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Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission  
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways  
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency  
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**Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

**\*\*9:00 AM\*\***

**REVISED AGENDA**

**MEETING LOCATION**

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

or vote on any item on the agenda

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California

Cayenne Conference Room

Wi-Fi Network: MontereyCty-Guest (no password required)

**Alternate Locations with Zoom Connection Open to the Public**

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901

Supervisor Alejo's Office

650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, California 93940

Scott Donaldson's Office

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**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446951513?pwd=QmNUODRtdXICSEFzLzIXVmhoY21yUT09>**

**OR**

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**Meeting ID: 446 951 513**

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**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

*Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.*

***If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.***

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. All public comments are limited to three (3) minutes, unless specified otherwise by the committee chair. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

**ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET**

**3.1.1. APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of February 28, 2024.

**- Elouise Rodriguez**

**3.1.2. ACCEPT** the list of checks written for February 2024 and the credit card statement for the month of January 2024.

**- Dave Delfino**

***The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the***

***Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.***

- 3.1.3. RECEIVE** list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

- Jefferson Kise

***The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.***

- 3.1.4. ACCEPT** the Triennial Performance Audits for the 3-year period ending June 30, 2022.

- Aaron Hernandez

***The Transportation Agency contracted with Michael Baker International to complete performance audits required by the Transportation Development Act for Monterey-Salinas Transit and for TAMC. Both agencies have satisfactorily complied with applicable performance measures. The auditor recommended that the Transportation Agency work with MST to update the roster of the Mobility Advisory Committee to list members that meet the required social service categories as listed in the Transportation Development Act, and to continue developing baseline metrics for the Agency's Transportation Demand Management program. The auditor also recommended that TAMC maintains on file evidence of the submission of TDA performance audits to Caltrans.***

#### **BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 3.2.1. City of King - Participatory Budgeting Funding Request:**

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of King to program RSTP funds dedicated to the City's Participatory Budgeting process;
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

- Aaron Hernandez

***The Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan will include project recommendations for all public K-12 schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. Project prioritization is determined through a democratic process, called Participatory Budgeting, where community members vote to decide how public funds are spent in their cities. The third city to complete the Participatory Budgeting process is King City.***

- 3.2.2. APPROVE** proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee bylaws, which the board noticed at the February 2024 Board meeting, to add a clause about BPC Members' responsibility to be a bridge to their jurisdictions

overseeing local bicycle and pedestrian facility-related needs and developments.

- Ariadne Sambrano

***The Transportation Agency is proposing an update to its bylaws by adding a clause to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee bylaws under Section V, Membership Responsibility. According to TAMC bylaws, proposed amendments must be noticed at the Board of Directors meeting preceding the final approval, which requires approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.***

## PLANNING

### 3.3.1. Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **ADOPT** positions on proposed legislation.

- Christina Watson

***This report presents updates on state and federal legislative activities and proposed positions on draft legislation.***

## PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

### 3.4.1. Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement Consultant - Request for Proposals:

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to deliver Safe Routes to School education and encouragement programming across Monterey County, subject to agency counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funding and regional Measure X funds allocated to the Safe Routes to Schools Program, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,622,091.

- Ariana Green

***The Monterey County Safe Routes to School Program is looking for a partner to deliver education and encouragement programming across the county. Programming includes traffic safety education for youth and families, walking school buses, family-oriented engagement, volunteer training and community events.***

### 3.4.2. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Fair Share Allocation:

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP fair share funds for the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project in the amount of \$141,229;

- and
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

- Michael Zeller

*The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by a formula of population and lane miles to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.*

**RAIL PROGRAM- No items this month.**

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE- No items this month.**

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **3.7.1. ACCEPT** draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of March 4, 2024
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of March 6, 2024
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 6, 2024
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 7, 2024
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

- Elouise Rodriguez

#### **3.7.2. RECEIVE** TAMC Correspondence for March 2024

- Elouise Rodriguez

#### **4. FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Contract:**

1. **APPROVE** the project plans, Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions;
2. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a contract with Granite Rock Company in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, with an anticipated completion date of May 2026, for construction of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project, subject to (1) approval by Agency Counsel, the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, and the Office of Civil Rights; and (2) the clearance of any protests related to the bid;
3. **APPROVE** the use of State and Measure X funds budgeted for this project in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, and \$2,700,000 in contingency funds for unforeseen circumstances; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director 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 amount or term.

- Laurie Williamson

***On December 15, 2023, the Agency published bid documents for qualified contractors to construct the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. The project includes the construction of a 1.8 mile segment of the 28 mile FORTAG paved multi-use recreation trail project. On February 15, 2024, TAMC held a bid opening and received four bids.***

5. **ADOPT** goals, policy objectives and performance measures for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

- Alissa Guther

***Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. Adoption of the goals, policy objectives and performance measures is a necessary step in the development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. These collaboratively-developed measures will inform transportation decisions and investments for the 20-year vision for Monterey County.***

6. **PROVIDE** direction on Transportation Agency membership in chambers of commerce.

- Theresa Wright

***The Transportation Agency is a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce. Both are business organizations which support Transportation Agency projects and programs. Within each chamber is a Government Affairs Committee, which issues candidate endorsements exclusive of direct financial support. In order to address concerns presented to staff about the endorsements, this report seeks guidance on continued membership in the chambers of commerce and other organizations that issue endorsements.***

7. **RECEIVE** reports from Transportation Providers:

- Caltrans Director's Report and Project Update - Eades
- Monterey Peninsula Airport - Miller
- Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
- Monterey Bay Air Resources District - Stedman

8. **Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.**

9. **Executive Director's Report.**

10. **Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.**

11. **ADJOURN**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County regular meeting will be on  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

**9:00 A.M.**

**Monterey County Government Center**  
**1441 Schilling Place, Cayenne Room**

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.  
There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Elouise Rodriguez

Clerk of the Board

[elouise@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:elouise@tamcmonterey.org)

### Important Meeting Information

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EMAIL: [info@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:info@tamcmonterey.org)

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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** TAMC Draft Minutes of February 28, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of February 28, 2024.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

### **DISCUSSION:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. TAMC Draft Minutes\_Feb\_28\_2024

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024, TAMC BOARD MEETING**  
168 West Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901, Monterey Conference Room

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

<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>SEP 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>DEC 23</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, <del>Bhupendra Patel,</del> <del>Paul Hierling</del> )	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, <del>John Olejnik,</del> <del>Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider,</del> <del>Kelly McClendon, Dave Silberberger</del> )	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	A	P(A) (V)	A	E	E
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P	P	E	P	A	A	P*	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit ( <del>Lisa Rheinheimer,</del> Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth)	A	P(A)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence;  
A = absence; P\*= New Representative*

<b>TAMC STAFF</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY2 3</b>	<b>JUNE 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>DEC 23</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
A. Conlen, Senior Transp. Planner										P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P(V)	P	P	E	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner						P	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Javier Gomez	Supervisor District 1 office	Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5
Monica Hale	Supervisor District 3 office	Eric Petersen	Salinas resident
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident	Justin Estassi	Boyds Asphalt
Shawn Boyle	Monterey Bay Air Resources Dist	Regina Valentine	AMBAG
Octavio Hurtado	King City, Public Works Director	Lisa Rheinheimer	Monterey-Salinas Transit

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 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**

Dwight Stump, resident, commented on the proposed roundabouts on Highway 68.

Keith Marshall, resident, commented on the proposed roundabouts on Highway 68.

Barry Jones, resident, commented on the proposed roundabouts on Highway 68.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Lopez/Alejo/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 January 24, 2024.

**3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of January 2024 and credit card statements for the months of December 2023.

**3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

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

**3.1.5** Adopted the revised Travel Policy.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES***

**3.2.1** Adopted Resolution 2024-04 apportioning \$21,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 Local Transportation Funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

Board Member Smith pulled this item from consent to highlight the \$21,000,000 federal funding apportionment.

**3.2.2** Regarding City of Soledad Participatory Budgeting Funding Request:

1. Approved the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP funds dedicated to the City's Participatory Budgeting process to the following projects:
  - Orchard Ln and Gabilan Dr Pedestrian Improvements in the amount of \$63,000;
  - Main and Gabilan Intersection Improvements in the amount of \$135,250;
  - Benito and Gabilan Pedestrian Improvements in the amount of \$11,000; and
  - Orchard Ln Pedestrian Improvements in the amount of \$23,000;
2. Approved amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

**3.2.3** Regarding SURF! Busway Measure X Funding Agreements:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a Measure X funding agreement for Consultant Construction Management Oversight Services for the SURF! Busway project with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$5,685,600;
2. Authorized the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
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.

**3.2.4** Noticed proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC) bylaws to add a clause about BPC Members' responsibility to be a bridge to their jurisdictions overseeing local bicycle and pedestrian facility-related needs and developments.

**PLANNING**

- 3.3.1** Approved allocation of additional Measure X Safe Routes to School program funds to support the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and Participatory Budgeting process for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.
- 3.3.2** Regarding Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment Request for Proposals:
  - 1. Approved the Scope of Work for the Request for Proposals for a consultant for the Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment;
  - 2. Authorized staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
  - 3. Approved the use of Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning grant funds for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$342,168.

**PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

- 3.4.1** Regarding Grant Preparation Assistance:
  - 1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Mark Thomas, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not-to-exceed \$149,900 to provide grant preparation assistance services through June 30, 2027;
  - 2. Approved the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project; 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 of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.
- 3.4.2** Approved the appointment of Maria Vera to serve as the Building Healthy Communities Monterey County representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee; Andrea Manzo as the alternate representative; and Matine Watkins to serve as the Monterey Peninsula Hospitality Association representative; and Gary Cursio, to serve as their alternate representative.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** No items this month.

**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 February 7, 2024
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of February 5, 2024
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of February 7, 2024
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of February 1, 2024
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting

**3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for February 2024.**END OF CONSENT AGENDA****4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Presented the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Theresa Wright.

The Agency recognized Theresa Wright for her professionalism and her diligence in handling media coverage, writing news releases, and preparing the weekly Cone Zone Construction Report. Most notably, employees appreciate her outstanding job coordinating public outreach efforts for the Scenic Highway 68 project, the US 101 South of Salinas project, and the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough project.

**5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the unmet transit needs process and held a public hearing, there were no comments, Chair Lopez closed the public hearing.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, presented on the unmet needs process associated with the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). As Monterey-Salinas Transit District members, every city in the county allocates its annual fund apportionment to Monterey-Salinas Transit for public transit services.

Prior to allocating these transit funds, the Agency is required to provide for a public hearing and outreach to identify unmet transit needs. Because the Transportation Agency no longer allocates transit funds to local streets and roads, the Agency is no longer required to adopt a finding on unmet transit needs. However, the Agency continues to solicit public input on unmet transit needs and places comments into the following categories:

- Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
- Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
- Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

All comments are reviewed with Monterey-Salinas Transit staff to consider options to implement requests and to evaluate comments based on the Unmet Transit Needs Criteria and time frame in which unmet transit needs can be met. The unmet transit needs comments list serves as a public input tool for the Transportation Agency's short- and long-term transit planning and improvements.

The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process is April 30, 2024.

## 6. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT**

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County discussed and provided direction to staff related to possible community funding project nominations for federal appropriations funding for the following projects:

- Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 climate resiliency project planning and environmental phase, in Representative Jimmy Panetta's district
- King City Multimodal Station project, in Representative Zoe Lofgren's district

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that March is the deadline for project nominations for the fiscal year 2025 federal appropriations bill. Projects must be eligible for federal funding and must be able to obligate the funds, get the project under contract by 2028 and expend the funds by 2032. Successful requests for funding typically fully fund a phase of the project, so it helps if the project, or a phase of the project, is already mostly funded. It is possible to submit more than one project for this funding.

The Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 climate resiliency project secured a \$1 million state allocation from Assembly Member Dawn Addis and State Senator John Laird. TAMC staff applied for federal and state grant funding to complete a Preliminary Environmental Linkages report, the first step towards federal and state environmental clearance, and to develop a Project Initiation Document with Caltrans. A federal earmark would help the project complete those phases of work and get the project ready to move into the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase.

The King City Multimodal Station project has secured approximately \$14 million from state funds and \$5 million from Amtrak and is seeking federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding to fully fund construction of the platform and track improvements in King

City. A federal earmark would help the project complete the National Environmental Policy Act review required for federal funding.

## 7. **SAND CITY BIKE TRAIL AND PARKING PROPOSAL**

**M/S/C** Askew/LeBarre/unanimous

Board directed staff to coordinate with Sand City on considerations for a possible future use agreement for an alignment of a trail that avoids conflict with future mass transit users and for fair market value lease agreements for non-trail uses such as parking.

The Board received a presentation on the Sand City bike trail and parking proposal from Zane Mortensen, Sand City's interim City Planner. He reported that the proposal seeks to create a one-mile segment of multi-use trail and two parking areas within the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line right-of-way. The proposal promises that the "proposed multi-use trail will take into consideration the future use of the TAMC corridor for rail and/or bus transit and would not obstruct any of the existing rail infrastructure" and would "minimize conflict with the existing property leases." Sand City was awarded a \$250,000 Monterey Bay Air Resources District AB2766 Clean Vehicle Program grant to support planning and design.

Director Muck noted that we currently have leases revenue that we use to keep the Monterey Branch Line right of way clean. He noted that all our leases can be cancelled with appropriate notification when the property is needed for transportation uses. Board Member Askew expressed her support for the project, noting Sand City's proposals will be consistent with our vision for rail on the corridor. Ms. Askew also noted Sand City's planned growth is significant and trail connections and the SURF! busway would be beneficial to support higher population density in this area.

Public comment:

Eric Petersen, Salinas resident, commented he hopes this project follows the Caltrans Manual and avoids chip sealing for bicyclists.

Scott Donaldson, City of Del Rey Oaks, emphasized the importance of public outreach.



**8. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND INTEGRATED FUNDING STRATEGY**

**M/S/C** Alejo/Askew/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Draft Overall Work Program, Budget, and Integrated Funding Strategy, and:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the draft fiscal year 24/25 Overall Work Program to Caltrans for initial review;
2. Provided direction and guidance to staff on the three-year budget for fiscal years 24/25 through 26/27, the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 24/25, and the 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy; and
3. Directed the Executive Director to bring the final three-year budget, one-year Overall Work Program, and the 2024 Integrated Funding Strategy back to the Board on May 22, 2024 for approval.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, reviewed the annual Overall Work Program and Integrated Funding Strategy which describes the activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. After the draft Overall Work Plan is approved, staff will submit it to Caltrans for feedback. Agency staff then incorporates comments from Caltrans into to a final proposed Overall Work Program to be presented to the Board in May with the fiscal year 2024/25 budget.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Agency budget separates expenditures into operating and direct programs. Operating expenditures include salaries and benefits, materials and supplies, and equipment, noting staff is including a 3.8% cost of living increase to keep pace with inflation and stay competitive with other agencies.

