

TAMC STAFF	MAR 13	APR 13	MAY 13	JUN 13	AUG 13	SEP 13	OCT 13	DEC 13	JAN 14	FEB 14	MAR 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	P	P	E	P	P	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	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Senior Admin. Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	E
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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	MCHA
Mario Romo	Access Monterey Peninsula	Kenia Acevedo	California Rural Legal Assistance
Paul Greenway	MCPWD	Jeanette Pantoja	California Rural Legal Assistance
Dell Matt	101 Bypass Committee		

- CALL TO ORDER**
Staff confirmed that a quorum was present and Chair Parker called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Board Chair Parker welcomed board alternates Lucius, Martinez and O’Connell.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

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- CONSENT AGENDA**
M/S/C Salinas/Sollecito/unanimous
The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the corrections noted by Executive Director Hale.

Executive Director Debbie Hale pulled item 3.1.1 and 3.3.1 for correction as noted below.

Board alternate Beach arrived after the consent agenda was approved.

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 February 26, 2014.

*Executive Director Hale reported that the item had been updated to include:
Board member Armenta made a substitute motion to approve the 2014 Regional Surface Transportation Program guidelines and policies, deprogramming of competitive funds to take effect in six months, include a one-time 50/50 compromise on the distribution of fair share versus competitive funding, and Monterey-Salinas Transit's request for a 10% set aside for mini buses.*

*Ayes: F. Armenta, J. Burnett, A. Chavez, K. Craig, B. Delgado, J. Edelen, R. Huitt,
R. Hurley, K. Markey, S. Matarazzo, M. Orozco, D. Potter, R. Rubio,
S. Salinas, and F. Sollecito*

Noes: Alternate Gowin

Mr. Gowin supported the County's request for a 80/20% split.

- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for February 2014 and credit card statements for the month of January 2014.
- 3.1.3** Received report conferences or trainings attended by agency staff. (No reports this month)
- 3.1.4** Accepted the State of California Transportation Development Act Compliance and Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.
- 3.1.5** Approved public release of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County 2013 Annual Report.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** No items this month.

PLANNING

- 3.3.1** Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for state legislative assistance, not to exceed \$30,000 per year as noted in the fiscal year 2014/15 Agency budget, for two years, pending approval by Agency Counsel.

Executive Director Hale reported a correction to the report: The Agency has employed the services of a state legislative analyst/advocate since 1999 to assist with requesting state funds for transportation projects in Monterey County and seeking other state actions. Staff requests authorization to release a Request for Qualifications for state legislative assistance starting in 2014/15 for two years and the option for a one-year renewal, for a total contract cost of \$60,000-\$90,000.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the Regional Surface Transportation Program Master Agreement and Exhibit A's for each jurisdiction to incorporate expiration dates for previously programmed Regional Surface Transportation funds.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with HDR Engineering for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Design Phase.
- 3.5.2** Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for right-of-way acquisition legal services, not to exceed \$175,450 as noted in the fiscal year 2014/15 Agency budget.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 3.7.1** Accepted minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – Draft March 5, 2014
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – Draft March 5, 2014
 - Rail Policy Committee – Draft March 3, 2014
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Draft March 6, 2014

END OF CONSENT

4. VIDEO PRESENTATION: THE TRANSPORTATION FISCAL CLIFF

The Board received a report about the Transportation Fiscal Cliff and viewed a short video explaining how local agencies are increasingly finding it more difficult to fund key projects. In California, 81% of roadways are operated by cities and counties, however, state funding for local roadways is increasingly diverted to other priorities. Without increases to local roadway funds, California's roads and bridges are not likely get the attention they need. Increased awareness about the impending transportation fiscal cliff is needed to avoid taking the unwelcome plunge. The video shown was titled: The Transportation Fiscal Cliff: Introduction (<http://rebuildca.org/videos/californias-looming-transportation-fiscal-cliff/>)

5. DRAFT 2014 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

M/S/C Sollecito/Craig/unanimous

The Board held a public hearing on the Draft 2014 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and provided comments on the plan.

Andy Cook, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency must adopt a Regional Transportation Plan by June 2014 to meet state planning requirements. He noted that this is a long range plan that identifies projects to be funded over a twenty year timeframe with revenues forecasted to be available over that planning horizon. The 2014 plan is consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy developed by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments pursuant to Senate Bill 375. Mr. Cook reported that the Agency prepares the plan every four years, which provides a basis for actions to allocate state and federal funding to transportation projects. The Agency coordinates with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to prepare the plan. AMBAG prepares a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the three-county Monterey Bay Area in its role as the federal Metropolitan Planning Organization for this region, and is also required to prepare the Sustainable Communities Strategy. AMBAG also serves as lead agency for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that includes the Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan. That environmental document has been prepared through a coordinated process with the transportation agencies in the three county Monterey Bay Area to evaluate the program-level environmental impacts of the transportation plans for each county.

