



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 2, 2021

****9:30 AM****

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. 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 Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Tuesday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

3. BEGINNING OF 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 the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for August 5, 2021.

- Zeller

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECEIVE** information on the September 1 and October 7 workshops on the Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program.

-Bilse

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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURN

**Next Committee meeting will be on
Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

REMINDER: If you have any items for the next Committee Agenda, please submit them to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County; Attn: Michael Zeller; 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, **email:** mike@tamcmonterey.org

The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

Important Meeting Information

Remote Meetings: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health.

The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. As permitted by recently-updated orders from Governor Newsom's office, effective July 28, 2021, the TAMC Board of Directors will begin to reconvene in-person meetings; committee meetings will continue to convene remotely, until further notice. For remote meetings, the public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at:

<https://zoom.us/download>. A link to simplified instruction for the use of the Zoom app is: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/>.

Remote Meeting Public Comment: Due to current circumstances, there may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during remote meetings. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00pm the Monday before the meeting. Such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting. Members of the public participating by Zoom are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Chair.

Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
www.tamcmonterey.org
Office is closed an all employees are working remotely until further notice
TEL: 831-775-0903
EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, and REPORTS - No items this month



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: September 2, 2021
Subject: **Draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes - August 5, 2021**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for August 5, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ DRAFT TAC Minutes for August 5, 2021

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom

Draft Minutes of Thursday, August 5, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	AUG 21
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Hoyne, Del Rey Oaks											
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	P	P	P		P	p	P	P	P	P	P
D. Pike, Greenfield (T. Nisich)	P/P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P
O. Hurtado, King City, Chair (S. Adams)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
B. McMinn, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri, M. Garcia)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P/P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P/P(A)
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (J. Halabi)	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	P	P	P	P/P(A)
A. Easterling, Salinas (J. Serrano)	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (A. Blair)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
S. Ottmar, Seaside (L. Llantero)	P	P		P	P	P(A)	P	P		P	
L. Gomez, Soledad (O. Antillon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	
C. Alinio, MCPW, Vice Chair (E. Saavedra)		P(A)			P/P(A)	p	P	P/P(A)	P(A)		
M. Taylor, AMBAG (P. Hierling)	P	P(A)	P	P	P/P(A)	P	P	P/P(A)	P/P(A)	P	P
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
M. McCluney, CSUMB		P	P	P	P						P
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
S. Campi, MST (M. Overmeyer)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)		P	P

STAFF	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	AUG 21
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P	P			P	P	P				
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner											
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator						P					
D. Bilde, Principal Engineer								P	P	P	P
R. Deal, Principal Engineer				P							
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner											
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner		P				P					
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer				P		P	P	P			
M. Montiel, administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	p	P		P	P	P
Tracy Burke Vasquez, Go831 Coordinator	P										

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Olejnik, Caltrans District 5 Lubna Mohammad, County
Chris Bjornstad, Caltrans Felicia Ming, City of Monterey

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Octavio Hurtado, King City, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: McMinn / Harary / unanimous

Abstain: Renny

3.1 **APPROVE** the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 3, 2021 with a revision to the announcements to reflect that the APWA general meeting was held in July, and the golf tournament is scheduled for October.

3.2 **RECEIVE** a copy of the letter of support for the North Fremont Street improvements in Monterey from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COUNTY OF MONTEREY RESILIENCY PLAN

The Committee received a presentation from Lubna Mohammad, County of Monterey, on the Monterey County Office of Emergency Services' Resiliency Plan. The Monterey County Community Resilience Plan is a guide for making Monterey County more resilient, by bringing the whole community together to better understand shared risks and capabilities during disasters and how Monterey County can become stronger, smarter and more capable of handling any hardships that impact the region.

Robert Harary, City of Carmel, asked how this plan is different from a disaster mitigation plan? Ms. Mohammad responded that the resiliency plan is a complement to the disaster mitigation plan but they cover different aspects of disaster and emergency planning.

