

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
FINAL MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2022, TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	DEC 21*	JAN 22*	JAN 22	FEB 22*	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	AUG 22
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
John Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (Claudia Link)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, 2nd Vice Chair (Priscilla Barba)	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, County Rep (Yuri Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P	A	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, Chair (Sarah Hardgrave, Colleen Courtney)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Jeff Baron)	P	E	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
Alison Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (Pat Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robert White, Greenfield (Andrew Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, 1st Vice Chair (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A
Edwin Smith, Monterey, Past Chair (Dan Albert; Andrea Renny)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, (Bill Peake)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kimbley Craig, Salinas, City Representative (Christie Cromeenes)	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder; Kim Cruz)	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	P(A)	A	P(A)
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alejandro Chavez, Soledad (Anna Velazquez)	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 alternate	Joanna Xiao	Caltrans District 5
Yuri Anderson	Supervisor District 4 alternate	Mike Lew	Caltrans District 5
Colleen Courtney	Supervisor District 5 alternate	Susan Blitch	County Counsel
Miranda Taylor	AMBAG	Grant Leonard	North County resident
Tanja Roos	Blue Zones		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rios/Potter/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved 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 June 22, 2022.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of June and July 2022 and credit card statements for the month of May and June 2022.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Adopted finding, pursuant to AB 361, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; the TAMC Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.
- 3.1.5** Approved evaluation form, procedure, and timeline for completing annual evaluation for Executive Director.
- 3.1.6** Approved closure of Transportation Agency for Monterey County offices on December 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2022.
- 3.1.7** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1 Regarding Local Access Fund Access Provider Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract with the Gateway Center of Monterey County in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to provide Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) services for the period ending June 30, 2023;
2. Approved the use of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Transportation Network Company (TNC) Access for All program funds budgeted to Local Access Fund Administration for payment of the contract to the Gateway Center of Monterey County in the amount of \$60,000; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract including approvals to future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract amount.

3.2.2 Regarding Transportation Development Act Allocation:

1. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for State Transportation Development Act funds; and
2. Adopted Resolution 2022-10 allocating a total of \$24,634,642 in Transportation Development Act funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit, composed of \$19,297,686 in Local Transportation Funds and \$5,336,956 in State Transit Assistance funds for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

3.2.3 Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointments:

1. Approved the appointment of Sloan Campi to serve as California State University Monterey Bay's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee; and
2. Approved the appointment of Marzette Henderson to serve as Monterey-Salinas Transit's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee; and
3. Approved the appointment of Katie Stern to serve as the City of Pacific Grove's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Legislative Update:

1. Received update on State and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on proposed legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

No report this month.

RAIL PROGRAM

- 3.5.1** Approved the revised land transfer agreement with the City of Salinas for the properties acquired for the rail station improvements at Lincoln Avenue and West Market Street.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

- 3.6.1** Approved the 2022 Strategic Expenditure Plan Update for the Regional Development Impact Fee program.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of August 3, 2022
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of August 1, 2022
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of August 3, 2022
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of August 4, 2022
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – draft minutes of August 16, 2022

- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for August 2022.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ART & RECOGNITION

The TAMC Board recognized North Salinas High School teachers Annemarie Glomson and Jennifer Ghastin and their students for their contribution to the McKinnon Pop-up demonstration; and received a report on upcoming art in safe routes to school program opportunities.

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner, reported with the guidance of their teachers, the students created colorful artistic pictures and safety messaging on ten horse troughs used as barriers to provide protection for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling on McKinnon Street in front of Harden Middle School during the spring pop-up demonstration.

She reported over the past couple of years, TAMC staff has incorporated art into bicycle and pedestrian projects. This includes artwork for a Safe Routes to School Activity Book, a native species matching game created by California State University Monterey Bay graphic design students, and the colorful art painted on sidewalks to mark the safe route to school in Gonzales, Soledad and Greenfield by youth, community members, and the Safe Routes to School team, TAMC, Monterey County Health Department and Blue Zones Project.

The Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds projects and programs that improve children's health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. Programming focuses on ways to reduce traffic and speeding around schools.

5. SR 156 CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATE

The Board received update on the State Route (SR) 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project's delivery status.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported the SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is one of the regional safety and mobility projects listed in Measure X and approved by 67.7% of Monterey County voters in 2016. The Transportation Agency successfully leveraged Measure X to secure full funding for the project with construction scheduled to start in late 2023.