Public comment:

Rita Goel, Salinas resident, expressed concerns and had questions about the specifics in the budget.

**9. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Orchid Monroy Ochoa, highlighted Caltrans District 5 construction, road closures, and repairs:

- Repairs have been started on the Dolan Slide on Highway 1, possibly opening on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Paul Slide on Highway 1 is targeted to fully open in late spring.
- In Monterey Counties, Near Big Sur, Limekiln Creek Bridge to south of Castro Canyon Bridge Storm Damage Repairs have started.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The airport is proceeding with their new terminal; the plans are going as scheduled.
- The airport has 300,000 passengers per year and hopes to increase and add additional service in the future.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Michelle Overmeyer announced the following:

- MST held a bus driver skills course event and had an on -site recruitment for coach operators, and made 23 contingent job offers, looking forward to being fully staffed soon.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No Report this month.

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

Board member LeBarre attended the CALCOG Regional Leadership Forum in Monterey on February 7, and Board members LeBarre and Potter Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) Policy Meeting in Oakland on February 16.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Welcome Amelia Conlen, Senior Transportation Planner.
- Next TAMC Board meeting will be held at the Government Center, Cayenne Conference Room, 1441 Schilling Place.
- Bill Reichmuth, former TAMC Executive Director and City of Monterey Public Works Director has passed; Bill's funeral service will be at the Carmel Mission on April 17, 10 am.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Board member Alejo commended the Safe Routes to School Program's partnership with the City of Salinas to install two roundabouts to help the flow of traffic near Bardin Elementary.

Colleen Courtney, Alternate, commented on behalf of Board Member Adams to thank staff for the Toro Park homeowners meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Dave Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** TAMC Payments for the month of February 2024

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ACCEPT** the list of checks written for February 2024 and the credit card statement for the month of January 2024.

**SUMMARY:**

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The checks processed and ACH transfers this period total \$331,742.74 which included checks written for February 2024 and payment of the January 2024 Platinum Plus Credit Card statement.

**DISCUSSION:**

During the month of February 2024, normal operating checks were written and ACH transfers were processed, as well as a check for \$10,925.32 to HDR Engineering Inc. for engineering design for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project, a check for \$17,936.47.75 to GHD Inc. for design engineering review services for the HWY 68 - Salinas to Monterey project, reissue of a check for \$7,883.48 to Copy Mat for printing of Sidewalk Art ballots for the Safe Routes to School Program and a check for \$2,005.63 to We The Creative for design services for the RTP - Move It Monterey.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Checks February 2024
2. Credit Card January 2024

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)**  
**Union Bank Operating Account**  
**February 2024**

DATE	ITEM NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
02/01/2024	EFT CalPers Health Benefits	13,294.35		Employee Benefit
02/02/2024	EFT Payroll	49,496.46		Payroll
02/02/2024	EFT United States Treasury	11,058.20		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/02/2024	EFT EDD	4,708.15		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/02/2024	EFT Pers Retirement	9,175.79		Employee Benefits
02/02/2024	EFT Pers Retirement PEPPRA	3,403.76		Employee Benefits
02/02/2024	EFT CalPERS	8,735.07		Employee Benefits
02/02/2024	DEP Haedrich, Saroyan and Lithia		5,146.11	Railroad Right of Way Rent
02/14/2024	21301 Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	680.09		Computer Equipment Lease
02/14/2024	21302 Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	2,885.62		Computer Support
02/14/2024	21303 AT & T (Carol Stream, Il.)	500.50		Telecommunications, Call Box and Rideshare - Phone Service
02/14/2024	21304 Business Card	3,636.45		Office and Meeting Supplies, Staff Travel, Payroll Service & Professional Training
02/14/2024	21305 De Lage Landen Financial Services	319.02		Office Copier Lease
02/14/2024	21306 Delta Dental	917.21		Employee Benefits
02/14/2024	21307 Gannett California LocalIQ	295.32		Advertisement for FORTAG Construction Bids
02/14/2024	21308 GHD Inc.	17,936.47		Design Engineering Review Services for the HWY 68 - Salinas to Monterey Project
02/14/2024	21309 Khouri Consulting LLC	6,000.00		State Legislative Consultant
02/14/2024	21310 Monterey County Weekly	310.35		Advertisement for UNMET Transit Needs
02/14/2024	21311 Oppidea, LLC	2,685.00		Accounting Services
02/14/2024	21312 Streamline	84.00		Rideshare Website Platform Service
02/14/2024	21313 Uretsky Investigations	150.00		HR Cost - Background Check
02/14/2024	21314 Verizon Wireless	26.76		Call Box - Phone Service
02/14/2024	21315 Comcast	255.94		Telecommunications
02/14/2024	21316 Copy Mat (Reissue)	7,883.48		Printing of Sidewalk Art Ballots for the Safe Routes to School Program
02/14/2024	ACH U.S. Bancorp	52.05		Bank Charges
02/16/2024	EFT Payroll	48,049.88		Payroll
02/16/2024	EFT United States Treasury	11,075.70		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/16/2024	EFT EDD	4,676.29		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/16/2024	EFT EDD	164.54		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/16/2024	EFT Pers Retirement	9,175.79		Employee Benefits
02/16/2024	EFT Pers Retirement PEPPRA	3,071.60		Employee Benefits
02/16/2024	EFT CalPERS	8,562.85		Employee Benefits
02/16/2024	DEP Blue Zones		20,000.00	Safe Routes to School Contribution
02/16/2024	DEP State of California		29,610.20	SAFE - Revenue - December 2023
02/16/2024	DEP Cappo, Monterey Motors, Marina, Giustiniani and Marina Concrete		14,354.91	Railroad Right of Way Rent
02/20/2024	21317 Ecology Action	58,440.28		Services for ATP Every Child - Safe Routes to School Program
02/27/2024	21318 Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	123.75		Computer Support
02/27/2024	21319 AT & T (Carol Stream, Il.)	29.02		Call Box - Phone Service
02/27/2024	21320 Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	9,038.42		Office Rent
02/27/2024	21321 Grainger	247.25		Supplies for Wayfinding Project
02/27/2024	21322 HDR Engineering Inc.	10,925.32		Design Engineering Services for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
02/27/2024	21323 Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	771.25		Employee Benefits
02/27/2024	21324 Moss, Levy & Hartzheim	450.00		Financial Audit

02/27/2024	21325	Office of the County Counsel	3,517.90	Legal Services
02/27/2024	21326	Petty Cash	174.52	Miscellaneous Office Expenses
02/27/2024	21327	Shell	25.81	Auto Expense - Gasoline
02/27/2024	21328	Smile Business Products Inc.	135.90	Office Copier Expenses
02/27/2024	21329	VSP	207.94	Employee Benefits
02/27/2024	21330	Void	0.00	VOID
02/27/2024	21331	We The Creative	2,005.63	Design Services for RTP - Move It Monterey
02/27/2024	21332	Grainger	22.88	Supplies for Wayfinding Project
02/29/2024	EFT	United States Treasury	11,440.02	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/29/2024	EFT	EDD	104.91	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
02/29/2024	EFT	EDD	4,815.25	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>331,742.74</b>	<b>69,111.22</b>

Credit Card JANUARY 2024



ELOUISE RODRIGUEZ

Business Card

January 05, 2024 - February 04, 2024

Cardholder Statement

Account Information:  
www.bankofamerica.com

Mail Billing Inquiries to:  
BANK OF AMERICA  
PO BOX 660441  
DALLAS, TX 75266-0441

Mail Payments to:  
BUSINESS CARD  
PO BOX 15796  
WILMINGTON, DE 19886-5796

Customer Service:  
1.800.673.1044, 24 Hours

Outside the U.S.:  
1.509.353.6656, 24 Hours

For Lost or Stolen Card:  
1.800.673.1044, 24 Hours

Business Offers:  
www.bankofamerica.com/mybusinesscenter

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
<b>Payments and Other Credits</b>				
01/29	01/27	PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 1,915.92
01/29	01/27	RBT ROUND TABLE PIZZA EasySavings NY		- 3.54
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD</b>				<b>-\$1,919.46</b>
<b>Purchases and Other Charges</b>				
01/05	01/04	SAVE ON CLEANERS 8317573535 CA		30.90
01/05	01/05	AMZN MKTP US*TK6F46FT1 8007728574 WA		41.50
01/05	01/04	SALINAS ACE HARDWARE 4087781550 CA		54.57
01/05	01/04	USPS PO 0567050323 SALINAS CA		31.25
01/08	01/05	THE UPS STORE 658 8314435800 CA		3.05

Payment Information

New Balance Total ..... \$3,636.45  
**Minimum Payment Due ..... \$36.36**  
**Payment Due Date ..... 02/29/24**

**Late Payment Warning:** If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above. You may have to pay a fee based on the outstanding balance on the fee assessment date:  
 \$0.00 for balance less than \$100.01  
 \$29.00 for balance less than \$1,000.01  
 \$39.00 for balance less than \$5,000.01  
 \$49.00 for balance equal to or greater than \$5,000.01

**Minimum Payment Warning:** If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance.

Account Summary

Previous Balance ..... \$1,915.92  
 Payments and Other Credits ..... -\$1,919.46  
 Balance Transfer Activity ..... \$0.00  
 Cash Advance Activity ..... \$0.00  
 Purchases and Other Charges ..... \$3,639.99  
**Fees Charged ..... \$0.00**  
**Finance Charge ..... \$0.00**  
 New Balance Total ..... \$3,636.45

Credit Limit ..... \$20,000  
 Credit Available ..... \$16,363.55  
 Statement Closing Date ..... 02/04/24  
 Days in Billing Cycle ..... 31

Account Number  
January 05, 2024 - February 04, 2024

New Balance Total ..... \$3,636.45  
**Minimum Payment Due ..... \$36.36**  
**Payment Due Date ..... 02/29/24**

Enter payment amount

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WILMINGTON, DE 19886-5796

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January 05, 2024 - February 04, 2024

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**Transactions**

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
01/08	01/05	CA NEWSPAPERS ADV S 8884549588 CA		329.69
01/08	01/06	DEVICEMAGIC 8559970800 NC		192.60
01/08	01/05	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1051 5624901000 CA		55.86
01/09	01/08	INTUIT *TSheets 8338309255 CA		132.00
01/09	01/08	EL NOPALITO 8312108532 CA		373.23
01/10	01/09	WWW.CALCOG.ORG SACRAMENTO CA		629.42
01/10	01/08	STAR MARKET SALINAS CA		18.73
01/10	01/09	FERGUSON ENT #679 8314244706 CA		123.74
01/11	01/10	TST* THE BAGEL CORNER 6176820225 CA		25.13
01/11	01/11	TST* THE BAGEL CORNER 8317718670 CA		26.47
01/11	01/11	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		127.27
01/12	01/10	GINGER THAI KITCHEN 6692395565 CA		188.66
01/18	01/17	LA PLAZA BAKERY - GONZ 8316752337 CA		144.59
01/22	01/19	BAUDVILLE INC. 8007280888 MI		135.12
01/23	01/22	WWW.TAX1099.COM FAYETTEVILLE AR		91.28
01/23	01/22	WWW.TAX1099.COM FAYETTEVILLE AR		4.70
01/23	01/22	DOLLAR TREE SALINAS CA		24.58
01/24	01/22	ROUND TABLE PIZZA 8317577400 CA		88.56
01/24	01/23	SF ESTUARY CONFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO CA		460.00
01/24	01/22	VALLEY TROPHIES AND 8314222967 CA		142.57
01/25	01/23	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 8317513420 CA		40.00
01/26	01/25	MYO PURE FROZEN YOGURT 8317599769 CA		100.00
02/02	02/01	TST* THE BAGEL CORNER 8317718670 CA		24.52
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD</b>				<b>\$3,639.99</b>

**Finance Charge Calculation**

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Finance Charges by Transaction Type
PURCHASES	17.99%	\$0.00	\$0.00
CASH	29.49% V	\$0.00	\$0.00

V = Variable Rate (rate may vary), Promotional Balance = APR for limited time on specified transactions.

**Important Messages**

YOUR FINANCE CHARGES IN 2023 WERE \$171.80.



**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Contracts Awarded under \$50,000**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

**SUMMARY:**

The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The revenue source for each specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or has been approved by a specific Agency Board action.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Procurement Policies of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County state that contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action. The policies also require the Executive Director to submit a report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.

The attached list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month to keep the Board informed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Contracts under \$50,000 March 2024 Board

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action. The Executive Director shall include a quarterly report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.**

**Contracts Under \$50,000  
(but greater than \$5,000)  
Board Report date: March 2024**

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Consulting Firm/ Agency</b>	<b>Contract Activity</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Contract amount</b>	<b>Work Element</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>
Doug	Kimley-Horn	AMBAG model runs for US 101 SOS project	2/27/24	2/26/25	49,800.00	7450	Measure X
Theresa	PrintWorks.Solutions	Print the 2023 TAMC Annual Report	Mar. 15, 2024	Dec. 30, 2024	\$47,382.00	9130	50% Measure X 50% Reserves

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Transportation Development Act Triennial Audits**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ACCEPT** the Triennial Performance Audits for the 3-year period ending June 30, 2022.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency contracted with Michael Baker International to complete performance audits required by the Transportation Development Act for Monterey-Salinas Transit and for TAMC. Both agencies have satisfactorily complied with applicable performance measures. The auditor recommended that the Transportation Agency work with MST to update the roster of the Mobility Advisory Committee to list members that meet the required social service categories as listed in the Transportation Development Act, and to continue developing baseline metrics for the Agency's Transportation Demand Management program. The auditor also recommended that TAMC maintains on file evidence of the submission of TDA performance audits to Caltrans.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The transit performance audits have been completed at a cost of \$31,798 using Local Transportation Funds budgeted for this purpose.

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Legislature enacted the Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 to improve existing public transportation services and encourage regional transportation coordination. Caltrans administers the TDA through each county's regional transportation planning agency. As the regional transportation planning agency for Monterey County, the Transportation Agency is responsible for administering the county's TDA funds, which includes authorizing funding to local transportation agencies for the purposes outlined in the Act, and conducting an annual unmet transit needs assessment.

