



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Executive Committee

Members are: Chris Lopez, Chair; Dave Potter, 1st Vice Chair; Wendy Askew, 2nd Vice Chair; Michael LeBarre, Past Chair; Luis Alejo, County Representative; Chaps Poduri, City Representative

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum
55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933
Supervisor Askew's Office
168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's Office
599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, California 93927 and
Supervisor Lopez's Office

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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.

3.1. APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of March 6, 2024.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

- Christina Watson

Staff and consultants will present updates on state and federal legislative activities and present proposed positions on draft legislation.

5. RECEIVE report on draft agenda for April 24, 2024 TAMC Board meeting.

- Todd Muck

6. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901**

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant
Elouise@tamcmonterey.org

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: April 3, 2024
Subject: Executive Committee Draft Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of March 6, 2024.

SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exec draft minutes March_6_2024

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

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

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

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P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

E = Excused

P(VC) Video Conference

P*= New Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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

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

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

TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

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

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: April 3, 2024
Subject: **Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Directors adopt positions on proposed legislation.

SUMMARY:

Staff and consultants will present updates on state and federal legislative activities and present proposed positions on draft legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The legislative proposals may have a financial impact on TAMC if they are enacted.

DISCUSSION:

Agency state legislative analyst Gus Khouri will present an update on state legislative activities and Agency federal legislative analysts Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport will present an update on federal legislative activities.

Attachment 1 is the draft state bill list. Priorities listed in the bill list refer to the adopted 2024 legislative program, online as a **web attachment**.

Attachment 2 is a state legislative update and **Attachment 3** is the federal legislative update.

Staff and consultants will present a verbal update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. State Bill Matrix
2. State Legislative Update
3. Federal Legislative Update

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [TAMC 2024 Legislative Program](#)

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

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

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 1773 (Dixon) Vehicles: bicycles on boardwalks	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would authorize a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on boardwalks.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 1904 (Ward) Transit buses: yield right-of-way sign	3/20/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would allow transit agencies statewide to equip buses with a yield right-of-way sign on the left rear of the bus designed to warn a person operating a motor vehicle approaching the rear of the bus that the bus is entering traffic and be illuminated by a red flashing light when the bus is signaling in preparation for entering a traffic lane after having stopped to receive or discharge passengers.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2234 (Boerner) Vehicles: electric bikes	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit people under the age of 12 from operating an electric bicycle of any class. This bill would require the California Highway Patrol, on or before June 30, 2025, to issue a skills waiver for those who completed a electric bicycle safety and training program.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2259 (Boener) Transportation: bicycle safety handbook	3/19/24 Assembly Appropriations	This bill would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop and distribute, on or before September 1, 2025, a bicycle safety handbook that includes information on, among other things, existing laws regulating bicycles and e-bikes.	SUPPORT Priority 9S
AB 2266 (Petrie-Norris) California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the ARB to authorize a voucher issued under the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project to be used for the acquisition of any zero-emission vehicle that meets specified requirements.	Watch Priority 13S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2290 (Friedman) Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit the allocation of Active Transportation Program funds for a project that creates a Class III bikeway unless the project is on a residential street with a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. A Class III bikeway is defined as a bikeway that provides a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. This bill would establish the Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program to expedite development and implementation of bikeways on the state highway system.	Watch Priority 2S
AB 2401 (Ting) Clean Cars 4 All Program	2/26/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the Clean Cars 4 All Program to ensure that incentives provided under the program are available in all areas of the state and that, in those areas where a local air district has not elected to manage the distribution of incentives, the ARB manages the distribution of incentives to eligible residents of those areas.	SUPPORT Priority 4S
AB 2535 (Bonta) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program	3/4/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the CTC to ensure that at least 50% of the funds allocated under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program in any fiscal year are allocated to investments in zero-emission freight infrastructure. The bill would prohibit funding any capacity projects or general purposes lanes on the state highway system.	OPPOSE Priority 1S
AB 2583 (Berman) School Zones and Routes	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would establish a default speed limit of 15 miles per hour in school zones during the hours before the school day begins and after the school day ends.	Watch Priority 9S
AB 2744 (McCarty) Vehicles: pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety	3/4/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would prohibit the addition of a right-turn or travel lane within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is not already a dedicated and marked right-turn or travel lane, and would prohibit vehicles from using this 20-foot area for right turns unless the area is already marked as a dedicated right-turn lane.	Watch Priority 9S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 2796 (Alvarez) Equitable Access to Zero-Emissions Vehicles Fund	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the ARB to establish the Equitable Access to Zero-Emission Vehicles Fund to offer rebates for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles.	Watch Priority 4S
AB 2815 (Petrie-Norris) Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle charging infrastructure	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to establish a program under the Clean Transportation Program to provide grants for repairs to electric vehicle charging infrastructure that has been in operation for at least 5 years and that is in a publicly available parking space. The bill would require the commission to allocate at least 50% of grant funding to low-income communities and disadvantaged communities.	Watch Priority 4S
AB 3005 (Wallis) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: adjustment suspension	3/11/24 Assembly Transportation	This bill would suspend the annual inflationary adjustment of gas tax revenues, which would create a deficit of funding for the State Transportation improvement Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and local streets and roads.	OPPOSE Priority 1S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