Mr. Cook reported that the Draft Regional Transportation Plan was released on March 7 for a public review period ending April 8. Any public testimony or written comments received by the Agency and AMBAG on the draft plan for Monterey County will be addressed in the final document, which staff expects to present to the Board for adoption on June 25, 2014. AMBAG adoption of the final Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Draft EIR is scheduled on June 11, 2014.

Chair Parker opened the Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m.

Kenia Acevedo, California Rural Legal Assistance, thanked staff for attending the Healthy Communities workshop. She noted that the venue at which today's public hearing was held was not accessible by transit and should be reconsidered in the future. She also expressed concerns that the 30-day comment period was too short.

Chair Parker closed the Public Hearing.

Board comments:

Board alternate Beach commented that the presumption should be all of the projects will be multimodal, including highway projects. She noted it is cheaper to incorporate other modes when designing and building large projects rather than building separate projects afterwards.

Mr. Sabo applauded Mr. Cook and staff for a very good presentation. He noted that he is a strong supporter of the Monterey Airport, and encouraged staff to provide information on the value of and ground access to the county airports.

Chair Parker asked if the amount of revenue assumptions include a future sales tax and tolling revenues. Mr. Cook clarified that these revenues are presumed in the plan. The Chair also asked for more information about greenhouse gas emissions for projects in Monterey County and the types of projects that reduce emissions. Heather Adamson, Principal Planner with AMBAG, reported that emissions are calculated on a regional basis and that the analysis is not done on a project by project basis but rather on a systemwide basis. Chair Parker requested a list of the types of projects that have the most greenhouse gas reductions.

Executive Director Hale thanked CRLA for sponsoring the Healthy Communities workshop and noted that staff would take a look at the venue issue. She also noted that staff would take into account the comments made by Board members Beach, Sabo and Chair Parker.

6. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C Beach/Potter/unanimous

The Board authorized staff to write a support letter to be considered for approval by the Rail Policy Committee at its meeting on April 7, 2014, for the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) request to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct project development activities for a proposed express busway as a part of its Bus Rapid Transit program that may utilize the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way.

Hunter Harvath, MST's General Manager, asked the Board for a letter of support for the Monterey-Salinas Transit request to the Federal Transit Administration to conduct project development activities for a proposed express busway as a part of its Bus Rapid Transit program on the Monterey Peninsula. He noted that the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way is owned by TAMC, the City of Seaside and Monterey. He also noted that MST has been looking at how to improve regional bus service for over a

decade. Mr. Harvath reported that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) administers the Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant program, which provides capital funds for major transit investment projects. The “Very Small Starts” projects are simple, low-risk projects that qualify for a highly simplified project evaluation and rating process by FTA. He noted that FTA has requested this letter by the end of April.

Board member Potter requested that the Board direct the Rail Policy Committee to consider the proposal and take into account considerations such as utilities and other needs for the corridor.

Board member Calcagno noted the importance of retaining the corridor for the ultimate plan of rail service, in particular in light of plans for passenger service in Santa Cruz, and the long-term potential for linking Monterey to Santa Cruz by rail.

Public comment:

Sam Teel, MCHA, commented that this service would provide relief for hospitality workers and that the Monterey County Hospitality Association is very supportive of MST’s request.

7. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

The Board received an update on federal legislative activities.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the highway trust fund is due to run out of money by July 2014. She noted that this is a critical issue that was discussed at the TAMC meetings in Washington, D.C. The federal transportation authorization bill expires on September 30, 2014. Carl Sedoryk, General Manager reported MST relies on the gas tax funding for their daily operations.

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

Board member Craig reported that she, Board member Potter and staff Christina Watson travelled to Washington D.C. to speak to elected representatives and agency staff about the Rail Extension to Salinas project. She noted that they attended eleven meetings over the three-day trip, received advice, and made some progress on what needs to be done to qualify for Small Starts funding. Board member Potter also reported on the trip, noting that he has been advocating for rail service and investment over the past many years and is enthused about the attention this agency is now receiving.

Mr. Potter reported that in April, he and TAMC staff had multiple legislative meetings in Sacramento and testified before the new Senate Select Committee on Passenger Rail. He added that there is an effort to create a Select Assembly Committee on Passenger Rail, as well. In conclusion, he added that TAMC is recognized as a very strong and articulate voice for rail service in the State of California.