The Transportation Development Act provides two major sources of funding for public transportation in California. The first, the Local Transportation Fund, is derived from a 1/4 cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The second, the State Transit Assistance fund, is derived from the statewide sales tax on diesel fuel.

The Transportation Agency submits transit performance audits to the state every three years pursuant to the Transportation Development Act. The performance audits evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness, as defined in the Caltrans Performance Audit Guidebook, of Monterey-Salinas Transit, which is the county's sole public transit provider, and TAMC, which serves as the Local Transportation Fund administrator.

Generally, the audits review each operator's financial and operating reports to determine compliance with state operating requirements. The audit also determines compliance with administrative requirements, including timely submittal of required financial documentation, farebox recovery requirements, and a review of operating costs, among other indicators. Any recommendations to correct findings identified in the audits, or improvements needed by each operator to enhance the performance and cost-effectiveness of their respective transit services, must be implemented in the next three-year audit period.

The Transportation Agency and Monterey-Salinas Transit have satisfactorily complied with applicable performance measures. Copies of the complete TAMC and MST audits are available for review as **web attachments** to this report.

**The audit recommendations for the Transportation Agency are listed below:**

1. Maintain on file evidence of submission of TDA performance audits to Caltrans.
2. Work closely with Monterey-Salinas Transit to update the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) bylaws to include a table that aligns MAC membership with the statutory composition of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee.
3. Continue to develop baseline metrics for transportation demand management (TDM), particularly in light of the shift to a Community-Based Social Marketing (CBSM) approach.

**The audit recommendations for Monterey-Salinas Transit are listed below:**

1. Work closely with TAMC to update the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) bylaws to include a table that aligns MAC membership with the statutory composition of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[TAMC Final Audit](#)  
[MST Final Audit](#)

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** King City Participatory Budgeting Projects

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

#### City of King - Participatory Budgeting Funding Request:

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of King to program RSTP funds dedicated to the City's Participatory Budgeting process;
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

### SUMMARY:

The Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan will include project recommendations for all public K-12 schools in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. Project prioritization is determined through a democratic process, called Participatory Budgeting, where community members vote to decide how public funds are spent in their cities. The third city to complete the Participatory Budgeting process is King City.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan is funded through a \$664,127 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and \$126,501 of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funds as is reflected in the approved agency budget. The projects selected through the Participatory Budgeting process are funded by \$1 million (\$250,000 for four cities) in Regional Surface Transportation Program Reserve funds from the fiscal year 20/21-22/23 program cycle.

### DISCUSSION:

The Participatory Budgeting process is designed to fast-track funding and implementation of safe routes to school projects that are meaningful to community members. In April 2023, a King City Safe Routes to School Steering Committee was formed to assist in developing the process and engaging the greater community. Sixteen community members served on the Committee and, on average, 8 members attended at least 4 of the 8 steering committee meetings.

### The Process:

1. Creating the Ballot - the King City Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, made up of residents and community advocates, worked with Safe Routes to School program partners and the City of King to develop a list of projects for the community to vote on.
2. Election Kickoff - the Election kicked-off at the Dia de los Muertos Festival on October 29,

2023 where the public had an opportunity to learn about the projects, ask questions, and cast their vote.

3. Voting - The public was able to vote for their favorite projects for a two and a half week period (October 27 - November 12) at ballot drop-off sites or online.
4. Election Results - the winning projects were announced at the February 27, 2024 King City Council meeting.

**Election Results:**

The ballot included 2 proposals, with each proposal having a list of street safety projects on corridors that received a high interest in comments during the Safe Routes to School Plan public outreach and that were prioritized by the Steering Committee. During the two and a half voting period, a total of 755 community members voted for their favorite projects. Of those 755 ballots, 324 ballots were in Spanish, 722 were paper and 33 were submitted online.

After the ballots were collected and counted, the Steering Committee reviewed the election results and recommended to City Council that the following projects be funded to make the most of the \$250,000 grant from the Transportation Agency (full list of projects linked below). On February 27, 2024, the King City Council approved the recommendation to implement the following projects:

<b>Projects under Proposal 2 (625 votes)</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>
Mejoras peatonales en San Antonio Drive y Spreckels Road / Pedestrian Improvements on San Antonio Drive and Spreckels Road	\$26,000
Mejoras peatonales en Canal Street y Division Street / Pedestrian Improvements on Canal Street and Division Street	\$40,000
Mejoras peatonales en King Street y Russ Street/ Pedestrian Improvements on King Street and Russ Street	\$12,000
Mejoras peatonales en King Street y 3rd Street / Pedestrian Improvements on King Street and 3rd Street	\$36,000
Mejoras peatonales en Russ Street y Ulrey Street / Pedestrian Improvements on Russ Street and Ulrey Street	\$24,000
Mejoras peatonales en Collins Street y Mildred Avenue / Pedestrian Improvements on Collins and Mildred Avenue	\$35,000
Mejoras peatonales en Ellis Street / Pedestrian Improvements on Ellis Street	\$40,000
Mejoras peatonales en Russ Street y Bassett Street	\$28,000

Projects funded through the participatory budgeting process can receive reimbursements as soon as the Transportation Agency approves the updated Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A to incorporate the projects listed above (**attached**).

The Transportation Agency Master Funding Agreement memorializes conditions and requirements for local agencies to use state funds passed through by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. Each agency receiving Regional Surface Transportation Program, Regional Development Impact Fee, and Transportation Development Act 2% funds are required to enter into a master agreement. Exhibit A is the approved list of projects to receive funding from the Transportation Agency.

Online as **web attachments** are the election results and the voter guides in English and in Spanish.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. March 2024 Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A - King City

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [King City Participatory Budgeting Election Results](#)
- [King City Participatory Budgeting Voter Guide](#)
- [Presupuesto Participativo King City Guia de Votacion](#)

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County**  
**Master State and Federal Funding Agreement**  
**Exhibit A**

**City of King**

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Active Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
King City	3/27/2024	3/24/2027	RSTP Reserve	Salinas Valley SRTS Plan - Participatory Budgeting - San Antonio Dr and Spreckels Rd Pedestrian Improvements - Canal St and Division St Pedestrian Improvements - King St Pedestrian Improvements - Russ St Pedestrian Improvements - 3rd St and Ulrey St Pedestrian Improvements - Collins St Pedestrian Improvements - Ellis St pedestrian Improvements	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
King City	8/23/2023	8/22/2026	RSTP Competitive	U.S. 101/Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement Project	\$ 3,519,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,519,000.00
King City	8/23/2023	8/22/2026	RSTP Quick-Build	Division Street Bike Lanes & SRTS Crosswalk Upgrades	\$ 117,380.00	\$ -	\$ 117,380.00
King City	3/22/2023	3/21/2026	RSTP Fair Share	Unprogrammed balance	\$ 169,931.55	\$ -	\$ 169,931.55
					<b>\$ 3,806,311.55</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,806,311.55</b>

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Completed Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
King City	3/26/2014	Completed	RSTP Fair Share	King Street Overlay, and slurry seal of various streets	\$ 170,277.09	\$ 170,277.09	\$ -
King City	8/27/2014	Completed	TDA 2%	First Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 648,750.00	\$ 648,750.00	\$ -
King City	3/22/2017	Completed	RSTP Fair Share	King City Street Project - Haven Dr, Carson St, Vivian Ave	\$ 83,427.06	\$ 83,427.06	\$ -
King City	12/4/2019	Completed	RSTP Safe Streets	Broadway Street Bulbout Project	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -
King City	8/26/2020	Completed	RSTP Competitive	Complete Streets Downtown Streetscape Bulbout Improvements	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -
					<b>\$ 1,942,454.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,942,454.15</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Last Revised: 3/27/2024

Approved by: Todd Muck, Executive Director



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** Updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Bylaws

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**APPROVE** proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee bylaws, which the board noticed at the February 2024 Board meeting, to add a clause about BPC Members' responsibility to be a bridge to their jurisdictions overseeing local bicycle and pedestrian facility-related needs and developments.

### SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency is proposing an update to its bylaws by adding a clause to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee bylaws under Section V, Membership Responsibility. According to TAMC bylaws, proposed amendments must be noticed at the Board of Directors meeting preceding the final approval, which requires approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

### DISCUSSION:

On November 1, 2023, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC) reviewed their bylaws, prompted by a presentation from Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner at TAMC. Ms. Strause's presentation highlighted the formation of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities, underscoring TAMC's commitment to meet State and Federal mandates for community involvement. She outlined key responsibilities such as evaluating urban planning updates and advocating for bicycle and pedestrian enhancements in new developments to the TAMC Board of Directors.

Martin Wegenstein, District 5 rep acting as 2023 Vice Chair and 2024 Chair, encouraged committee members to collaborate with local officials on future projects that include bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Following this, the committee unanimously agreed to amend the bylaws, specifically by adding a clause in Section V on Membership Responsibilities, to underscore committee members' roles as pivotal links between their jurisdictions and the advisory committee. To conduct a detailed review, an ad-hoc subcommittee was established, comprising Martin Wegenstein, Mark Chaffey, and Marzette Henderson. The BPC discussed the proposed edits at the January 10, 2024 meeting and unanimously recommended the TAMC Board adopt the changes. The TAMC Board noticed the Bylaws change at its February 28, 2024 meeting.

The revised bylaws are **attached**, with the relevant changes marked on page 3.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024 BPC Bylaws Update - DRAFT Track Changes

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**DRAFT**

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**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BYLAWS**

Approved by the TAMC Board on [month day, year]

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has established a Citizens Advisory Committee for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities to act at its direction and discretion, in response to state and federal requirements for citizens' participation.

**I. PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

The purpose and duties of the Committee are as follows:

- A. Advise the Transportation Agency for Monterey County on safety, community needs, concerns, goals, and objectives with respect to bicycle and pedestrian facilities and travel. Special reports related to the bicycle and pedestrian planning effort may be made to the TAMC at any time.
- B. Review local bicycle and pedestrian facility planning documents.
- C. Review bicycle and pedestrian project funding applications submitted to TAMC and recommend a priority project list in each funding cycle.
- D. Advocate bicycle use and walking as viable alternative means of transportation.
- E. Identify future areas for short and long-term improvement strategies for the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

- F. Operate as a forum for communication between public and private agencies, users, and providers.
- G. Provide advice on the development of a countywide Bicycle Plan that meets the criteria for a General Bikeway Plan as set forth in the California Bikeways Act.

**II. MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall be composed of one representative and one alternate from each city and supervisorial district in Monterey County. The TAMC Board may appoint additional members from public agencies. Interested individuals may obtain application forms from TAMC staff. Individuals must be nominated for membership by the city or supervisorial district and must be approved by the TAMC Board.

**III. OFFICERS AND TERM OF OFFICE**

The Committee shall have officers, a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who shall be elected by the general membership of the Committee.

The term of office shall be for one (1) year. Election of officers shall be held in November of each year and will take effect in January of the following year. Upon the resignation of an officer, a special election will be held.

The Chairperson shall preside over all committee meetings, may vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The Chairperson shall report to the TAMC as directed by the Committee.

The Vice Chairperson shall serve in the absence of the Chairperson and perform such other duties as requested by the Chair. In the event the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson are not present at the meeting, the Committee may select a member to chair that particular meeting.

**IV. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

Committee members will serve two (2) years with the option of additional terms. TAMC staff will notify members thirty (30) days in advance of their term expiration date. Members must advise TAMC staff as to their desire to stay on the Committee. Reappointment must be confirmed by the TAMC.

**V. MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY**

Committee members are the active link between the jurisdiction they represent and the the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. The Committee member shall communicate regularly with the governance organizations and communities within their jurisdiction, track needs, projects, and improvements that may affect Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities, and make recommendations for full committee review as needed. TAMC staff can support such contact.

**VI. ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at all Committee meetings is expected. Members who miss three (3) Meetings within a twelve (12) month period without due cause shall have their appointment automatically terminated. "Due cause" is defined as calling the TAMC secretary in advance of the meeting with a reason for not attending.

**VII. QUORUM**

For the Committee to transact any business or take action, a quorum must be present. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of a majority of the number of voting memberships filled at that time; the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum. (Voting members are defined above in paragraph II. Membership.)

**VIII. MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held at a specific time and place that the Committee determines to be convenient for the majority of the members. Meetings shall be open to the public and shall conform to the Open Meeting Laws, commonly known as the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code § 54950 et seq.). The time allotted for the public to present their view to the Committee on bicycle and pedestrian issues will be determined by the Chair in order to ensure that Committee business is completed.

**IX. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings will be kept by the TAMC staff and approved by the Committee. When votes are taken on items or opinions to be presented to the TAMC, a roll call vote will be taken, and the results clearly documented in the minutes. The minutes shall reflect minority views in addition to the majority viewpoint.

**X. VOTING**

The vote of the majority of the Committee members present at any regular, continued or special meeting shall be sufficient to pass or act upon any matter properly before the Committee.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee may communicate freely with elected or appointed bodies, public or private agencies or individuals to obtain input or opinions regarding bicycle and pedestrian planning proposals. Copies of all correspondence originating with the Committee should be included, as it occurs, in the TAMC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda packets.

**XII. STAFF ASSISTANCE**

Staff shall assist in providing information, preparing meeting agendas as directed, and generally assisting the Committee. Members of the staff will be present at all meetings.

Review of reports or proposals, preparation of draft written communications, verbal or personal contacts with individual agencies and other related activities shall be done by the Committee as a whole or by Subcommittees.

**~~XIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS~~**

~~The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a majority of the voting membership of the Committee, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is mailed to each member of the Committee not less than one (1) week prior to the meeting.~~

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Legislative Update**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

#### **Legislative Update:**

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **ADOPT** positions on proposed legislation.

### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents updates on state and federal legislative activities and proposed positions on draft legislation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The state legislative proposals may have a financial impact on TAMC if they are enacted. The 2024 federal transportation appropriations bill included \$1,811,000 for the G12 Pajaro to Prunedale project. TAMC submitted funding requests to Senator Butler for \$2 million for the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 Climate Resiliency project and \$1.5 million for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center by the March 12, 2024 deadline.

