

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: Jane Parker (Chair),
Kimbley Craig (1st Vice Chair), Fernando Armenta (2nd Vice Chair),
Jerry Edelen (Past Chair),
Dave Potter (County representative), Alejandro Chavez (City representative)*

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Armenta, Chavez, Craig, Edelen, and alternate Jayne Mohammadi for Potter. Staff present: Goel, Leonard, Green, Muck, Myers and Rodriguez. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann, Sam Teel, MCHA and John and Erica Arriaga, Alcalde & Fay via phone. Committee member Chavez arrived after approval of the consent agenda.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Board member Edelen and seconded by Board member Armenta, the committee voted 5 – 0, with Boardmember Chavez not present, to approve the consent agenda.

- 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of March 5, 2014.

END OF CONSENT

4. The Executive Committee received an update on state legislative activities.

Agency legislative consultant John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on state legislative activities. He reported that the legislative session is in full gear now; legislators are currently going through the budget process. He noted that the focus is on the Governor's proposed \$140 billion budget, which aims to pay down loans and build up the reserve. Mr. Arriaga reported that the Governor's proposed budget includes \$250 million in Cap and Trade funding for high-speed rail. He also reported that, on March 20, the California Transportation Commission approved the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which included the Transportation Agency's programming requests. Mr. Arriaga presented the bill list and the Committee discussed taking positions on the legislation.

5. The Executive Committee received an update on the Highway 156 tolling evaluation.

Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck reported there have been three Community Advisory Group meetings with a broad range of representation. He noted that findings of the initial Traffic and Revenue Study were discussed at the second meeting. The third meeting reviewed graphics for travel routes through the projects and question and answers were developed. Mr. Muck reported that the Highway 156 Ad Hoc Committee met last week and that Kome Ajise, Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning, P3 and Modal Programs, joined (via-phone). He noted that TAMC and Caltrans are developing a Pre-Development Agreement proposal, which would be a contract that would define tasks and products needed for the Supplemental EIR and for the TAMC Board to consider tolling.

Mr. Muck noted that the Pre-Development Agreement cost has not yet been fully scoped out, but the cost will be shared between TAMC and the private entity. TAMC's share would come from the federal earmarks and a portion of the current STIP programmed for design. Mr. Muck added that as we move forward we will have more information. Ms. Craig noted that at the Highway 156 ad hoc meeting everyone, even members of the public concerned with tolling, recognized there are problems on Highway 156 and they are interested in fixing them as soon as possible.

Sam Teel, Monterey County Hospitality Association, expressed that he is enthused about the notion of a Pre-Development Agreement to help move the process along. In conclusion, Deputy Director Muck reported that staff will present a project update and Pre-Development Agreement cost estimate to the Board in June or August.

6. Received a report on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan; and provided input on the recommended corridor alignment.

Ariana Green, Transportation Planner, reported the purpose of the Marina - Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan is to determine a preferred alignment and conceptual roadway design that connects the Monterey Peninsula to Salinas through a collaborative and consensus-building process. She noted that this project will plan for a transit,

bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor connecting the Marina area of former Fort Ord to Salinas. Ms. Green noted that one of the recurring comments from the public workshops and meetings with stakeholders was a desire to identify an additional bicycle and pedestrian corridor through the former Fort Ord area that is separate from the regional transit corridor. Transportation Agency staff recommends that InterGarrison Road be studied further as a preferred route for bicyclists and pedestrians that would connect to the Multimodal Corridor at the East Garrison Development and 8th Street.

Ms. Green continued that although Blanco Road is not recommended as part of the long-term regional multimodal corridor, it will serve as an interim multimodal corridor until the Reservation Road/Davis Road sections are developed, and bike lanes will be maintained. Once a preferred alignment has been agreed upon, the next phase of the planning process is to identify the preferred conceptual roadway design features along the agreed upon corridor route. Some features that will be considered are bicycle facilities, sidewalks or paths, transit stops/shelters, transit prioritization at signalized intersections, dedicated bus rapid transit facilities and pedestrian and equestrian crossing enhancements.

Committee member Armenta asked if there are projections for future bicycle use along the corridor and what the bicycle facilities might look like. Ms. Green replied that projections for future bicycle use are not available, but that, wherever possible, the plan will include enhanced facilities that are comfortable for varying levels of bike riders, such as bike lanes, paths and facilities that provide a buffer between bicyclists and motorists.

7. Received a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of April 23, 2014.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the April 23, 2014 draft agenda and took committee comments. He noted the Board will receive a briefing on Highway 156 tolling evaluation, public outreach process and proposed pre-development agreement.

8 **ADJOURNMENT**

1st Vice Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Chair Parker left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.


Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant