

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

FINAL MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2024, TAMC BOARD MEETING

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901, Cayenne Conference Room

Alternate locations: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2nd Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

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TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24	APR 24	MAY 24	JUN 24
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, County Representative (Linda Gonzales , Javier Gomez)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, (Priscilla Barba) Chair	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, 2 nd Vice Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron) 1 st Vice Chair	P	A	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	P	P	E	AB2	P(V)	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	E	P	E	P	A	P	P	E
Michael LeBarre, King City, Past Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams)	E	P(V)	P	P	P*	P	E	P	AB2	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, City Representative (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	E	P(V)
Andrew Sandoval, Salinas (Anthony Rocha)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	A	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	A	P	P	P*	E	P	E	P	P	P(A)

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Petersen	Salinas resident	Josh Metz	Monterey Bay DART
Lauren Moffet	Public	Matt Beatty	Monterey Bay DART
Bryan Rosen	Public	Matthew McCluney	CSUMB
Dwight Stump	Public	Tyler Lesage	Caltrans District 5
Michael Groves	Public	Barry Jones	Public

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Past Chair LeBarre led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Jones, resident, commented on the SR 68 corridor pilot project.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Lauren Moffet, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the SR 68 corridor pilot project.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C LeBarre/ Carbone/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Item 3.1.1 was pulled by Chair Lopez for a correction to the minutes.

Item 3.3.1 was pulled by Board Member Church for discussion.

Items 3.2.4 and 3.5.2 were pulled for discussion and were voted on separately.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of April 24, 2024.

Board Chair Lopez noted a correction to the April 24, 2024, minutes Item number 4: Request that Caltrans pursue interim operational improvements along the corridor focused on signal coordination ~~may include~~ including a pilot project to implement adaptive signal operations, with the recommendation to include all nine signals in the pilot project.

- 3.1.2** Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of May 22, 2024.

- 3.1.3** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of May 2024 and credit card statements for the months of April 2024.

- 3.1.4** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

- 3.1.5** Approved the revised Procurement Policies and Procedures and Contract Management Manual.

- 3.1.6** Approved revised contract template for use in contracting for professional services.

- 3.1.7** Approved revised Request for Proposals/Qualifications templates.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

- 3.2.1** Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Operations:

1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$1,624,412 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes;
2. Approved the Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$542,201 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 59: Salinas-Gilroy;
3. Adopted Resolution 2024-08 and Resolution 2024-09 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs; and
4. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

3.2.2 Received list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

This item was pulled by the public for comment:

Lauren Moffett commented on MST bus delays for travelers going from Monterey to Carmel Valley.

Bryan Rosen commented on the lack of bus service to Big Sur and noted that the lack of rail service is an unmet transit need.

3.2.3 Approved the appointment of Joe Oliver as the District 5 alternate on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.**3.2.4** Regarding Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement Contract:

M/S/C LeBarre/Adams/Carry

Recused: Askew

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with Ecology Action, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$3,622,091, to provide Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement services for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. Approved the use of Active Transportation Program grant and Measure X funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

Board Member Askew pulled this item and recused herself.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment - Planning Contract

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Pathways Climate Institute, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$357,078, to provide services to complete the North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment, for the period ending in May 2026;
2. Approved the use of Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning grant funds and Rural Planning Assistance funds budgeted for this project in the amount of \$357,078; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approval of future modifications or

amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract amount or term.

Board Member Church pulled this item, recommending strong public outreach to identify risks by taking a creative approach, using social media and getting people engaged through non-traditional methods.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, noted that public outreach would include education, in person opportunities, and online mapping tools showing maps and regions. She explained that TAMC will prioritize getting input from as many community members as possible through inclusive social media and workshops as well as using existing community resources and groups to get feedback and input from the community.

- 3.3.2** Received updates on state and federal legislative issues and Adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

- 3.4.1** Approved the appointment of Tony Garcia to serve as the labor organization alternate representative, Darren Fort to serve as the education representative, and Ralph Porras to serve as the education alternate representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Regarding Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station Environmental Review Contract
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with HDR Engineering, subject to Agency Counsel approval, in an amount not to exceed \$1,999,892, to provide environmental review services, for the period ending May 2026;
 2. Approved the use of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Project funds budgeted for this project; and
 3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.2 Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Monterey Branch Line Corridor Use Agreement for the M/S/C SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project:
LeBarre/Smith/unanimous

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a use agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), to provide for the use of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term.