5. MEASURE X MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT – CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX CALCULATION

The Committee received a presentation from Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, on the revised methodology for calculating the Measure X Maintenance of Effort construction cost index. Agency staff will calculate the index using the prior calendar year, rather than fiscal year, and providing the jurisdictions with their upcoming requirement in December to provide ample time to include the new amount in their budgets.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, announced that the APWA Golf Tournament will be held October 1st at Bayonet and Blackhorse.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, announced that the City of Greenfield is looking for a Public Works Director.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: September 2, 2021
Subject: Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE information on the September 1 and October 7 workshops on the Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program.

SUMMARY:

The Clean California Local Grant Program is part of a two-year program expected to fund approximately \$296 million to enhance communities and improve spaces for walking and recreation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Clean California Local Grant Program is a two-year program through which approximately \$296 million in funds will go to local communities

DISCUSSION:

Caltrans is developing the Clean California Local Grant Program as part of a two-year program which will provide grants to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Through the combination of adding beautification measures and art in public spaces along with the removal of litter and debris, this effort will enhance communities and improve spaces for walking and recreation.

The first public workshop regarding the Local Grant Program funding and criteria will be hosted by the Caltrans Headquarters Clean CA group and is scheduled for September 1, 2021. A second workshop is scheduled for October 7, 2021. View the attached Clean California Local Grant Program Factsheet for more information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Clean California Grants Fact Sheet

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[Local Grant Workshops and Milestones | Caltrans](#)



CLEAN CALIFORNIA

Local Grant Program

The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will provide approximately \$296 million as part of a two-year program to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces.

Applicants must be local or regional public agencies, transit agencies, or tribal governments. Nonprofit organizations may be sub-applicants.

Project Types

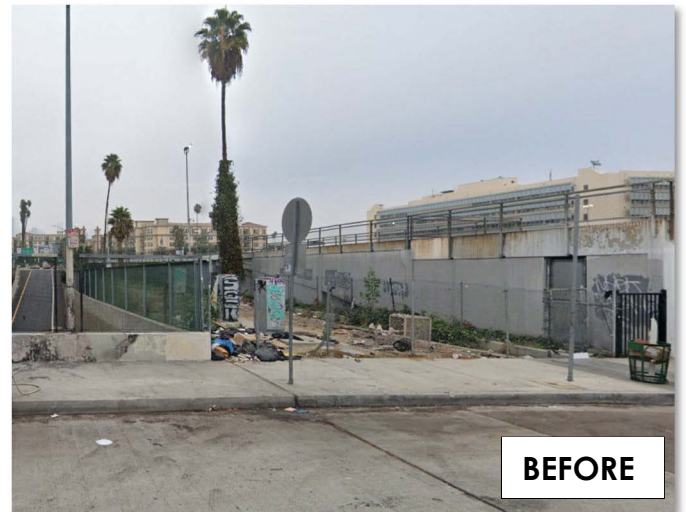
Eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to:

- Community litter abatement and beautification
- Community litter abatement events and/or educational program

Funding

The grant program guidelines are being developed with a framework that recognizes the diverse funding needs of potential applicants throughout the state.

- The local match component will range from 0% to 50% of the project costs.
- Half of the overall program funds will benefit or be located in underserved communities.
- The maximum grant is \$5 million.



110/28th Street, Los Angeles



CLEAN CALIFORNIA

Local Grant Program

Project Selection Criteria

Caltrans will develop project selection criteria that will incorporate:

- Community need
- Potential to enhance and beautify public space
- Potential for greening to provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and use native drought-tolerant plants
- Potential to improve access to public space
- Public engagement in the project proposal that reflects community priorities
- Benefit to underserved communities

These funds shall not be used to displace people experiencing homelessness. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2023.

Program Guidelines & Call for Projects

Caltrans is developing program guidelines and will solicit input through stakeholder workshops.

Event	Date
Workshop #1	September 1, 2021*
Workshop #2	October 7, 2021*

* Pre-Registration for the workshops will be on the website listed below.

Projected timeline:

Milestone	Date
Call for Projects	December 2021**
Project Application Deadline	February 2022**
Project Award Notification	March 2022**

** Visit the website listed below for the most up-to-date information.

Prepare Your Project(s) Now!

- Identify potential project site(s) and/or educational program concept(s)
- Plan and begin your community engagement
- Start project/program design plans
- Stay informed on guideline drafts and updates through workshops and website

For more information, please visit: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants>

Sign up for our mailing list [HERE](#)

Questions? Email: CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: September 2, 2021
Subject: **US 101 South of Salinas Safety Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE information on preliminary concepts of the US 101 South of Salinas corridor study and proposed public outreach.