### **DISCUSSION:**

**Attachment 1** is the draft state bill list. Priorities listed in the bill list refer to the adopted 2024 legislative program, online as a **web attachment**. The Executive Committee recommends the Board adopt the following positions:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 817 (Pacheco): Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body - this is one of two Brown Act reform bills that could help TAMC have more flexibility on its committee meetings. Recommend a "support" position.
- AB 2535 (Bonta): Trade Corridor Enhancement Program - would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to ensure that at least 50% of the funds allocated under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in any fiscal year are allocated to investments in zero-emission freight infrastructure and would prohibit funding any capacity projects or general purposes lanes on the state highway system. The US 101 South of Salinas project is poised to apply for this grant program but would not be eligible with these revisions to the program. Recommend an "oppose" position.
- AB 3005 (Wallis): Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension - this is a reintroduction of a bill from prior years that would severely impact the main funding source for transportation in California, the gas tax. Recommend an "oppose" position.

- Senate Bill (SB) 537 (Becker): Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences - this is the other Brown Act reform bill; this one could facilitate virtual meetings of multijurisdictional bodies such as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. Recommend a "support" position.
- SB 768 (Caballero): California Environmental Quality Act: Air Resources Board: vehicle miles traveled: study - would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to coordinate with relevant agencies, including Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), to conduct a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Recommend a "support" position.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee recommends the Board support AB 2259 (Boerner): Transportation: bicycle safety handbook, which would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop and distribute a bicycle safety handbook that includes information on existing laws regulating bicycles and e-bikes.

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District requests the Board support AB 2401 (Ting): Clean Cars 4 All Program, which would expand the grant program to the entire state, including Monterey County.

TAMC may need to pursue legislation to clarify project eligibility for Proposition 116 funding, which was used to purchase the Monterey Branch Line in 2003. The MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project, as currently designed, removes small portions of the tracks in three places. Due to the removal of tracks, some are questioning the Agency's commitment to the ultimate build-out project of light rail in the corridor. However, the tracks are expected to be refurbished and upgraded for the eventual rail project anyway, and the removal of a minor section of the corridor is not a barrier to implementing future rail service.

The TAMC Board demonstrated an ongoing commitment to passenger rail on the Monterey Branch Line via adoption of the Monterey Bay Area Network Integration Study on August 25, 2021. The vision service scenario shows a passenger rail service on the Monterey Branch Line, connecting "around the bay" to the Santa Cruz Branch Line, enabling a one-seat ride from the City of Monterey to the City of Santa Cruz in the full build-out scenario and connecting to intercity passenger service on the coast rail line at the community of Castroville. The initial service scenario shows TAMC's support for the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project within the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line corridor as a precursor to rail service. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recommended the TAMC Board pursue bus rapid transit service to demonstrate demand for rail service on the corridor. As a result, the TAMC Board approved the SURF! project in its Measure X local transportation sales tax ballot measure in 2016. Thanks to Measure X and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant funding, the SURF! project is now at 95% design and is ready to go into construction in 2025, once the required permits have been approved.

**Attachment 2** is a state legislative update; **Attachment 3** is a summary of a Legislative Analyst's Office report on the impacts of climate change goals on transportation funding options.

**Attachment 4** is a federal legislative update, celebrating the enactment of the transportation appropriations bill that included \$1,811,000 for the G12 Pajaro to Prunedale project.

**Web Attachment 2** is a summary of President Biden's budget request and its implications for transit and rail projects, from the American Public Transportation Association.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**



1. TAMC-March-Bill Matrix
2. State Legislative Update
3. Addressing Transportation Funding Gaps
4. Federal Legislative Update

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [TAMC 2024 Legislative Program](#)
2. [APTA Transit and Rail summary of President Biden FY 2025 Budget Request](#)

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p><b>AB 6 (Friedman)</b> <b>Transportation Planning: regional transportation plans: Solutions for Congested Corridors</b></p>	<p>6/14/23 Senate Transportation Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on March 16, this bill would require the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to establish additional greenhouse gas emission targets for automobiles and light trucks. The bill adds a 60-day timeline before the public participation process for a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to submit its technical methodology to ARB to determine greenhouse gas emissions reductions. An MPO must submit its sustainable communities strategy to ARB within 120 days of adoption, and ARB would be provided with 180 days, rather than 60, to review a sustainable communities strategy. This bill would require each Solutions for Congested Corridors project nomination to demonstrate how the project would contribute to achieving the state’s greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Watch Priority 1S</b></p>
<p><b>AB 7 (Friedman)</b> <b>Transportation: project selection processes</b></p>	<p>9/11/23 Senate Floor Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on September 1, this bill would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to incorporate principles outlined in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), and the federal Justice40 initiative into their existing program funding guidelines and processes.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Watch Priority 1S</b></p>
<p><b>AB 817 (Pacheco)</b> <b>Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body</b></p>	<p>1/25/24 Senate Rules</p>	<p>This bill allows, until January 1, 2026, a subsidiary body of a local agency to teleconference without meeting all of the teleconferencing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). A subsidiary body is defined as a commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body that does not take final action on behalf of a local entity.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPPORT Priority 15S</b></p>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Bill Summary</b>	<b>Recommended Position</b>
<b>AB 1773 (Dixon)</b> <b>Vehicles: bicycles on boardwalks</b>	1/16/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would authorize a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on boardwalks.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 1778 (Connolly)</b> <b>Vehicles: electric bicycles</b>	1/16/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit any person under 16 years of age from operating a Class 2 electric bicycle. A class 2 electric bicycle is defined as a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. As amended on March 6, the bill now only pertains to Marin County, and its ability to pass ordinances to regulate e-bikes.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 1904 (Ward)</b> <b>Transit buses: yield right-of-way sign</b>	2/5/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would allow transit agencies statewide to equip buses with a yield right-of-way sign on the left rear of the bus designed to warn a person operating a motor vehicle approaching the rear of the bus that the bus is entering traffic and be illuminated by a red flashing light when the bus is signaling in preparation for entering a traffic lane after having stopped to receive or discharge passengers.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 2234 (Boerner)</b> <b>Vehicles: electric bikes</b>	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit people under the age of 12 from operating an electric bicycle of any class. This bill would require the California Highway Patrol, on or before June 30, 2025, to issue a skills waiver for those who completed a electric bicycle safety and training program.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 2259 (Boener)</b> <b>Transportation: bicycle safety handbook</b>	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop and distribute, on or before September 1, 2025, a bicycle safety handbook that includes information on, among other things, existing laws regulating bicycles and e-bikes.	<b>SUPPORT</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<b>AB 2266 (Petrie-Norris)</b> <b>California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project</b>	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the ARB to authorize a voucher issued under the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project to be used for the acquisition of any zero-emission vehicle that meets specified requirements.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 13S</b>
<b>AB 2290 (Friedman)</b> <b>Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program</b>	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit the allocation of Active Transportation Program funds for a project that creates a Class III bikeway unless the project is on a residential street with a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. A Class III bikeway is defined as a bikeway that provides a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. This bill would establish the Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program to expedite development and implementation of bikeways on the state highway system.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 2S</b>
<b>AB 2401 (Ting)</b> <b>Clean Cars 4 All Program</b>	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the Clean Cars 4 All Program to ensure that incentives provided under the program are available in all areas of the state and that, in those areas where a local air district has not elected to manage the distribution of incentives, the ARB manages the distribution of incentives to eligible residents of those areas.	<b>SUPPORT</b> <b>Priority 4S</b>
<b>AB 2535 (Bonta)</b> <b>Trade Corridor Enhancement Program</b>	3/4/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the CTC to ensure that at least 50% of the funds allocated under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in any fiscal year are allocated to investments in zero-emission freight infrastructure. The bill would prohibit funding any capacity projects or general purposes lanes on the state highway system.	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>Priority 1S</b>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Bill Summary</b>	<b>Recommended Position</b>
<b>AB 2583 (Berman)</b> <b>School Zones and Routes</b>	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would establish a default speed limit of 15 miles per hour in school zones during the hours before the school day begins and after the school day ends.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 2744 (McCarty)</b> <b>Vehicles: pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety</b>	3/4/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit the addition of a right-turn or travel lane within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is not already a dedicated and marked right-turn or travel lane, and would prohibit vehicles from using this 20-foot area for right turns unless the area is already marked as a dedicated right-turn lane.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>AB 2796 (Alvarez)</b> <b>Equitable Access to Zero-Emissions Vehicles Fund</b>	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the ARB to establish the Equitable Access to Zero-Emission Vehicles Fund to offer rebates for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 4S</b>
<b>AB 2815 (Petrie-Norris)</b> <b>Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle charging infrastructure</b>	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to establish a program under the Clean Transportation Program to provide grants for repairs to electric vehicle charging infrastructure that has been in operation for at least 5 years and that is in a publicly available parking space. The bill would require the commission to allocate at least 50% of grant funding to low-income communities and disadvantaged communities.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 4S</b>
<b>AB 3005 (Wallis)</b> <b>Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension</b>	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would suspend the annual inflationary adjustment of gas tax revenues, which would create a deficit of funding for the State Transportation improvement Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and local streets and roads.	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>Priority 1S</b>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p><b>SB 537 (Becker)</b>  <b>Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences</b></p>	<p>9/14/23                      Assembly Floor                      Two-year bill</p>	<p>As amended on September 5, this bill authorizes multi-jurisdictional, cross-county legislative bodies to use alternate teleconferencing provisions if the authorizing agency has adopted a resolution. The bill would require a legislative body to provide a record of attendance of the members of the legislative body, the number of community members in attendance in the teleconference meeting, on its internet website within <u>10</u> days after a teleconference meeting. The bill requires a quorum of members of the legislative body to participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the agency’s jurisdiction. The bill would require a member who receives compensation for their service on the legislative body to participate from a physical location that is open to the public. The bill requires the legislative body to identify in the agenda each member who plans to participate remotely and to include the address of the publicly accessible building from each member will participate via teleconference. The bill would prohibit a member from participating remotely pursuant to these provisions unless the remote location is the member’s office or another location in a publicly accessible building and is more than 40 miles from the in-person location of the meeting.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b>  <b>Priority 15S</b>  <b>Letter sent 6/27/23</b></p>
<p><b>SB 768 (Caballero)</b>  <b>CEQA: ARB: vehicle miles traveled: study</b></p>	<p>1/29/24                      Assembly Rules</p>	<p>As amended on January 11, 2024, this bill would require the ARB to coordinate with relevant agencies, including Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), to conduct a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b>  <b>Priority 2S</b></p>
<p><b>SB 947 (Seyarto)</b>  <b>Caltrans: state highway projects: agreements with public entities: project design changes</b></p>	<p>2/14/24                      Senate Transportation</p>	<p>This bill would require Caltrans, in an agreement with a city, county, or other public entity for the contribution of funds for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of any portion of state highway, to include a provision that makes Caltrans responsible for any additional costs associated with a new project design adopted by Caltrans after the project is included in the state transportation improvement program or the state highway operation and protection program.</p>	<p><b>Watch</b>  <b>Priority 8S</b></p>

**TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024**

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<b>SB 960 (Wiener)</b> <b>Transportation:</b> <b>planning: transit</b> <b>priority projects:</b> <b>multimodal</b>	2/14/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require the Caltrans asset management plan for the state highway operation and protection program (SHOPP) to prioritize the implementation of comfortable, convenient, and connected facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on all projects in the program. The bill would repeal the requirement for the CTC to adopt targets and performance measures and instead require the CTC to adopt 4-year and 10-year objective targets and performance measures reflecting state transportation goals and objectives, including for complete streets assets that reflect the existence and conditions of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities on the state highway system. The bill would require Caltrans plain language performance report to include a description of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities on each project. The bill would require Caltrans, in consultation with the CTC, to update the asset management plan and use it to guide the selection of transit priority projects for the SHOPP.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 1S</b>
<b>SB 961 (Wiener)</b> <b>Vehicles: safety</b> <b>equipment</b>	2/14/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 9S</b>
<b>SB 1098 (Blakespear)</b> <b>Passenger and freight</b> <b>rail: LOSSAN Rail</b> <b>Corridor</b>	3/6/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to provide strategic guidance, recommendations, and facilitate all necessary coordination, collaboration, and intervention, when necessary, between stakeholders, to ensure the performance of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor. While TAMC is not part of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor today, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council has been in discussions with LOSSAN for many years about the potential for extending their service north from San Luis Obispo to close the gap on the coast rail line.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 16S</b>

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<b>SB 1387 (Newman)</b> <b>California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project</b>	2/29/24 Senate Rules	Spot bill related to the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.	<b>Watch</b> <b>Priority 13S</b>





March 12, 2024

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
FROM: Gus Khouri, President  
Khoury Consulting LLC  
RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FEBRUARY**

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### **General Outlook**

The 2024 Calendar states that August 31 will be the final day of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The legislature is currently going through its budget subcommittee process to take public comment on the Governor’s proposed FY 24-25 State Budget. Items will remain open without action until the May Revise is released on or by May 14. The State Budget must be enacted by the legislature on June 15 and signed by the Governor by June 30. Governor Newsom will have until September 30 to sign or veto legislation.

### **New Senate President pro Tempore**

On February 5, Senator Mike McGuire was sworn in as the 52<sup>nd</sup> President pro Tempore of the California State Senate. He succeeds Toni Atkins, who served as pro Temp since 2018 but will be termed out of office this year. She intends to run for Governor in 2026 when Governor Newsom is termed out. McGuire will be termed out in 2026.

### **Monterey Branch Line – Use of Proposition 116 Funds**

Proposition 116 of 1990 enacted the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, designating \$1.99 billion for specific projects, purposes, and geographic jurisdictions, primarily for passenger rail capital projects. TAMC received \$17 million to extend Caltrain service and address other rail projects. TAMC elected to use \$9.3 million of the total to acquire the Monterey Branch Line corridor from Castroville to Seaside in 2003. TAMC adopted light rail as

the preferred alternative in 2009 and commenced coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on the environmental review. In 2013, the FTA asked TAMC to work with MST to pursue a near-term bus rapid transit project in the corridor to prove ridership demand for a passenger rail service. In 2016, TAMC included the MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Measure X investment plan, approved by 67.71% of voters. In 2022, Monterey-Salinas Transit was awarded a \$25 million grant by the California State Transportation Agency for the SURF! project. The project, scheduled to commence construction in October 2024, would construct a dedicated busway between Marina and Seaside in the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line right-of-way to bypass traffic on Highway 1. The project will reduce travel time during peak morning and afternoon congested periods and connect the rapidly growing housing centers in the City of Marina with commercial and hospitality jobs on the Monterey Peninsula.

The California Transportation Commission is concerned about the SURF! project removing existing tracks since it may violate the use of funds for the Monterey Branch Line as permitted through Proposition 116. The existing tracks, however, are decades old, need replacement, and are in no condition to service passenger rail service today. Considerable investment is needed to complete environmental clearance and project design, construct upgrades to the tracks, procure rolling stock, and secure operating funds for the planned passenger rail service. Consistent with the Governor's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, the SURF! project will help support mode shift and prove ridership demand while funding is secured for the passenger rail service. Legislative action may be required to clear up any ambiguity and retain the \$25 million award for the SURF! project as well as the original Proposition 116 investment into the rail corridor.

### **New California Transportation Commissioner**

On February 1, Assembly Speaker Rivas appointed Robert Tiffany, former San Benito County Supervisor, to the California Transportation Commission. Mr. Tiffany succeeds Joseph Lyo, Executive Director for the Coalition for Clean Air, previously appointed by former Speaker Anthony Rendon. It is the first time a member from the California coast has been selected. The CTC consists of 11 members, including nine gubernatorial appointees, and one each by the Senate President pro Tempore (Clarissa Falcon of San Diego) and the Assembly Speaker. Mr. Tiffany will attend his first Commission meeting in San Jose on March 21-22.

## Addressing Transportation Funding Gaps: Strategies and Options

### **Introduction:**

California's leadership in climate change mitigation is marked by ambitious initiatives to cut greenhouse gas emissions, notably through promoting Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). These efforts bring to light a fiscal dilemma as they forecast a shrinking revenue stream from the traditional transportation funding sources of gasoline and diesel taxes. This shift comes as the state faces reduced revenue from the gas tax, which has been the main source of transportation funding since the 1920s, intensifying the need for innovative funding solutions. The emergence of teleworking and more fuel-efficient cars have also exacerbated funding decline. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) published a report outlining the challenges of balancing environmental aspirations with fiscal realities considering California's budget deficit and providing guidance in evaluating sustainable funding options.<sup>1</sup> It aims to ensure transportation infrastructure can continue to develop without compromising environmental goals or fiscal responsibility, offering a pathway for strategic decision-making.

### **Background:**

**California's Climate Initiatives and Scoping Plan:** In response to climate change, Governor Newsom has issued two Executive Orders, N-19-19 and N-79-20, which are intended to promote mode shift and investments in active and public transportation rather than traditional highway projects, while promoting the increase of ZEV adoption, mandating 100% of new light-duty vehicle sales to be ZEVs by 2035, with similar requirements for sales of new, including transit buses, by 2040. Collectively, both Executive Orders from the Governor's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), which the California State Transportation Agency adopted in July of 2021 to direct state investments for multi-modal purposes. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality<sup>2</sup> sets ambitious targets for ZEV adoption, marking a pivotal shift towards environmentally friendly vehicles to meet California's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

**Impact on Transportation Funding:** State transportation funding primarily relies on fuel taxes and vehicle fees. Fuel taxes are excise and sales taxes on gasoline and diesel. Vehicle fees include registration and license fees. With advancements in technology leading to more ZEVs

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<sup>1</sup> "Assessing California's Climate Policies—Implications for State Transportation Funding and Programs", LAO, December 13, 2023: <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4821>

<sup>2</sup> 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality, CARB, <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan/2022-scoping-plan-documents>

and fuel-efficient cars and trucks, the use of gas and diesel is decreasing. This change is causing a significant drop in the revenue from fuel taxes, creating a funding challenge for transportation projects as traditional revenue sources shrink. This shift necessitates reevaluating how California funds transportation infrastructure to keep up with changing vehicle use and environmental goals.

### **Key Considerations for Weighing Various Options to Address Transportation Gaps**

- Ensure that the funding option adheres to the “user-pays” principle. The "user-pays" principle is a funding concept where individuals who utilize services or infrastructure, such as roads, contribute financially to their maintenance and development. This model ensures that the costs are directly linked to usage, promoting a fair distribution of financial responsibility among users.
- Assess the impact of funding changes on different demographic groups.
- Consider the ease of implementation and the long-term sustainability of new funding sources.

### **Options for Addressing Transportation Funding Gaps**

- **Increase Existing Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees:**
  - **Raise Existing Fuel Taxes:** This aligns with the user-pays principle but may not be sustainable as ZEV adoption increases and fuel efficiency improves. It also poses equity concerns as it more impacts lower-income households.
  - **Raise Existing Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF):** This is easier to implement since SB 1 mandated the collection of a predictable, stable, and equitable tiered vehicle registration fee that is not directly tied to road usage. The VRF generates \$1.7 billion annually and funds many state competitive programs.
- **Shift Transportation Costs to Other Fund Sources:**
  - **Use General Fund or Existing Special Funds:** Shifting costs to the General Fund or special funds deviates from the user-pays principle and could reduce funding for other programs, setting the stage for future political fights. It would be a significant shift from historical funding sources but could provide stable funding for transportation.

- **Reduce and Reprioritize Spending on Transportation Programs:**
  - **Align spending with available revenues:** Avoids tax increases or fund redirection. This could negatively impact the transportation system, as climate change impacts increase maintenance needs and as the state pursues goals of reducing VMT by implementing alternative modes.
- **Adopt New Transportation-Related Charges:**
  - **Implement a Road User Charge:** Directly tied to road usage, aligning with the user-pays principle. A road user charge, also known as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, mileage fee, or vehicle miles traveled fee, poses equity challenges and higher administrative costs but could offer a sustainable revenue source as the state transitions to ZEVs and more fuel-efficient vehicles. It requires addressing privacy concerns, equity concerns, and finding efficient collection methods.
  - **Tax hydrogen and electricity for vehicles:** This initiative mirrors the gas tax, aligning with the principle that users pay according to their road usage. Taxation on charging ZEVs at home is tricky and requires special equipment, which could be costly. There is potential inequity if taxation only occurs at public charging stations, benefiting those who can charge their cars at home. This possible new source of money as more people switch to ZEVs does not solve the problem of lost income from hybrid vehicles that use less gas.

### **Conclusion and Recommendations:**

A comprehensive strategy that harmonizes financial stability with environmental objectives is essential to effectively address transportation funding gaps. The goal should be to craft and implement a well-rounded plan that transitions to a sustainable transportation funding model aligned with California's ambitious climate targets.

**TO:** Christina Watson

**FROM:** Paul Schlesinger  
Jim Davenport

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, President Biden signed into law the FY 2024 minibus spending package, which includes the following appropriations bills: (1) **Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD)**; (2) Agriculture-Food & Drug Administration (Ag), (3) Energy and Water; (4) Commerce, Justice, Science; (5) Interior and Environment; and (6) Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and (4). The THUD bill includes \$1.811 million for the G12 Pajaro to Prunedale project, which was requested by Senator Padilla last year. Funding for the project will be administered through Caltrans.

While Congress continues to work on passing the other six appropriations bills, members of Congress and Senators have begun accepting FY 2025 community project funding requests. Senator Butler's appropriations portal opened on February 26 and closes on March 12. TAMC approved two project submissions to Senator Butler, the Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency project and the King City Multimodal Transportation Center. Both are compelling projects and will hopefully grab the attention of the congressional delegation. Mayor Dave Potter will have the opportunity to discuss these projects with Representatives Lofgren and Panetta, as well as Senator Padilla's staff, the week of March 11.

We expect Senator Padilla's, Representative Lofgren's and Representative Panetta's appropriations forms to be available soon and will continue working with you to submit your projects during this process.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement Consultant - Request for Proposals**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement Consultant - Request for Proposals:**

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for professional services to deliver Safe Routes to School education and encouragement programming across Monterey County, subject to agency counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funding and regional Measure X funds allocated to the Safe Routes to Schools Program, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,622,091.

**SUMMARY:**

The Monterey County Safe Routes to School Program is looking for a partner to deliver education and encouragement programming across the county. Programming includes traffic safety education for youth and families, walking school buses, family-oriented engagement, volunteer training and community events.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The six-year contract will be funded with \$1,166,114 Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 & 6 funds and \$2,455,977 Measure X Safe Routes to School funding for a total of \$3,622,091 included in the Agency's draft 2024-25 budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

In February 2018, the TAMC Board adopted the Measure X Safe Routes to School Guidelines, which set goals for safe routes to school in Monterey County. The Measure X Safe Routes to School program is aimed at developing safe, healthy and affordable transportation options for children, educating children and the community how to safely walk, bicycle and carpool, and encouraging children to use active transportation that will lead to a healthier lifestyle. TAMC engaged the consultant firm Ecology Action in 2018 to perform these services; that contract is set to expire on June 30, 2024.

This request for proposal will work toward the following goals identified in the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program Guidelines:

- Education Goal 1: All Children in Monterey County receive pedestrian and bicycle safety education by 5th grade
- Education Goal 2: Parents, guardians, teachers, school staff and surrounding neighborhood community are educated on safe driving, bicycling and walking in support of safe routes to school efforts
- Encouragement Goal 1: The majority of children arrive to school by bus, carpool, bike, scooter/skateboard or walking
- Encouragement Goal 2: All K-12 schools have safe routes to school encouragement programs
- Encouragement Goal 3: All K-12 schools participate in Monterey County Bike Walk Challenge
- Enforcement Goal 1: Crossing guards at all elementary schools
- Enforcement Goal 2: Community-enhanced enforcement
- Equity Goal 1: Countywide Safe Routes to School Program resources are distributed equitably

This request for proposals will be used by TAMC to select a consultant or consultant team to provide safe routes to school education and encouragement programming in communities across Monterey County. To meet the comprehensive Measure X Safe Routes to School Program goals, the scope of work for this contract will include:

- Coordination with schools;
- In-class traffic safety presentations lead by certified instructors;
- Bike rodeos and all necessary equipment;
- Pedestrian education and rodeos for 2nd grade students;
- Participate in Bike & Walk to School and community events;
- Walking school buses;
- Traffic garden curriculum and trainings;
- Crossing guard trainings;
- Outreach and training for school staff, parents and community volunteers;
- Design and develop program pages and content for the Safe Routes to School website;
- Develop and distribute safe routes to school kits;
- Develop bilingual outreach materials for schools, students, and community support;
- Bilingual staffing; and
- Quarterly invoices and progress reports

The consultant scope of work will help to deliver the following Active Transportation Program grants and develop infrastructure to enable the expansion of Measure X Safe Routes to School programs to schools and communities not served through the grant:

- Broadway Complete Streets in the City of Seaside
- Alisal Safe Routes to Schools in the City of Salinas
- Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School in the City of Salinas
- San Antonio Path & Safe Routes to Schools in the City of King City
- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project, California Avenue segment in the City of Marina

The proposed schedule for this work covers the grant timelines for these 5 projects, anticipated to be 6.5 years. Therefore, the proposed contract would be for the period ending December 31, 2030.



The Request for Proposals will be released upon approval from the Transportation Agency Board. Proposals will be due on May 8, 2024. The RFP schedule is as follows:

<b>Date/ Timeframe</b>	<b>Task</b>
March 27, 2024	Distribute RFP
April 24, 2024	Deadline for questions by 12:00 pm noon
May 8, 2024	Proposals due by 12:00 pm noon
May 9 -15, 2024	Review and rank proposals
May 20 – 24, 2024	Hold interviews (if necessary)
May 31, 2024	Determine top ranked consultant, send Tentative Award letter, negotiate contract
June 26, 2024	Bring contract to TAMC Board for approval

Once received, proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

<b>Firm Profile &amp; Project Team</b>	20 points
<b>Relevant Project Experience</b>	20 points
<b>Specific Approach</b>	50 points
<b>References</b>	5 points
<b>Cost</b>	5 points

Attached online is the draft scope of work and budget for this RFP.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Safe Routes to School Education & Encouragement draft Scope of Work & Budget](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **City of Soledad Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Fair Share Allocation:**

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP fair share funds for the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project in the amount of \$141,229; and
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

**SUMMARY:**

The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by a formula of population and lane miles to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Regional Surface Transportation Program was established by the State of California to utilize gas tax revenues on a wide variety of local transportation projects. The Transportation Agency receives these funds, which total approximately \$6 million per year, and distributes them to the Cities and County in two methods: fair share and competitive share. The Transportation Agency distributes \$1.2 million per year as the fair share component to the cities and County based on population and lane miles. The City of Soledad has a sufficient balance in its fair share reserve to program a total of \$141,229 to this project.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Agency is tasked with reviewing projects proposed for Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share monies and approving the funding if the project is deemed eligible under state law. Examples of the types of transportation projects that are eligible for funding include: local street and roadway rehabilitation, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, public transit capital, signal coordination, and other safety and operational improvements.

The City of Soledad is requesting that the Transportation Agency program \$141,229 of fair share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project. See attached letter for more details. The Metz Road Traffic Calming project in Soledad modified three blocks of Metz Road (State Route 146) between Andalucia Drive and Third Street with new asphalt,

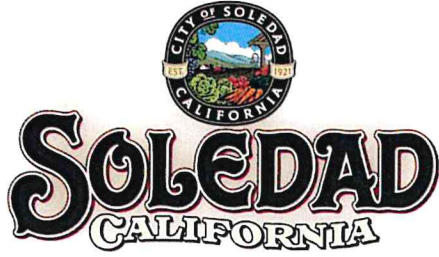
curb, gutter, sidewalk, and median features intended to reduce the speeds of motor vehicles in the vicinity of the project and improve safety for students crossing Metz Road to Gabilan Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School. The project's location is significant for safe routes to school pedestrian access with two elementary schools, a park, and little league baseball fields immediately adjacent to the project; and the Soledad Community Center and South County YMCA facility nearby.

