

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, June 3, 2015

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Chavez, Huitt, alternates Markey for Parker, Martinez for Armenta and Mohammadi for Potter. Staff present: Goel, Hale, Muck, Rodriguez, and Wright. Others present: Agency Counsel Reimann and Sam Teel, MCHA.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
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3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
On a motion by Committee Member Huitt and seconded by Committee Member Chavez, the committee voted 6– 0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 3.1 **APPROVED** minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 6, 2015.
 - 3.2 **RECEIVED** federal legislative update.
 - 3.3 **RECEIVED** state legislative update, and **RECOMMENDED** the Board adopt positions on bills of interest to the Agency.
 - 3.4 **RECOMMENDED** that Board of Directors approve evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director and Counsel.

END OF CONSENT

4. **RECEIVED** an update on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan, and **PROVIDED** input on the Transportation Improvement Measure Outreach Plan and Expenditure Plan.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that staff and a few Board members met with Clifford Moss, the Agency's Transportation Improvement Measure Public Outreach Plan consultant. An ad hoc steering committee of TAMC Board members will be formed to provide input on the development of the expenditure plan and assist with outreach activities. Ms. Wright asked the Executive Committee for input on which projects to consider including in the expenditure plan.

Committee members suggested the following projects/programs:

- Local projects from the cities/county Capital Improvement Programs;
- Sidewalk improvements (it was noted that these would assist non-drivers such as the elderly and young);
- Route 1 capacity improvements, such as the MST busway, or light rail (if affordable);
- Congestion relief project for travel from Pacific Grove/Monterey to Route 1;
- Fort Ord Trail and Greenway;
- Sand City gaps in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail;
- State Route 68 improvements

Staff clarified that at \$450 million the light rail project was probably not affordable, given that a 3/8% measure would raise about \$20 million per year, or \$600 million over 30 years. The executive director noted that the MST busway could be a precursor to future rail service or expanded bus rapid transit service.

There was some discussion about the local project money whether it should be unrestricted or whether projects should be listed. The group agreed that the cities and the County should set the priorities for the local share funding, but they should list some specific projects of their choosing in the measure.

Public comment:

Sam Teel reported that he supports the Transportation Improvement Measure, and noted that a certain amount of funding be for unrestricted local transportation needs. He noted that the Monterey County Hospitality Association (MCHA) would support public transportation investments and suggested reduced commuter fares. He expressed concern that there needs to be clarification that the Highway 156 project is not part of the sales tax, and stated that MCHA would assist in this regard.

5. **RECEIVED** report on effort and expense to produce paper agenda packets, and **PROVIDED** direction on options to reduce Agency expenses.

Chair Craig noted that the cost to produce 70, 200 plus page agendas for each TAMC Board meeting is costly, not only to print and send the agenda, but also in terms of staff time. She encouraged the Board to adopt a “light paper” policy in which TAMC sets a default of electronic agendas and noted that she would like to see a 50 percent reduction in paper agendas. Director Hale reported that staff will set up a program that will include:

- Surveying Board and committee members’
- Possibly having an incentive for board members who use the electronic version,
- Providing an e-Agenda training session to the Board members,
- Providing a list of pros and cons of e-agendas, and
- Setting a goal for the Agency to reduce paper agendas by 50%.

Committee members said that while some of them were already using electronic agendas for other boards and committees, others would find it difficult to give up paper, but everyone agreed to try it out.

6. **RECEIVED** a report on the draft agenda for TAMC Board meeting of June 24, 2015:

Executive Director Hale highlighted the draft TAMC Board agenda items proposed for June 24, 2015. She reported that the Board would be asked to approve release of a Request for Proposal to conduct the Highway 156 Level 2 Traffic and Revenue Study; and Adopt the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan. The Board will also receive an update on the Caltrans audit. On the consent agenda, among other items, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 2014-11 finding that within Monterey County there are no unmet transit needs, including unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, and Resolution 2014-12 allocating Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Craig adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.


Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant