



<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>APR 14</b>	<b>MA Y 14</b>	<b>JUN 14</b>	<b>AUG 14</b>	<b>SEP 14</b>	<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>DEC 14</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>FEB 15</b>
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	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	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	E	P	E	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
V. Murillo, Assistant Trans. Planner								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(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach					P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Orman	North Monterey County Fire Chief	Denise Kenck	Prunedale resident
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Barbara Meister	Monterey Bay Aquarium
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Cynthia Suverkrop	Oak Hills resident
Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality Assn.		
MacGregor Eddy	Media		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None this month.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cynthia Suverkrop, Oak Hills resident, commented that while staff is working on the long-term solution for Highway 156, there is a need for interim improvements on the highway now to make it safer for the residents of Oak Hills.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Huitt/Orozco/unanimous

The Board approved the Consent Agenda with correction to the minutes.

***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 January 28, 2015, with correction of spelling to Todd Bodem's name.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for January 2015 and credit card statements for the month of December 2014.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved resolution No. 2015-03 to add new Board Chair Kimbley Craig, Executive Director Debra Hale, Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck and Director of Finance Rita Goel to list of authorized signatures for banking services in support of agency financial operations.
- 3.1.5** Authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate an agreement with Debra L. Hale to continue to perform services of Transportation Agency for Monterey County Executive Director, effective July 1, 2015.
- 3.1.6** Approved appointments of Agency staff Debbie Hale, Executive Director, as ex-officio member and Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, and Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, as ex-officio alternates to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board and Administrative Committee for 2015.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

- 3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2015-05 apportioning Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$15,000,000.

***PLANNING***

- 3.3.1 Received state legislative update and approved draft bill language.
- 3.3.2 Received federal legislative update.
- 3.3.3 Received federal legislative update.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING***

- 3.4.1 Approved Resolution 2015-02 authorizing the use of \$3,064 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds as the Agency contribution to the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment.

***RAIL PROGRAM***

- 3.5.1 Regarding Salinas Rail Extension Right-of-Way Acquisition:
  1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc. for the Salinas Rail Extension project in an amount not to exceed \$230,400 to provide right-of-way acquisition services for the period ending December 31, 2018, pending Counsel approval;
  2. Approved the use of Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds budgeted to this project; and
  3. 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***

- 3.6.1 None this month.

***COMMITTEE MINUTES***

- 3.7.1 Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
  - Executive Committee – Draft February 4, 2015
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft February 4, 2015
  - Rail Policy Committee – Meeting cancelled
  - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft February 5, 2015

**4. TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURE PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN**

**M/S/C** Parker/Huerta/unanimous

The Board approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transportation Sales Tax Measure Public Outreach Plan Consultant subject to counsel review and approval; authorized staff to publish the RFP, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and approved the use of public outreach funds budgeted to this purpose.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator/ Associate Transportation Planner, explained why the reality that we are getting less transportation funding from the federal and state government than in the past. Revenue from fuel taxes is worth only half of what it was twenty years ago, the last time the sales tax was raised, and monies are less reliable than in the past. As a result, the Agency is looking for alternative ways to fund transportation projects to improve safety, commerce and quality of life in Monterey County.

The passage of a 3/8% transportation sales tax would generate nearly \$20,000,000 a year. At the cost of less than 4¢ per \$100 spent, Monterey County would become a “self-help” county, in which local money would provide local solutions to local needs. In addition, becoming a “self-help” county not only generates funding for local projects but also acts as a leveraging agent to better compete for state and federal grants. It has proved to be successful in 20 other California counties; and the Transportation Agency has reasons to believe it will be successful in Monterey County. TAMC’s last attempt to pass a sales tax was in 2008. Measure Z received overwhelming support from 63% of Monterey County voters. However, even though this was a majority vote, it did not meet the 2/3 (“supermajority”) requirement required for a sales tax measure and failed to pass. In 2014, EMC Research conducted polling in Monterey County to gauge the potential support for a 2016 transportation sales tax. The results indicate that more than 2/3 of Monterey County residents are initially supportive of a 2016 transportation sales tax measure. She recommended that a sales tax measure would be a viable option for 2016.

Ms. Wright noted that the County Registrar of Voters estimated that for a countywide election TAMC would have to pay them approximately \$650,000 to \$900,000. The lower estimate is consistent with the election costs in 2008 as well as the FORA election costs. Carl Sedoryk from MST confirmed that the cost of Measure Q was estimated at \$350,000 to \$600,000. Director Hale acknowledged that holding the election would represent a significant investment of time and money, but could also yield a multi-million dollar return.

After discussion, the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County agreed to take move forward in its efforts to develop an expenditure plan of transportation projects that would be funded via the proposed transportation measure.

**5. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET (FY15/16 – FY17/18)**

**M/S/C** Huitt/Rubio/unanimous

The Board authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 15/16 budget and overall work program to state funding agencies for initial review; provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 15/16 through 17/18 and the overall work program for fiscal year 15/16; and directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget and one-year overall work program back to the Board on May 27, 2015 for approval.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the draft Agency three-year budget for fiscal years 15/16 through 17/18. Ms. Goel reported that authorization to submit the draft budget for fiscal year 15/16 is necessary to meet deadlines of federal and state funding agencies.

Deputy Executive Director Muck reported on the annual Transportation Agency for Monterey County Overall Work Program, which describes the activities that the Agency will undertake during the next fiscal year and provides the basis for the 2015/16 Agency budget. He noted the major new activities planned for the coming year, such as the sales tax public outreach work element and the Highway 68 corridor study.

Executive Director Hale asked for Board members who also serve on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to support the City of Monterey's request for additional funding of approximately \$100,000 for public outreach during construction of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout, which TAMC would participate in. Board member Huitt asked for an update on the regional traffic impact fee program; staff agreed to provide an update in August when the fee program annual report is presented.

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

None this month.

7. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

**Caltrans** – Aileen Loe, Caltrans Director, announced the Caltrans Performance Report is available on line. The updated mission statement better describes Caltrans projects and purpose. Caltrans is embarking on the development of the 2040 California Transportation Plan and is available for public review next week, with scheduled workshops and webinars. Please visit website for schedule at (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/>). She congratulated the City of Salinas on receiving an allocation of state bond funds for their Sanborn Road project, and announced that the US 101 -San Juan Road interchange will be fully open in early June 2015.

**Monterey Regional Airport District** –Bill Sabo reported that Monterey Airport passenger counts are stable, and the airport is maintaining current service. He noted that the Airport runway safety project is on target to meet the end of the year finish date. Mr. Sabo also noted that the Airport District is working on updating their master plan, which was last updated twenty-five years ago. And as always, he encouraged everyone to “Fly Monterey”.

**Monterey-Salinas Transit District** – Carl Sedoryk reported that MST will be receiving seven new busses by March and eleven more in May, which will be replacing fourteen-year old busses. He announced that at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> MST meeting the Board of Directors will be creating an committee to oversee Measure Q’s implementation and determine how the funds will be used. In conclusion, Mr. Sedoryk noted that MST will be installing a charging platform for their new wireless trolley at Simoneau Plaza in Monterey.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Hale announced the call for grant applications for bike lockers and racks under the Bicycles Secure program and encouraged Board members to apply, noting the deadline is March 5, 2015. She also noted that the work on Highway 68 is by Pacific Gas and Electric, who is upgrading their gas pipeline.

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

None this month

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.