The City has a remaining balance of \$141,229 of fair share funding available to program to this project, and staff has confirmed this amount with the City. Staff confirms that this project is eligible for this funding and recommends that the Board approve this request.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. City of Soledad - Funding Request Letter
2. Exhibit A - Soledad

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



February 26, 2024

Mike Zeller  
Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC)  
55-B Plaza Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901

**RE: Request for RSTP Fair Share Allocation for the City of Soledad Metz Road Traffic Calming Project**

Dear Mr. Zeller,

The City of Soledad requests that TAMC allocate \$141,229 of RSTP fair share funds for the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project. The project significantly improved traffic safety, relieved the morning and afternoon traffic congestion and provided a safer environment for pedestrians around the schools along Metz Road between Walker Drive and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The City Council accepted the project on February 6, 2019. Improvement in the areas previously mentioned has been observed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Wilcox  
Public Works Director

**REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Name and Address of Claimant</b>	<b>PROGRAM (RSTP) CLAIM FOR PAYMENT 55-B Plaza Circle Salinas, CA 93901-2902 831-775-0903 Tel 831-775-0897 FAX</b>	<b>Dept.'s Control No.</b>
CITY OF SOLEDAD		Page (0) of (0) Pages
248 MAIN STREET		<b>Vendor Code</b>
SOLEDAD, CA 93960	<b>Claim For</b> <u>RSTP</u> <b>Funds</b>	<b>PV Number</b>
	<b>From Fund</b> <u>RSTP Fair Share</u>	<b>MW Number</b>

<b>Description of Project or Purposes of Expenditures:</b>	<b>Check one to indicate use of funds:</b>
METZ RD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT  CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Street and Road Purposes</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Transit – Operating</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Transit – Capital</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2% Bicycle and Pedestrian Account Purposes</b>
	▪ <b>IS THIS THE FINAL CLAIM?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>no</b>

		FUND	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
<b>Expended to date on this project:</b>	\$ 1,029,576.87			
<b>Less amount claimed to date on this project:</b>	\$ 516,800.00	RSTP Competitive		
	\$ 154,500.00	RSTP Complete Streets		
	\$ 190,287.80	RSTP Fair Share		
<b>Amount of this claim:</b>	<b>\$ 141,229.00</b>	RSTP Fair Share		<b>\$ 141,229.00</b>
If this is the final claim for this project, please submit a project completion certification and report with this invoice.		<b>TOTAL CLAIM \$</b>		<b>\$ 141,229.00</b>

**SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT**

**APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITOR**

I certify that this claim is in accordance with applicable federal and state laws:

This claim is based on TAMC approved application and there are adequate funds available in claimant's account:

I certify that I have received all required documents for this claim and that the computations on the documentation and Claim are correct. This claim is approved for payment.

Donald T. Mabe      2/26/24  
Signature, title of claimant      Date

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TAMC Executive Director      Date  
Approved as stated hereon:

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TAMC Administrative Services Manager      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
JACK L. SKILLICORN, AUDITOR – CONTROLLER, By Deputy Auditor      Date

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County**  
**Master State and Federal Funding Agreement**  
**Exhibit A**

**City of Soledad**

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Active Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
Soledad	2/28/2024	2/27/2027	RSTP Reserve	Salinas Valley SRTS Plan - Participatory Budgeting - Orchard Lane and Gabilan Drive Pedestrian Improvements - Main Street and Gabilan Drive Intersection Improvements - Benito Street and Gabilan Drive Pedestrian Improvements - Orchard Lane Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
Soledad	8/23/2023	8/22/2026	RSTP Competitive	West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project	\$ 2,758,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,758,000.00
Soledad	12/7/2022	12/6/2025	RSTP Fair Share	Front Street Maintenance Project	\$ 398,928.76	\$ -	\$ 398,928.76
Soledad	3/27/2024	3/27/2027	RSTP Fair Share	Metz Road Traffic Calming Project	\$ 141,229.01	\$ -	\$ 141,229.01
					<b>\$ 3,548,157.77</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,548,157.77</b>

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Completed Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
Soledad	3/22/2017	Completed	RSTP Fair Share	Metz Road Traffic Calming Project	\$ 190,287.80	\$ 190,287.80	\$ -
Soledad	8/23/2017	Completed	RSTP Competitive	Metz Road Traffic Calming Project	\$ 516,800.00	\$ 516,800.00	\$ -
Soledad	6/27/2018	Completed	RSTP Complete Streets	Metz Road Traffic Calming Project	\$ 154,500.00	\$ 154,500.00	\$ -
					<b>\$861,587.80</b>	<b>\$861,587.80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Last Revised: 3/27/2024

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Todd Muck, Executive Director

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **MINUTES**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ACCEPT** draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of March 4, 2024
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of March 6, 2024
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 6, 2024
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of March 7, 2024
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

**SUMMARY:****FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exec draft minutes March\_6\_2024
2. Draft\_RPC\_Minutes\_March\_2024\_Meeting

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**DRAFT 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: Chris Lopez (Chair), Dave Potter (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair),  
Wendy Root Askew (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (Past Chair),  
Luis Alejo (County representative), Chaps Poduri (City representative)*

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

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

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

Alternate locations:

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, CA 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office*

*168 West Alisal Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office*

*599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927, Supervisor Lopez's Office*

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>JUN 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>SEP 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>NOV 23</b>	<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>MAR 24</b>
Chris Lopez, <b>Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 3 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)
Dave Potter, <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> Carmel-By-The-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Wendy Root Askew, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Michael LeBarre, <b>Past Chair</b> King City (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, <b>County Representative</b> Supr. Dist. 5 (L. Gonzales)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P*	P(A) (VC)
Chaps Poduri, <b>City Representative</b> (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P (VC)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

*TC: via teleconference; VC: via video conference*

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P\*= New Representative



## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. Chair Lopez welcomed Agency Counsel Shane Strong.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Watson, Wright, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, County Counsel; Monica Hale, Supervisor 3 District office; and Jasmine Mejia Cortez, Supervisor District 1 office; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment

## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre, seconded by Committee Alternate Member Anderson, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of February 7, 2024.

## **4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri, seconded by Committee Alternate Member Anderson, the Committee voted 5-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation as follows:

- AB 817: Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body – support
- AB 2535: Trade Corridor Enhancement Program – oppose
- AB 3005: Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension – oppose
- SB 537: Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences – support
- SB 768: California Environmental Quality Act: State Air Resources Board: vehicle miles traveled: study – support
- Support legislation that would clarify the intent of Proposition 116

Gus Khouri, Agency Legislative Consultant, highlighted the bills of interest and presented a state legislative update.

Director Muck noted that TAMC may need to pursue legislation to clarify Proposition 116 funding eligibility, which was used to purchase the Monterey Branch Line in 2003. Proposition 116 was primarily intended to fund rail projects, but “fixed guideway” projects are also eligible. The MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project is intended to be an interim project that will provide transit service in the near-term. Rail service on the Monterey Branch Line is included in the State Rail Plan as a long-term project. Legislation may be helpful to clarify Bus Rapid Transit projects on dedicated alignments, such as the SURF project, are “fixed guideway” projects.

## **TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of March 27, 2024. After Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update
- FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Contract
- Regional Transportation Plan Policy Element
- Transportation Agency Membership in Business Organizations

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Draft Minutes of March 4, 2024*

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room

Alternate locations: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933 - Supervisor Askew's Office

11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012 Supervisor Church's Office

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office

	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23	NOV 23	JAN 24	FEB 24	MAR 24
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 ( <del>L. Gonzalez</del> , J. Gomez)	<b>C</b>	P	P	<b>C</b>	<b>N</b>	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P	<b>C</b>	P(A) (VC)
G. Church, Dist. 2 ( <del>M. Vierra</del> , L. Gray)	<b>A</b>	P(A)	P(A)	<b>A</b>	<b>O</b>	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	<b>A</b>	P(A) (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, <del>E. Mora</del> )	<b>N</b>	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	<b>N</b>		P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	<b>N</b>	P(A) (VC)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (C. Courtney)	<b>C</b>	P(A) (VC)	E	<b>C</b>	<b>M</b>	E	A	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	<b>C</b>	P(A) (VC)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	<b>E</b>	P	P	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	P	<b>E</b>	P
B. Delgado Marina (vacant)	<b>L</b>	A	A	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	A	A	A	P (VC)	A	<b>L</b>	P (VC)
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	<b>L</b>	P	A	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	P	A	P	P	E	<b>L</b>	P
A. Sandoval, Salinas, (A. Rocha)	<b>E</b>	E	P	<b>E</b>	<b>I</b>	A	P	P	P	P(A)	<b>E</b>	P
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	<b>D</b>	A	A	<b>D</b>	<b>N</b>	A	A	A	P	A	<b>D</b>	P
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)		P	P		<b>G</b>	P	P	P	A	P		A
F. Cabrera, Soledad (A. Velazquez)		P	P			P	P	A	A	P		P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair (J. Barron)		E	P			E	A	E	P	P		P
M. Twomey, AMBAG ( <del>H. Adamson</del> , P. Hierling)		P(A)	P(A) (VC)			P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5		A	P (VC)			A	A	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)		P (VC)
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ <del>M. Overmeyer</del> )		P(A)	P (VC)			P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A)		P(A) (VC)

STAFF												
T. Muck, Executive Director		E	P			E	P	P	P	P		P
C. Watson, Director of Planning		P	P			P	P	P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	E	E	P (VC)	E		P (VC)
M. Montiel Admin Assistant		P	P			P	P	P	P	P		P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	P (VC)	A	P	P		E
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer		P	P (VC)			P (VC)	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A		P (VC)
A. Guther, Assis. Transp. Planner		P	E			P	P	P	P	P		P
A. Sambrano Transp. Planner							P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P		P (VC)

P = Present      A = Absent      P(A) = Alternate Present      E = Excused      (VC) = Video Conference

**1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 3: 00p.m. A quorum was established.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tarah Gatten	Caltrans	Brianna Goodman	SCCRTC
Riley Gerbrandt	SCCRTC	Mark McLaren	Public
Cheryl Childs	Mark Thomas	Etty Mercurio	Mark Thomas
Monique Fountain	Elkhorn Slough	Amanda Dugar	LSA Consultant

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Anderson/ Courtney

Abstentions: Smith, Sandoval, Carbone

**3.1** Approved minutes of the January 8, 2024, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

**3.2** Received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.

**3.3** Received media clippings attached online.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ZERO EMISSION RAIL AND TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Santa Cruz County Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, introduced Riley Gerbrandt, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) staff. He noted that the Santa Cruz Branch Line is a continuous transportation corridor that spans approximately 32 miles of Santa Cruz County from the community of Pajaro in northern Monterey County up to Davenport. He noted that the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Purpose and Need statement was developed using information derived from the 2021 Alternatives Analysis/Network Integration Study. Mr. Gerbrandt noted that the project's fundamental purpose is to support and improve equitable multimodal transportation options in Santa Cruz County.

Committee members provided the following feedback on the project update:

- Consider park and ride lots to provide access to drivers.
- Consider contactless payments.
- Calculate health benefits, new job creation.

**5. ELKHORN SLOUGH RESILIENCY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 transportation corridor climate resiliency project.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency received \$1,000,000 to initiate planning work on the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 transportation corridor climate resiliency project. She noted that staff met with representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve to observe the overtopping of the Union Pacific Railroad rail tracks in January 2024. Ms. Guther noted that at king tide, there is a significant difference in water surface elevation between the west and east sides of the tracks. Ms. Guther noted that the rail line will be included in the future planning work that TAMC is pursuing for the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 transportation corridor, which will evaluate and prioritize alternatives for the rail line.

Committee members provided the following feedback on the project update:

- Consider inviting Union Pacific to participate early in the project discussions.
- Consider gathering more data on potential delays to freight and passenger train trips caused by king tides, sea level rise, and storm surge.

**6. PAJARO MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Pajaro Multimodal Station Project.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the proposed Pajaro/Watsonville station will be the connection point for Santa Cruz to new passenger rail service on the Coast mainline tracks between Salinas and the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as a hub on future round-the-bay service. She noted that in December 2023, TAMC released a Request for Proposals that received no submissions. Staff re-released the Request for Proposals after more outreach to potential consultants. Ms. Guther noted that proposals are due to TAMC April 4, 2024, and staff anticipates bringing a contract to the TAMC Board for approval on May 22, 2024, for project activities to begin in June 2024.

Chair LeBarre noted that the Committee had an informal meeting with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission in October and talked about having another meeting in approximately six months. Alissa Guther noted that TAMC staff would coordinate with SCCRTC staff to set up another meeting after the Board approves the consultant contract and after consultant activities have begun.

**7. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Executive Director Todd Muck and Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that the Coast Rail Coordinating Council met on February 16 in Oakland and discussed Senate Bill 125 funding being secure, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program application, Federal Rail Administration Corridor Identification Program, Intercity Rail Passenger Rail coordination efforts, and a potential Rail Summit in San Diego in fall 2024.

Committee Member Potter noted that it was good to have state representatives at the meeting.

Committee Member LeBarre noted that the Committee received a briefing on the federal Corridor ID programs from Chad Edison and Shannon Simonds. He mentioned that California is so far ahead of other states and that they are anticipating completing the Service Development Plans within months.

**8. RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

The Committee held elections for Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-25.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, noted that bylaws call for the Rail Policy Committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair in February of every even year.

**M/S/C** Sandoval /Cabrera / superseded

Committee Member Sandoval made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Cabrera, to nominate Mike LeBarre, Chair and nominate Ed Smith, Vice Chair for the Rail Policy Committee. Committee member Smith thanked him and declined his nomination and made a substitute motion.

**M/S/C** Smith / Delgado / unanimous

Committee Member Smith made a substitute motion, seconded by Committee Member Delgado, to nominate Mike LeBarre, Chair and nominate Dave Potter, Vice Chair for the Rail Policy Committee.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None this month.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.