Director Muck explained that the deadline for the project's \$20 million Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding allocation is June 30, 2023, puts this project at risk and while the engineering to complete the project's design and bid package is on track to meet the allocation deadline, the process to secure the Coastal Development Permits could result in the loss of \$20 million for the construction of the project.

Director Muck noted that Caltrans is leading the design and construction of the SR 156 Castroville Boulevard interchange project. The project is in the final phase before construction. Tasks in this

phase include completing the 100% design, preparing the construction bid package, and getting permits from regulatory agencies. These tasks must be completed before the California Transportation Commission will allocate construction funding.

Monterey County staff reviewed the project for consistency with the North County Land Use Plan and the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan. Their analysis concluded the project is consistent with both plans. On June 29, 2022, the County Planning Commission approved a Combined Development Permit that incorporated several Coastal Development Permits required for construction of the project. This approval has been appealed to the County Board of Supervisors. The hearing for this appeal is anticipated to be scheduled for September 13. After the Board of Supervisors acts, the project can be appealed further to the California Coastal Commission. The time required for an appeal to the Coastal Commission significantly increases the risk of missing the \$20 million Trade Corridor grant's construction funding allocation deadline.

Board Member Phillips expressed frustration with the delays, noting that this project is a top priority for Monterey County voters who supported Measure X.

Vice Chair LeBarre noted the Coastal Commission process could be seen as discriminatory, given that this project is located near a disadvantaged community.

Board Member Poduri commented that the intersection project is a safety issue, and that delays cause further congestion and emissions.

Board Member Oglesby suggested the Board take action to support this project moving forward.

Board Member Potter volunteered to represent the Board in talking to the Coastal Commission leadership on this issue.

6. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades thanked the Board for supporting the Highway 156 Interchange project. He announced the revamped Caltrans Quick Map web page presents several types of real-time traffic information layered on a Google Map, including traffic speed, lane and road closures due to construction and maintenance activities, and incident reports. Mr. Eades announced Caltrans Training Day topics Local Assistance and Project Delivery on September 8, 2022, open to project managers and engineers. For more information, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo reported that the airport has increased their boardings, with expanded number of full flights to Dallas (American Airlines). He noted that the car week last week was very successful, with a lot of traffic at the airport. The airport is working with United Airlines to add flights to Chicago. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo mentioned that the Airport is working to get customs to provide international flights.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk, General Manager, announced MST is holding a public meeting for input on the SURF! Busway project that will be held on August 31, 2022, at the Carpenter's Hall 6-8 pm, 910 2nd Avenue, Marina, CA 93933. Open house attendees can visit different stations to learn how SURF! helps meet MST's environmental, equity, and economic goals and ties into its larger vision for transit priorities in Monterey County. He announced that the MST summer trolley service will discontinue service on September 5, and systemwide free fares will discontinue on September 4. He noted that MST has an agreement with CSUMB and Hartnell college to provide free rides to college students using their student identification cards.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman announced the Air District is holding the Salinas Ride and Drive event on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 11 am – 4 pm at the Amtrak Station, 11 Station Place, Salinas, a family friendly event, open to the public, and free. It will offer activities to let adults and kids experience electric transportation.

7. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE**

None this month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck echoed MST Director Sedoryk in inviting everyone to the SURF! Bus Rapid Transit open house on August 31st. He noted that TAMC was a co-applicant on the \$25 million grant application that was awarded for the project, noting this is a good example how TAMC is leveraging Measure X funds. Director Muck announced the kickoff of the Safe Route to School in the Salinas Valley. The city of Soledad Safe Routes to School event will be held on August 25 at the Soledad Farmers Market and the city of Gonzales on August 31 at Central Park. In conclusion, Director Muck announced a survey is available to help identify where electric vehicle charging stations should be installed in the Central Coast counties.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member LeBarre thanked TAMC staff Ariana Green and Aaron Hernandez for the Safe Routes to School event in King City.

Board Ex-officio Member Samuels announced that CSUMB President Eduardo Ochoa has retired, after 10 years at CSUMB and over 40 years of service and announced the newly appointed CSUMB President Vanya Quiñones.

Board Member Poduri requested a presentation at a future meeting on the Inflation Reduction Act.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.