

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Held At  
Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

### FINAL Minutes of Thursday, May 3, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	JUN 17	AUG 17	SEP 17	OCT 17	NOV 17	JAN 18	FEB 18	MAR 18	APR 18	MAY 18
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	C	P	P	P	C	P		P(A)	P	P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks	A	P	P		A	P			P	
P. Dobbins Gonzales <b>Chair</b> (R. Mendez, J. Lipe)	N	P		P	N	P	P	P		P
M. Steinmann, Greenfield	C				C		P			
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P		P
B. McMinn, Marina, <b>Vice Chair</b> (E. Delos Santos)	L	P	P	P	L	P	P	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri)	L	P	P	P	L	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)	P
J. Serrano, Salinas (V. Gutierrez)	D	P	P	P	D		P	P	P(A)	P
T. Bodem, Sand City		P	P				P			P
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)		P	P(A)			P	P	P	P(A)	P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (M. McHatten)						P				P(A)
E. Saavedra, MCPW		P	P	P			P	P		P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development										
H. Adamson, AMBAG (S. Vienna)			P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
O. Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)		P(A)	P(A)				P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
A. Spear, CSUMB (M. McCluney)		P		P(A)			P(A)		P(A)	P(A)
A. Romero, MBUAPCD										
J. Brinkmann, FORA (P. Said)										P
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)		P(A)	P	P		P	P	P	P	P

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>JUN 17</b>	<b>AUG 17</b>	<b>SEP 17</b>	<b>OCT 17</b>	<b>NOV 17</b>	<b>JAN 18</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>MAR 18</b>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>
D. Hale, Exec. Director									P	
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director		P	P	P		P			P	P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer		P		P		P	P	P	P	
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner						P				
V. Murillo, Transportation Planner			P					P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator		P	P	P					P	P
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner		P				P				
Rich Deal, Principal Engineer							P	P	P	P
Ariana Green, Assoc. Transportation Planner									P	P
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner										P

## 1. ROLL CALL

Chair Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

### 1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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## 3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

M/S/C McMinn / Roveri / unanimous

**3.1 APPROVE** the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of April 5, 2018.

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## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

## 4. UPDATED METRICS FOR MEASURING TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS

The Committee received a presentation from Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, on the new requirement to use Vehicle Miles Traveled, rather than Levels of Service, as the primary metric for measuring transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Mr. Muck presented that Senate Bill (SB) 743 eliminated vehicular delay and Level of Service (LOS) as the metrics for measuring the transportation impacts of new development

under the California Environmental Quality Act. The legislation tasked the Governor's Office of Planning and Research with developing a metric that promotes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses.

The Office of Planning and Research identified Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita, VMT per employee, and net VMT as new metrics for transportation analyses. In November 2017 updated CEQA Guidelines were released. The Natural Resources Agency is expected to adopt these metrics as CEQA regulatory changes in 2018 and that statewide implementation will occur on January 1, 2020.

The current version of OPR's technical advisory on evaluating transportation impact in CEQA is available on the Office of Population Research's website: [http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/20180416-743\\_Technical\\_Advisory\\_4.16.18.pdf](http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/20180416-743_Technical_Advisory_4.16.18.pdf)

At the close of the presentation, Mr. Muck noted that our County may want to adopt a regional level of significance that's consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy, which could help to streamline the process.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, noted that he would still like to use level of service for the City's projects. Mr. Muck noted that a city can still use LOS, but VMT will be used for CEQA.

Brent Slama, City of Soledad, asked if this will change impact fees for mitigation? Staff responded that there is not enough information at this point, but we will research.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, stated that transit is not very well forecasted in the AMBAG model, and that moving forward we'll need to incorporate it better in order to include transit projects as mitigations.

## **5. DRAFT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Committee received a presentation from Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner, on the Go 831 Rideshare program.

Ms. Murillo presented that the goal of the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan is to meet State's Plan guidelines, identify high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects, and identify opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and designating areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity.

Since the public outreach phase of this project, TAMC staff met with city and county staff to review the comments received during the public outreach phase and to discuss city priorities. TAMC staff then developed draft ranked project lists for each of the Monterey County jurisdictions based on criteria that mirrors State Active Transportation Program grant scoring criteria. The project criteria also reflects input received from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. The scoring measurement

methodology and data sources as well as a refined scale for how points are distributed among these categories: Safety, Connectivity, Comfort, Active Transportation Trips, Equity, Complete Streets Opportunity projects, and, Quality Facilities.

An interactive map and the draft ranked project list for each of the cities and the County of Monterey are posted on the Active Transportation Plan website:

<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/bike-pedestrian/bike-ped-plan/>

The projects identified as regional priorities are those that scored in the top 25% of all projects countywide. Based on the input and evaluations, Alta Planning + Design will develop conceptual designs for those projects.

The intent of the conceptual designs is to advance these high-priority projects into project development and make them more competitive for ATP grant funding. Following release of the draft Active Transportation Plan, staff will conduct additional outreach to promote the draft Plan and coordinate with stakeholders on the conceptual design development. Public comment will be accepted until May 31, 2018.

## **6. Active Transportation Program Cycle 4**

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, presented that the Final Draft ATP Cycle 4 Guidelines will be brought to the May 16 California Transportation Commission meeting for adoption and the ATP Cycle 4 Call for Projects will occur the same day. The Cycle 4 Guidelines include some notable changes to previous funding cycles including the use of five (5) different applications which will be submitted digitally, a new scoring matrix, adding Caltrans as an eligible applicant, and updated reporting requirements to be consistent with the upcoming SB 1 Accountability Guidelines).

The five applications available for ATP Cycle 4 funding are based on the grant funds requested or project type:

- Large Infrastructure (\$7 Million + total project cost)
- Medium Infrastructure (\$1.5-\$7 Million total project cost)
- Small Infrastructure (up to \$1.5 Million total project cost)
- Non-Infrastructure Projects
- Plans

TAMC staff has been coordinating with local cities and the County to identify projects that will be competitive for the upcoming ATP funding cycle and developing concept designs for high-priority active transportation projects. Applicants are asked to also coordinate with TAMC staff on Safe Routes to School projects to take advantage of potential Measure X funding.

Gustavo Alfaro, Caltrans District 5, noted that if you have a proposed project that touches State right-of-way, reach out to Caltrans early in the project to discuss.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, announced that jurisdictions should let MST know when your road projects start and to include information in your encroachment permits to notify MST so they can make accommodations and route changes if necessary.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, announced that the American Public Works Association will have a BBQ at Corralitos, and that the City held a ribbon cutting for the Alta Street project.

Gustavo Alfaro, Caltrans District 5, announced several grant opportunities:

- 2018 Environmental Enhancement (EEM) grant deadline is June 20;
- Advanced Transportation Technologies grant deadline is June 18;
- Climate Ready Program grant deadline is July 2; and
- 2018 BUILD (formerly TIGER) grant deadline is July 19.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, announced that the City will have a ribbon cutting for their West Broadway project on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.