**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **CORRESPONDENCE**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for March 2024

**SUMMARY:****FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [March 19, 2024, letter to Regina Valentine, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, re: Comments on the Draft Complete Streets Policy from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 18, 2024, letter to Vibeke Norgaard, City of Sand City re: Support for the City of Sand City's Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments \(AMBAG\) Carbon Reduction Program Grant Application from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 17, 2024, letter to TAMC re: Highway 68 Roundabouts from Jacqueline Van Nes, resident](#)
- [March 12, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla U.S. Senator, re: Pajaro to Prunedale G12 Corridor Project – THANK YOU from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 12, 2024, letter to TAMC re: Highway 68 from Bruce Lindsey, resident](#)
- [March 4, 2024, letter to The Honorable Robert Rivas, Assembly Speaker Assembly Member, 29th District re: Thank you for Appointing Commissioner Bob Tiffany to the California Transportation Commission \(CTC\) from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 4, 2024, letter to Commissioner Bob Tiffany, re: Congratulations on your Appointment to the CTC from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 1, 2024, letter to TAMC re: State Route 68 - Traffic Mitigation from Terry Ryan, resident](#)
- [February 29, 2024, letter to Caltrans Office of Corridor and System Planning, Division of](#)

[Transportation Planning re: Support for Caltrans Internal Nomination of Gonzales U.S. 101/5th Street Intersection Improvements as a candidate State Sponsored Non-SHOPP PID from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)

- [February 29, 2024, letter to Caltrans Office of Corridor and System Planning, Division of Transportation Planning re: Support for Caltrans Internal Nomination of U.S.101 South of Salinas Interim Improvements as a Candidate State Sponsored Non-SHOPP PID from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)

Letters supporting the King City Multimodal Transportation Center:

- [March 19, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla U.S. Senator, from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 12, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator from Anna M. Caballero, Senator, 14th Senate District](#)
- [March 12, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator, from Anna M. Caballero, Senator, 14th Senate District](#)
- [March 12, 2024, letter to The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. Congressmember, from Anna M. Caballero, Senator, 14th District](#)
- [March 11, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senator, from Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly](#)
- [March 11, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, United States Senator from Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly](#)
- [March 11, 2024, letter to The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. Congressmember from Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. Congressmember, from Chris Lopez, Monterey County Supervisor, Third District](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, from Chris Lopez, Monterey County Supervisor, Third District](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler U.S. Senator, from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator from Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director of AMBAG](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. Congressmember, from Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director of AMBAG](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator from Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director of AMBAG](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator, from Chris Lopez, Monterey County Supervisor, Third District](#)
- [February 29, 2024, letter to The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, United States Secretary of Transportation from Anna M. Caballero, Senator, 14th Senate District](#)

Letters supporting the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 Climate Resiliency project:

- [March 19, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [March 13, 2024, letter to The Honorable Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Congressmember, from Mark Kramer, Director, Federal External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy in California](#)
- [March 13, 2024, letter to The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, from Mark Kramer, Director, Federal External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy in California](#)

- [March 13, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator, from Mark Kramer, Director, Federal External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy in California](#)
- [March 11, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, US Senator, the Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, and the Honorable Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Congressman, from Monique Fountain, Tidal Wetland Program Director, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve](#)
- [March 8, 2024, letter to The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator, from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck](#)
- [March 6, 2024, letter to The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, United States Secretary of Transportation, from Alex Padilla, United States Senator](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Contract**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****FORTAG Canyon Del Rey - Construction Contract:**

1. **APPROVE** the project plans, Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions;
2. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a contract with Granite Rock Company in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, with an anticipated completion date of May 2026, for construction of the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project, subject to (1) approval by Agency Counsel, the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, and the Office of Civil Rights; and (2) the clearance of any protests related to the bid;
3. **APPROVE** the use of State and Measure X funds budgeted for this project in an amount not to exceed \$17,994,608, and \$2,700,000 in contingency funds for unforeseen circumstances; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director 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 amount or term.

**SUMMARY:**

On December 15, 2023, the Agency published bid documents for qualified contractors to construct the Canyon Del Rey segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project. The project includes the construction of a 1.8 mile segment of the 28 mile FORTAG paved multi-use recreation trail project. On February 15, 2024, TAMC held a bid opening and received four bids.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

At their June 2023 meeting, the California Transportation Commission awarded TAMC \$9.181 million in State Active Transportation Program funds. This funding allocation requires that TAMC be under contract within 12 months of the allocation (by June 30, 2024). The CTC funding along with \$11.514 million in Regional Measure X funds will allow for the construction of the first segment of the FORTAG multi-use trail.

**DISCUSSION:**

The vision for the Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) project is to create a multimodal route designated to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers. It will serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting the cities of Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey and unincorporated community residents to California State

University Monterey Bay, the Fort Ord National Monument, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail.

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the 28-mile paved trail was certified by the Transportation Agency Board on March 25, 2020. A Master Agreement was approved by the Transportation Agency and the underlying jurisdictions by June 2020. Supplemental Agreements specific to this segment of FORTAG were executed with the Cities of Del Rey Oaks and Seaside, and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District in April 2023.

The first segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project is known as the Canyon Del Rey segment. It includes construction of the trail through the City of Del Rey Oaks from Fremont Boulevard to Del Rey Woods Elementary School in the City of Seaside. An underpass is proposed under Canyon Del Rey Boulevard between Del Rey Oaks City Hall and the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve. A 12-foot wide raised pathway will be constructed to connect trail users from the underpass to Carlton Drive at an accessible grade. Along Carlton Drive, the trail will consist of a new 12-foot wide multi-use sidewalk with a 5-foot wide buffer on the west side of the road and will continue along the south side of Plumas Avenue to the Del Rey Woods Elementary School.

On December 15, 2023, the Agency advertised for construction bids, with a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 22%. The bid opening was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The Agency received four bids as follows:

Granite Rock Company	\$ 17,994,607.40
Precision Grade, Inc	\$ 18,572,725.29
Monterey Peninsula Engineering	\$ 19,268,434.09
Granite Construction Company	\$ 20,862,529.00

Granite Rock Company was the apparent low bidder, with a DBE commitment of 10% (meaning that of their total bid, 10% of the contract work would be performed by certified DBE firms). Since Granite Rock Company did not meet the project DBE goal of 22%, Agency staff has submitted documentation to the Caltrans Office of Civil Rights detailing the good faith efforts made by Granite Rock Company to include DBE firms in their bid. Granite Rock provided good faith effort documentation including the following:

1. 83 DBE Firms were solicited that are certified to perform Lead Compliance Plan, SWPPP, Clearing and Grubbing, Tree Removal, Landscaping, Erosion Control, Temporary Erosion Control, and Hydroseeding.
2. 97 DBE firms were solicited that are certified to perform Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Roadway Signs, Striping, Crash Cushions, Markers, Guardrail, Railings, Concrete Barriers, etc.
3. 115 DBE firms were solicited that are certified to perform AC Dike, Slurry Seal, Utility Adjustments, RSP, Minor Concrete, Structural Concrete, CIDH Piles, Rebar, etc.
4. 184 DBE firms were solicited that are certified to perform work associated with the retaining wall, precast concrete, site furnishings, etc.
5. 180 DBE firms were solicited that are certified to perform Trucking and Street Sweeping.

The Office of Civil Rights is reviewing the submitted information and will make a determination if the contractor demonstrated a good faith effort to meet the DBE participation goal. As such, Agency staff is seeking to award the contract to Granite Rock Company contingent on the good faith efforts review by the Office of Civil Rights.

In addition to the review of the DBE commitment, the Agency received a bid protest from the second low bidder, Precision Grade. Based on the Agency's procurement and protest policies, a Protest Review Committee is being formed to review the protest and prepare a recommendation on its validity. The award of the contract to Granite Rock Company would also be contingent upon the clearance of any protests. If the protest is deemed to be valid and sustained, Agency staff would then need to rescind the Notice of Intent to Award to Granite Rock Company and begin negotiations with Precision Grade. The approval of that new contract would then come back to the Board at a future meeting.

Construction is anticipated to take approximately two years to complete, starting in Spring 2024 and ending by Spring 2026. Other parties under separate agreements with the Agency will provide construction management and design support during construction for this segment of FORTAG. Other segments of FORTAG will proceed to design and construction as matching funds are obtained.

**Attached online** are the tabulated bid results, the draft agreement with Granite Rock, the project plans, and the Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [FORTAG CDR Seg 1 Bid Results](#)
2. [FORTAG CDR Seg 1 Draft Granite Rock Agreement](#)
3. [FORTAG CDR Seg 1 Plans](#)
4. [FORTAG CDR Seg 1 Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan Policy Element**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ADOPT** goals, policy objectives and performance measures for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

**SUMMARY:**

Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. Adoption of the goals, policy objectives and performance measures is a necessary step in the development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. These collaboratively-developed measures will inform transportation decisions and investments for the 20-year vision for Monterey County.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The 2026 Regional Transportation Plan is being prepared in-house by staff in coordination with Agency committees and the Board of Directors. The Plan's environmental document is budgeted by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments not to exceed \$325,000, of which TAMC will pay \$75,000, and will cover the tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as the individual Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County Regional Transportation Plans. The Plan will include cost estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2050 horizon year. The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan's financial estimate identified a total of approximately \$6.7 billion in projected funding for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2045 horizon year of the plan.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20+ year) plan, updated every four years. The Plan forms the basis for the tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which also serves as the Sustainable Communities Strategy, will incorporate the financial assumptions and project lists included in the Regional Transportation Plans for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.

Pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long-range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Plan. Public participation is sought after in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for each of the project steps, and as adopted

by AMBAG through the Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan.

Staff initiated the development of updated goals and policy objectives for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan through an interactive survey shared with the Board of Directors at the October 2023 meeting, and a public-facing version that received 3,035 individual responses and 81 comments during the month it was available. Results of the survey were used to update and refine the goals, policy objectives and performance measures to be more reflective of the feedback received.

Staff recommends aligning the 2026 RTP with the following overarching goals:

- **Access & Mobility:** Deliver a reliable and accessible transportation system that promotes viable transportation alternatives for all users.
- **Safety & Health:** Create a safe transportation system that fosters county-wide health and well-being through promoting active lifestyles.
- **Climate Resilience:** Protect and enhance the County's built and natural environment and promote energy conservation.
- **Equity:** Promote social and geographic equity and improve quality of life through transportation planning, engineering and design.
- **Economic Vitality:** Foster an economically viable, efficient and sustainable transportation system that supports the regional economy.

The proposed goals, policy objectives and performance measures for the Plan are in **Attachment 1** to this report. Staff coordinated with AMBAG on performance measures to promote cohesion between the agencies.

A cumulative summary of the survey results is included as **a web attachment** to this report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026 RTP Goals, Policies & Performance Measures - DRAFT

#### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Attachment 2-Survey Results](#)



<b>GOAL</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>POLICY OBJECTIVES</b>
<b>Goal 1: Access &amp; Mobility</b>		
<b>Deliver a reliable and accessible transportation system that promotes viable transportation alternatives for all users</b>	1.1	Increase affordability, accessibility and safety between key origins and destinations in the region.
	1.2	Deliver projects that improve travel time for all modes of transportation including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, car/vanpool, and freight
	1.3	Reduce gaps in the region’s active transportation infrastructure
	1.4	Reduce transportation congestion through increasing accessibility of viable transportation alternatives for regional travel and commute patterns
<b>Goal 2: Safety &amp; Health</b>		
<b>Create a safe transportation system that fosters county-wide health and well-being through promoting active lifestyles.</b>	2.1	Invest in transportation solutions that promote the safe travel of all modes and decrease fatalities and injuries for all travel modes through a Vision Zero strategy
	2.2	Decrease quantities of harmful air pollutants resulting from transportation
	2.3	Increase mode share of active transportation alternatives for commute to work trends
	2.4	Enhance public safety for all modes with a focus on pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
<b>Goal 3: Sustainability &amp; Environment</b>		
<b>Protect and enhance the County's built and natural environment and promote energy conservation.</b>	3.1	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with regional targets
	3.2	Avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to local, state and federally defined sensitive areas or key habitat corridors
	3.3	Conserve farmland resources
	3.4	Funding projects and programs that will help protect communities from the impacts of extreme heat, intense storms and flooding and wildfires.
<b>Goal 4: Equity</b>		
<b>Promote social and geographic equity through transportation planning, engineering, and design</b>	4.1	Prioritize funding in communities that currently have fewer transportation options, especially in transportation-disadvantaged and rural communities
	4.2	Ensure that new development include sidewalks, crosswalks, and safe and comfortable bike routes, especially in rural areas
	4.3	Reduce barriers to safe transportation options for youth and seniors
	4.4	Empower community members to help choose transportation projects through an effective transportation planning process
<b>Goal 5: Economic Benefit</b>		
	5.1	Prioritize enhancement and maintenance of the existing transportation system

<b>Foster an economically viable, sustainable, transportation system that supports the regional economy</b>	5.2	Increase quality and quantity of walkable and vibrant city centers and commercial corridors
	5.3	Invest in transportation solutions that improve regional accessibility for freight and reduce truck hours of delay
	5.4	Support transportation solutions that reduce transportation costs, reduce congestion and average commute time.

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE</b>
<b>Goal 1: Access &amp; Mobility</b>		
<b>Deliver a reliable and efficient transportation system that promotes viable transportation alternatives</b>	1.1	Population Near High Quality Transit (Percentage)
	1.2	Peak Period Congested Vehicle Miles of Travel (miles)
	1.3	Alternative Transportation Trips (percentage)
	1.4	Access to transit w/in 1/2 mile (%): low income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low community engagement
<b>Goal 2: Safety &amp; Health</b>		
<b>Create a safe transportation system that fosters county-wide health and well-being through promoting active lifestyles</b>	2.1	Annual Projected Bike/Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries per 1,000 VMT
	2.2	Harmful airborne pollutants (tons/day)
	2.3	Jobs near bike facilities
	2.4	Population near bike facilities
	2.5	Alternate active transportation trips (%)
	2.6	Peak period congested vehicle miles traveled
<b>Goal 3: Sustainability &amp; Environment</b>		
<b>Protect and enhance the County's built and natural environment</b>	3.1	Green-house gas reductions (% reduction from 2005 baseline)
	3.2	Open Space Consumed (acres)
	3.3	Farmland Converted (acres)
	3.4	Population in Climate Risk areas (percentage)
<b>Goal 4: Equity</b>		
<b>Promote social and geographic equity through transportation planning, engineering and design</b>	4.1	Distribution of MTP/SCS investments by percentage in: low-income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low mobility and low-community engagement areas
	4.2	Access to transit within ½ mile by percentage in: low-income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low mobility and low-community engagement areas
	4.3	Estimated number of youth and seniors reached through TAMC's Safe Routes to Schools and Senior and Disabled programs (H)

	4.4	Distribution of MTP/SCS Investments (%): low income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low mobility, low community engagement
<b>Goal 5: Economic Benefit</b>		
<b>Foster an economically viable, sustainable, transportation system that supports the regional economy</b>	5.1	Maintain the Transportation System (%)
	5.2	Distribution of MTP/SCS Investments (%): low income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low mobility, low community engagement
	5.3	Daily Truck Delay (hours)
	5.4	Access to transit w/in 1/2 mile (%): low income, non-low income, minority, non-minority, low mobility, low community engagement

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Transportation Agency Membership in Business Organizations**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**PROVIDE** direction on Transportation Agency membership in chambers of commerce.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency is a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce. Both are business organizations which support Transportation Agency projects and programs. Within each chamber is a Government Affairs Committee, which issues candidate endorsements exclusive of direct financial support. In order to address concerns presented to staff about the endorsements, this report seeks guidance on continued membership in the chambers of commerce and other organizations that issue endorsements.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Transportation Agency spends an average of \$800 per year on memberships with the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**DISCUSSION:**

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 support the agency's mission, projects, and programs; and Agency staff find the memberships to be of value. Being a member allows staff to participate in their Government Affairs Committee meetings and be at the forefront of their discussions, sharing information and regular updates on Agency projects and programs. This ongoing opportunity, at an average combined membership cost of \$800 per year, maintains relationships, dispels misinformation, and establishes the agency as a valued member of the community.

