

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

January 13, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President, Steve McShane presiding, convened at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2021 via GoToWebinar.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	County of Monterey	John Phillips
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	County of Santa Cruz	Greg Caput
Greenfield	Lance Walker	County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig
King City	Carlos Victoria	County of San Benito	Mark Medina
Marina	Lisa Berkley	County of San Benito	Bob Tiffany
Monterey	Ed Smith		
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams		
Salinas	Steve McShane	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	Caltrans, District 5	Scott Eades
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	3CE	JR Killigrew
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	MPAD	Michael LaPier
Seaside	Jon Wizard	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
		SBtCOG	Mary Gilbert
		TAMC	Debbie Hale
ABSENT:			
Gonzales	Scott Funk	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Hollister	Vacant	SC METRO	John Urgo
Soledad	Carla Strobridge	SCCRTC	Guy Preston
Watsonville	Vacant		

Others Present: Kathy Biala, City of Marina; Bill Peake, City of Pacific Grove; Autumn Rossi, Hyashi & Wayland; Kelly McClendon, Vanessa Faul, and Gus Alfaro, Caltrans District 5; Dawn Hayes, MBNMS; John Baker, CPUC; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Sasha Tepedelenova, Associate Planner; Bobbie Grant, Office Assistant; Will Condon, Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Maura Twomey, Executive Director; and Ana Flores, Senior Executive Assistant.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no written comments or oral comments from the public.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

JR Killigrew, Director of Communications & Outreach, 3CE reported that they will be 1) issuing an RFP for Locally-Sited Clean and Renewable Power Supply and Standalone Energy Storage Systems on January 19, 2021. The response deadline is February 17, 2021; 2) launching the Agricultural Electrification Grant Program. The grants will be up to \$20,000 that will help agricultural businesses switch from fossil-fuel powered ag equipment to all-electric equipment. Funding for the Ag Electrification Grant Program will total \$400,000; and 3) launching a New Construction Electrification Program. This is a competitive grant is for developers who are planning new all-electric housing construction developments within the 3CE service area.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020

Autumn Rossi, Hayashi & Wayland gave an overview of the draft CAFR for FY 2019-2020. Ms. Rossi stated that AMBAG received a unmodified opinion on the financial statements and a clean single audit with no findings. Ms. Rossi also reported that no management letter was issued. Brief discussion followed.

B. US 101 Business Plan

Scott Eades, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 5 introduced the US 101 Business Plan. Caltrans District 5 is creating the US 101 Business Plan in collaboration with the US 101 Central Coast Coalition which is made up of SBCAG, SLOCOG, TAMC, SBCOG, SCCRTC, AMBAG, and Caltrans District 5. The US 101 Business Plan will clarify the importance of Highway 101 as a lifeline for Central Coast communities and for freight and inter-regional travel to and from this region. It will show the way that it connects communities, connects jobs with housing, and that it provides goods movement for freight to and from our communities and from our agricultural areas and other businesses. Mr. Eades added that the goal is to make a business case for providing funding and critical and project related improvements that are needed to make sure that Highway 101 continues to function well. The US 101 Business Plan will also build on statewide and local planning efforts. Emphasizing the goals within these plans, and then making sure that what we're proposing on Highway 101 is aligned with both the statewide plans and the local and regional plans.

Vanessa Faul, Caltrans District 5 reported that a business plan is different than a corridor plan in that it focuses on developing a financial strategy. The US 101 Business Plan will 1) include a financial plan; 2) explore funding sources and link priority transportation projects to potential funding programs; and 3) only include projects already identified in previous corridor plans. US Highway 101 spans from the Santa Barbara Ventura County line to San Benito and Santa Clara County line. It has been divided into segments based on traffic flow characteristics and patterns in the Business Plan.

Kelly McClendon, Transportation Planning, Caltrans District 5 reported gave an overview of the US 101 Business Plan Charter signed by the seven agencies in 2019. The Business Plan will also provide input to future statewide plans such as, the California Transportation Plan, the Regional Transportation Strategic Plan and the California Freight Mobility Plan.

Vanessa Faul reported that the goals for the US 101 Business Plan are 1) Safety & Health: to provide safety for all users of the transportation system and promote public health; 2) Sustainability & Climate Change: to practice environmental stewardship, preserve the transportation system, reduce pollution, and mitigate impacts of climate change; 3) Economy: to manage the corridor's assets, support the economy, and enhance the region's livability; 4) Mobility: to provide a reliable and efficient transportation system for all people and goods; and 5) Equity: to promote social equity and ensure all socio-economic groups have accessible and equitable level of transportation services. Priority project types were also identified. These are important as they will help accomplish our goals. The Priority Project Types are 1) operational improvements and conflict point reduction projects; 2) alternative fuel charging stations and air pollutant reduction projects; 3) Freight and goods movement improvements; 4) freeway conversion and new interchanges; and 5) bike, ped, transit, and park and ride improvements.

