

## **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

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### ***HIGHLIGHTS***

**April 23, 2008 Meeting**

#### **INVESTMENT PLAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Members of the public and private sector attended the Transportation Agency Board meeting this Wednesday to receive an update on the status of the Transportation Investment Plan for a ½% sales tax. Among the topics discussed was why the sales tax is planned for the November 2008 ballot and how important it is to act this year.

Several members of the public spoke in support of the transportation investment plan. Comments focused on the importance of how transportation sustains and improves the two primary economic industries in Monterey County: agriculture and tourism. Without an efficient transportation system that moves goods to market and tourists to their destinations the economy of Monterey County will suffer. Other members of the public who spoke in support of the sales tax included representatives from the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Business Council, Common Ground Monterey County, Leadership Salinas Valley, and the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association who stated they are cautiously optimistic with the transportation investment plan, which is a large step in the right direction.

Currently the Investment Plan and Regional Development Impact Fee are circulating to each City Council and the County for approval. To date, the cities of Monterey, Greenfield and King City have approved the Investment Plan as well as the County Board of Supervisors. Transportation Agency Board adoption of the Sales Tax Investment Plan is scheduled for May 28, 2008.

#### **MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT RECEIVES STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

The Transportation Agency endorsed Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for \$492,672 in funding from the infrastructure bond fund approved by the state voters in 2006. The application project will replace fareboxes with upgraded technology for coaches serving South Monterey County routes, including vehicles operated by South Monterey County cities for municipal dial-a-ride services.

**MONTEREY COUNTY AWARDED**  
**STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

The Transportation Agency allocated \$500,000 in State Transportation funds to Monterey County for the Espinosa Road Overlay Project and \$72,275 for traffic signals at Russell Road at Van Buren and San Miguel Canyon Road. Projects eligible for this state funding include local street and roadway rehabilitations, bike lanes, pedestrian facilities, public transit capital, and signal coordination.