Each year, the Government Affairs Committees identify their top priorities and issues of importance. Consistently, each has identified transportation improvements as one of their top issues, which includes monitoring and evaluating the status of Transportation Agency projects, including the following:

- Monterey County Rail Extension project;

- State Route 68 Scenic Highway improvement plan
- State Route 156 widening project;
- SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project;
- US 101 South of Salinas project;
- Imjin Parkway Roundabout & Widening project; and
- Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee activities.

The Government Affairs Committees' missions include a priority to assess and recommend action and advocacy on local, state, and federal government issues. Accomplishing that mission includes endorsements of candidates and issues, exclusive of direct financial support. Over the decades-long course of the Transportation Agency membership in these chambers, Agency staff has never participated or voted in the endorsement process.

In order to address concerns presented to staff about candidates and issue endorsements, this report seeks guidance from the Transportation Agency Board of Directors on continued membership of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce or any other organization which issues endorsements.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS									
	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Estimated Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1.	SR 1 Big Sur South (1Q760)	In San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, Near Big Sur, From Ragged Point to Limekiln Creek Bridge  (SLO PM 71.8/ MON 20.9)	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Summer 2024	\$18.35 Million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	S. Chaves Construction, Inc.	Construction in progress.
2.	SR 1 Big Sur Central (1Q770)	In Monterey Counties, Near Big Sur, Limekiln Creek Bridge to 0.9 Mile south of Castro Canyon Bridge  (PM 20.9/42.2)	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Fall 2024	\$76.35 Million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction, Inc.	Construction in progress.
3.	SR 1 Big Sur North (1Q800)	In Monterey County, Near Big Sur, From 0.9 Mile south of Castro Canyon Bridge to 0.3 Mile south of Carmel River Bridge  (PM 42.2/72.0)	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Summer 2024	\$25.4 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite rock Construction	Construction in progress.
4.	SR 1 Flooding 1Q960	In Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties from Approximatly 1 mile North and South of the Pajaro River Bridge  (PM T100.0/R1.0)	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Summer 2024	\$1,850,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Teichert Construction	Construction in progress.



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5.	<b>Coastal RSP Repair (05-1R190)</b>	In Monterey County from 3 miles to 1 mile south of the town of Gorda. MON-1-7.2/9.2	Repair RSP and gabion baskets	Winter 2024/ Winter 2025	\$51,000,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	John Madonna Construction	Construction in progress
6.	<b>St. Francis Concrete Revetment (05-1R210)</b>	On Route 1 in Monterey County 2.2 miles north of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge MON-1-47.8	Replace failed concrete revetment	Winter 2024/ Fall 2024	\$7,500,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock Construction	Construction in progress
7.	<b>Dolan Point Slide (05-1R630)</b>	In Monterey County 1.7 miles south of the Dolan Creek Bridge. MON-1-29.5	Remove slide material. Restore roadway. Install rockfall netting.	Winter 2024/ Spring 2024	\$1,800,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction	Construction in progress
8.	<b>SR 1 Pfeiffer Canyon Mitigation (1K080)</b>	At Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge  (PM 45.4/45.6)	Environmental mitigation (planting, erosion control) for project EA 05-1J130.	April 2023 – May 2026	\$0.2 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	CON	Contract Approved on 4/11/2023. 3 Year Plant Establishment.
9.	<b>MON/SBt Storm Damage (1Q810)</b>	In Monterey and San Benito Counties on various routes at various locations	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Summer 2024	\$2.8 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Brough Construction	Construction in progress.



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10.	<b>SR 68 Toro Park Pump Plant (1R490)</b>	On Route 68 in Monterey County at the Toro Park UC.	Replace storm water pumps	Fall 2023/ Spring 2024	\$225,000	SHOPP Minor	Victor Devens	Monterey Peninsula Engineering	Construction Complete
11.	<b>US 101 Spence Rd Acceleration Lane (1M760)</b>	South of Salinas at Spence Rd (PM 81.03)	Extend NB acceleration lane	July 2023 – March 2024	\$1 million	MINOR	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Construction in progress. Acceleration lane opened to travel on 11/10/23.
12.	<b>US 101 North Soledad OH Deck Replacement (0F970)</b>	North Soledad Bridge (PM 62.2/62.9)	Bridge deck rehabilitation	April 2022 – November 2023	\$4.7 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	Granite Rock Company	Contract Approval achieved on 1/9/24.
13.	<b>US 101 Camp Roberts SRRA Infrastructure Upgrade (1H020)</b>	Northbound and southbound at the Camp Roberts Rest Area (PM R2.9/R5.3)	Safety roadside rest area infrastructure upgrade	March 2021 – October 2023	\$6.2 million	SHOPP	Doug Hessing	Newton Construction	Southbound rest area opened 8/22. Northbound opened 10/2. Construction completed 12/27/2023.
14.	<b>US 101 Market Street Northbound On-ramp Improvements (1H050)</b>	Near Salinas from East Market Street to South of Sherwood Drive (PM 87.4/87.8)	Roadway and Retaining Wall	September 2022 – October 2024	\$6.0 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	Granite Construction Company	Construction work completed. Project in plant establishment ending November '24.





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15.	<b>US 101 Prunedale Rehab</b> <b>(1H690)</b>	Near Prunedale North of Boronda Road overcrossing to Monterey/San Benito County Line  (PM R91.3/98.8 & 100.3/101.3)	Pavement rehabilitation	Mar 2023- November 2024	\$36.2 million	SB 1 SHOPP	Doug Hessing	Desilva Gates Construction	Construction in progress.
16.	<b>US 101 Salinas Clean CA</b> <b>(1P534)</b>	At US 101 and Market, Alisal, and Sandborn  (PM 86.12/87.33)	Beautify three blighted undercrossing structures, and the adjacent infrastructure and roadside landscape.	February 2023 – April 2024	\$1.8 million	Clean California	Nic Heisdorf	Gordon N. Ball, INC	Construction substantially complete. Waiting for completion of electrical lighting.
17.	<b>US 101 King City Clean California Project</b> <b>(1Q100)</b>	On Route 101 in Monterey County at the First St, Canal St, and Broadway St  (PM 40.1/41.1)	Install beautification, transportation art, and safety measure enhancement project in Caltrans Right of Way	February 2023 – December 2024	\$0.75 million	Clean California	Mike Lew	Wabo Landscape & Construction, Inc.	Project is currently in Plant Establishment period.



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18.	<b>SR156 Castroville Overhead (0A090)</b>	On SR 156 between the SR 183/156 separation and Castroville Boulevard  (PM R1.1/R2.1)	Replace Bridge Railing	January 2022 – March 2024	\$7.0 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	Granite Rock Company	Weather and material supply delaying work. Construction in progress, completion in July.
19.	<b>SR 218 Seaside ADA (1H230)</b>	From Del Monte Road to Fremont Boulevard  (PM R0.2/L0.9)	ADA compliant pedestrian access	July 2023 – February 2024	\$1.7 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	FBD Vanguard Construction Company	Utility relocation nearing completion and Construction in progress completion delayed to June '24.
20.	<b>SR 1,68 Storm Damage (1R130)</b>	In Monterey on various routes at various locations	Storm Damage Repairs (slides, slip-outs, sinkhole)	Spring 2023/ Spring 2024	\$700,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock	Construction in progress.
21.	<b>SR 198 Pavement Settlement (1R150)</b>	In Monterey County on SR 198 7 miles east of SR 25	Extreme Pavement Settlement - Storm Damage	Spring 2023/ Fall 2024	\$3.0 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Brough Construction	Geotechnical Investigations ongoing, Construction in progress.
22.	<b>US 101 Gonzales to Salinas Flood mitigation (1Q730)</b>	On Highway 101 in Monterey County near Salinas	Drainage cleaning and preparation	Spring 2023/ Spring 2024	\$388,000	SHOPP Minor	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading	Construction in progress



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1.	<b>SR 1 Mud Creek Permanent Restoration (1K020)</b>	In Monterey County 0.8 miles north of Alder Creek Bridge to 1.2 miles north of Alder Creek Bridge  (PM 8.7/9.1)	Coastal Development Permit Requirements	April 2025 – October 2025	\$2.1 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Luis Duazo	PS&E/RW	Right of Way Acquisition is Ongoing
2.	<b>SR 1 Big Creek Tieback Wall (1K010)</b>	Near Lucia south of Big Creek Bridge  (PM 27.5/27.7)	Construct tieback wall, restore roadway and facilities, place Water Pollution Control BMPs, and erosion control	February 2025 – December 2026	\$7.3 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PA&ED	Caltrans received an incomplete letter from Coastal for the CDP application and is actively working with Coastal to address their comments



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3.	<b>SR 1 Castro Canyon Bridge Rail Upgrade (1H490)</b>	At Castro Canyon Bridge  (PM 43.1)	Replace bridge rail	August 2024 - April 2028	\$2.5 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PS&E/RW	Project is delayed due to AT&T; a second time extension was requested but denied by HQ CTC staff. D5 is now reprogramming the project in the 24/25 SHOPP and EA will remain as 05-1H490. D5 was notified in early March that ATT has contested the legal filing. D5 is awaiting clarification on updated timeline from HQ legal. As of March 11, the date for resolution of legal action is unknown but anticipated to be no earlier than late summer and possibly later.
4.	<b>SR 1 Coastlands II Wall Permanent Restoration (1P210)</b>	Near Big Sur at 1.1 Miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge  (PM -44.34/44.34)	Construct soldier pile wall or mechanically stabilized embankment wall.	January 2026- October 2027	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PS&E	Design phase began in January 2024.



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5.	<b>SR 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1H800)</b>	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (PM 62.97)	Bridge rail rehabilitation	April 2024 – April 2025	\$3.6 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PS&E	Project is in Design phase. 6th ADAC community recommended to use CA Type 86H rail when given that option and Texas rail type C412. CDP application submitted in March 2022. Monterey County Historic Records Review Board recommended project for approval to Monterey County Planning Commission (MCPC) at 1/5/23 meeting. MCPC denied CDP on 2/22/2023 and denied appeal on 3/8/23. Additional ADAC meeting held 10/2/23 to discuss 5 modified design options. Motion with intent to deny was filed at the Dec 6, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.
6.	<b>SR 68 Drainage Improvements (1J880)</b>	From west of Sunset Dr to Toro Park (PM 0.2/15.7)	Drainage improvement, replace lighting, and install count stations	December 2024 – January 2026	\$8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project is currently in Design phase, estimated Ready to List date is June 2024.



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7.	<b>SR 68 Corridor Improvements (1J790)</b>	On State Route 68 from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road.  (PM 4.87-13.7)	Operational Improvements	February 2028 – September 2023	\$105 million	STIP & AUTHORIZED	Carla Yu	PAE&ED	Project is currently in Environmental studies phase, and analysis on the two alternatives is ongoing. Draft Environmental Document was released in November 2023.
8.	<b>US 101 Drainage (1J890)</b>	In and near King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and Salinas, from Paris Valley Road Overcrossing to Dunbarton Road  (PM R28.23/100)	Rehabilitate drainage systems, replace overhead signs and structures, and update Transportation Management System (TMS) elements	July 2025 – July 2026	\$19.4 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	PS&E phase in progress.
9.	<b>US 101 King City CAPM (1K440)</b>	Near King City from Jolon Road undercrossing to Lagomarsino Ave  (PM R41.9/R49.0)	Pavement Preservation, TMS Elements, Lighting and Drainage	January 2025 - August 2025	\$ 27 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	PS&E phase in progress. Ready to list scheduled on 5/22/24.



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10.	<b>US 101 Prunedale Drainage (1H691)</b>	At and near Prunedale between 0.4 mile north of Crazy Horse Canyon Overcrossing and 1.1 mile south of San Juan Road Overcrossing (PM 98.8./100.3)	Drainage System Rehab	Jan 2025 - December 2026	\$ 6.2 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E/RW	In PS&E Phase working towards RTL. ROW acquisitions and acquiring permits to construct ongoing.
11.	<b>SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange (31601)</b>	Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 (PM R1.6/1.4)	Construct a new interchange	December 2024 – December 2026	\$54.4 million	STIP Measure X Federal Demo	Chad Stoehr	PS&E/RW	Final R/W and Environmental activities are ongoing with regards to utilities and obtaining CDFW permits. Project submitted for SB1 Cycle 4 funding.
12.	<b>SR 183 Salinas to Castroville CAPM (1K430)</b>	South of Old Cemetery Rd near Salinas south of Del Monte Ave at Castroville (PM 2.1/8.3)	Roadway rehabilitation, TMS elements, lighting, and sign panel replacement	April 2024 - January 2025	\$6.9 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E/RW	Construction contract approved on 12/21/23. Construction phase in progress.
13.	<b>SR 183 Castroville Improvement Project (1H650)</b>	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St (PM R8.3/9.98)	Asset Management Pilot Project	Nov 2024 – Sept 2027	\$20 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	100% PSE to OE on 4/3/2023. ROW Certification delayed by acquisitions. New Target of 4/10/23.



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14.	<b>SR 183 Castroville Arch (1P540)</b>	On Route 183 at Preston St  (PM 9.46/9.46)	Restore a community landmark.	May 2024 – July 2024	\$0.5 million	Clean California	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Working on maintenance agreement. Encroachment Permit (EP) #1 approved for foundation testing. Performing testing and working towards submitting EP #2.
	<b>SR 218 FORTAG Bike Trail (1M570)</b>	Located in the City of Seaside  (PM 0.1/1.5)	Construct Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail. The project provides a safe alternative to Hwy 218 from Del Rey Woods Elementary in City Del Rey Oaks to Laguna Grande Regional Park	April 2024 – Sept 2025	\$1.2 million	100% LOCAL FUNDED	Doug Hessing	PS&E/RW	100% Design completed. CTC approved Construction funding. TAMC is administering construction.





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## ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
CTC	California Transportation Commission
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EP	Encroachment Permit
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PID	Project Initiation Document
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
SB	Senate Bill, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCL	Santa Clara County Line
SHOPP	Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
RTL	Ready To List
R/W or ROW	Right of Way
TMS	Traffic Management System