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

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
SB 960 (Wiener) Transportation: planning: transit priority projects: multimodal	3/20/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require the Caltrans asset management plan for the state highway operation and protection program (SHOPP) to prioritize the implementation of comfortable, convenient, and connected facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on all projects in the program. The bill would repeal the requirement for the CTC to adopt targets and performance measures and instead require the CTC to adopt 4-year and 10-year objective targets and performance measures reflecting state transportation goals and objectives, including for complete streets assets that reflect the existence and conditions of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities on the state highway system. The bill would require Caltrans plain language performance report to include a description of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities on each project. The bill would require Caltrans, in consultation with the CTC, to update the asset management plan and use it to guide the selection of transit priority projects for the SHOPP.	Watch Priority 1S
SB 961 (Wiener) Vehicles: safety equipment	3/20/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles.	Watch Priority 9S
SB 1098 (Blakespear) Passenger and freight rail: LOSSAN Rail Corridor	3/20/24 Senate Transportation	This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to provide strategic guidance, recommendations, and facilitate all necessary coordination, collaboration, and intervention , when necessary, between stakeholders, to ensure the performance of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor. While TAMC is not part of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor today, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council has been in discussions with LOSSAN for many years about the potential for extending their service north from San Luis Obispo to close the gap on the coast rail line.	Watch Priority 16S

TAMC Bill Matrix – March 2024

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 1387 (Newman) California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project</p>	<p>3/18/24 Senate Rules</p>	<p>Spot bill related to the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project. <u>As amended on March 18, this bill requires the State Air Resources Board to authorize a zero-emission vehicle voucher issued under the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project to be used for the acquisition of any zero-emission vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating that exceeds 8,500 pounds and the vehicle is purchased for fleet operations by a public or private fleet or for personal and commercial use by an individual. If the voucher is provided to an individual to acquire a vehicle for personal and commercial use, the bill would require that individual to attest under penalty of perjury that the vehicle will be substantially used in furtherance of a valid commercial or business purpose.</u></p>	<p>Watch Priority 13S</p>



March 25, 2024

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

General Outlook

The legislature adjourned for Spring Recess on March 21 and will reconvene on April 1. Policy committee hearings will take place until April 26. The 2024 Calendar states that August 31 will be the final day of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The legislature is currently going through its budget subcommittee process to take public comment on the Governor's proposed FY 24-25 State Budget. Items will remain open without action until the May Revise is released on or by May 14. The State Budget must be enacted by the legislature on June 15 and signed by the Governor by June 30. Governor Newsom will have until September 30 to sign or veto legislation.

State Budget

On March 14, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (North Coast) and Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee Chair Scott Wiener (San Francisco) announced a plan by Senate Democrats to "*Shrink the Shortfall*" through early action on the state budget. On March 20, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas issued a statement agreeing to budget solutions worth \$12 to \$18 billion, using Rainy Day Funds and constitutional minimums to education, to address the Governor's \$38 billion deficit figure published in January's proposed fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 State Budget as a baseline. The plan also accounts for the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) assumption in January that the deficit could grow by an additional \$15 billion to \$53 billion due

to underperforming revenue projections. This action is anticipated in April before the May Revision, published by May 14, to help score solutions and avert a larger deficit.

Central Coast Coalition Legislative Day

On March 20, the Central Coast Coalition, which is composed of TAMC, Council of San Benito County Governments, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, met with the region's delegation on priority issues. TAMC 2nd Vice Chair Wendy Root Askew and Executive Director Todd Muck were in attendance, representing TAMC. Meetings were held with Assembly Member Dawn Addis, Senator John Laird, and representatives from Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas' office. Discussion items included extending the Cap and Trade Program, finding a successor source for the gas tax, protecting state budget funding for the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) for affordable housing, and addressing the application of vehicle miles traveled for rural areas.

Date: March 26, 2024

To: Christina Watson

From: Paul Schlesinger

Jim Davenport

Re: April 3 Executive Committee Report

The past month has been a significant one with important developments for TAMC.

With federal appropriations bills having been divided into two tranches for consideration by Congress nearly six months into the “new” fiscal year; FY 2024, the first tranche was approved by the House and Senate at the beginning of March and signed into law by President Biden. This tranche included funding for the Department of Transportation. Among the earmarks included in that title, at the initial request of Senator Padilla, is \$1.811 million for the Pajaro to Prunedale G12 Corridor Project.

The following week, 1st Vice Chair Potter was in Washington, and on March 12 visited with Representative Panetta, Representative Lofgren, and the transportation advisors to Senators Padilla and Butler. While thanking them all for helping to secure our FY 2024 earmark, Director Potter continued laying the groundwork for Agency efforts to secure funding for two additional projects being requested for special consideration by Congress as part of its FY 2025 budget; \$2 million for Project Approval and Environmental Documents for the Elkhorn Slough Highway 1 corridor climate resiliency project, and \$1.5 million to fund the environmental phase of a project to make improvements to restore rail at the King City Multimodal Transportation Center.

TAMC staff has since worked to meet the deadlines imposed by our Senators and Members of Congress to submit forms as required to secure funding for these requests.

The Administration has submitted to Congress its budget request for FY 2025. With regard to transportation, there appear to be few significant changes from the FY 2024 budget recently approved by Congress, with overall highway spending of about \$72.2 billion, transit funding of about \$21.1 billion, including about \$4 billion for Capital Investment Grants and \$14.3 billion in formula grants. The \$1.25 billion requested for CRISI grants (Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements), through the Federal Railroad Administration, including \$1 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, represents a decrease from FY 2024.