SUMMARY:

US 101 between the Chualar interchange and the Airport Boulevard interchange in the City of Salinas has several at-grade intersections that directly serve side roads. Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrans, City of Salinas, County of Monterey, and the South of Salinas (SOS) US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to study options to improve safety along this busy agricultural route. The study will consider alternatives to the existing uncontrolled exit and entrance points along US 101. This will involve upgrading existing interchanges and utilizing a network of frontage roads to serve the rerouted traffic. The study team is ready to conduct public outreach to share design options that address the safety issues along this corridor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The US 101 South of Salinas study is funded with \$440,000 of Measure X funds. As a regional Measure X priority project, a total of \$30 million of measure funds are allocated to the corridor. The results of the study will be a set of project improvements that meet the safety goals of the corridor while minimizing the impacts to local businesses and residents. There is currently \$8,611,000 of State Transportation Improvement Program funds programmed to start the environmental phase in fiscal year 2021/22. The costs of project improvements in the corridor have not yet been determined. Measure X funds will be used to leverage state and federal funds to construct the project improvements.

DISCUSSION:

US 101 is the backbone of the Central Coast's transportation system connecting the greater Los Angeles region to the San Francisco Bay Area. It serves local, regional, and interregional travel needs (including business, recreation, tourism, commuting, freight and goods movement, and national defense transport). The segment of US 101 between the City of Salinas and Chualar is a key freight corridor serving agricultural farm-to-market trips. It is also an important transportation link between south Monterey County and Salinas for employment, education, and health care.

There are several at-grade unsignalized intersections on US 101 between the Main Street interchange in Chualar and the Airport Boulevard interchange in Salinas that primarily serve freight traffic and local access. The primary safety issues along this corridor relate to farm truck traffic conflicts trying to access the side roads with direct links to US 101. This issue was partially addressed when signs were installed prohibiting trucks from making left and U-turns at select intersections along this corridor.

The Transportation Agency hired a consultant team to develop the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Study that will identify projects needed to meet a long-term goal to convert US 101 from an expressway to a freeway. This requires the eventual elimination of all at-grade turning movements at uncontrolled intersections along US 101 between the City of Salinas and Chualar. The project will identify general alignments of proposed frontage roads planned to provide a safe route for the diverted traffic and reduce congestion.

The traffic circulation analysis and preliminary project improvements are ready to be reviewed by the public. This public outreach will help identify a preferred feasible alternative. Subsequent environmental work will develop the phasing plans of future projects. Following are issues identified as part of the public outreach conducted to date:

- The study should identify project components that can be implemented efficiently to provide safe alternatives to making left turn movements; these interim improvements should not unnecessarily delay the implementation of long-term solutions;
- The current capacity and pavement condition of existing county roads should be considered before proposing to reroute traffic from US 101; Improved bicycle and transit service should be incorporated into the projects to construct and upgrade frontage roads;
- City of Salinas roads should be evaluated for potential traffic impacts and reflect proposed improvements planned for intersections near the US 101 interchange at Airport Road;
- The proposed improvements and frontage roads should directly serve diverted traffic from US 101 and should not promote the use of these alternative routes by drivers intending to avoid congestion; and,
- Caltrans will be involved with the production of the environmental documents to ensure the approach used is consistent with past work.

A successful project needs to plan improvements in context with community values. The second round of public outreach is scheduled to commence on August 18 with a virtual public meeting using a town hall setting. The conceptual plans will be presented followed by an opportunity for the stakeholders and other community members to ask questions, provide comments and share thoughts on this project. The Transportation Agency has also developed a website for the US Highway 101 South of Salinas project with a link provided below. The dedicated website includes project information and provides another opportunity for public input.

Information from the public outreach will lead to the selection of the preferred feasible alternative. Environmental documentation of this preferred feasible alternative is scheduled to start after completion of this study and will identify potential phasing opportunities. Transportation Agency staff continues to monitor funding opportunities and develop funding requests to address the anticipated funding shortfall for project construction.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[US 101 South of Salinas Project Website](#)