2:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with MNS Engineers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget for construction management of the Monterey County Rail Extension project by \$280,055 for a new total contract budget of \$4,697,537;
 2. Authorized the use of state funds budgeted to this project;
 3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to 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
 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.
- 3.5.2** Appointed Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

3.5.3 Regarding Monterey County Rail Extension Property Acquisition Settlements

1. Received information on the real estate acquisition settlement with Baillie Family Limited Partnership for one parcel located at 346 West Market Street for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project that increased the \$204,000 deposited in the State Condemnation Fund as just compensation for the property by \$7,050 to a not to exceed amount of \$211,050; and,
2. Received information on the real estate acquisition settlement with the Neubert/Tarp Family for two partial parcels and one full parcel located at 320 & 330 West Market Street for the Rail Extension to Monterey County project that increased the Agency's offer of \$1,012,000 as just compensation for the property by \$74,224 to a not to exceed amount of \$1,086,224.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Accepted the Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency's audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of January 6, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of January 11, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of January 6, 2021
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of January 7, 2021
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month

- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for December 2020.

4. EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

PRESENTED Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter awards to Elouise Rodriguez and Maria Montiel.

Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board and Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant have been selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employees of the Quarter for October-December 2020.

Agency employees recognized Elouise Rodriguez for her efficiency, most notably in agenda preparation and meeting operations. They appreciate her patience in setting up numerous meetings, her meeting support via Zoom, and her responsiveness to requests from staff and the public. Maria Montiel was recognized for her professionalism and her efficiency, but most notably for her work on agenda preparation and support of TAMC committee meeting via Zoom. Staff appreciates her patience in working with the public, and her cheerfulness and helpfulness.

5. TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2020

The Transportation Agency showed its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Staff received a total of three nominations in the award categories of Group Special Recognition and Project. The nominations for the 2020 Transportation Excellence Awards are:

- Project - Citywide Traffic Signal Adaptation; City of Monterey
- Project - Gloria Road/Iverson/Johnson Canyon Road Pavement Reconstruction Project; Monterey County, City of Gonzales, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
- Group - Special Recognition Award - Monterey-Salinas Transit

The award honorees are:

The City of Monterey and their partners, Bear Electrical and Western Systems were recognized for the “Citywide Adaptive Traffic Signal System.” This project, currently running on 21 intersections, uses vehicle detection and artificial intelligence software to respond accurately and immediately to real-time traffic conditions. The results are a more efficient use of the existing roadway system, including less traffic congestion, reduced travel time, and safer roads for City residents and more than 4 million visitors per year. Managing the project in-house allowed the City to upgrade equipment, install new fiber optic lines, and set up the system software and equipment more efficiently than using outside contractors, resulting in an estimated cost savings of over \$700,000.

Gloria Road/Iverson/Johnson Canyon Road Pavement Reconstruction Project Team, composed of the County of Monterey RMA-Public Works, City of Gonzales, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, Granite Construction and Harris & Associates, are recognized for their unique collaboration on the \$7 million Gloria/Iverson/Johnson Canyon Road Pavement Reconstruction Project. Working together, this multi-agency team raised project funding, oversaw the design and bidding, and reconstruction of 5 miles of pavement along the critical access route to the regional landfill. Due to the close coordination among the partners, this project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget, despite the challenges of COVID-19, summer heat waves, heavy smoke from the Dolan Fire, and the difficulty of acquiring construction materials

Monterey-Salinas Transit was presented a “Special Award of Recognition” for their leadership and community service to meet the unprecedented challenges of 2020. With reduced ridership and fewer routes in operation due to COVID-19, MST redirected and utilized their available workforce and resources to support community needs. While safely providing essential local transit service, they met other needs by providing mobile Wi-Fi hot spots for students. Their volunteer “COVID-19 Community Support Task Force” delivered food via Meals on Wheels to seniors, and MST employees had an internal fund-raising drive to help support underemployed hospitality workers. The agency also donated two minibuses to a medical clinic to expand their ability to provide resources and medical services to essential agriculture workers. While under the threat of evacuation from the Dolan Fire at their own headquarters, MST rescued and transported at risk residents to safe shelter. On Election Day, passengers in need of transportation could ride free to exercise their right to vote. MST made

significant transportation advancements by being the only transit agency selected to demonstrate the contactless fare payment system as part of Caltrans' California Integrated Travel Project. The District also celebrated the groundbreaking of their Measure X and SB 1 funded South County Operations & Maintenance Center.

Elouise Rodriguez, Board Clerk, was recognized for 20 years of service to the Transportation Agency.

Supervisor Luis Alejo was recognized for his chairmanship of the TAMC Board of Directors in 2020.

