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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, January 24, 2024**  
**\*\*9:00 AM\*\***

**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  
Cinnamon 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

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446951513?pwd=QmNUODRtdXICSEFxLzIXVmhoY21yUT09>  
**OR**

**By teleconference at: +1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID: 446 951 513**  
**Password: 194463**

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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. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. 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 December 6, 2023.

**- Elouise Rodriguez**

**3.1.2. ACCEPT** the list of checks written for November and December 2023 and credit card statements for the months of October and November 2023.

**- 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. **ADOPT** resolution 2024-03 authorizing Todd Muck, Jefferson Kise, Christina Watson, and Michael Zeller to conduct all commercial banking activities on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

- Jefferson Kise

*The Transportation Agency for Monterey County had a long-standing commercial banking relationship with Union Bank, which was bought by US Bank earlier this year. US Bank requires an updated board approval recognizing the staff authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of the agency.*

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

3.2.1. **APPROVE** the appointments of Nathalie Gomez as the District 3 alternate, Lester Brown as the Pacific Grove alternate, and Council Member Liesbeth Visscher as the City of Marina representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

- Janneke Strause

*The Transportation Agency Board appoints representatives on an as-needed basis to serve on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to advise staff on bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues and make recommendations to the TAMC Board.*

#### **PLANNING**

3.3.1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues and **ADOPT** the final 2024 legislative program.

- Christina Watson

*On January 10, 2024, the Executive Committee reviewed the 2024 legislative program and recommended the Board adopt the program to help guide TAMC staff and legislative consultants in responding to proposed legislation.*

3.3.2. **RECEIVE** summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2023.

- Aaron Hernandez

***As part of the Transportation Agency's ongoing work program, staff reviews environmental documents to comment on land use, transportation, safety, and greenhouse gas emissions sections of general plan updates, bicycle plans, major development plans, transit plans, and other environmental review documents prepared by local agencies and other entities. This report is a summary of completed reviews from January - December 2023.***

## **PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**

### **3.4.1. Amendment #2 for the On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Services Contract with GHD, Inc:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with GHD, Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide on-call Traffic Engineering and ancillary services for the period ending June 30, 2026;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the GHD, Inc. contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

**- Doug Bilse**

***The On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Service contract between TAMC and GHD, Inc. is used to provide resources to deliver projects. The current contract has a budget of \$500,000. Staff recommends increasing the contract budget by \$100,000 to bring the new spending limit to \$600,000. The contract amendment is needed to complete a sustainable multimodal corridor study that is required to submit an SB 1 grant application for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project. The original contract was procured in February 2023 using a competitive request for qualifications process.***

## **RAIL PROGRAM**

### **3.5.1. Coast Corridor Rail Project Update:**

1. **RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles;
2. **APPOINT** representatives to the CRCC Policy Committee;
3. **APPROVE** increase in annual membership dues for the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) from \$2,500 to \$3,000 annually; and
4. **APPROVE** reimbursing San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a consultant contract to assist in the application for construction funding for the Coast Rail project.

- Christina Watson

*The Transportation Agency Board previously appointed Mayor Dave Potter (RPC Vice Chair) and Mayor Mike LeBarre (RPC Chair) to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC), and Mayor Potter has been its Chair for several years. On November 6, 2023, the Rail Policy Committee recommended the Board reappoint both representatives to the Council for 2024. The TAMC Board previously adopted the CRCC Memorandum of Understanding that included dues; the CRCC Policy Board voted to increase member agency dues to \$3,000; this amount is in the adopted Agency budget. The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has executed a consultant contract to assist in the application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding for construction of projects that support the implementation of the Coast Rail service, and staff recommends the Board approve the budget for \$10,000 contribution to that contract.*

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

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of January 8, 2024
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of January 10, 2024
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 10, 2024
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 11, 2024
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

- Elouise Rodriguez

**3.7.2. RECEIVE** TAMC Correspondence for January 2024

- Elouise Rodriguez

#### **4. Election of Officers**

1. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024 Board meeting; and
2. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024 Board meeting.

- Elouise Rodriguez

***Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the beginning of the Agency's January meeting. The Nominating Committee, Board Members LeBarre and Adams, conferred and recommends advancing the 2023 officers to the next level and filling the county representative vacancy with Board Member Alejo.***

5. **PRESENT** the 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards.

- Theresa Wright

***The Transportation Agency would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Six award recipients will be honored for their contributions to Monterey County transportation at the January 24, 2024, Board meeting.***

6. **RECEIVE** presentation on the status of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project and current cost estimates.

- Michael Zeller, Chad Stoehr (Caltrans)

***Since the last update to the Board in May 2023, Caltrans was successful in receiving a second 12-month time extension to request a funding allocation from the California Transportation Commission, allowing for PG&E to complete their utility relocation work. However, Caltrans recently notified the Agency that the overall project cost has risen significantly, from \$73.5 million to \$122.7 million.***

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, February 28, 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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TEL: 831-775-0903  
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Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Board may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any support papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **TAMC Draft Minutes of December 6, 2023**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of December 6, 2023.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

### **DISCUSSION:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. TAMC Draft Minutes\_Dec\_6\_2023

### **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 DECEMBER 6, 2023 TAMC BOARD MEETING**

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA 93901, Cinnamon Conference Room

Alternate location: 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Supervisor Alejo's Office

<b>TAMC BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</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>
Luis Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, (Linda Gonzales, <del>Javier Gomez</del> )	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P
Glenn Church, Supr. Dist. 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Chris Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3, <b>1st Vice Chair</b> (Priscilla Barba)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P
Wendy Root Askew, Supr. Dist. 4, <b>County Representative</b> (Yuri Anderson, <del>Eric Mora</del> )	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P
Mary Adams, Supr. Dist. 5, <b>Past Chair</b> (Colleen Courtney)	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P(A)
Dave Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea <b>2nd Vice Chair</b> (Jeff Baron)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	E	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P(V)	A	E	E	E	E	P	P	E	P
Michael LeBarre, King City, <b>Chair</b> (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Cristina Medina Dirksen, Marina (Bruce Delgado)	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P(V)	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey, (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P(V)	P(A)	E	P	P	P(A)	P	P	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(V)	P	P(A)	A	P	A	A	P*	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside, (David Pacheco)	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Fernando Cabrera, Soledad (Anna Velasquez)	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P*

<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</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>
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kelly McClendon)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	A	P(A) (V)	A
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P	A	A	P*	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth)	A	P*	A	P(A)	P	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>DEC 22</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>JUNE 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>DEC 23</b>
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Brayer, Legal Counsel	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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
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
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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**

Linda Gonzales	Supervisor District 1 Office	Lisa Rheinheimer	MST
Priscilla Barba	Supervisor District 3 Office	Octavio Hurtado	King City
Dwight Stump	Corral de Tierra resident		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LeBarre 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. Vice Chair Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dwight Stump expressed concerns with installing nine roundabouts on eight miles on Highway 68, and how it could impact the community. A copy of his letter was handed out to the Board.

**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 October 25, 2023.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for the month of October 2023 and credit card statements for the month of September 2023.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2024 schedule of meetings for the Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Appointed Board Chair LeBarre and Past Chair Adams as Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 24, 2024, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 22, 2025 Board meeting.

**3.1.6** Regarding Safe Streets Together Monterey County Cooperative Agreement:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a cooperative agreement with Blue Zones Project Monterey County, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,635, to develop the "Safe Streets Together Monterey County" public awareness campaign through June 30, 2024;
2. Accepted \$19,635 in funding from Blue Zones Project Monterey County for this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount, subject to approval by Agency Counsel.

***BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES*****3.2.1** No items this month.***PLANNING*****3.3.1** Regarding North Monterey County Safe Routes to Schools Plan Agreement:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute separate agreements with Ecology Action and Monterey County Health Department, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for amounts not to exceed \$528,732 and \$119,715 respectively, to provide planning and community engagement services for the period ending June 30, 2026;
2. Approved the use of Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant and Measure X Safe Routes to School funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

***PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING*****3.4.1** Regarding Grant Preparation Assistance:

1. Approved issuing a Request for Qualifications for consultant grant preparation assistance, subject to Agency counsel review;
2. Authorized staff to publish the Request for Qualifications, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant; and
3. Approved the use of Measure X regional project funds for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**3.4.2** Regarding the Alisal Safe Routes to School Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with Monterey County Health Department, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$25,433.32 to provide safety education services for the period ending June 30, 2026;
2. Approved the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

**3.4.3** Approved Resolution 2023-16 for the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which:

- Finds that the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is consistent with State Improvement Program Guidelines adopted by the CTC in August 2023, the RTIP does not conflict with other RTIPs or with the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and the RTIP is consistent with the Congestion Management Program and the Regional Transportation Plan;
- Adopts the Monterey County 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the CTC by December 15, 2023;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and
- Amends the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program into the Congestion Management Program Capital Improvement Program.

**3.4.4** Regarding the Safe Routes to School Education Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #4 with Ecology Action, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, extending the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and adding an additional \$150,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,070,000;
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 approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

**RAIL PROGRAM**

- 3.5.1** Approved funding for a Salinas Building Permit for the Monterey County Rail Extension Project Package 2, Salinas Layover Facility.
- 3.5.2** Regarding the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station Request for Proposals
1. Approved the Scope of Work for the Request for Proposals for a consultant to perform environmental review for the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station;
  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 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds, contingent on California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval at their December 6-7, 2023 meeting allocating funds to this project.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

- 3.6.1** No items this month.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.7.1** Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:
- Executive Committee – draft minutes of November 1, 2023
  - Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of November 6, 2023
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 1, 2023
  - Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 2, 2023
  - Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting
- 3.7.2** Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2023.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors presented the Transportation Agency Employees of the Quarter to the Participatory Budgeting team of Aaron Hernandez, Ariadne Sambrano, Ariana Green, and Janneke Strause.

The Agency employees recognized the “Participatory Budgeting Team” for their professionalism, positive attitude, and their hard work developing the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan for 22 schools in the Cities of Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and King City. The team worked hard gathering input from parents, teachers, students, and school administrators. The community recommended projects to make biking and walking to school safer and more comfortable.

#### 5. **STATE TRANSIT AND ZERO EMISSION FUNDING PROJECT CANDIDATES**

TAMC Board of Directors took the following action on the State Transit and Zero Emission Funding Project Candidates:

**M/S/C** Potter/Alejo  
**Noes** Cabrera and Carbone

1. Approved allocating a 50/50 split of Senate Bill 125 transit and zero emission funding between bus and rail transit projects;
2. Directed staff to evaluate and recommend potential changes to SB 125 programming annually when updating the Integrated Funding Strategy, or more frequently if grant funding opportunities arise; and
3. Approved increasing the Measure X funding share to the SURF! Busway project by a total of \$9.2 million, contingent upon a 50/50 split of SB 125 funds between the Transportation Agency and the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner, reported that on July 10, 2023, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 125 into law, which included new formula funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and created a new Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). TAMC is slated to receive \$44.5 million over two years in TIRCP formula funds and \$8 million over four years for the ZETCP.

The legislative intent of the funding covers a range of goals, including: funding high-priority bus and rail transit capital projects, providing transit operations bridge funding for transit operators to address operational costs until long-term transit sustainability solutions are identified, assisting transit operators in preventing service cuts and increasing ridership, prioritizing the availability of transit for riders who are transit dependent, and prioritizing transit agencies representing a significant percentage of the region’s ridership.

As approved by the TAMC Executive Committee on November 1, and supported by the Transportation Agency’s Rail Policy Committee on November 6, the proposed funding distribution would take 1% off

the top for administration expenses and allocate 50% of the remaining funds to MST bus projects and 50% to TAMC rail projects, with additional Measure X funding covering the current estimate for SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project construction costs. This Measure X augmentation effectively increases MST's funding allocation to 67% of their funding request; and provides the opportunity to leverage the Measure X and SB 125 funds to fund important regional rail projects. The regional rail projects are the Pajaro/Watsonville multimodal station; the Monterey County Rail Extension , including Positive Train Control; and the King City multimodal station.

The preliminary project list with narrative explanations and a short-range transit plan is due to the California State Transportation Agency by December 31, 2023.

Board Member Cabrera commented that funding MST's current service would be better than putting funds into future rail projects, noting that the MST operations in South County is important.

Board Member Alejo noted that the TAMC Rail Policy Committee is evidence of the Agency's long-term commitment to rail projects. He stated that all the proposed train stations are in underserved communities that would support ridership growth on MST lines serving those stations as well as on the proposed High Speed Rail service, whose closest connection for Monterey County is at the Gilroy station. He also noted that the MST letter on the dais was not approved by the full MST Board.

Board Member Oglesby noted that the rail stations are in the State Rail Plan and would serve to provide residents new access to rail and airports in San Jose, Oakland, Sacramento, and San Diego. He stated that rail is part of closing the gap for underserved communities and that these are all long-term projects that have been in the works for decades. He also noted that TAMC is not telling MST how to spend its portion of the SB 125 funding, that the MST Board should make that decision.

Carl Sedoryk, MST, responded that the MST letter signed by the Chair was based on the discussion by the Board. He noted that MST has provided letters of support for all of TAMC's rail funding applications. He expressed concern that if TAMC did not follow the legislative intent of funding transit operations, the funding might not be appropriated by the legislature.

Board Member Potter stated that TAMC took the lead in negotiating with Union Pacific for the acquisition of the Monterey Branch line, envisioning a return of the "Del Monte Express" intercity train. He stated that the Agency, facing financial constraints, later pivoted to focus on investing in the corridor to Salinas on the mainline tracks, and that now MST is working on implementing the SURF! bus project on TAMC's rail corridor. He noted the importance of investing in the rail program for long-term projects.

Board Member Carbone stated the MST operations deficit should be the top priority.

Board Member Lopez noted this funding was a rare opportunity to fund transformative investments that would bring long-term change for the region's low-income communities and communities of color. He notes the compromise solution using Measure X funds is fair and flexible.



Public comment:

Carl Sedoryk read a letter from MST Board Chair Anna Velasquez, expressing strong concerns about the proposed funding allocation, asserting that the funding should only go to MST.

**6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

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

- Caltrans is pleased to release the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide and Call for Applications. A total of \$53.4 million is available for transportation planning projects statewide. The grant applications are due January 18, 2024, by 5 p.m. Caltrans will be conducting virtual grant application workshops. Contact the appropriate Caltrans district staff if there are questions about developing competitive grant applications.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Carl Miller announced the following:

- The airport has started construction on their fire station.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Carl Sedoryk announced the following:

- On December 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., MST will be hosting a meeting regarding the SURF! project beautification and plants. He noted that this project is now fully funded.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – No report.

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

No report this month.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Congratulated Janneke Strause for her promotion to Associate Transportation Planner.
- On November 15, staff met with Assembly member Rivas to discuss our region’s transportation priorities.
- On December 2, TAMC held a Traffic Garden grand opening event in King City.
- On December 6, TAMC and Caltrans held a Highway 68 meeting at the Monterey Conference Center.
- On December 8, TAMC will hold a ribbon-cutting at US 101 and Spence Road Auxiliary Lanes project to celebrate funding secured by Representative Panetta.
- Reminder that the TAMC office will be closed from December 25 through January 2.
- All January 2024 committee meetings will be held on the second week of January.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT on the Closed Session: none.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The TAMC Board of Directors held a Closed Session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Positions: Executive Director & Agency Council.

**RECONVENED** in open session: No reportable action was taken.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None this month.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Dave Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** TAMC Payments for the months of November and December 2023

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ACCEPT** the list of checks written for November and December 2023 and credit card statements for the months of October and November 2023.

**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 \$1,268,430.00, included checks written for November and December 2023 and payment of the October and November 2023 Platinum Plus Credit Card statement.

**DISCUSSION:**

During the months of November and December 2023, normal operating checks were written and ACH transfers were processed, as well as two checks totaling \$1,560.00 to Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP for right of way legal services, two checks totaling \$71,695.54 to HDR Engineering Inc., and a check for \$2,026.12 to Union Pacific Railroad for engineering design and a check for \$57,046.19 to the City of Salinas for fees, all for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project, a check for \$5,550.96 to We The Creative for graphic design services for the Monterey County Bike Map, Safe Routes to School project and RTP survey flyers, two checks totaling \$110,165.42 to GHD Inc. and a check to Pacific Gas and Electric for design engineering and a check for \$7,500.00 to the State Water Resource Control Board for permits all for the FORTAG Segment 1, a check for \$145,273.27 to Ecology Action, a check for \$34,039.28 to the Monterey County Health Department for services and an ACH transfer for \$5,755.25 to InComm Digital Solution, LLC for debit cards all for the Safe Routes to School projects, a check for \$6,795.00 to The Centre for Organizational Effectiveness for TAMC training, a check for \$144,838.00 to Boyds Asphalt Services for the construction of 13 traffic gardens for the SRTS project, three checks totaling \$168,998.96 to California Towing and Transport for Freeway Service Patrol for Highways 1 and 101, a check for \$1,800.00 to All American Mailing Inc. for mailing and a check for \$1,498.00 to Printworks Solutions for printing all for a Highway 68 meeting announcement, a check for \$6,504.20 to Rapid Printers, Inc. for the printing of Monterey County bike maps and a check for \$4,500.00 to Moss, Levy and Hartzheim for the 22/23 annual audit.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Checks November 2023
2. Checks December 2023
3. Credit Card October and November 2023

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)  
 Union Bank Operating Account  
 November 2023

DATE	ITEM	NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
11/02/2023	EFT	CalPers Health Benefits	14,678.08		Employee Benefit
11/02/2023	EFT	Christina Watson	537.62		Reimbursement for Travel to CCRC and for Auto Rental
11/02/2023	EFT	Alissa Gurther	334.58		Reimbursement for Travel to CCRC
11/02/2023	EFT	Elouise Rodriguez	115.16		Reimbursement for Meeting and Office Expenses
11/03/2023	DEP	Haedrich, Lithia and City of Marina		8,716.23	Railroad Right of Way Rent
11/03/2023	DEP	State of California		208,504.51	SB1 ATP Funds for FORTAG
11/07/2023	21166	AAMCOM LLC	296.00		SAFE Call Box - Answering Service
11/07/2023	21167	All American Mailing, Inc.	1,800.00		Mailing Services for HWY 68 Meeting Announcements
11/07/2023	21168	Alliant Insurance	269.50		Liability Insurance
11/07/2023	21169	Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	680.09		Computer Equipment Lease
11/07/2023	21170	Boyds Asphalt Services	144,838.00		Construction of 13 Traffic Gardens for Safe Routes to School Project
11/07/2023	21171	Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP	1,400.00		Right of Way Legal Services for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
11/07/2023	21172	California Towing and Transport	47,958.78		Freeway Service Patrol - Towing Services
11/07/2023	21173	Ecology Action	145,273.27		Services for Safe Routes to School - Alisal Greening , SV and Every Child Projects
11/07/2023	21174	Khoury Consulting LLC	4,000.00		State Legislative Consultant
11/07/2023	21175	Monterey County Health Dept.	34,039.28		Services for the Safe Routes to School Projects
11/07/2023	21176	Printworks Solutions	1,498.00		Printing for HWY 68 Meeting Announcements
11/07/2023	21177	Rapid Printers, Inc.	6,504.20		Printing for Bike Maps
11/07/2023	21178	Streamline	168.00		Rideshare Website Platform Service
11/07/2023	21179	The Maynard Group	354.30		Telephone Equipment Lease
11/07/2023	21180	Thorn Run Partners, LLC	10,000.00		Federal Legislative Consultant
11/07/2023	21181	United States Postal Service	200.00		FSP - Postage
11/07/2023	21182	Verizon Wireless	26.39		Call Box - Phone Service
11/07/2023	21183	We The Creative	5,550.96		Services for the King City Election, New Bike Maps and an RTP Survey Flyer
11/07/2023	21184	Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	2,797.92		Computer Support
11/07/2023	21185	Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP	160.00		Right of Way Legal Services for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
11/07/2023	21186	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	21,142.13		Engineering for FORTAG
11/07/2023	21187	California Towing and Transport	10,171.31		Freeway Service Patrol - Towing Services
11/07/2023	EFT	State of California		9,469.89	Rail TCRP Grant Funds
11/08/2023	21188	State Water Resource Control Board	7,500.00		Permits for FORTAG
11/09/2023	DEP	State of California		32,314.61	SAFE - Revenue - September 2023
11/09/2023	DEP	Monterey Motors,Cardinale, Cappel and Marina Concrete		9,401.91	Railroad Right of Way Rent
11/10/2023	EFT	Payroll	58,007.59		Payroll
11/10/2023	EFT	United States Treasury	12,598.57		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
11/10/2023	EFT	EDD	4,975.61		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
11/10/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement	9,514.38		Employee Benefits
11/10/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement PEPR	3,380.05		Employee Benefits
11/10/2023	EFT	CalPERS	7,001.88		Employee Benefits
11/13/2023	EFT	TAMC County Acct. 691		300,000.00	Funds Transfer From TAMC County Acct. 691
11/14/2023	EFT	U.S. Bancorp.	46.17		Bank Charge
11/17/2023	21189	Business Card	7,984.22		Supplies, Staff Travel, Payroll Service & Professional Training
11/17/2023	21190	Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	8,817.97		Office Rent
11/17/2023	21191	Comcast	252.67		Telecommunication
11/17/2023	21192	De Lage Landen Financial Services	319.02		Office Copier Lease
11/17/2023	21193	Delta Dental	968.09		Employee Benefits
11/17/2023	21194	FedEx (Printing)	3,102.89		Printing for Safe Routes to School
11/17/2023	21195	GHD Inc.	101,759.02		Engineering Design Services for FORTAG Segment 1
11/17/2023	21196	Monterey County Health Dept. (V)	49,135.58		Services for the Safe Routes to School Projects
11/17/2023	21197	MP Express	150.40		Printing Services for HWY 68 Mailer
11/17/2023	21198	Oppidea, LLC	2,685.00		Accounting Services

11/17/2023	21199	Shell	55.90	Auto Expense - Gasoline
11/17/2023	21200	The Centre for Organizational Effectivene	6,795.00	TAMC Training
11/17/2023	21201	Void		Void
11/22/2023	EFT	Graniterock		8,783.88 Railroad Right of Way Rent
11/24/2023	EFT	Payroll	49,191.58	Payroll
11/24/2023	EFT	United States Treasury	11,750.36	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
11/24/2023	EFT	EDD	4,696.17	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
11/24/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement	9,251.43	Employee Benefits
11/24/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement PEPR	3,403.76	Employee Benefits
11/24/2023	EFT	CalPERS	9,387.39	Employee Benefits
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>827,524.27</b>	<b>577,191.03</b>