Kelly McClendon, District 5 reported on the Focus Groups. Caltrans hosted two focus group in December 2020, that included stakeholders from Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito. Those initial focus groups allowed staff to hear from stakeholders directly regarding their priorities and needs for the corridor. Future focus groups will be segment based rather than county based to provide input for setting future targets appropriate for each segment. The completion date for the US 101 Business Plan is June 30, 2021. Brief discussion followed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President McShane reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting; 2) list of warrants as of October 31, 2020; and 3) accounts receivable as of October 31, 2020. The Executive/Finance Committee also received 1) a presentation from Autum Rossi, CPA, Hayashi & Wayland on AMBAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2019-2020; and 2) the financial update report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC)

President McShane reported that the MBNMS has a new Superintendent. Kevin Grant has served in a number of other sanctuaries and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. The SAC will be discussing the charter revisions at their February meeting.

Director Cummings asked if there was any discussion on use of drones in the Sanctuary at the SAC meeting.

President McShane stated there was discussion on drones as it relates to the Management Plan, however, no actions were taken.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2021 Goals from the Executive Director

Maura Twomey, Executive Director reported that her goals for 2021 include 1) release of the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and its Draft Environmental Impact Report for public comment; 2) update and revise the AMBAG's Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies; 3) maintain and enhance relationships with Regional, State and Federal partners; and 4) continued financial stability for the agency. Brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Director Petersen, seconded by Director Cummings to approve the 2021 Goals for the Executive Director. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the November 11, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the November 11, 2020 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The AMBAG Sustainability Program Update was accepted.

D. Draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020-21 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The Draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020-21 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget was approved.

E. Line of Credit Renewal and Extension

The request for renewal of \$100,000 line of credit and extend the maturity date of the loan was approved.

F. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Carbone to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

10. PLANNING

A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning reported that the 2045 MTP/SCS 1) is a long range plan for transportation investments; 2) federal and state law requires that a MTP/SCS be prepared every four years; 3) must provide a 20+ year horizon planning period; 4) it be scheduled for adoption in 2022; and 5) highlight a number of key components under development. The MTP/SCS is developed by 1) developing a vision and goals; 2) create performance measures; 3) update project lists; 4) generate revenue projections; 5) create scenarios; 6) select preferred scenarios; and 7) create a draft plan. Ms. Adamson reported that staff is currently working with local jurisdictions to update current and future land uses which will be presented in the PlaceType and Opportunity Area maps for the SCS. PlaceType Maps depict the various land use designations for each local jurisdiction for 2020 and 2045. It will be completed in January 2021. Opportunity Area maps will be updated for existing and planned potential areas in early 2021. Opportunity Areas are places in the region with the highest chance for successful sustainable growth in the future, usually located where supportive land use densities, high quality transit service and economic development overlap. Staff is also working with our transportation partners to update the transportation project list. The RTPA's are working with local jurisdictions and other project sponsors to obtain updated to local and regional projects. The final revenue constrained project lists will be submitted to AMBAG by the end of February 2021. Ms. Adamson added that staff has been 1) working with our transportation partners to develop financial assumptions for the MTP/SCS through 2045; 2) how much local, state and federal funding will be reasonably available for the transportation projects and programs; and 3) preparing preliminary revenues estimates. The preliminary 2045 MTP/SCS revenues are 1) Monterey County - \$6.7 billion; 2) San Benito County - \$1.5 billion; 3) Santa Cruz County - \$5.0 billion; and 4) AMBAG Region Total - \$13.2 billion. AMBAG is developing transportation/land use scenarios that will be refined and evaluated using the Regional Travel Demand Model and performance measures. The Board will be asked to select a preferred land use and transportation scenario, also known as the Preferred Revenue Constrained Scenario which will become the basis of the 2045 MTP/SCS and its EIR in the Spring 2021. Work on the programmatic EIR is currently underway. AMBAG and the RTPA's coordinate on the EIR to reduce duplication of efforts for environmental documentation, budgetary efficiency and to assure consistency in environmental review. AMBAG is the lead for developing the programmatic EIR, working with RTPA's, an environmental consulting firm and an environmental legal firm to develop the joint EIR. The draft EIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in late 2021. AMBAG continues to implement the outreach strategies included in the Public Involvement Plan. Public workshops will be held in the Spring 2021 on the development of the MTP/SCS. The next steps include 1) finalize the transportation project list; 2) update the land use mapping and begin scenario development; 3) finalize financial assumptions and reasonably expected revenues; and 4) continued public participation. Brief discussion followed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: January 13, 2021

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)				
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item# 7.A	Item# 8
Capitola	Kristen Petersen	X	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	Kim Shirley	X	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	AB	N/A	N/A
Greenfield	Lance Walker	X	N/A	Y
Hollister	Vacant	AB	N/A	N/A
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y
Marina	Lisa Berkley	X	Y	Y
Monterey	Ed Smith	X	Y	Y
Pacific Grove	Jenny McAdams	X	Y	Y
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y	Y
Santa Cruz	Justin Cummings	X	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y
Seaside	Jon Wizard	X	Y	Y
Soledad	Carla Strobridge	AB	N/A	N/A
Watsonville	Vacant	AB	N/A	N/A
County-Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y
County-Monterey	John Phillips	X	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	X	Y	Y
County-Santa Cruz	Greg Caput	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Bob Tiffany	X	Y	Y
County-San Benito	Mark Medina	X	N/A	Y

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer the minutes)