Chair Parker reported that she had attended a very informative CalCOG meeting last week. She noted that it was an informal session bringing her up to speed on the Cap & Trade program. Executive Director Hale reported that Cap & Trade funding is the only new source of revenue now at the state level and there is a strong focus on allocating a fair share to transportation via regional agencies. The CalCOG is an association of agencies similar to TAMC and AMBAG share transportation issues in common. At the meeting, the Central Coast Coalition representatives also had a chance to network with the Deputy Secretary of the new California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Brian Annis and the CTC Executive Director Andre Boutros.

9. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans – Aileen Loe announced that Caltrans has a new mission and vision statement “Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California’s economy and livability” the new vision is “a performance driven transparent and accountable organization that values its people resources and partners and meets new challenges through leadership innovation and team work”.

She encouraged TAMC members to read the new Caltrans Mile Marker progress report. In it, Caltrans is reporting on 15 performance goals in which progress is trending in the right direction. She noted that the report intended to be a periodic publication available on a quarterly basis. Ms. Loe announced the Governor’s active transportation program, which has the intent of increasing the proportion of trips by walking and bicycling has issued a call for projects. Caltrans will be hosting a workshop on April 21st from 1 – 4 p.m. for all local and regional agencies. Applications are due May 21, 2014.

Board member Rubio expressed concern that the northbound on-ramp of Highway 1 on the north end of Fremont Street has a very rough pavement condition. Ms. Loe reported that she would follow up with Mr. Rubio on the issue.

Dell Matt, 101 Bypass Committee, asked when the Highway 156 modified interchange would be available for review and how the public can be notified when it is ready for review. She also expressed concern that the pavement is extremely rough at the construction site on Crazy Horse, Echo Valley and Red Barn.

Jeanette Pantoja, CRLA, asked what was Caltrans old mission statement or vision, and how it impacts Caltrans work. Ms. Loe replied, the old mission of Caltrans was “Caltrans improves mobility across California”. She noted that Caltrans was recently evaluated by an external group called State Smarts Transportation Initiative, and one of their observations was Caltrans had not modernized themselves to keep up with trends and changes in the environment around us. They also thought that Caltrans mission statement should reference sustainable, integration and efficiency and that improving mobility wasn’t enough. She also noted that mobility is one of Caltrans goals, but it didn’t capture the full range of expectations that people have of California’s Transportation system. Ms. Loe noted that she will check with construction staff on the pavement issues on the construction sites on Highway 101, and whether there are other interim remedies before final paving. She commented that the Highway 156 project team is still considering the possibility of tolling, and there would be a supplemental Environmental document that will be prepared. Director Hale noted that we are still coordinating with Caltrans on the timing of the Supplemental EIR.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the Airport passenger count remains the same as last year. He announced there will be seasonal changes on the frequency of some of their flights from Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco. He announced that the Airport awarded their safety contract to a regional firm, \$54 million worth of construction, keeping employment local. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo reported that the San Francisco Airport is under-going major runway construction and closing one of their arrival runways, which will cause delays and should last 4 to 5 months.

Monterey-Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, thanked the Board for authorizing a letter of support to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct project development activities for a proposed express busway as a part of its Bus Rapid Transit program on the Monterey Peninsula. He also thanked the Agency Board for approving \$1.4 million in Regional

Surface Transportation Planning funds for the purchase of 15 new mini buses. Mr. Sedoryk announced that on April 26th, MST will begin major service changes, including MST's new Line 81 Fort Hunter Liggett to San Jose Airport Express, with daily service stopping at Soledad Mission Shopping Center, Salinas Transit Center, San Jose International Airport and Diridon Station. He also announced MST will also provide a direct one-seat ride trip from the south county cities to the Natividad Medical Center. The Jazz service along Fremont and Lighthouse Boulevard will increase service every 15 minutes during off-peak hours Mondays through Saturdays and MST's Line 55 Monterey to San Jose service will be extended on the weekends to include the Presidio.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Agency received approval for its Regional Transportation Improvement Program proposals for \$18.856 million in state-only funding for rail to Salinas project and \$14.3 million for other projects such as MST's new buses and the Castroville overcrossing bike/pedestrian project. She thanked TAMC staff members Christina Watson and Mike Zeller for their hard work on this. She also thanked the City of Salinas and Deputy Executive Director Muck for their effort to secure \$1.7 million in Trade Corridor bond funds for the City of Salinas' Sanborn Road improvement project. She noted that \$1.7 million for the project still has to be approved by CTC. Ms. Hale announced TAMC agenda is available electronically in order to reduce paper use and that Board members seeking paper copies will need to notify staff. In conclusion, Director Hale announced she will be scheduling check-in meetings with the Board members over the next few months.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MEMBERS

Amy Clymo announced Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District is hosting a AB2766 Grant Application public workshop on April 23, 2014, 10 – 12 p.m., at 24580 Silver Cloud Court.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Parker thanked 1st Vice Chair Craig for chairing last month's meeting and adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.