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)**  
**Union Bank Operating Account**  
**December 2023**

DATE	ITEM	NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
12/01/2023	21202	Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	3,006.58		Computer Support
12/01/2023	21203	AT & T (Carol Stream, Il.)	512.50		Telecommunications, Call Box and Rideshare - Phone Service
12/01/2023	21204	California Highway Patrol	252.88		Freeway Service SAFE Call Box Program
12/01/2023	21205	California Towing and Transport	110,868.87		Freeway Service Patrol - Towing
12/01/2023	21206	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	706.87		Employee Benefits
12/01/2023	21207	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim	4,500.00		Financial Audit
12/01/2023	21208	Office of the County Counsel	5,207.60		Legal Services
12/01/2023	21209	Petty Cash	181.22		Miscellaneous Office and Meeting Expenses
12/01/2023	21210	Smile Business Products Inc.	181.23		Office Copier Expenses
12/01/2023	21211	The Maynard Group	354.30		Telephone Equipment Lease
12/01/2023	21212	Verizon Wireless	26.31		Call Box - Phone Service
12/01/2023	21213	VSP	181.44		Employee Benefits
12/04/2023	EFT	CalPers Health Benefits	12,270.16		Employee Benefit
12/04/2023	EFT	TAMC County Acct. 691		350,000.00	Funds Transfer From TAMC County Acct. 691
12/05/2023	EFT	InComm Digital Solutions, LLC	5,755.25		Debit Cards for SRTS Steering Committee Members
12/06/2023	21214	City of Salinas	57,046.19		City of Salinas Fees for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
12/08/2023	EFT	Payroll	49,447.78		Payroll
12/08/2023	EFT	United States Treasury	11,567.62		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/08/2023	EFT	EDD	4,595.76		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/08/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement	9,175.79		Employee Benefits
12/08/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement PEPPRA	3,403.76		Employee Benefits
12/08/2023	EFT	CalPERS	9,356.31		Employee Benefits
12/08/2023	EFT	Todd Muck	1,500.00		125 Plan Reimbursement
12/08/2023	EFT	Christina Watson	958.80		Reimbursement for WTS Leadership Training
12/08/2023	EFT	Mike Zeller	946.40		Reimbursement of Costs for attending Focus on the Future
12/08/2023	EFT	Elouise Rodriguez	61.70		Costs for CSDA Board Clerk/Secretary Conference 2023
12/12/2023	21215	Alejandro V Chavez	182.90		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21216	Cristina Medina-Dirksen	182.90		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21217	David L Potter	365.80		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21218	Edwin D Smith	274.35		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21219	Jose A Sandoval	320.08		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21220	Jose Rios	182.90		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21221	Michael R LeBarre	411.52		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21222	Rachel Ortiz	137.17		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21223	Scott Donaldson	182.90		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21224	Venkata C Poduri	365.80		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21225	Mary Ann Carbone	182.90		Board Member Stipend
12/12/2023	21226	Alejandro V. Chavez	62.88		Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21227	Christina Dirksen	47.16		Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21228	Dave Potter	90.39		Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21229	Ed Smith	83.36		Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21230	Jose Rios v	78.60		Board Member Mileage

12/12/2023	21231	Jose Sandoval	34.06	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21232	Mary Ann Carbone	74.67	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21233	Mike LeBarre	235.80	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21234	Rachel Ortiz	133.62	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21235	Scott Donaldson	89.08	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	21236	Venkata Poudri	120.52	Board Member Mileage
12/12/2023	EFT	United States Treasury	466.66	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/12/2023	EFT	EDD	54.90	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/12/2023	EFT	EDD	27.45	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/13/2023	21237	Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	680.09	Computer Equipment Lease
12/13/2023	21238	Business Card	3,249.44	Supplies, Staff Travel, Payroll Service & Professional Training
12/13/2023	21239	Comcast	252.67	Telecommunication
12/13/2023	21240	De Lage Landen Financial Services	319.02	Office Copier Lease
12/13/2023	21241	Delta Dental	815.45	Employee Benefits
12/13/2023	21242	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	8,406.40	Engineering Design Services for FORTAG Segment 1
12/13/2023	21243	HDR Engineering Inc.	22,559.96	Engineering Design Review for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
12/13/2023	21244	Void	0.00	Void
12/13/2023	21245	Knightscope	1,584.10	SAFE - Call Box Maintenance
12/13/2023	21246	Union Pacific Railroad Company	2,026.12	Engineering Design for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
12/13/2023	21247	Khouri Consulting LLC	6,000.00	State Legislative Consultant
12/13/2023	DEP	City of Salinas		51,426.56 Pass through of Grant Funds for Alisal Greening
12/13/2023	DEP	Haedrich, Mty Motors, Lithia, Cappo,Canchola & Marina Concrete		12,157.14 Railroad Right of Way Rent
12/14/2023	EFT	U.S. Bancorp	42.81	Bank Charge
12/15/2023	EFT	TAMC County Acct. 691		250,000.00 Funds Transfer From TAMC County Acct. 691
12/21/2023	21248	Oppidea, LLC	2,685.00	Accounting Services
12/22/2023	EFT	Payroll	56,715.42	Payroll
12/22/2023	EFT	United States Treasury	12,366.93	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/22/2023	EFT	EDD	4,897.74	Payroll Taxes & Withholding
12/22/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement	8,965.87	Employee Benefits
12/22/2023	EFT	Pers Retirement PEPPRA	3,403.76	Employee Benefits
12/22/2023	EFT	CalPERS	8,876.42	Employee Benefits
12/22/2023	EFT	Elouise Rodriguez	190.70	Reimbursement for Meeting and Office Expenses
12/22/2023	EFT	Ariana Green	153.83	Reimbursed Costs for SRTS Steering Committee
12/22/2023	DEP	State of California		31,810.15 SAFE - Revenue - October 2023
12/22/2023	DEP	City of Marina		5,823.00 Railroad Right of Way Rent
12/22/2023	DEP	State Street		496.24 Reimbursed Employee Contributions
12/28/2023	EFT	Graniterock		9,047.40 Railroad Right of Way Rent
12/29/2023	EFT	Deluxe Business Products	260.31	Printed Checks
12/29/2023	DEP	Newton Bros. Tires & City of Marina		14,976.00 Railroad Right of Way Rent
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>440,905.73</b>	<b>725,736.49</b>





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October 05, 2023 - November 04, 2023

Cardholder Statement

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WILMINGTON, DE 19886-5796

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**Payment Information**

New Balance Total ..... \$7,984.22  
Minimum Payment Due ..... **\$79.84**  
Payment Due Date ..... 11/30/23

**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 ..... \$10,530.46  
Payments and Other Credits ..... -\$10,770.04  
Balance Transfer Activity ..... \$0.00  
Cash Advance Activity ..... \$0.00  
Purchases and Other Charges ..... \$8,223.80  
**Fees Charged ..... \$0.00**  
**Finance Charge ..... \$0.00**  
New Balance Total ..... \$7,984.22

Credit Limit ..... \$20,000  
Credit Available ..... \$12,015.78  
Statement Closing Date ..... 11/04/23  
Days in Billing Cycle ..... 31

**Transactions**

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
<b>Payments and Other Credits</b>				
10/20	10/18	EL ANTOJITO CA ONLIN BOCA RATON FL		- 239.58
10/30	10/29	PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 10,530.46
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD</b>				<b>- \$10,770.04</b>
<b>Purchases and Other Charges</b>				
10/05	10/04	TST* The Bagel Corner 8317718670 CA		26.24
10/05	10/04	NOB HILL #607 SALINAS CA		108.51
10/06	10/05	TST* The Bagel Corner 8317718670 CA		22.78
10/06	10/04	CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DIS 9164427887 CA		575.00
10/06	10/04	CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DIS 9164427887 CA		575.00

Account Number:  
October 05, 2023 - November 04, 2023

New Balance Total ..... \$7,984.22  
Minimum Payment Due ..... **\$79.84**  
Payment Due Date ..... 11/30/23

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Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
10/09	10/06	DEVICEMAGIC 8559970800 NC		160.50
10/09	10/08	INTUIT *TSheets 8338309255 CA		140.00
10/11	10/10	AMZN MKTP US*TE1XH0670 8007728574 WA		416.35
10/11	10/10	EL CHARRIT* EL CHARRIT SALINAS CA		132.13
10/11	10/11	REI.COM 800-426-4840 8004264840 WA		1,863.63
10/11	10/10	LA PLAZA BAKERY - KING 8313858888 CA		153.95
10/12	10/11	SQ *MIKESIGNS, INC. 8774174551 CA		163.88
10/16	10/13	ERIKSDELICAFE 2122600895 CA		319.48
10/16	10/14	TARGET.COM * 8005913869 MN		8.98
10/19	10/17	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 8317513420 CA		20.00
10/19	10/18	EL ANTOJITO CA ONLIN BOCA RATON FL		239.58
10/19	10/17	LUCKY #747 SALINAS CA		59.04
10/23	10/19	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1011 5104971900 CA		520.84
10/23	10/19	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1051 5624901000 CA		34.94
10/23	10/20	PLANETIZEN-8772607526 LOS ANGELES CA		99.95
10/23	10/20	THE UPS STORE 6839 6692300000 CA		4.86
10/23	10/21	DREAMHOST-DH-FEE.COM CA		155.88
10/23	10/20	SALINAS ACE HARDWARE 4087781550 CA		65.51
10/23	10/20	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 8317513420 CA		40.00
10/24	10/23	AMERICAN PLANNING A 8882211161 IL		295.00
10/24	10/23	LA PLAZA BAKERY - EAST 8317516028 CA		132.47
10/24	10/23	NOB HILL #607 SALINAS CA		9.38
10/24	10/24	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		410.93
10/25	10/23	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1011 5104971900 CA		145.27
10/26	10/24	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 8317513420 CA		40.00
10/26	10/24	LORENA'S TAQUERIA 8313869060 CA		158.64
10/27	10/26	SALINAS ACE HARDWARE 4087781550 CA		82.92
10/27	10/27	Mailchimp 6789990141 GA		80.00
10/30	10/29	WEB*NETWORKSOLUTIONS 8886429675 FL		54.98
10/31	10/30	AMZN MKTP US*L33RA8923 8007728574 WA		65.96
11/01	10/31	TST* The Bagel Corner 8317718670 CA		26.23
11/02	11/01	TST* The Bagel Corner 8317718670 CA		26.24
11/02	11/01	WWW.CALCOG.ORG SACRAMENTO CA		523.86
11/02	11/01	CSMFO 9162312137 CA		135.00
11/02	11/01	NOB HILL #607 SALINAS CA		49.80
11/02	11/02	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		80.09
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD</b>				<b>\$8,223.80</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

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ELOUISE RODRIGUEZ

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November 05, 2023 - December 04, 2023

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DALLAS, TX 75266-0441

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**Payment Information**

New Balance Total ..... \$3,249.44  
 Minimum Payment Due ..... **\$32.49**  
 Payment Due Date ..... 12/31/23  
**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  
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**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 ..... \$7,984.22  
 Payments and Other Credits ..... -\$8,065.89  
 Balance Transfer Activity ..... \$0.00  
 Cash Advance Activity ..... \$0.00  
 Purchases and Other Charges ..... \$3,331.11  
**Fees Charged ..... \$0.00**  
**Finance Charge ..... \$0.00**  
 New Balance Total ..... \$3,249.44  
 Credit Limit ..... \$20,000  
 Credit Available ..... \$16,750.56  
 Statement Closing Date ..... 12/04/23  
 Days in Billing Cycle ..... 30

