

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 2nd Vice Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Huitt, Parker, and Potter. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, Watson, and Wright. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann; John Arriaga, JEA & Associates and Sam Teel, MCHA. Chair Craig and Committee member Armenta arrived after the consent agenda was approved.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee Member Potter and seconded by Committee Member Parker, the committee voted 4– 0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of April 1, 2015.

END OF CONSENT

4. On a motion by Committee Member Huitt and seconded by Committee Member Armenta, the committee voted 5– 0, to **RECEIVE** state legislative update and **RECOMMEND** the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates, gave an update on state legislative activities. He noted that things are changing quickly, and that committee milestones for bill passage have just passed, noting the May Revise budget is expected to have more funding for the cap and trade grant programs. He reported that he and Principal Planner Christina Watson met with legislators in Sacramento and discussed the importance of supporting intercity rail. Ms. Watson noted that they met with Senator Cannella, Assembly Member Stone and Assembly Member Achadjian, and that all three are supportive of the Coast Daylight.

Mr. Arriaga highlighted the state legislative bills of interest to the Agency. Staff is now recommending the Board support SB 16 (Beall): transportation funding. Executive Director Debbie Hale noted some entities are attempting to modify the bill to make it more multi-modal, as it is now focused on streets and roads and highway repairs.

Staff is recommending an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 1315 (Alejo): public contracts: water pollution prevention plans. Mr. Arriaga noted that the bill is sponsored by contractors. Committee Member Huitt requested more information be provided in the Board report.

Mr. Arriaga noted that AB 238 (Stone): telecommunications has been turned into a 2-year bill. Ms. Watson noted staff would ask the author about adding a “dig once” clause to the bill.

Ms. Watson noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC) would be considering three bills that night, including AB 604 (Olsen): electrically motorized skateboards. Committee Member Huitt requested the BPC consider the Pacific Grove recreation trail, as there have been concerns about motorized vehicles using the trail.

The Committee discussed AB 464 (Mullin), which would increase the maximum combined local sales tax rate from 2% to 3%. Ms. Hale noted that this item needs further discussion and more information and we will continue to watch.

Committee Member Huitt asked about the status of the Budget Trailer Bill: highway relinquishment. Mr. Arriaga noted he would investigate and return with more information.

5. **RECEIVED** federal legislative update:

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program initiated its seventh round of funding with \$500 million nation-wide in April. TAMC staff is participating in webinar trainings in anticipation of applying for the Pajaro/ Watsonville multimodal transit station. This is a highly competitive funding program, with only about 5% of the applicants receiving funding.

She noted that on March 9-11, 2015, Chair Potter and staff met with Federal representatives to discuss Agency priorities, including the Rail to Salinas project. The focus was on the potential for including language in the upcoming transportation authorization bill that would make the project eligible for Federal Transit Administration funding, noting that Congressman Farr is supportive.

6. On a motion by Committee member Potter and seconded by Committee member Armenta, the committee voted 5-0 to recommend the hiring of CliffordMoss at the Transportation Improvement Measure Public Outreach Plan consultant, subject to CliffordMoss identifying the local sub-contract consultant as the local project manager, and to include more information about them. Chair Craig recused her from this discussion.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator/Associate Transportation Planner, reported that on April 22, 2015, the Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a staff report requesting the approval of a contract to hire the consulting firm of CliffordMoss as the Transportation Improvement Measure Public Outreach Plan consultant.

In the interest of full disclosure, the committee was alerted that Kimbley Craig, as an independent contractor has worked with Moxxy Marketing in the past and will work with them in the future. She has never been an employee of theirs and has not participated in anyway with the negotiation of this contract. Therefore, she has no interest. However, in an abundance of caution, the Agency is acting as if she has remote interest. Chair Craig recused herself from the discussion.

The Committee did not call for a vote to approve the hiring of Moxxy Marketing, citing they needed more information about the firm. Staff was directed to provide that information at the next Board meeting.

Committee members Armenta and Huitt expressed concerns about the timeline. Armenta commented that he thinks the timeline should be moved up, noting we need to research all possibilities for getting additional funding for public outreach. He said staff could not do it alone and suggested the Agency seek foundation funding to hire three individuals dedicated to doing public outreach in Salinas, South County and the Monterey Peninsula.

Public comment:

Sam Teel expressed concern that there needs to be clarification that the Highway 156 project is not part of the sales tax.

7. On a motion by Committee Member Armenta and seconded by Committee Member Parker, the committee voted 6– 0, to recommend that the Board approve Resolution 2015-09 adopting the fiscal year 15/16 budget and overall work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 16/17 and 17/18.

Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the fiscal year 15/16 budget and estimated budgets for fiscal years 16/17 and 17/18. She reported that the resolution approves the final budget and overall work program for fiscal year 15/16, including federal, state and local grant authorizations and certifications, and out year budgets for fiscal years 16/17 and 17/18. At its February adoption of the draft budget, the Board did not have any suggested changes for the final budget. This version makes changes to reflect the latest information on revenues and expenditures. Director Goel reported The Agency budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. Operating expenditures include staff salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment purchases. Direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific overall work program tasks such as rail program, highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian program etc.

Deputy Director Muck highlighted changes on the Overall Work Program. He noted that the final overall work program contains minor changes made in response to comments by Caltrans, as well as the Agency Board at its February 2015 meeting. These edits effectively have very little change to the 2015/16 work program the Executive Committee and Board reviewed in February.

The next step is the final adoption at the Board meeting on May 27, 2015.

8. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of May 27, 2015:

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda items proposed for May 27, 2015. She reported the Board would be asked to recommend the hiring of CliffordMoss as the Transportation Improvement Measure Public Outreach Plan consultant; with the identified local sub-contract consultant as lead project manager, to be hired by CliffordMoss, subject to Agency's approval. The Board will be asked to approve Resolution 2015-09 adopting the fiscal year 15/16 budget and overall work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 16/17 and 17/18 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.



Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant