

TAMC STAFF	MAY 13	JUN 13	AUG 13	SEP 13	OCT 13	DEC 13	JAN 14	FEB 14	MAR 14	APR 14	MAY 14
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Cook, Senior Transportation Planner	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	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E
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	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	P	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Senior Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Vasquez	Access Monterey Peninsula	Sam Teel	Monterey Co Hospitality
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee
Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Tim O'Halloran	City of Seaside
Denise Kenck	Prunedale resident	Jeff Irwin	Prunedale resident
Tom Kenck	Prunedale resident	Barbara Joachin	Prunedale resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Vice Chair Craig called the meeting to order and Board member Huitt led the pledge of allegiance.

Board member Potter arrived at 9:17 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Irwin, Prunedale resident, expressed his appreciation for the Prunedale Improvement Project, noting it is a lot safer. He also expressed concern regarding the proposed Highway 156 toll road project, noting the toll road doesn't seem to be the right answer.

Barbara Joachin, Prunedale resident, commented that the people in north county and Moss Landing have had a long history of not being heard. She said there is a growing conflict regarding the visibility of the toll road; the timeline, who will benefit, cost, and communication not a clear process. In conclusion, Ms. Joachin said a focus on process and clarity could eliminate a lot of conflict.

Denise Kenck, Prunedale resident, expressed concern that the Public Private Partnership might increase risk for tax payers.

Tom Kenck, Prunedale resident, expressed that the people really need to vote on a Highway 156 toll road. He said that locals in the community overwhelmingly do not want a toll road; this is a big problem and will drain the life of all thirty businesses in Prunedale. In conclusion, Mr. Kenck noted that diverting traffic onto Blackie Road and Castroville Boulevard is extremely dangerous.

Sam Teel, MCHA, commented that citizen advisory group meetings are held and they help to explain the process, the timeline and funding. He also said that staff takes notes and submits the questions answered on the environmental impact report, noting no questions are ignored.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Orozco/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Board alternate Gowin pulled item 3.5.1 for clarification.

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 April 23, 2014.

3.1.2 Accepted the list of checks written for April 2014 and credit card statements for the month of March 2014.

3.1.3 Received report on conferences attended by agency staff.
No reports this month.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit Intercity Bus Grant Application:

1. Adopted Resolution 2014-05 authorizing federal funding to Monterey-Salinas Transit under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program with the California Department of Transportation; and
2. Ratified Agency signature of required regional agency certifications and assurances.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Received report on comments submitted on the Draft 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Regarding Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Agreement with the California Highway Patrol:
1. Approved the use of \$1,850 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for call box program administration by the California Highway Patrol over the two-year contract period; and
 2. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subs

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Rail Extension Right of Way Acquisition Just Compensation:
1. Authorized the Executive Director to establish just compensation and approve appraisals for the acquisition of parcels for the Rail Extension to Salinas Kick Start Project; and
 2. 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 Rail Extension to Salinas Kick Start Project.

Board alternate Gowin questioned the list of properties owned by the Salinas Redevelopment Agency. Ms. Watson responded that the properties in question were transferred to the City of Salinas.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Authorized the Executive Director to sign an agreement with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority that reimburses the Agency for regional fees advanced to the Highway 68 Operational Improvements project in the amount of \$312,205.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft May 7, 2014
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft May 7, 2014
 - Rail Policy Committee – No meeting this month
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft May 1, 2014

END OF CONSENT

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Board recognized Andy Cook, Senior Transportation Planner, as the Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2014. The Agency employees recognized Andy for his ten years of professionalism, diligence, knowledge and most notably for his work on the Regional Transportation Plan, 2013 Annual Report and working on Bike Week activities. Andy has accepted a job with Caltrans Division of Rail, in Sacramento; he will be remembered as being a great guy, co-worker and employee, and he will be missed.

5. STATE FUNDING SHORTFALL AND VIDEO ON OREGON PILOT PROGRAM

M/S/C Potter/Burnett/unanimous

The Board received a presentation on state funding shortfall and viewed a video on a Oregon pilot program on mileage-based user fee program.

Executive Director Hale reported on the possibility of replacing the existing gas tax with vehicle miles traveled tax, or VMT. She noted that the country and state both have tremendous funding shortfalls for transportation, because revenues are running short. She noted we need to get local funding and cannot wait on the feds. The gas tax started in 1923, and the last increase was in 1994.

While the cost of building and maintaining our roads and highways has steadily increased over the years, the main funding source for maintaining roadways, the gas tax, has remained locked at 18 cents a gallon since 1994. More efficient vehicles drive further per gallon of gas consumed. Facing serious funding shortages for needed highway maintenance and improvements, many states are exploring ways to phase out the gas tax and replace it with a more accurate and reliable revenue source like the VMT. Oregon is currently operating a pilot VMT program and while such a program is not currently planned for California.

Board member Huitt asked if Caltrans has started to get information on the pilot program. Director Hale noted that the pilot program is just a proposal and is being researched at the highest level at Caltrans.

Board member Potter commented that we should advocate for rail, noting rail takes cars off our roads.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, expressed concern putting too many taxes on the people is causing their paychecks to be eroded, noting she is in support for working people.

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M/S/C Potter/Sollecito/unanimous

The Board received an update on the state legislative update and approved new positions on legislation support AB 2728 (Perea) support SB 1418 (DeSaulnier), and support SJR 24 (DeSalnier).

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported on legislative proposals for reverting truck weight fees to the highway account, a resolution to support a long-term plan for the federal highway trust fund, and Proposition 42 on the June 3, 2014 ballot. Director Hale presented legislative proposals for cap and trade funding distribution plans.

Board member Burnett noted the importance of ensuring projects funded through cap and trade funds are cost-effective and realize maximum greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Board member Potter noted that rail service is proven to remove cars from the roads, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and are a cost-effective use of these funds, and that he is participating in meetings in Sacramento making this argument.

Board alternate Markey agreed that it is important to commit to an efficient use of the funds to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Board member Armenta requested further information about the proposals at a future meeting.

7. THREE YEAR BUDGET (FY 14/15 – FY 116/17)

M/S/C Rubio/Delgado/unanimous

Approved Resolution 2014-04 adopting the fiscal year 14/15 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 15/16 and 16/17 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, presented the fiscal year 14/15 budget and work program and estimated budgets for fiscal years 15/16 and 16/17. He highlighted the minor changes made to reflect the latest information on revenues and expenditures. Director Muck reported that the budget separates expenditures into two types: operating and direct program. He noted that operating expenditures include staff salaries, staff benefits, materials, supplies and equipment. The direct program expenditures include outside consultants, contracts, expenditures that apply to specific work program tasks.

Board member Burnett asked what the three percent cost of living increase was based on. Executive Director Hale noted the three percent cost of living increase is less than half of the inflationary increase comparative to the Monterey bay area analysis of the CPI since the last increase in July 2008.

8. ROUNABOUT STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

M/S/C Salinas/Delgado

Noes: Gowin

Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the Regional Roundabout Study, not to exceed \$300,000, or \$500,000 if additional grant funds are secured; and authorized staff to request \$200,000 in AB2766 grant funds from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Mike Zeller, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the Transportation Agency Board included in its Regional Surface Transportation Program Guidelines a new program for jurisdictions to apply for assistance to complete roundabout studies. The three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17 is \$14.1 million. A total of \$300,000 is available for roundabout studies. Staff is also seeking to secure \$200,000 in AB2766 grant funds from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Richard Stedman, MBUAPCD Control Officer, reported that he supports the study, but that it is inconsistent with current AB2766 grant funds, noting that the previous grant funding had no restrictions.

Board alternate Gowin expressed concern and requested information on the response time for emergency vehicles where roundabouts are in place. Board member Sollecito responded that roundabouts are safer, and that the Fire Department has to sign off on any of these road project improvements, noting the main priority is public safety.

Public comment:

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, commented that near the intersection of Castroville Boulevard and San Miguel Canyon Road might get a traffic light, and with the terrain a roundabout would be a real challenge. She noted the fly over on San Miguel Canyon Road is used as a short cut to Watsonville and is heavily impacted at certain hours of the day, so any safety improvements would be really appreciated.

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, thanked TAMC staff for the 21st Century traffic technology, noting it is better for all of us in Monterey County.

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

Board member Potter reported that he and Todd Muck had attended a Hi Rail Tour from Watsonville to Davenport, noting it was a very impressive line.

10. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans – Aileen Loe, Director, announced the California Transportation Commission honored TAMC and Caltrans for the Salinas Road interchange project, naming it the project of the year. She also noted that the Pitkin’s Curve project was named the Structure of the year. Ms. Loe announced that May is Bike month; Caltrans will be having a Bike to Work day on May 29, 2013, at the Caltrans office in San Luis Obispo. She reported that Caltrans released the endorsement for National Association of City Transportation Officials’ (NACTO) guidelines that support innovations such as buffered bike lanes and improved pedestrian walkways. In conclusion, Ms. Loe invited the Board to attend a California Freight Mobility Plan Workshop on June 23, 2014, from 4-7 p.m., at the Marina Library and invited the Board to attend.

Monterey Regional Airport District – No report this month.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, reported that MST is having extreme cash flow pressures. Last month, MST finally received a \$7 million federal grant payment to reimburse for funds already spent by MST throughout the fiscal year, which is nearly at an end. At the state level, Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation let small urban transit agencies know that federal capital dollars will be held up indefinitely. He reported that the senior taxi voucher program runs out of federal grant funds next month and that the military partnership program is also coming to the end of a five-year contract. Funding for the Presidio transportation program is \$800,000 upside down and MST is unable to continue the program in its current form unless the military provides additional revenues to fully fund these transit services. On the positive side, he noted that MST recently launched San Jose Airport Express service, connecting Fort Hunter Liggett and San Jose Airport , a service that is funded through the federal 5311f grant program. He thanked TAMC and the California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., for coordinating a meeting in San Lucas regarding extension of transit service to rural Monterey County communities south of King City.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District – Richard Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer, announced May is “Clean Air Month” and noted Breathe California Central Coast's 4th annual Clean Air Awards focused on positive initiatives that are being taken to reduce global warming and air pollution.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that she met with Department Secretary of Transportation Chad Edison, noting he understands our rail extension to Salinas project and he encouraged us to apply for a TIGER Grant. She announced that today was the “Bike to TAMC Board Day”. Director Hale also reminded the Board that there is no Board meeting in July.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Board member Sollecito announced he went to Sacramento last Thursday to receive an award from the Construction Management Association of America for the City of Monterey's Pacific and Del Monte intersection construction project.

Board alternate Gowin asked if it was appropriate to name the Highway 1, Salinas Road interchange project after Board member Lou Calcagno.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.