**Transactions**

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
<b>Payments and Other Credits</b>				
11/17	11/17	11/9/2023 MORE REWARDS DA Y 2% BONUS		- 9.37
11/21	11/20	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766806 CA		- 45.00
11/24	11/23	PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 7,984.22
12/04	12/01	TARGET.COM * 8005913869 MN		- 27.30
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD</b>				<b>- \$8,065.89</b>
<b>Purchases and Other Charges</b>				
11/06	11/03	ADOBE INC. 4085366000 CA		455.88
11/06	11/03	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1010 2068721600 WA		7.12
11/06	11/03	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 1011 5104971900 CA		130.83

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Account Number:  
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New Balance Total ..... \$3,249.44  
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Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
11/07	11/06	DEVICEMAGIC 8559970800 NC		160.50
11/07	11/06	NOB HILL #607 SALINAS CA		13.32
11/09	11/08	INTUIT *TSheets 8338309255 CA		132.00
11/10	11/09	SQ *COPYMAT 8774174551 CA		393.30
11/10	11/09	SPLASH CAR WASH - SALI SALINAS CA		15.00
11/13	11/09	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 8317513420 CA		20.00
11/13	11/09	SHELL OIL 574276778QPS 8314225474 CA		40.00
11/13	11/11	EL CHARRIT* EL CHARRIT 8887072469 CA		219.46
11/14	11/13	EL CHARRIT* EL CHARRIT SALINAS CA		121.37
11/15	11/13	SAFEWAY #1110 8008984027 CA		65.67
11/15	11/14	COPY KING 8313731251 CA		675.33
11/16	11/15	LA PLAZA BAKERY - GONZ 8316752337 CA		168.21
11/16	11/16	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		259.94
11/17	11/17	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		259.94
11/27	11/27	Mailchimp 6789990141 GA		80.00
12/01	12/01	RALEY'S ONLINE #905 9163766606 CA		85.94
12/04	12/01	TARGET.COM * 8005913869 MN		27.30
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**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 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-Jan 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: January 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	M-4	US 101 Virtual Survey System	January 10/2023	January 10, 2024	\$49,000	7450.00	Measure X

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Banking Authorization**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ADOPT** resolution 2024-03 authorizing Todd Muck, Jefferson Kise, Christina Watson, and Michael Zeller to conduct all commercial banking activities on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County had a long-standing commercial banking relationship with Union Bank, which was bought by US Bank earlier this year. US Bank requires an updated board approval recognizing the staff authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of the agency.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact from this decision.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County had a long-standing commercial banking relationship with Union Bank, which was bought by US Bank earlier this year. US Bank requires an updated board approval recognizing the staff authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of the agency. The updated board approval will allow the agency to set up its online access to manage its commercial checking account.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024-03 - Banking authorization

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)  
RECOGNIZING THE AGENCY STAFF AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BANKING BUSINESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has a commercial banking relationship with US Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, US Bank requires board approval of the specific staff authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of TAMC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors as follows:

1. The following staff are authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of the agency:
  - a. Todd Muck
  - b. Jefferson Kise
  - c. Christina Watson
  - d. Michael Zeller
  
2. The authorized staff are empowered to be check signers and are permitted full administrative access to the agency's customer records via the online platforms offered by US Bank.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, State of California this January 24, 2024, by the following votes:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**



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**CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR**  
**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

**ATTEST:**

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**TODD A. MUCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Nominations**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the appointments of Nathalie Gomez as the District 3 alternate, Lester Brown as the Pacific Grove alternate, and Council Member Liesbeth Visscher as the City of Marina representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency Board appoints representatives on an as-needed basis to serve on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to advise staff on bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues and make recommendations to the TAMC Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No financial impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

The TAMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee is composed of volunteer residents and public agency representatives who meet monthly with TAMC staff to provide input to the TAMC Board on active transportation projects and programs. The Committee also provides input to local jurisdictions and Caltrans on bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects.

Nathalie Gomez was nominated by Supervisor Chris Lopez to represent Monterey County Supervisorial District 3 on TAMC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee as an alternate to the District 3 representative, Mike Novo. Ms. Gomez is a Monterey County native and is interested in serving on the committee to advocate for people who bike in District 3. She is an avid bike rider and supporter of cycling as a main form of transportation. Ms. Gomez is the Recreation Activities Leader for the City of Greenfield Recreation Department and educates youth on riding skills and safety.

Lester Brown was nominated by Mayor Bill Peake to represent the City of Pacific Grove on TAMC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee as an alternate to the Pacific Grove representative, Katie Stern. Mr. Brown is a current Commissioner on the Pacific Grove Traffic Safety Commission, which has a goal to assess and propose safety measures that involve vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.

Liesbeth Visscher was nominated by the Marina City Council to represent the City of Marina on TAMC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. Ms. Visscher is applying to the committee to represent the City and learn more about bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Monterey

County. She is particularly interested in the proposed "road diet" for Del Monte Blvd. in Marina, which will include new bike lanes and wider sidewalks.

Committee vacancies remain for: the Cities of Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, the King City, and the Soledad. Staff requests that Board members in these areas recruit interested individuals and refer them to staff for more information.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Nathalie Gomez - Nomination Letter and Application](#)

[Lester Brown - Nomination Letter and Application](#)

[Liesbeth Visscher - Nomination Letter and Application](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Legislative Update & Final 2024 Program**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues and **ADOPT** the final 2024 legislative program.

**SUMMARY:**

On January 10, 2024, the Executive Committee reviewed the 2024 legislative program and recommended the Board adopt the program to help guide TAMC staff and legislative consultants in responding to proposed legislation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The legislative program continues a focus on preserving and seeking transportation funding.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Attachment 1** is a state legislative update on the legislative calendar, the state budget, and changes in leadership. An article about the possible replacement measures for the declining gas tax is online as a **web attachment**.

**Attachment 2** is a federal legislative update, focused on the status of the transportation appropriations bill.

**Attachment 3** is the final legislative program, showing changes from the draft program. **Attachment 4** is the final program, with changes accepted. Changes from the draft program approved by the TAMC Board in October are as follows:

**State:**

2S: Simplified language to focus on the key issue, seeking a fair application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in transportation funding decisions.

13S: Added in monitoring of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) reform task force, per MST request.

**Federal:**

No changes from the draft.

The Executive Committee recommended the Board adopt the program to help guide TAMC staff and legislative consultants in responding to proposed legislation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. State Legislative update
2. Federal Legislative Update
3. FINAL TAMC 2024 Leg Program SHOW CHANGES
4. FINAL TAMC 2024 Leg Program

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [December 13, 2023 article in CalMatters, "California gas tax revenue will drop by \\$6 billion, threatening roads"](#)



January 10, 2024

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, President  
Khouri Consulting LLC

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY**

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### **General Update**

On January 3, the Legislature reconvened from the winter recess to begin the second year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. There are two notable deadlines: 1) All two-year bills still in the house of origin must be moved to the other house by January 31, and 2) February 16 marks the bill introduction deadline for new bills. The 2024 Calendar states that August 31 will be the final day of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The State Budget must be acted upon 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.

TAMC is monitoring AB 817 (Pacheco), which amends the Brown Act to allow a subsidiary body of a local agency (i.e., all committees) to use teleconferencing for its meetings without posting agendas at each teleconference location. The bill was approved in the Assembly Local Government Committee on January 10, but must pass out of the Assembly by January 31 to remain live for the year.

### **Legislative Leadership Changes**

On December 4, current Senate President pro-Tempore Toni Atkins (San Diego) announced that she would transfer her position to Majority Leader Mike McGuire (Healdsburg) on February 5. Senator Atkins is expected to run for Governor in 2026 when Governor Newsom terms out. On

November 21, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (Hollister) announced that Assembly Member Lori Wilson (Suisun City) will succeed Assembly Member Laura Friedman (Burbank) as Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Assembly Member Friedman has been a champion of the Governor's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Committee, prioritizing mode-shift to active and public transportation over highway capacity projects. Assembly Member Friedman is attempting to succeed Representative Adam Schiff in Congress.

### **Governor's Proposed FY 2024-25 State Budget**

On January 10, Governor Newsom released his proposed fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 State Budget. The 2024-25 draft Budget, which proposes \$208.7 billion in General Fund spending (\$291.5 billion with special funds), is projected to have a deficit of \$37.86 billion. A portion of this year's deficit is attributable to a 33% reduction in capital gains tax receipts. Due to last winter's severe storms, the Internal Revenue Service delayed tax collection to November 16 for 99% of all state taxpayers.

Thankfully, the Governor is not predicting a recession. The draft FY 24-25 State Budget has a \$38 billion reserve to help address the shortfall and stave off deep cuts. Governor Newsom proposes using \$18.8 billion from the Rainy Day Fund, \$11.9 billion in reductions/funds shifts, and \$7.2 billion in delays and deferrals. Over \$18.4 billion would remain in reserves, and \$11.1 billion would stay in the Rainy Day Fund.

The Governor's economic forecast projects inflation will continue to moderate as the Federal Reserve maintains its current restrictive monetary policy through the middle of 2024. Inflation is projected to slow to rates of between 2 and 3 percent by late 2024.

Despite the news of a state budget deficit forecast, there still may be opportunities to access funding for transportation by restoring truck weight fees or recalibrating existing state programs, such as Cap and Trade, to augment the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The Cap-and-Trade program must be extended beyond 2030 to continue providing resources for transit capital and operating needs.

### **Funding For Climate Change**

The 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts allocated approximately \$54 billion over five years to advance the state's climate agenda. The draft Budget maintains 89% of these investments (\$48.3 billion) and continues to prioritize equity and investments in populations facing disproportionate harm from pollution and the climate crisis. Given the projected decline in General Fund revenues, the draft Budget includes reductions across several climate programs, partially offset by shifts to other fund sources. The State will pursue federal funding through the Inflation Reduction Act

and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Most climate reductions are included in the trigger, so if there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, these proposed reductions will be restored.

The 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts committed \$10 billion over five years in investments to the state's zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) agenda, from cleaning up drayage trucks and school buses to accelerating equitable electrification of passenger vehicles, coupled with infrastructure and incentives for in-state manufacturing. Below is a list of where adjustments are being made.

### **Significant Budget Adjustments**

- **Expenditure Reductions** – A reduction of \$38.1 billion General Fund for various ZEV programs (none of which impact TAMC).
- **Fund Shifts** – A shift of \$475.3 million from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) in the current year for various programs, including ZEV Fueling Infrastructure Grants (\$218.5 million).
- **Funding Delays** – A delay of \$600 million in GGRF from FY 2024-25 to FY 2027-28 across various programs, including Clean Cars 4 All and Other Equity Projects (\$45 million); ZEV Fueling Infrastructure Grants (\$120 million); and Community-Based Plans, Projects, and Support/Sustainable Community Strategies (\$100 million). This delay enables a shift of \$600 million from the General Fund to the GGRF for other programs.

