

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Final Minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26
Ken Wysocki, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Shari Carlet, Robert Culver)	P	N	P	P	A	A	P	P(A)	P	P(VC)	P
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	O	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	E	E
Octavio Hurtado, Gonzales (vacant)	P	M	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield, (Doug Pike)	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	E
Jeff Vanden Eikof, King City (Geoff English Esmeralda Alvarez)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	A	-	A	P(VC)
Ismael Hernandez, Marina (Scott Shepard, Lizandro Salazar)	A	T	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(VC)
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	I	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	A	N	A	P	P	E	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
David Jacobs, Salinas Chair (Adrian Robles)	P	G	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P
Thomas Korman, Seaside Vice Chair (Leslie Lantero , Paul Ensley)	A		P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Juan Huerta)	A		A	P(A)	P	P	A	P(A)	P	A	P(A)
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	A		P(A)	P	A	P	A	P(A)	P	P	A
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling , Heather Adamson)	P		P	P	P	P	P(AV)	P	P	P	P(VC)
Tyler LeSage, Caltrans (Kelly McClendon, Jill Leal)	P(VC)		P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(VC)	P
Kyle Jordan CSUMB	A		A	A	A	-	A	A	A	A	A
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	A		A	A	A	-	A	A	A	A	A
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	P		P(A)	P(A)	P(VC)	P	P(AV)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)

P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video conference

STAFF	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner		N						P	P	A	A
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	O	-	-	A	P	P(VC)	A	A	P(VC)	P(VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
A.Cook, Asso. Transportation Planner										*P(VC)	A
A. Guther, Asso. Transportation Planner	E	E	A	E	P(VC)	A	E	A	P(VC)	A	P
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	P(VC)	E	A	E	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.	E	T	A	P(VC)	A	A	E	A	A	A	P
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner										*P(VC)	A
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	I	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	N	P	P	A	P	P	A	P(VC)	A	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board		G					P	A	A	A	A
M. Sheehan, Accounting Assistance	A		A	A	A	P	E	A	A	A	A
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P		A	E	P	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P(VC)		A	E	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P(VC)		A	E	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coord.	E		A	E	A	A	E	A	A	A	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P(VC)		A	P(VC)	P	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

Azadeh Heydari, GHD

Barry Jones, Public

Dwight Stump, Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Jacobs, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Garcia / Hurtado / unanimous

3.1 Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for April 2, 2026, and correct the previous year on the attendance log.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. USE A MODERN TRAFFIC DATA AND PREDICTIVE MODELING FOR STATE ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR AND HILLTOP PROJECTS

The Committee received a presentation on the use of advanced traffic data sources, analytical tools, and predictive modeling techniques to support the State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project and the Hilltop Cut-Through Traffic Project.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that Caltrans has recently installed an adaptive signal system on State Route 68. This system uses real-time traffic inputs to automatically adjust signal timing. He noted that data collected from this system will be used to calibrate traffic models, evaluate corridor performance, and test improvement scenarios.

Mr. Bilse noted that the Hilltop project will use similar analytical methods to understand diversion routes, neighborhood impacts, and the effectiveness of potential mitigation strategies. He noted that by integrating these data sources with forecasting and scenario-testing models, the Agency can more accurately evaluate project alternatives, support grant applications with detailed performance measures, and improve long-term planning and monitoring efforts for both corridors.

Public comment

Berry Jones, member of public emphasized the need to focus on the main project objective to alleviate traffic.

Dwight Sump, member of public, noted that traffic queues were reduced by adaptive operations based on camera feeds of traffic flow near Portola interchange to San Benancio intersection. He suggested using real time simulation.

5. DESIGNING FOR TRANSIT GUIDELINES

The Committee received a report and provided input on the Monterey-Salinas Transit District's (MST) Designing for Transit guidelines.

Vince Dang, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) reported that Transit District's Designing for Transit Guidelines provide an important framework for ensuring that complete streets projects support, and not inadvertently hinder, existing and future transit service. He noted that by incorporating these guidelines early in the planning and design process and maintaining close coordination with MST staff, agencies and project sponsors can avoid costly redesigns, preserve transit operations, and enhance safety and accessibility for all roadway users.

6. SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROAD SAFETY AUDIT AND SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee provided feedback on the proposed Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant application for a Road Safety Audit and Speed Management Plan on the High-Injury Network and indicates preliminary agency support for participation and coordination.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the Agency is considering submitting a grant for Safe Streets for All funds that could include aspects of a road safety audit and speed management plan. He noted that among other deliverables are an inventory of traffic signal preemption devices, signing and striping plans, speed limit studies and traffic signal timing plans for clearance intervals. Mr. Bilse noted that all this work will be on the established high-injury network developed as part of the comprehensive safety action plans for each jurisdiction in Monterey County.

Seval TAC members noted that an inventory of the existing traffic signal preemption system used by local emergency responders is of little value since few agencies maintain emitters on emergency response vehicles or receptors on traffic signal equipment. Mr. Bilse suggested the grant could include an evaluation of a new system that could better utilize new technology.

7. NORTH MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW AND RESULTS

The Committee received a presentation on the draft North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Agency, reported that the North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment is a document that identifies and assesses hazards related to climate that impact the north Monterey County area Moss Landing, Elkhorn, Pajaro, Castroville and the unincorporated region of Monterey County coastal area. She noted that the document then uses the data, in conjunction with public engagement, to prioritize vulnerable road areas for future improvements. Ms. Guther noted that vulnerability assessment draws on existing studies done in the county and at the state level with the Caltrans District 5 Climate Change Adaptation Priorities Report to understand how these impacts will affect transportation throughout the county and region including local roads and streets, railroad lines and crossings, active transportation infrastructure, and transit infrastructure.

8 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janneke Strause, Principal Planner, announced that the Master agreements are due June 1st and the 2026 Competitive Grants Program – Call for Projects are due June 5th. Please reach out to Janneke Strause to discuss the application and answer any questions.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, announced the Vision Zero for individual agencies should be delivered soon and suggested agencies try to adopt the plans in June so that Mr. Bilse can be available answer questions.

9. **ADJOURN**

Chair Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.