

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**

Meeting held at the Monterey County Government Center at Schilling Place

Cinnamon Conference Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas

**Final minutes of April 16, 2024**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>
Kevin Dayton <b>Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -
Maria Vera <b>Transit Users</b> <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	E -	E -	E -	E -	E -	A -	A -	A -	A -
Janet Brennan <b>League of Women Voters</b> <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P E	P E	P P(A)	E P(A)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	A P(A)
Tom Rowley <b>Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P -	P P(A) (VC)	P -	P(VC) P(A) (VC)	P -
Kalah Bumba <b>Senior or disabled services agency</b> <i>(John McPherson)</i>	E -	E P(A)	E P(A)	E P(A)	E -	A -	A -	A P(A)	A P(A)
Victoria Beach <b>Bicycling Advocate</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	P -	A -	P -	P -
Rod Smalley <b>Labor Organization</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	A -	A -	A -	P -
Christie Cromeenes <b>Central Coast Builders Association</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	E -	A -	A -	E -	E -	A -	P -	P -	P -
Greg Hamer <b>Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	E -	A -	E -	E -	E -	P -	P -	P -	A -
Monica Lal <b>Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	E P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	A -	A P(A) (VC)	A -	A -

Dale Agron <b>Habitat Preservation</b> <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	E -	E P(A)	P -	P -	E P(A)	P -	P -	P -	P -
Martine Watkins <b>Hospitality</b> <i>(Gary Cursio)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	V -	V -	A -	P -
Norm Groot, Chair <b>Agriculture</b> <i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A) (VC)	A -	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A) (VC)	P P(A)
Brent McFadden <b>Education</b> <i>(Darren Fort)</i>	E -	A -	E -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	A P(A)	A P(A)
Paula Getzelman <b>South County</b> <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	P -	P E	P P(A)	P P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P -	A P(A)
Chris Barrera <b>Latino Organization</b> <i>(Diana Jimenez)</i>	P V	P V	A -	P V	P -	P P(A)	P -	A -	P -
Rosemarie Barnard <b>North County</b> <i>(Ed Mitchell)</i>	E V	E V	P V	P V	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)
Robin Lee <b>Pedestrian</b> <i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>	P -	P -	P -	E -	E -	P -	P -	P -	A P(A)
Andromeda Davila <b>Youth/College</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	E -	P -	P -	E -	E -	V -	V -	P -	P -
Sean Hebard, Vice Chair <b>Construction</b> <i>(Keith Severson)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	P
Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Admin	E	E	E	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	E	P	E	P	P(VC)	P	A	

Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	A	P	A	P	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A
Alissa Guther, Transp. Planner	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transp. Planner	P	A	P	A	P	A	A	E	E
<b>P = present</b> <b>P(A)= present (alternate)</b> <b>(VC)= Zoom Video Conference</b> <b>E = excused absence</b> <b>A = unnoticed absence</b> <b>- = alternate absent</b> <b>V = vacant position</b>									
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>									
Monica Lal	P(VC) Peninsula Chamber of Commerce			Leon Gomez			City of Sand City		
Vibeke Norgaard	City of Sand City, staff			Rosemarie Barnard			P(VC) North Couty Representative		

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Norm Groot, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call. Following the roll call, members introduced themselves and the organization/interest that they represent.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Cromeenes / McPherson

Abstained: Martin Watkins

**3.1** Approved the draft minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**4 MEASURE X SIXTH YEAR AUDIT (FY22/23) RESULTS AND THE MEASURE X ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee received a presentation on the Measure X Sixth Year Audit (FY22/23) results and the Measure X Annual Report.

Chair Norm Groot reported that the audit subcommittee of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee conducted the sixth-year audit of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds. He noted that the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Audit Subcommittee members are Greg Hamer, Christie Cromeenes, Kevin Dayton Paula Getzelman, Sean Hebard and himself. Mr. Groot noted that the subcommittee conducted the independent audit and prepared the Measure X Annual Report for January 2024 and will present their findings to Measure X Oversight Committee and to the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors, in accordance with their duties as defined in the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan.

In conclusion, Mr. Groot stated that the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee provides transparency and assurance to the public, that Measure X revenues are spent in accordance with the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan. Each year, a compliance report is required from the County and the 12 municipalities that receive funding from Measure X; the Citizens Oversight Committee's audit sub-committee reviews those reports with TAMC staff for specific compliance requirements.

Committee member Kevin Dayton expressed that this is the best sub-committee in the state. He noted that this is a model that every state should be doing.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that the 2024 Measure X Annual Report is included in the TAMC Annual Report that will be mailed out to all Monterey County residents in mid-May.

**5. SALINAS VALLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on the progress of the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the Participatory Budgeting process.

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency, Monterey County Health Department, Ecology Action and the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City have partnered to develop the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan. He noted that the two-year planning process for the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan identifies barriers to safe access to 22 public schools in South Monterey County cities and recommends infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements.

In conclusion, Mr. Hernandez noted that the Participatory Budgeting process is designed to fast-track funding and implementation of safe routes to school projects meaningful to community members.

Each steering committee engages during the Participatory Budgeting process by attending monthly meetings for eight months to identify projects and plan for an election where the community votes on the projects. Steering committee meetings are held primarily in Spanish with interpretation in English and with the option to attend in-person or remotely.

The Committee had the following input and questions on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the Participatory Budgeting Process:

- How many students are involved in the City of Greenfield
- Consider more outreach for those cities with low voting results
- Consider more high school students voting
- Consider further in person events for better voting

**6. SAND CITY MEASURE X MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**

**M/S/C** Cromeenes /Rowley / unanimous

The Committee approved a recommendation to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors to amend Ordinance 2016-01 to revise the Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement for Sand City.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programing & Project Delivery, reported that the purpose of the Measure X Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement is to ensure that no funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then backfilled with Measure X funds. He noted that since fiscal year 2019/20, Sand City has not been able to meet this requirement, and their Measure X disbursements have been withheld. In conclusion Mr. Zeller reported that recently the City provided a letter to Transportation Agency outlining the steps the City has taken to address the Measure X compliance issues, and their challenges with auditing and correcting their past transportation expenditures. He noted that the letter closed with a request from the City to modify the Maintenance of Effort requirement for the City to a more reasonable level of around \$200,000, which the City would be able to meet and comply with going forward. City staff have since provided information for their expenditures for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2022-23.

Cromeenes /Rowley / unanimous

**M/S/C** Committee Member Cromeenes made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Rowley, to direct Transportation Agency staff to re-evaluate the 2019-2023 Sand City information and recommended to release the past funds owed that has been held up.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Rod Smalley announced that Glen Schaller has passed away.

New committee member Martine Walkins, Hospitality representative introduced herself to the committee.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Groot adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.