### **Impact on Transportation**

The 2022-23 Budget Act included \$13.8 billion for transportation programs and projects aligned with the state's climate goals. The draft Budget maintains \$13.6 billion of these investments but includes \$200 million in reductions, \$791 million in fund shifts, and \$3.1 billion in delays across various programs.

### **Significant Budget Adjustments**

- **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)** – A delay, from FY 24-25 to 25-26, of \$1 billion of formulaic TIRCP funds provided via Senate Bill (SB) 125, keeping \$1 billion for this program in FY 24-25. The draft Budget proposes to shift \$261.4 million of the remaining \$1 billion in FY 24-25 from the General Fund to the GGRF. This fund shift will have no programmatic impact but may impact the type of project that can be funded, as the GGRF has more stringent Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction rules.



- **Active Transportation Program** – A reduction of \$200 million, keeping \$850 million in one-time funding in FY 24-25. To ensure no impact on previously awarded projects, the \$200 million will be backfilled from future cycles of ATP funding.

**Coastal Resilience**

Governor Newsom states that the impacts of climate change on the coast and ocean include sea-level rise, more extreme storm events, coastal erosion, increased water temperatures, and ocean acidification. These impacts affect public and private property and infrastructure, public access to and along the coast, ecosystem health, and California’s coastal economy, including tourism and fishing.

Over multiple years, the 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts committed \$1.3 billion for coastal resilience. The draft Budget maintains \$660 million of these investments over numerous years in programs and projects for coastal resilience. The draft Budget reflects \$452 million in General Fund reductions and \$36.8 million in fund shifts across several coastal protection and adaptation programs.

To address the projected budget shortfall, the draft Budget proposes General Fund solutions to achieve a balanced budget. These include:

- **Sea Level Rise**—A reversion of \$220.9 million to the General Fund for Sea Level Rise activities. The draft Budget maintains the \$333.6 million allocated for this program.
- **Coastal Protection and Adaptation**—A reversion of \$171.1 million to the General Fund for Coastal Protection and Adaptation activities. The draft Budget maintains \$154.9 million allocated for this program.
- **SB 1 Implementation**—A reversion of \$25 million to the General Fund and shift of \$36.8 million to the GGRF in 2024-25 for implementation of Chapter 236, Statutes of 2021 (SB 1). The draft Budget maintains \$77 million allocated for this program.
- **Ocean Protection**—A reversion of \$35 million to the General Fund for Ocean Protection funding at the Ocean Protection Council. The draft Budget maintains the \$65 million allocated for this program.

**Statewide Broadband Network Implementation**

Per Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021 (SB 156) established the California Department of Technology (CDT) Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy and requires CDT to develop a statewide open-access middle-mile network to expand access to high-speed broadband for all Californians and

close the digital divide across the state. The state has made significant investments in previous years and provided a total of \$3.9 billion (\$2.5 billion State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and \$1.4 billion General Fund) for CDT to complete the more than 10,000 miles needed for the network through a combination of construction, purchases, and long-term leases.

To complement middle-mile development, the state provided the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) a total of \$1.45 billion (\$550 million Capital Projects Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and \$900 million General Fund) for last-mile broadband infrastructure grants, part of a multi-year plan to provide \$2 billion in grants to help enhance access to high-speed broadband service in unserved and underserved communities. The State has invested \$175 million General Fund in the Broadband Loan Loss Reserve Fund (BLLR), part of a multi-year plan to provide a \$500 million from the General Fund to local governments, tribes, and non-profit organizations with loans for broadband infrastructure development.

### **Significant Budget Adjustments:**

The draft Budget includes the following adjustments to the broadband implementation project:

- **Middle Mile**—\$1.5 billion General Fund over two years (\$250 million in 2024-25 and \$1.25 billion in 2025-26) for CDT to complete the development of the statewide middle-mile network. Due to scope changes and inflation costs, additional funding will be necessary to complete the project and bring broadband connectivity to the state’s remaining unconnected and under-connected communities by December 31, 2026.

### **Addressing The Budget Problem**

To address the projected budget shortfall, the draft Budget proposes General Fund solutions to achieve a balanced budget. These include:

- **Last Mile Infrastructure Grants**—A \$100 million General Fund delay from 2024-25 to 2026-27 for last-mile infrastructure grants at the CPUC. This maintains \$1.45 billion and reflects future investments of \$550 million in the General Fund over three years (\$100 million in 2024-25, \$200 million in 2025-26, and \$250 million in 2026-27) for a program total of \$2 billion.
- **Broadband Loan Loss Reserve (BLLR) Fund**—A reduction of \$250 million General Fund (\$150 million in 2024-25 and \$100 million in 2025-26) for the BLLR. The draft budget maintains \$500 million for the program, with \$175 million from the General Fund in 2023-24, \$150 million for 2024-25, and \$175 million for 2025-26.

**TO:** Christina Watson

**FROM:** Paul Schlesinger  
Jim Davenport

With Congress far behind on the appropriations process prior to this Friday's expiration of the first of two continuing resolutions (CR), Congressional leadership formally introduced another CR over the weekend that would extend both government funding deadlines into March. The stopgap funding bill would set a deadline of March 1 for Agriculture-Food & Drug Administration, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, **Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD)**, and Energy-Water, with everything else funded through March 8. Lawmakers will now race to pass this stopgap prior to the end of the week, and bipartisan cooperation will be vital toward avoiding a partial shutdown in a short period of time.

The Senate is set to act first on the CR this week, and leadership will be seeking a "time agreement" to expedite the process so that Congress does not brush up too closely to the deadline. While the stopgap is likely to pass with strong bipartisan support, some politically tricky amendment votes could be needed to ensure cooperation among all 100 senators to speed things along. Upon passage in the Senate, it is anticipated that House leadership will bring up the CR under suspension of the rules later this week.

On a positive note, with a topline funding agreement reached between the House and the Senate, the CR should provide the House and Senate Appropriations Committees with enough time to conference all 12 appropriations bills. As you know, \$1.811 million is included for TAMC's Pajaro to Prunedale G12 corridor project in the FY 24 Senate THUD Appropriations Bill, and we feel good about that bill being passed prior to the March 1 deadline.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

## 2024 Legislative Program

### ~~DRAFT~~ State Priorities

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- 2S. ~~Advocate for proportionality on~~Support the fair application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in ~~comparison to larger metro~~rural and suburban areas ~~in the state, particularly for~~that seek to completeing multi-modal corridors or highway safety projects in underserved communities~~less densely populated or disadvantaged areas of the county, to increase safety for commuters, enhance routes needed for evacuation from climate events, goods movement, and tourism travel.~~
- 3S. Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** Summary of 2023 Environmental Document Review Program

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** summary of environmental document review work conducted by TAMC in 2023.

### **SUMMARY:**

As part of the Transportation Agency's ongoing work program, staff reviews environmental documents to comment on land use, transportation, safety, and greenhouse gas emissions sections of general plan updates, bicycle plans, major development plans, transit plans, and other environmental review documents prepared by local agencies and other entities. This report is a summary of completed reviews from January - December 2023.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The environmental document review program is included in the approved Agency budget and funded by state Rural Planning Assistance funds.

### **DISCUSSION:**

To effectively plan for the county's future transportation needs, the Transportation Agency is engaged in efforts to coordinate land use and transportation planning activities across the county. The goal of this coordination is to connect regional transportation infrastructure long-range planning with ongoing land use decision-making, thereby reducing the long-term need for costly regional infrastructure improvements. As more coordination occurs, such as building retail stores within walking distance of residential neighborhoods, less money will be needed to construct new roads and parking, allowing funds to be used on highway safety improvements and other regional projects.

One of the Agency's mechanisms for coordinating transportation and land use planning is through the environmental document review process as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff reviews plans and development proposals that are under consideration by the county's jurisdictions pursuant to CEQA to identify new regional transportation impacts and recommend mitigation strategies. All comments are limited to those project activities that are within the Agency's area of expertise, or which are required to be carried out or approved by the Agency.

Throughout 2023, staff reviewed 9 environmental documents and provided comments on 5 of the environmental documents. Comments submitted typically align with one or more of the following concerns:

- TAMC recommended that the project add certain transportation safety enhancements;
- TAMC confirmed that the project is in line with existing transportation plans and projects;

- TAMC recommended coordination with other agencies, such as Monterey-Salinas Transit;
- TAMC found that the project's impacts on regional roads and highways were underestimated; and/or
- TAMC supported the fact that the project included transit, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, or recommended adding such improvements.

The following table summarizes the lead agency, project name, and type of environmental documents that staff provided comments on during 2023:

<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Document Type</b>
City of Gonzales	Gloria Road Agricultural Cooler Project	Mitigated Negative Declaration
Judicial Council of California	New Fort Ord Courthouse Project	Draft Environmental Impact Report
City of Sand City	Sand City West End Parking Plan	Mitigated Negative Declaration
City of Monterey	Monterey 2031 General Plan Update	Notice of Preparation
City of Marina	Marina Downtown Vitalization Specific Plan	Environmental Impact Report

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2023 Environmental Document Review Log

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

## Transportation Agency for Monterey County

### Environmental Document Review Log

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

<u>Acronyms</u>		
EIR = Environmental Impact Report	ND = Negative Declaration	RAW = Removal Action Workplan
GP(U/Amd) = General Plan (Update / Amendment)	NOP = Notice of Preparation	SOI (Amd) = Sphere of Influence (Amendment)
IS = Initial Study	NOPH = Notice of Public Hearing	SP = Specific Plan
MND = Mitigated Negative Declaration	PD = Planned Development	TS = Traffic Study
DEIR = Draft Environmental Impact Report	NOE = Notice of Exemption	CON = Early Consultation

File #	Lead Agency	Project Name	Doc. Type	Received	Hearing	Due	Comments Sent
2023-E-01	Monterey-Salinas Transit	SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project	NOE	1/17/2023	2/13-2/15	02/17/23	No Comments
2023-E-02	City of Salinas	General Plan Amendment No. 2022-002, RZ No. 2022-002, and ER No. 2022-010	CON	1/17/2023		01/26/23	No Comments
2023-E-03	Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency	Laguna Grande Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy	ND	1/31/2023		02/17/23	No Comments
2023-E-04	City of Salinas	General Plan Amendment No. 2022-001, RZ No. 2022-01	MND	1/30/2023		02/28/23	No Comments
2023-E-05	City of Gonzales	Gloria Road Agricultural Cooler Project	MND	3/15/2023	04/24/23	04/13/23	04/13/23
2023-E-06	Judicial Council of California	New Fort Ord Courthouse Project	Draft EIR	4/6/2023		05/23/23	05/23/23
2023-E-07	City of Sand City	Sand City West End Parking Plan	MND	6/29/2023	08/01/23	07/27/23	07/27/23
2023-E-08	City of Monterey	Monterey 2031 General Plan Update	NOP	8/2/2023	08/07/23	09/04/23	09/01/23
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- TAMC found that the project's impacts on regional roads and highways were underestimated; and/or
- TAMC supported the fact that the project includes transit, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, or recommended

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Amendment #2 for the On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Services Contract**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Amendment #2 for the On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Services Contract with GHD, Inc:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with GHD, Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide on-call Traffic Engineering and ancillary services for the period ending June 30, 2026;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the GHD, Inc. contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

**SUMMARY:**

The On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Service contract between TAMC and GHD, Inc. is used to provide resources to deliver projects. The current contract has a budget of \$500,000. Staff recommends increasing the contract budget by \$100,000 to bring the new spending limit to \$600,000. The contract amendment is needed to complete a sustainable multimodal corridor study that is required to submit an SB 1 grant application for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project. The original contract was procured in February 2023 using a competitive request for qualifications process.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The proposed amendment will increase the contract budget by a total of \$100,000 to be funded by Measure X for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project to complete a sustainable multimodal corridor study.

