

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

www.tamcmonterey.org

HIGHLIGHTS

March 25, 2009 Meeting

FEDERAL STIMULUS PROJECTS IN MONTEREY COUNTY

The Transportation Agency recommended that the SR 1/Salinas Road Interchange and the US 101/San Juan Road Interchange be the Agency's highest priorities for programming the remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds available to Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Monterey County's share of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds will be between \$19 and \$20.5 million. At its February 25th meeting, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors approved a list of local projects totaling \$8.3 million to be implemented with federal economic stimulus funds. The final amount of funding and how the remaining funds can be used depends on whether special state legislation, SB 165, is signed into law.

The State Route 1/Salinas Road Interchange project, ready for construction was delayed, due to the state budget crisis and the state's inability to sell bonds, the California Transportation Commission stopped allocating funds to projects in December. Using approximately \$10 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds on Salinas Road would get the project constructed and avoid any cost increases associated with delaying construction. This option would also require that Caltrans commit \$18 million of their share of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to the project. This would also leave the state bond funds programmed to this project available to another eligible project(s) in the County.

The Highway 101/San Juan Road Interchange projects needs \$28.325 million of non-state funds as a match for Trade Corridors Improvement bond funds allocated to the project. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds can be used to purchase right-of-way for this project, which will occur in 2010. Staff is investigating possible programming options that would allow the stimulus funds to meet the non-state funding match requirements for this project.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Transportation Agency provided input on a draft set of agency goals and objectives for the coming year. These goals will be used to guide the preparation of future work programs and budgets to assure that resources are targeted to the goals set by the Board members.

The goals and objectives focus on:

- “Aggressively pursuing” all available funding –particularly federal stimulus funds
- Focusing on delivering high-priority regional projects throughout the county (including road, bus, rail and bicycle projects),
- Pursuing business-friendly policies and projects, and
- Supporting the engagement of the Board and staff in these activities.

Also discussed were the importance of low cost, high value projects; improving coordination among agencies within the county and throughout the region to increase our resources; emphasizing alternatives to driving and geographic equity; and, assisting member agencies with timely project delivery.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY **2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Transportation Agency 2008 Annual Report will be mailed to residents and businesses throughout the County during the month of April. It will address recent accomplishments and will focus on informing residents that the Transportation Agency is still moving forward after the defeat of Measure Z. The Agency will continue to do an effective job with the resources that will continue to be available. Funded projects in the pipeline will be ushered to completion. It will also stress to residents the continued needs in the county and the challenges in funding transportation projects. There are a number of projects that will be greatly delayed and some that will not be constructed.

NEW ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT **CONSULTANT LIST**

As a service to its member agencies to help reduce administrative costs, the Transportation Agency approved a list of on-call consultants for construction management services:

- URS Corporation
- Harris & Associates
- MNS Engineers
- Mark Thomas & Company

- Parsons Brinckerhoff

The consultant list is available to the Transportation Agency and member agencies. The requests for the consultants will be rotated through the selected list to ensure that each firm has an opportunity to perform work. When the member agency has tasks for the consultants to complete, they will contact the Transportation Agency to find out who is next on the list.

Firms were selected based on organization, staffing, related experience, management approach, knowledge of federal and state procedures, reputation and local knowledge. Special attention was given to the proposed project managers and their related experiences along with the qualifications of the firms selected for sub-consultants. The list can be used on federally-funded (as well as non-federal) projects and is good for two years.