TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2023, TAMC BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	DEC 22	JAN 23
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	P(V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Merilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P(A)	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 1st Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	Р	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Representative (Yuri Anderson; Eric Mora)	Р	Р	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	Р	P(A)	Р	P(A)	Р
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Past Chair (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea 2 nd Vice Chair (Jeff Baron)	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	А	Р
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (vacant)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	А	Р	Р	А	E
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	А	Р	Р	Р
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(V)
Michael LeBarre, King City, Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Р
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber; Marissa Garcia; Andrea Renny)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Bill Peake)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz)	Р	Α	Α	P(A)	Α	P(A)	Р	P(A)	А	P(V)
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	А	А	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р

Ex Officio Members:	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	DEC 22	JAN 23
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales)	P(A)	Р	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	Р	Р	Р	А	А	Р	А	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Bill Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	А	А	А	Р
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Sloan Campi, CSUMB (Glen Nelson)	P(A)	А	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р	Α	А

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; A = absence *Special Meeting

TAMC STAFF	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 25	JUN 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22	DEC 22	JAN 23
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	Р	Р	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Е	Е	Р	Р	Р
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transp. Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р
T. Muck, Executive Director	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
L. Terry, Accounting Assistant	Р	Е	E	E	E	E	E	Е	E	Р
C. Watson, Director of Planning	Р	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
T. Wright, Community Outreach	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 Office	Colleen Courtney	Supervisor District 5 Office
Yuri Anderson	Supervisor District 4 Office	Priscilla Barba	Supervisor District 3 Office
Madilyn Jacobson	Caltrans District 5	Marissa Garcia	City of Monterey
Matthew Welker	Caltrans District 5	Grant Leonard	City of Salinas
Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas	Joyce Halabi	City of Pacific Grove

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Executive Director Todd Muck, welcomed new TAMC Board members: Glenn Church, District 2 Supervisor; Rachel Ortiz, City of Greenfield; and Andrew Sandoval, City of Salinas.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Lopez/Smith/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 7, 2022.
- 3.1.2

 Accepted the list of checks written for the month of November and December 2022 and credit card statements for the month of October and November 2022.
- **3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- **3.2.1** Received summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2022.
- **3.2.2** Adopted the final 2023 legislative program.

PLANNING DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.3.1 Approved and authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Measure X Funding Agreement with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$1,591,627, to support pre-construction activities on the Salinas Operations & Maintenance Facility project.
- **3.3.2** Regarding Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway Right of Way Just Compensation:
 - Authorized the Executive Director to establish just compensation and approve appraisals for the acquisition of parcels for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - Canyon Del Rey segment; and
 - Authorized the Executive Director to make purchase offers in the amount that equals the statutory offer of just compensation established for the parcel and negotiate acquisition agreements for parcels needed for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - Canyon Del Rey segment.
- **3.3.3** Regarding Regional Traffic Counts Agreement:
 - Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Innovative Data
 Acquisitions for an amount not to exceed \$185,400 to conduct regional traffic counts
 throughout Monterey County for the period ending December 31, 2025, pending review and
 approval by Agency Counsel and execution of reimbursement agreements with each
 participating agency;
 - Authorized the Executive Director to enter into reimbursement agreements with TAMC member jurisdictions as requested by those jurisdictions, for the cost of additional counts requested;
 - 3. Authorized the use of \$131,400 of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds and \$54,000 in reimbursement funds from member jurisdictions;
 - 4. Authorized the Executive Director to amend the agreement as necessary to account for any adjustments to the "not to exceed" amount made necessary by member jurisdiction reimbursement agreements; and
 - 5. 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.

3.3.4 Modified the authorized amount for the Pavement Management Program Update 2022 Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers from \$353,951 to \$515,951 of Measure X funds with each participating agency reimbursing the Agency based on its proportionate share of Measure X revenue.

RAIL PROGRAM

- **3.4.1** Authorized Executive Director to execute Memorandum of Understanding with the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board regarding the extension of passenger rail service to Salinas.
- **3.4.2** Regarding Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application:
 - 1. Authorized staff to apply for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant for the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Transit Station; and
 - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.
- **3.4.3** Appointed representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.
- 3.4.4 Authorized the Executive Director to modify a lease agreement with City of Marina for segments of the Monterey Branch Line corridor between Marina and Sand City, pending approval by TAMC Counsel, so long as the modified lease does not significantly alter the terms of the previously signed lease.

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, 2022.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

- **3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
 - Executive Committee draft minutes of January 11, 2023
 - Rail Policy Committee raft minutes of January 9, 2023
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee draft minutes of January 4, 2023
 - Technical Advisory Committee draft minutes of January 5, 2023
 - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee No meeting this month.
- **3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for January 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS

M/S/C Lopez/Alejo/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 to serve as their Executive Committee officers:

- Chair, Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King
- 1st Vice, Supervisor Chris Lopez, District 3
- 2nd Vice Chair, Mayor Dave Potter, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Past Chair, Supervisor Mary Adams, District 5
- County Representative, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, District 4
- City Representative, Councilmember Chaps Poduri, City of Pacific Grove

Their terms begin upon their election and continue through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 25, 2023 Board meeting.

5. TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Transportation Agency showed its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The award honorees for the 2022 Transportation Excellence Awards are:

INDIVIDUAL AWARD: Andrew Easterling, Transportation Engineer, City of Salinas

Andrew Easterling is the Traffic Engineer for the City of Salinas and is being recognized for his development and implementation of the Vision Zero Integrated into Maintenance (VZIM) program and dedication to safe routes to schools planning and projects. Andrew worked closely with safe routes to school program partners to develop the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan from 2019 - 2022 and through the Vision Zero Integrated into Maintenance program has already been able to start to implement projects that make it safer for children and people of all ages to get around Salinas.

PROJECT AWARD: Point Pinos Recreational Trail, City of Pacific Grove

The City of Pacific Grove's Point Pinos Coastal Trail Project, completed in 2022, addressed a 0.8 mile stretch of coastline in PG known as Point Pinos, on Ocean View Boulevard. Prior to this project, Point Pinos lacked formalized, safe, and accessible coastal amenities for its various users-including trails,

parking, and coastal access points. This stretch from Acropolois Avenue to Lighthouse Avenue also represented the only gap of the California Coastal Trail between the City of Monterey and the three of four miles of PG Coastline.

TAMC EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

10-Year Anniversary: Ariana Green

15 -Year Anniversary: Maria Montiel and Todd Muck

OUTGOING TAMC BOARD CHAIR: Mary Adams, Supervisor, District 5

6. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board presented Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Dave Delfino.

Dave has been selected by their colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October 1 – December 31, 2022.

Agency employees recognized Dave for always being willing to help and being very flexible in the hours/days he works during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, his professionalism, diligence, and hard work, most notably for going into the office when the heater system was down and for going into the office during the holidays as needed to keep payroll and accounts payable up to date.

7. <u>US 101 BUSINESS PLAN</u>

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the Draft US 101 Business Plan from Caltrans District 5. Matthew Welker reported the Plan created in collaboration with the Central Coast Coalition and regional partners throughout the district raises awareness of the US 101 Corridor within the boundaries of Caltrans District 5 as a major economic asset to the state and nation and encourages investment in the corridor. The Plan's purpose is to provide data, strategy, and community support needed to help secure financial investment in the US 101 corridor (including \$260 million in project costs in Monterey County) with summarized potential avenues for funding the projects.

Board Member Smith stated that he was excited about the plan because, "it gives us opportunities to identify emerging problems before the problems are staring us in the face."

Executive Director Muck further emphasized that the Business Plan provides TAMC and its partners in the Central Coast Corridor with the supporting document for future grant applications.

The draft Business plan will be available for public review and Caltrans staff will be collecting questions and comments until March 10, 2023.

8. <u>REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS</u>

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades, Caltrans Deputy District Director, reported that Highway 1 has multiple locations that are closed due to the storm, the Paul, Polar and Mill Creek Slide, and the entire area of Big Sur is inaccessible right now. He noted that the hills remain saturated and EW moving, and that Caltrans is focused on getting the road open. Repairs continue in Monterey County where storm damage has undermined parts of the southbound lane. Caltrans is coordinating with the Monterey County Emergency Operations Center to schedule a supply convoy on Highway 1 for Mill Creek. Director Eades noted that Caltrans is trying to do everything possible to communicate challenging situations to get safe access as soon possible. Board Member Adams commented this is devastating to everyone, she thanked Caltrans for their service and expressed her gratitude for the convoys. Mr. Eades announced Caltrans is pleased to release the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide and Call for Applications. A total of \$84 million is available for transportation planning projects statewide. The grant applications are due March 9, 2023, by 5 PM. Caltrans will be conducting virtual grant application workshops in January-February 2023.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, Airport District Board Member, reported the Airport continues to do well, noting people are using the airport. He noted that during the recent weather conditions, the airport never lost service, they have extremely low cancellations, and their delays were due to inbound flights from other airports. Airfares are at a 5% increase to San Jose Airport.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, thanked the Monterey County Office of Emergency Response for their services. He reported that throughout the weather event, MST drivers, and MST partners from MV Transit, and Monterey Yellow Cab were called upon dozens of times to transport over 120 members of the community to and from shelters – and were able to accomplish this without missing any regularly scheduled services. The entirety of Team MST came together to ensure that regular service to its passengers continued while providing the emergency evacuation service friends and neighbors in the community desperately needed. In conclusion, he reported MST bus riders can now get around anywhere MST travels by tapping a Visa or Mastercard debit, credit, or prepaid card or payment-enabled device, removing the need to stand in line to purchase a separate transit card, load a special app, or handle cash while boarding. Mr. Sedoryk announced beginning January 30th, MST is offering free rides to college students.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – David Frisbey reported on the Diesel Engine Replacement Program, which provides funding to encourage replacement of older heavy-duty motors/engines operated in one or more of the Air District's three counties: Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz. In 2018, MBARD received additional grant funding from the Air Resources Board for the FARMER, Community Air Protection Incentives, and NOx Remediation Measure programs. The types of equipment funded include irrigation pump engines, mobile agricultural equipment, fishing, and commercial marine vessels, and construction equipment.

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

No report this month.

10. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>

Executive Director Todd Muck expressed his appreciation to the Board for their attendance. He announced \$1 million in federal Community Project Funding for the US 101 Auxiliary lanes at Spence Road. In conclusion, Director Muck announced Lynn Terry, Accounting Assistant, is retiring after 14 years at TAMC.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Executive Director.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session:

Agency Counsel Brayer reported no reportable actions taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.