

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: John Phillips (Chair),
Robert Huitt (1st Vice Chair), Luis Alejo (2nd Vice Chair),
Alejandro Chavez (Past Chair),
Simon Salinas (County representative), Ed Smith (City representative)*

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Huitt, Phillip, Smith, Salinas and alternate Gonzales for Alejo. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Murillo, Rodriguez, Watson, Wright and Zeller. Others present: County Counsel Susan Blich, Agency Legislative Analyst Gus Khouri, and Wendy Askew.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee member Salinas and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda.
Committee alternate member Gonzales arrived after the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 Approved minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

END OF CONSENT

4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

On a motion by Committee member Smith and seconded by Huitt, the committee voted 5-0 to recommend that the Board adopt positions on proposed ballot measures.

Agency Legislative Analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on the state legislative activities, and highlighted the draft bill list. He reported that 2017 was a productive year for transportation legislation. Mr. Khouri noted that there is an effort to repeal SB 1 that has until May 21 to gather signatures to qualify for the November ballot. Mr. Khouri reported that he will focus on gathering support for TAMC's grant applications for SB 1 funds, noting a priority for the state is to fund "shovel-ready" projects. He noted that thanks to SB 1, the State Transportation Improvement Program is fully funded, and that STIP funds will help in getting the competitive funding award for the Imjin Parkway project.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency's support for Propositions 68 and 69 is on record.

5. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that President Trump's federal infrastructure proposal includes drastic cuts for transportation and rail. The proposals rely on local, state and private funding for infrastructure projects. The proposal reverses the historic funding agreement between the US Government and states and localities, requiring an 80% match to federal funds instead of the historical 20% match. The Administration's FY 2019 budget proposal calls for deep cuts in public transportation programs funded out of the General Fund. The one positive element of President Trump's infrastructure proposal is environmental compliance streamlining to allow the stricter California Environmental Quality Act to be conducted in lieu of National Environmental Policy Act requirements.

6. MEASURE X SENIOR DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, presented on the outreach and application review process for the Measure X Senior and Disable Transportation grant program. She noted that the five applicants that applied were awarded funding. She provided an overview of the grantees' scope of work and their geographic service areas.

7. TAMC DRAFT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Executive Director Hale reviewed some of the highlights of the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 28, 2018. She reported on some of the items on the regular agenda:

- Rail Extension to Monterey County Project
- Measure X funding project update

Consent Agenda:

- State and Federal Legislative updates
- Fort Ord Dunes State Park Easement may move to a later meeting
- Agreement for Sales Tax auditing revenue capture

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Hale noted that she had conferred with Chair Phillips that controversial issues on the TAMC agenda be discussed with him and then at the Executive Committee meeting if needed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.