**DISCUSSION:**

The On-Call Traffic Engineering and Ancillary Service contract is used to provide resources needed



to deliver several projects. GHD, Inc. was selected as the most qualified firm based on an evaluation of the statement of qualifications submitted by competing firms. This evaluation was done February 16, 2023 by a committee of staff members from other agencies including Caltrans, City of Salinas and County of Monterey. The evaluation team used the following scoring criteria to select GHD, Inc. as the most qualified firm:

- Experience with complete streets projects 25%
- Quality of graphical representations of complete streets designs: 25%
- General approach to conflict management and consensus building: 20%
- Demonstrated Success in delivering projects: 15%
- Successful projects that reflect local context and foster livable communities: 15%

Amendment #1 was completed January 9, 2024 to eliminate section 7 to make a cost accounting practice change pertaining to the indirect cost rate structure that may conflict with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.230-6 Administration of Cost Accounting Standards when employees from other countries are used to perform specialized work. This revision reserves the right of TAMC to implement the Federal Accounting Regulation (FAR) 52.230-6 stipulations and other accounting best practices on a task order basis.

The current contract has a budget of \$500,000. Staff recommends amending the contract amount by \$100,000 to bring the new budget limit to \$600,000. The contract expires on June 30, 2026. Contract Amendment #2 will increase the spending authority by twenty percent (20%) and is primarily needed to complete a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan that is required to submit an SB 1 grant application for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project. GHD, Inc. completed a traffic analysis for the project and generated visual simulations of the project alternatives, and this work would need to be reviewed and possibly revised at increased project cost if a new firm were tasked to complete the plan.

Staff recommends a sole source finding as GHD, Inc. is uniquely qualified to complete this work because they have developed a traffic simulation model that will provide the basis for the study. Having completed this work, GHD, Inc. will be able to deliver the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan according to the challenging schedule for SB 1 applications.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024-01-24 Amendment #2 to GHD Agreement

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**AMENDMENT #2 TO THE CONTRACT FOR**  
**ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**  
**AND**  
**GHD, Inc.**

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 2 to the contract dated April 21, 2023, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as “TAMC,” and GHD, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Consultant,” is hereby entered into between TAMC and Consultant.

**RECITALS:**

- A. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant entered into an agreement for professional services on April 21, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement;” and
- B. **WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2024, TAMC and Consultant entered into Amendment No. 1 to make a cost accounting practice change pertaining to its current indirect cost rate structure; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant desire to amend the Agreement to increase the spending limit by an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in order to develop a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan for the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Improvement project;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

**1. PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANT; MAXIMUM LIABILITY**

Paragraph 2 of the Agreement is amended as follows (changes in strikeout and underline): “Subject to the limitations set forth herein, TAMC shall pay to Consultant the amounts provided in Exhibit B: Budget, upon receipt and acceptance of deliverables listed therein. Each payment by TAMC shall be for a specific deliverable or services outlined in Exhibit A: Scope of Work and Schedule. The maximum amount payable to the Consultant under this Agreement is set forth in Exhibit B: Budget and shall not exceed the amount of ~~five hundred~~ six hundred thousand Dollars (~~\$500,000~~ \$600,000). If there is any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of either Exhibit A (Scope of Work and Schedule) or Exhibit B (Budget), the terms of this Agreement shall prevail. TAMC does not guarantee any minimum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.”

**2. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED**

All other terms of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 2 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with GHD, Inc.

GHD, Inc.

TAMC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kamesh Vedula  
Title: Technical Director/Project Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd A. Muck  
Executive Director

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: J. Duncan Findlay  
Title: Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS: If Consultant is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers. If Consultant is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If Consultant is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

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Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
TAMC Counsel

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Coast Rail Coordinating Council Appointment, Dues and Grant Application**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Coast Corridor Rail Project Update:**

1. **RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles;
2. **APPOINT** representatives to the CRCC Policy Committee;
3. **APPROVE** increase in annual membership dues for the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) from \$2,500 to \$3,000 annually; and
4. **APPROVE** reimbursing San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a consultant contract to assist in the application for construction funding for the Coast Rail project.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency Board previously appointed Mayor Dave Potter (RPC Vice Chair) and Mayor Mike LeBarre (RPC Chair) to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC), and Mayor Potter has been its Chair for several years. On November 6, 2023, the Rail Policy Committee recommended the Board reappoint both representatives to the Council for 2024. The TAMC Board previously adopted the CRCC Memorandum of Understanding that included dues; the CRCC Policy Board voted to increase member agency dues to \$3,000; this amount is in the adopted Agency budget. The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has executed a consultant contract to assist in the application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding for construction of projects that support the implementation of the Coast Rail service, and staff recommends the Board approve the budget for \$10,000 contribution to that contract.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are under evaluation.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area along the California Central Coast. Members of the Council include all Regional Transportation Planning Agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast's portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

## **CRCC Update**

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee met on October 20 in Santa Barbara (see **web attachment 1** for the agenda), and the working group met virtually on September 15. The next virtual working group meetings are November 17 and December 15. The next Policy meeting is planned for February 16, 2024 in Oakland. **Web attachment 2** is the draft 2024 meeting schedule.

## **Federal Funding for Service Development Plans**

On December 8, 2023, the Federal Railroad Administration announced the FY22 Corridor Identification and Development Program awards (**web attachment 3**), which included grants for Caltrans to complete Service Development Plans for the following corridors:

- Central Coast Corridor
- Capitol Corridor
- Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor

A Service Development Plan (SDP) evaluates route, stations, service, infrastructure, operations, costs, and financing, culminating in an implementation plan for initial train service. The SDP considers how to use existing rail infrastructure and leverage railroad and community partnerships and multimodal connections to create a train service people are excited to ride. A completed SDP makes the project eligible for federal funding for the next phases of work, including environmental review (if required), right-of-way, design, and construction.

## **Regional Transportation Planning Agency SB 125 Allocations**

Certain member agencies of the CRCC have voted to allocate some portions of their Senate Bill 125 funding to projects that support the Coast Rail project, pending approval by the California State Transportation Agency, as follows:

- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG): \$9.6 million, of which \$2 million is tagged for Positive Train Control north of San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments: \$300,000 for a rail siding east of Santa Barbara (total budget gap \$20 million)
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission: \$2 million for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project
- TAMC: \$26 million for rail projects, of which \$4.7 million for Positive Train Control

Positive Train Control (PTC) is technology designed to prevent train-to-train collisions, over-speed derailments, incursions into established work zones, and movements of trains through switches left in the wrong position. PTC is required for the coast rail line prior to the addition of a third passenger rail round trip. The line currently carries only the Coast Starlight train between San Luis Obispo and Gilroy, which is the last segment of railroad in California in need of PTC installation. The PTC project is led by Caltrans, in collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad, who owns the tracks.

## **TAMC Appointments to the CRCC**

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to the Council for 2024. The appointment involves attending up to four meetings of the Committee and potentially representing the group at a legislative day in Sacramento, should it occur in 2024.

### **Member Agency Dues**

The CRCC Policy Board voted to increase member agency annual dues on October 15, 2021, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per agency, to be effective for the fiscal year 2023/24. Those dues have now been billed and the adopted Agency Budget included this amount. The TAMC Board adopted the CRCC Memorandum of Understanding on August 22, 2018 that included dues in the amount of \$1,500 per year. The Board approved an increase to \$2,500 per year on January 23, 2019. The Rail Policy Committee voted on November 6 to recommend the Board approve the increase in CRCC dues to \$3,000 per year.

### **TIRCP Application**

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has executed a consultant contract with HNTB (**web attachment 4**) to assist in the application for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding for construction of projects that support the implementation of the Coast Rail service. The application will be due sometime in March or April, to be announced. Staff seeks Board authorization to approve the budget for a \$10,000 contribution to SLOCOG for that contract. Projects that may be considered for that grant application include:

- King City construction funding
- Positive Train Control between Gilroy and San Luis Obispo

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [CRCC Policy meeting October 20, 2023](#)
2. [Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting schedule](#)
3. [Federal Railroad Administration announced the FY22 Corridor Identification and Development Program](#)
4. [SLOCOG-HNTB Contract - TIRCP Cycle 7 application](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **MINUTES**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of January 8, 2024
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of January 10, 2024
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 10, 2024
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 11, 2024
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

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

1. Exec draft minutes Jan\_10\_2024
2. Draft\_RPC\_Minutes\_January\_2023\_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: Michael LeBarre (Chair), Chris Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair),  
Dave Potter (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Mary Adams (Past Chair),  
Wendy Root Askew (County representative), Chaps Poduri (City representative)*

**Wednesday, January 10, 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*

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

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

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

P = Present

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P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P\*= New Representative



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

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

Others present: Robert Brayer, County Counsel; Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport, Thorn Run Partners; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting; and Coleen Courtney, Supervisor District 5 office.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez seconded by Committee Member Adams, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of November 6, 2023.

**4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & FINAL 2024 PROGRAM**

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez, seconded by Committee Member Adams, the Committee voted 5-0 to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the final 2024 legislative program.

State legislative analyst Gus Khouri presented an update on state legislative activities, noting Governor Newsom is expected to release the Fiscal Year 24-25 proposed budget today. Of key interest is the proposed strategy for lowering the anticipated \$68 billion deficit.

Federal Agency legislative analyst Jim Davenport presented an update on federal legislative activities, noting that Congress came to an agreement on the spending levels for Federal Fiscal Year 2024, providing a path forward to negotiating appropriations bills.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reviewed the final 2024 legislative program and highlighted minor changes from the draft legislative program approved by the Board in October.

## **5. 2023 TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

On a motion by Committee Member Askew, seconded by Committee Member Adams, the Committee voted 5-0 to receive nominations for the 2023 Transportation Agency Excellence Awards and select award recipients for the 22<sup>nd</sup> awards ceremony to be held during the January 2024 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

The Transportation Agency received the following seven nominations for consideration for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence Awards:

- Individual: Amir Attia, Associate Professor, Graphic Design, Cal State University, Monterey Bay
- Business: Boyds Asphalt Services
- Program: "Better Bus Network," Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Project: California Avenue at Marina Heights Drive, City of Marina
- Project: Marina Parking Lot Improvement Project, City of Monterey
- Project: Downtown Streetscape Project, City of King
- Project: ParkIt!

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that because the award program stipulates that projects need to be completed to be awarded, the ParkIt project, a phased approach to improve public safety on Highway 1, which has not been completed, was removed from the awardee list.

## **6. REVIEW BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS**

The Committee provided direction and guidance to staff on assumptions for the three-year budget for fiscal years 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27. (Board Member Potter arrived during this item.)

Jeff Kise, Director Finance & Administration, reported that the TAMC annual budget development is an iterative process encompassing input from staff, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors. The budget reflects the financial impact of ongoing and committed projects and programs, as well as staff recommendations for operating expenditures. In addition to meeting the planning and programming commitments of the agency, staff seeks to ensure the agency has the operating capacity to meet its needs for the future. These goals are pursued while balancing direct and operating revenue with their associated expenses, and planning for any strategic use of reserves.