This item was pulled by the public for comment:

Lauren Moffet, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

Bryan Rosen, resident, commented on the proposed SURF! Project.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of June 5, 2024
- Rail Policy Committee –draft minutes of June 3, 2024
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of June 5, 2024
- Technical Advisory Committee – No meeting
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for June 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. MONTEREY BAY DRONE, AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY (MB DART) INITIATIVE

M/S/C Delgado/Carbone/unanimous

The Transportation Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to submit a federal funding application for the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program on behalf of the Monterey Bay Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology (MB DART) California Coastal Transportation Aerial Support for Resiliency Project initiative.

Josh Metz reported that the Monterey Bay Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology (MB DART) and its regional partners are pursuing Federal Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant funds to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. MBDART asks TAMC to be the lead applicant for this Central Coast focused grant application.

Public comment:

Lauren Moffett expressed concerns about drones.

Bryan Rosen expressed concerns about drones.

5. MEASURE X ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**M/S/C** Askew/Smith/Carry

Recused: Carbone

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors voted to commence the process to amend the Measure X Maintenance of Effort calculation provision:

1. Introduced, waived the reading, and set August 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Measure X Ordinance to revise the Maintenance of Effort calculation;
2. Set a noticed public hearing for August 28, 2024, and
3. Directed staff to publish notice of the public hearing and publicize a 45-day comment period.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reported that the purpose of Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement is to assure that no funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then backfilled with Measure X funds. Since fiscal year 2019/20, Sand City has not been able to meet this requirement and their Measure X disbursements have been withheld. The city is requesting a modification that would allow them to be in compliance.

With the approval to proceed, the public hearing and consideration to adopt an ordinance amendment will be held at the TAMC Board meeting on August 28, 2024.

6. MONTEREY BRANCH LINE APPRAISAL**M/S/C** Oglesby/LeBarre/Carry

Noes: Potter, Delgado

The Board of Directors ratified action by the Executive Committee to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with an appraisal firm to determine the value of the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Executive Director Muck noted that in 2003, the Transportation Agency purchased the Monterey Branch Line from Union Pacific Railroad using Proposition 116 bond funds granted by the State. California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recently informed Agency staff that the ten-year deadline to begin rail service on the line has not been met. Transportation Agency and California Transportation Commission staff are working on potential curative actions that would resolve the issue and allow the Transportation Agency to continue to pursue the long-term goal of bringing rail

back to the Monterey Peninsula and allowing the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project to continue.

Public comment:

Bryan Rosen commented on the proposed appraisal.

Lauren Moffett commented on the proposed appraisal.

Michael Groves commented on the proposed appraisal.

7. TRANSPORTATION AGENCY COMMUNITY GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

The Board of Directors received a report on Transportation Agency memberships in community organizations.

Executive Director Muck reported that at its April meeting the Board debated if there is a need for an official policy on how the Transportation Agency decides membership in local community organizations. Direction was provided to bring back a report on the Agency's current practices.

The Transportation Agency has been a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber for 28 years, and a member of the Salinas Valley Chamber for 23 years. The Agency is one of hundreds of members comprised of a broad spectrum of business, non-profit, educational, special districts, and public agencies, which include the Cities of Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Sand City, and Seaside, the County of Monterey Economic Development Department, and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. Both chambers have Government Affairs Committees.

8. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades, Caltrans Director, announced the following:

- Highway 1 Paul's Slide has opened with full access entering from the south; two slides still under construction preventing through-traffic on Highway 1.
- Please be aware of workers on the roadway during summer travels.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The Air District is continuing towards construction of the new terminal project.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- Summer Discounted Youth Passes are on sale now for \$38, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is once again offering the Summer Youth GoPass, providing young people unlimited rides systemwide through August.
- MST is offering for a limited time, buy one get one free monthly GoPass until June 2025.
- MST Vanpooling Program with Commute with Enterprise is available to residents in Monterey County.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

No reports this month.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Introduced new TAMC interns Madison Springfield and Nathalie Gomez.
- TAMC is hosting the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in Monterey this week.
- Torero Road temporary closure starting July 12.
- No meeting in July, next meeting on August 28, 2024.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member Smith noted for clarification that he has been on the Board since 2014 and was not aware of the City of Monterey taking any vote that was against the Monterey Branch Line coming into Monterey. He asked that this subject be agendaized at a future date.

Board Member Adams thanked Caltrans Director Scott Eades and the workers for Highway 1 repairs.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.