6. ELECTION OF 2021 OFFICERS

M/S/C Askew/Phillips/unanimous

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County approved the election of the following members to serve as their officers and members of the Executive Committee:

- Chair, Councilmember Ed Smith, City of Monterey
- 1st Vice Chair, Supervisor Mary Adams, District 5
- 2nd Vice Chair, Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King
- Past Chair, Supervisor Luis Alejo, District 1
- County Representative, Supervisor Chris Lopez, District 3
- City Presentative, Mayor Kimbley Craig, City of Salinas

Their terms begin upon their election and continue through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 26, 2022 Board meeting.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & FINAL 2021 PROGRAM

M/S/C LeBarre/Alejo/unanimous

The Board received an update on state and federal legislative issues and adopted the 2021 Agency legislative program.

Gus Khouri, Agency legislative analyst, presented an update on state legislative activities. Mr. Khouri noted a significant drop in fuel consumption statewide due to the shelter-in-place order, which resulted in an estimated \$1.5 billion reduction in gas tax receipts through fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. This shortfall will impact funding for local streets and roads, the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP), which focuses on maintaining our state highway system, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which provides funding for multi-modal transportation improvements. The federal stimulus package will provide some much-needed relief for public transit operations (\$2 billion) and highway projects (\$900 million). TAMC will be providing input on the distribution of the highway funds, which remains to be determined by the State of California.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reviewed federal legislative news and highlighted the draft 2021 Legislative Program. Board Member LeBarre thanked the Executive

Committee for including support for innovative funding. Past Chair Alejo thanked staff for including a provision in support of broadband funding to help close the digital divide.

8. 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

M/S/C Oglesby/Potter/unanimous

The Board Received update on development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan; approved the Project List to be studied as part of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy; and approved the financial assumptions for use in the financial forecast for the Regional Transportation Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan is being prepared in-house by staff in coordination with Agency committees and the Board of Directors.

Projects being proposed for state and federal funding must be identified in a Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan includes a listing of regionally-significant projects on the road, highway, rail and transit networks planned over the time horizon of the plan. Regionally significant projects include those identified within the Measure X program or regional fee program, projects with a significant impact on travel between cities, or projects of a certain size. The plan must also identify all other planned local street, bike/pedestrian, and transit projects that may use state or federal funding.

Board member Poduri expressed concern on what happens to the projects that are removed from the list. Ms. Jacobsen replied that the projects removed from long-term plan are no longer eligible for state or federal funding but can be brought back in future years.

Caltrans representative John Olejnik indicated the Department's support for removal of the State Route 68 Bypass project since work was proceeding on a different alternative. He also noted support for including projects that will reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Board member LeBarre expressed his support for including the Broadway Avenue Roundabout project in the plan, noting that the project will remove King City's only traffic signal.

9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – John Olejnik reported that Caltrans Maintenance Crews have been busy during the storm, assisting with evacuations and debris removal. He announced the closure of 2-lanes on Highway 101 northbound at the San Antonio River bridge from January 21st to April. He announced that Caltrans will be accepting applications for Sustainable Planning Grants through February 12th.

Board member Craig noted that there is a new litter/debris subcommittee in Salinas that would be reaching out to Caltrans.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, reported that the Airport is working hard to expand the number of flights out of Monterey. He reported that the Airport has several construction projects, bringing a lot of jobs to the area. He mentioned the growth in urban air mobility via manned and unmanned electric delivery vehicles, which may be landing not only at airports but also on buildings and at other locations. Alaska Airlines is providing two same-day flights to San Diego and the Los Angeles and Denver flights are doing well. Mr. Sabo announced the delay in Alaska Airlines service start date to Seattle. In conclusion, he noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager & CEO, thanked the Board for the award recognition. He noted that MST has been working with the County Office of Emergency Services to assist with evacuation of persons with severe disabilities in the storm evacuation areas. He announced that there is a survey on the proposed SURF! Busway available at MST.org and asked board members to promote the survey on their social media. He noted that MST would be conducting a comprehensive operational service analysis to rebuild transit in the wake of COVID-19. He also announced that they are working with the Governor to accelerate the ability of transit workers to get vaccinated.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman reported that the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program has exhausted its funding, and the District is seeking partners for additional funding. He also announced electric vehicle DC fast charger stations have been installed at Target stores in Hollister, Marina and the King City Shopping Center, and at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers building in Castroville. He also noted that the District has funded 12 electric school buses.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month due to shelter-in-place.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hale thanked all the cities and County for returning their Measure X Audit reports by the December 31, 2020 deadline. She announced that the American Public Works Association awards ceremony would be held today, honoring a number of local public agencies and their works projects. Senator Bill Monning will also be receiving the Public works Person of the Year award for his legislative support over the years.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board member LeBarre congratulated incoming Chair Smith and thanked Past Chair Alejo for his leadership.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alejo adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.