Director Kise highlighted the following four items on which staff is seeking guidance:

- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA);
- Adding one position to the agency headcount to do contracts and grants management oversight;
- Exploring new accounting, grant management and payroll software; and
- Commencing the evaluation process for a new office space.

Committee Members offered the following feedback on these issues:

- For the COLA, provide more information with the index including fully loaded numbers from the bay area and other agencies, full Board must approve.
- For the new office space, studies need to be done, look for a central location with a conference room that can accommodate TAMC's larger meetings, consider if TAMC would save costs to purchase a building as compared to renting.

#### **7. INVESTMENT POLICY: SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY UPDATE**

On a motion by Committee Member Askew and seconded by Committee Member Potter, the Committee voted 6-0 to direct staff to meet with the County Treasurer for advice pertaining to the Agency's investment policy supervisory authority and return to the Executive Committee for further direction.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County has an Investment Policy which specifies the types of investments permissible for agency reserve funds. The policy includes a Delegation of Authority which names the County of Monterey Treasurer as the person with supervisory authority over the agency's investments. Staff recommends giving the TAMC Executive Director or their designee supervisory authority over its investment accounts to ensure alignment with the agency goals and objectives.

Committee Member Askew expressed the need to proceed with caution, noting that there are significant risks to leaving the County Treasurer's office. She asked that staff meet with the County Treasurer to seek guidance from experts.

#### **8. INVESTMENT POLICY: INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE**

On a motion by Committee Member Lopez and seconded by Committee Member Askew, the Committee voted 6-0 to defer the Investment Policy item to the February Executive Committee meeting.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County manages six different funds, the aggregate balance of which is over \$110,000,000. The only market investment option available in TAMC's current policy is the Monterey County Investment pool. Due to the liquidity requirements of the County and its other investment considerations, the yield on this portfolio is 100-200 basis points lower than what can be achieved from some other pools available to the agency. The pooled programs being considered are currently investment components within the County pool. Preservation of capital will remain the core focus, while improving the yield on investments to provide additional funding for agency programs.

#### **9. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA**

Executive Director Todd Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of January 24, 2024. After Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Election of 2024 Officers
- 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards
- State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Update

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **11. CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Position: Agency Counsel.

The Committee reconvened in open session:

Chair LeBarre reported no reportable actions taken.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

**RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Draft Minutes of January 8, 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

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

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

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	Javier Gomez	District 1 staff
Shannon Simonds	Caltrans	Jasmine Mejia Cortez	District 1 staff
Vibeke Norgaard	City Manager, Sand City	Javier Fernandez	Public
Zane Mortensen	Sand City Staff	William Godwin	Public
Michael Groves	EMC	Walt	Public
Brianna Goodman	SCCRTC		

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Alejo/ Potter/ unanimous

- 3.1** Approved minutes of the November 6, 2023, Rail Policy Committee meeting.
- 3.2** Received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project.
- 3.3** Received update on the Pajaro Multimodal Station Project.
- 3.4** Received media clippings attached online.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. SAND CITY BIKE TRAIL AND PARKING PROPOSAL**

The Committee received information related to a proposal for a multi-use trail and parking on the Monterey Branch Line in Sand City.

Executive Director Todd Muck reported that he has discussed potential uses of Agency-owned property within Sand City. He noted that Sand City is proposing a one-mile segment of a multi-use trail and parking in two areas within TAMC-owned right-of-way. Mr. Muck noted that the city promises that the “proposed multi-use trail will take into consideration the future use of the TAMC corridor for rail and/or bus transit would no obstruct any of the existing rail infrastructure” and would minimize conflict with the existing property leases.

Zane Mortensen, City Planner, Sand City, presented the City’s proposal of a 12-20-foot-wide path for pedestrian and bike traffic within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way.

Committee members provided the following feedback on the proposal:

- Ensure any improvements preserve the rail corridor and avoid any rework when eventual rail and/or bus corridor is constructed;
- Ensure plans, vision, images reflect preservation of rail corridor;
- Show connections to broader trail network such as the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project;
- Consider whether there needs to be a fence between the trail and rail corridor;
- City would be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the trail and parking and ensuring adequate lighting; and
- Consider solar panels as a source of energy that may help cover maintenance costs.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported that MST supports Sand City's proposal and MST is happy to be part of the planning process.

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

On a motion by Committee Member Askew, seconded by Committee Member Alejo, the Committee voted 9-0 to support the conceptual project and direct staff to continue coordination with Sand City staff and recommend a presentation to the full Board to provide support for the conceptual design as currently envisioned.

Executive Director Muck noted that staff will work with Sand City staff to bring a presentation to the February or March Board meeting.

**5. 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.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the next CRCC Policy Committee meeting is planned for February 16, 2024, in Oakland. She noted that certain member agencies of the CRCC have voted to allocate some portions of their Senate Bill 125 funding to projects that support the Coast Rail project. Ms. Watson noted that staff will seek authorization from the Board in January to contribute \$10,000 to the grant application consultant contract.

Shannon Simonds, Caltrans, reported that the Federal Railroad Administration announced the Corridor Identification grant awards, five of which went to Caltrans to help California rail operators create Service Development Plans, which will enable them to apply for federal funding. She noted that several of California's rail corridors are larger than most states. She noted that Caltrans wants to support all the projects along the Coast in making progress.

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

None this month.

**7. ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.



**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **CORRESPONDENCE**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for January 2024

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

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [January 12, 2024, letter to Tony Tavares, Director of the California Department of Transportation re:Support of the City of Soledad's application to Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [January 9, 2024, letter to Tony Tavares, Director of the California Department of Transportation re:Support for VTA Guadalupe Adaptation and Resilience Plan from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [January 9, 2024, letter to Mr. Mitch Weiss, Interim Executive Director Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission re:Support for Planning for Climate Resilience of the Santa Cruz Rail Line from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [December 22, 2023, letter to TAMC Executive Director, Todd Muck re:Sand City Measure X MOE from Vibeke Norgaard, City Manager.](#)
- [December 21, 2023, letter to Chad Edison re:Senate Bill 125 Funding Program Allocation Request from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [December 1, 2023, Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, Monterey-Salinas Transit District re:Support for East Alisal Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) and Salinas Transit Center \(STC\) Relocation Feasibility Study from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **Election of 2024 Officers**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Election of Officers**

1. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024 Board meeting; and
2. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024 Board meeting.

**SUMMARY:**

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the beginning of the Agency's January meeting. The Nominating Committee, Board Members LeBarre and Adams, conferred and recommends advancing the 2023 officers to the next level and filling the county representative vacancy with Board Member Alejo.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**DISCUSSION:**

At its December 6, 2023 meeting, the Board appointed Chair LeBarre and Past Chair Adams to the Nominating Committee. After considering geographic balance, city vs. county representation, time since last serving on the committee, and interest in serving, the nominating committee recommends the following officers and Executive Committee members:

- Chris Lopez, Chair
- Dave Potter, 1st Vice Chair
- Wendy Root Askew, 2nd Vice Chair
- Mike LeBarre, Past Chair
- Luis Alejo, County Representative
- Chaps Poduri, City Representative

There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. Staff recommends that the Board to elect the officers and members of the Executive Committee for the Transportation Agency for

Monterey County for 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** **2023 Transportation Excellence Awards**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**PRESENT** the 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. Six award recipients will be honored for their contributions to Monterey County transportation at the January 24, 2024, Board meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Agency would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve the transportation network in Monterey County. The recipients of the 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards are:

- Individual: Amir Attia, Associate Professor, Graphic Design, California State University, Monterey Bay
- Business: Boyds Asphalt Services
- Program: "Better Bus Network", Monterey-Salinas Transit
- Project: California Avenue Pedestrian Crossing at Marina Heights Drive, City of Marina
- Project: King City Downtown Streetscape, City of King
- Project: Marina Parking Lot Improvement Project, City of Monterey

In addition, staff member Laurie Williamson will be recognized for 5 years of service to the Transportation Agency.

Director Mike LeBarre will be also be recognized for his chairmanship of the TAMC Board of Directors during 2023.

Attached to this report is a brief description of each Excellence award recipient. Also attached is the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence Award Ceremony.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2023-Transportation Excellence Awards Honoree Summaries
2. 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards Ceremony Program

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



## 2023 Transportation Excellence Awards Honorees

### **Individual Award:**

#### **Amir Attia, Associate Professor, Graphic Design, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)**

Amir Attia worked with CSUMB graphic design students to develop designs for the first traffic gardens in Monterey County. In addition to meeting regularly with the Transportation Agency and other safe routes to school partners over a two-year period, Professor Attia attended the King City Steering Committee meeting to hear direct feedback from community members. The project was done in partnership through the Sustainable City Year Program designed to give students real-world experience and help local agencies with projects. The traffic gardens designed by Amir and his students at CSUMB will help teach traffic safety and driving skills to hundreds of students across Monterey County.

### **Business Award:**

#### **Boyd's Asphalt Services**

Boyd's Asphalt Services stripped 13 traffic gardens across Monterey County in Fall 2023. These are the first traffic gardens to be installed in Monterey County, and Boyd's Asphalt went above and beyond to help TAMC staff navigate this new type of project. Boyd's prioritized the traffic garden project to get it done in a narrow timeframe to help meet the Transportation Agency's grant deadline. They also worked side-by-side with TAMC staff to adjust traffic garden designs in the field as needed.

### **Program:**

#### **"Better Bus Network"**

During the COVID-19 pandemic it became clear to Monterey-Salinas Transit that social inequalities existed in their distribution of transit services. As a result, the agency took a step back and re-examined their mission, vision, and values to gain a better understanding of their purpose in the community and for their employees. After much self-examination, Monterey-Salinas Transit better defined their purpose and developed a simple statement that reflected their vision and values: "MST is "Connecting communities. Creating opportunity. Being kind to our planet." With this new focus, their vision guides that all that they do supports their goal to do better for their passengers who depend on them every day, and this was the basis for the re-examination of their services and the creation of the Better Bus Network.

MST launched the Better Bus Network in December 2022, after almost two years of research, planning, and community outreach. The Network is a redesigned transit system focused in areas where service was needed most-in historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. As a result, MST riders save time, save money, and save our planet through faster, more frequent, and more reliable service.

## **Projects:**

### **California Avenue Pedestrian Crossing at Marina Heights Drive**

California Avenue is a three-lane north-south major collector in the City of Marina. Marina Heights Drive is a newly constructed roadway that was constructed as part of the Sea Haven development project.

The three-legged intersection of California Avenue and Marina Heights Drive is stop-controlled on Marina Heights Drive with dedicated left and right turn pockets. The speeds are over 40 mph on California Avenue, and the nearest crosswalks are 1,300 feet to the south and 2,300 feet to the north. With the new development project to the east and Marina High School to the west, a safe and accessible crossing was needed.

The California Avenue Pedestrian Crossing at Marina Heights Drive project included the installation of a crosswalk and two new ADA compliant curb ramps on the south side of the intersection with a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon signal. In addition, improvements included curb, gutter and sidewalk work, pavement markings and striping.

As a result, this project which is an important link for alternative modes of transportation between residential areas, Marina High School, and regional bike routes, creates a safe and accessible crossing across a busy high-speed roadway in the City.

### **Marina Parking Lot Improvement Project**

The Marina Parking Lot Improvement project in the City of Monterey focused on rehabilitating failing pavement, improving pedestrian safety, lighting, traffic flow circulation, and providing environmental improvements. The design took into consideration the needs of all users and provides one user experience across both lots.

The redesign of the parking lot created an opportunity to relocate and widen the recreational trail in the area between Figueroa and Washington Streets. By relocating and widening the trail crossings, the City has reduced pedestrian and bicycle exposure to vehicles and eliminated the multi-lane at the Figueroa exit of the parking lot providing a safer and more comfortable experience for trail users.

The relocation and widening of the recreation trail included raised crossings and rectangular rapid flashing beacon warning systems, which improved pedestrian and bicycle visibility access. Although there are now more Rec Trail crossings, each crossing has less conflicting vehicle traffic than the single former trail crossing did. Two of these crossings are single lane, one-way crossings, so trail users now only need to look in one direction for on-coming traffic.

### **King City Downtown Streetscape Project**

The King City Streetscape project is a comprehensive placemaking and beautification project on Broadway Street in the city's core historic downtown area. The project implements the major components of the downtown Streetscape Master Plan developed through years of planning and public input efforts. The design concepts are also associated with Blue Zones Project Monterey County, which incorporates build environment enhancements to improve public health through the creation of a more active pedestrian-oriented environment.

The King City Streetscape Project included new and expanded corner bulbouts, decorative crosswalks, and reconstructed medians. The result is a more pedestrian oriented area that improves safety and access a revitalization of the downtown area, and the beautification of the area through landscaping and public art.

The Streetscape project offers an enriched streetscape experience for those users who currently ventured to downtown King City, while attracting more people to visit the historic Broadway Street neighborhood.

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Transportation Excellence Awards

January 24, 2024

**Welcome:** Theresa Wright, *Community Outreach Coordinator*

**Presentation of Awards:** Chris Lopez, *Chair*, Mike LeBarre, *Past Chair*,  
Todd Muck, *Executive Director*

## **INDIVIDUAL AWARD:**

**Amir Attia**, Associate Professor, California State University, Monterey Bay

## **BUSINESS AWARD:**

**Boyds Asphalt Services**, Salinas

## **PROGRAM AWARD:**

**"Better Bus Network,"** Monterey-Salinas Transit

## **PROJECT AWARDS:**

**California Avenue Pedestrian Crossing at Marina Heights Drive**, City of Marina

**King City Downtown Streetscape Project**, City of King

**Marina Parking Lot Improvement Project**, City of Monterey

## **TAMC EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:**

**5 Year Anniversary**, Laurie Williamson

## **OUTGOING TAMC BOARD CHAIR:**

**Mike LeBarre**, Mayor, King City





**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery, Chad Stoehr (Caltrans)

**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2024

**Subject:** **State Route 156 / Castroville Blvd Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on the status of the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project and current cost estimates.

**SUMMARY:**

Since the last update to the Board in May 2023, Caltrans was successful in receiving a second 12-month time extension to request a funding allocation from the California Transportation Commission, allowing for PG&E to complete their utility relocation work. However, Caltrans recently notified the Agency that the overall project cost has risen significantly, from \$73.5 million to \$122.7 million.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

A total of \$73.5 million has been secured from various local and state sources to construct the SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project. A competitively secured Trade Corridor Enhancement Program grant accounts for \$20 million of the construction funding, plus an additional expected \$8 million supplemental allocation that Caltrans has agreed to fund. There is a significant risk the \$28 million grant will be revoked by the California Transportation Commission if the project fails to meet the June 30, 2024 construction allocation deadline.

Additionally, recent cost estimates for all phases of the project have increased to a total of \$122.7 million, \$49.2 million higher than the budget approved by the Board in May 2023. According to the Baseline Agreement between Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and TAMC, the additional construction costs will be shared between the State and TAMC. The final design and right-of-way phases are to be funded solely by TAMC. This results in an additional \$45.7 million cost to TAMC bringing the total contribution of local funds to \$61.1 million. Any additional funds committed by the Agency are contingent upon Board approval.

**DISCUSSION:**

The State Route 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange project is one of the regional safety and mobility projects listed in Measure X and approved by 67.7% of Monterey County voters in 2016. The project will provide safety improvements by removing the existing signalized intersection, constructing a new roundabout interchange to separate traffic movements, and improving the connection between the Castroville bike and pedestrian bridge and the existing pathway for students traveling to North Monterey County high school. The Transportation Agency has successfully leveraged Measure X to secure funding for the project with construction now scheduled to start in early 2024.

In May 2023, the Board received an update on the project from Caltrans that included a revised project cost estimate for construction and discussion of challenges of working with Pacific Gas & Electric on the utility relocation needed for the project. At that time, the cost estimate was revised upwards from a total of \$55.5 million to \$73.5 million due to increased unit costs for contract items; soil import needed due to unsuitability of existing soil; additional environmental mitigation; and vertical drains for soil settlement. The Transportation Agency Board approved an additional \$9.972 million of Measure X funds to cover the Agency's share of the cost increase, with Caltrans agreeing to provide the remaining \$8 million from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (this funding split was determined by the Baseline Agreement between the agencies for funding cost increases). Below is a table outlining the fund sources programmed to the project and the agencies responsible for the funding.

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Design &amp; ROW</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Totals</b>
STIP	TAMC	\$25.7 million	\$4.1 million	<b>\$29.8 million</b>
Federal Earmark	TAMC	\$0.312 million	\$0	<b>\$0.312 million</b>
Measure X	TAMC	\$0	\$10.4 million	<b>\$10.4 million</b>
Regional Fees	TAMC	\$0	\$5.0 million	<b>\$5.0 million</b>
Trade Corridors	Caltrans	\$0	\$28.0 million	<b>\$28.0 million</b>
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$26.0 million</b>	<b>\$47.5 million</b>	<b>\$73.5 million</b>

Since that time, Caltrans was successful in receiving a second 12-month time extension to June 2024 to request allocation of the Trade Corridors Enhancement Program funds (\$20 million, plus \$8 million supplemental) and the State Transportation Improvement Program funds (\$4.1 million). This additional time was to allow for the utility relocations to be completed, which needs to be resolved before Caltrans can finalize the right-of-way certification for the project and request the construction funding allocation from the California Transportation Commission. Pacific Gas & Electric has both a gas line as well as electric distribution lines that need to be relocated prior to construction. Caltrans has been coordinating with PG&E for over a year on these relocations, but staffing issues and other priorities within PG&E have stalled progress on the relocation work. However, with the funding extension, Caltrans was able to engage with PG&E on a schedule to have the utility conflict maps completed in December 2023, allowing the utility agreements to then be in place by January 2024, and the project to receive its right-of-way certification in February 2024.

Transportation Agency staff remained in close coordination with Caltrans during this process to ensure the utility relocations were progressing, and the project would meet its funding deadlines. At a quarterly meeting in October 2023, Caltrans notified Agency staff that project costs were likely to further increase due primarily to the relocation of the high-pressure gas line. The relocation of this gas line is critical for the project as it is currently located almost directly through the middle of where one of the proposed roundabouts would be constructed. Caltrans provided a revised cost estimate at the end of November and then further revised the estimate in early January 2024, which is shown in the table below. The revised estimate shows cost increases across all phases of work plus two new unfunded child projects for landscape planting and bio monitoring.

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Current Budget (funded)</b>	<b>Estimated Costs to Complete (January 2024)</b>	<b>Cost Increase</b>
Final Design	\$6.2 million	\$8.7 million	\$2.5 million
Right-of-Way Support	\$1.4 million	\$2.0 million	\$0.6 million
Right-of-Way Capital	\$18.4 million	\$45.0 million	\$26.6 million
Construction Support	\$5.5 million	\$9.2 million	\$3.7 million

Construction Capital	\$42.0 million	\$46.0 million	\$4.0 million
- Landscape Planting	\$0	\$7.4 million	\$7.4 million
- Bio Monitoring	\$0	\$4.4 million	\$4.4 million
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$73.5 million</b>	<b>\$122.7 million</b>	<b>\$49.2 million</b>

With the revised cost estimate, Caltrans provided the caveat that these costs are estimated based on what is currently known, and there is always the possibility of additional changes moving forward. As mentioned previously, the Baseline Agreement establishes a cost share for construction capital and support increases of 55% for TAMC and 45% for Caltrans. All other phases and child projects would need to be funded 100% by TAMC. The State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project delivery team from Caltrans will provide a presentation at the January Board meeting with an update on the project and current cost estimates.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



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1.	<b>SR 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rehab (1H460)</b>	At Garrapata Creek Bridge  (PM 63.0)	Electrochemical Chloride Extraction (ECE) of bridge structure	July 2021 – March 2024	\$6.49 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Future Contractors and Engineers, Irvine, CA	Construction completed November 2023.
2.	<b>SR 1 Big Sur South (1Q760)</b>	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/ Spring 2024	\$18.35 Million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	S. Chaves Construction, Inc.	Construction in progress.
3.	<b>SR 1 Big Sur Central (1Q770)</b>	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/ Summer 2024	\$45.6 Million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction, Inc.	Construction in progress.



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4.	<b>SR 1 Big Sur North (1Q800)</b>	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/ Spring 2024	\$25.4 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite rock Construction	Construction in progress.
5.	<b>SR 1 Flooding 1Q960</b>	In Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties from Approximately 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.
6.	<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.
7	<b>MON/SB+ Storm Damage (1Q810)</b>	In Monterey and San Benito Counties on various routes at various locations	Storm Damage Repairs	Winter 2023/ Spring 2024	\$2.8 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Brough Construction	Construction in progress.



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8.	<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 in progress
9.	<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	Meg Henry	PS&E/RW	Construction in progress. Acceleration lane opened to travel on 11/10/23.
10.	<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 or around 1/10/24.
11.	<b>US 101 Camp Roberts SRRR 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.
12.	<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 in Progress. Ramp opened Nov. 10.



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13.	<b>US 101 Prunedale Rehab</b>  (1H690)	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.
	<b>US 101 Salinas Clean CA</b>  (1P534)	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 – February 2024	\$1.8 million	Clean California	Nic Heisdorf	Gordon N. Ball, INC	Construction substantially complete. Waiting for completion of electrical lighting.
15.	<b>US 101 King City Clean California Project</b>  (1Q100)	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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16.	<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	Construction in progress.
17.	<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 in process and Construction in progress.
18.	<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.
19.	<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.
20.	<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	Project is in the PS&E phase and working on the design. CDP application has been submitted to Coastal.
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. Due to these delays a second time extension was requested but denied by HQ CTC staff. D5 is now reprogramming the project in the 24/25 SHOPP. New project EA will be effective March 22, 2024, when the project is programmed: EA 05-1H495.



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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 2026	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PA&ED	Design phase began in January 2024.
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. CDP denial will be appealed at the Dec5 - 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 – November 2029	\$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 to be released in Fall 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 60% PS&E.
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	\$43 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.
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.



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13.	<b>SR 183 Castroville Improvement Project</b> <b>(1H650)</b>	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St  (PM R8.3/9.98)	Asset Management Pilot Project	July 2024 – April 2027	\$21.3 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	100% PSE to OE on 4/3/2023. ROW Certification delayed by acquisitions. New Target of 12/15/23 unless there are condemnations.
14.	<b>SR 183 Castroville Arch</b> <b>(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. Reviewing encroachment permit application.
15.	<b>SR 218 FORTAG Bike Trail</b> <b>(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	TBD	\$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:

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