

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Integrated Rail Study Is Open for Public Review**

After receiving an update on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integrated Rail Study, the TAMC Board of Directors approved making the draft study available for public review.

The Integrated Rail Study will lay the groundwork for implementing the State Rail Plan in the Monterey Bay Area; and it will be the foundation for future applications for rail capital and operations grant funding.

The Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study focuses on determining the optimal options for: rail connectivity and operations, equipment needs, governance, and community benefits for service between Monterey County and Santa Clara County, Monterey and Santa Cruz, and the Coast Rail Corridor. It is intended to provide information for the TAMC Rail Policy Committee to consider in recommendations to the TAMC Board of Directors as to next steps on implementing rail projects in Monterey County connecting to the Central Coast and the Northern California megaregion.

[Draft Executive Summary](#)

[Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study website](#)

**Overall Work Program, Integrated Funding Plan & 3-Year Budget FY 21/22**

The TAMC Board of Directors approved a resolution adopting the final three-year budget for fiscal years 21/22 through 23/24 and the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 21/22, and the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee. This budget version makes changes to reflect the latest information on revenues and expenditures since the Board adopted the draft budget in February.

[Budget - Three-Year - FY21/22 - 23/24](#)

[Overall Work Program Summary](#)

[2021 Integrated Funding Plan](#)

### **Board Provides Input on TAMC's Post-COVID 19 Transition**

TAMC staff provided an update on the Agency's current Covid-19 pandemic protocol and sought input from the Board on the transition process from protocol restrictions as Monterey County progresses into the lower tiers of COVID-19 classification.

Since March 16, 2020, TAMC has held entirely virtual meetings, has had 90% of the staff working from home full time, and has allowed no more than 4 people in the office at one time. To-date, no employees have contracted COVID-19 at the workplace due to these safety practices. Teleworking has allowed for successful accomplishment of Agency activities. Other safety procedures included adding protective equipment to the office and set policies for social distancing to protect staff, Board and committee members from contracting the disease through Agency activities.

At the conclusion of the presentation and input from the Board, staff proposed to continue to meet remotely for June meetings and to start the transition to in-person meetings, as appropriate, in August. Board members agreed to participate in a voluntary survey regarding this issue.

[TAMC COVID-19 Prevention Protocol](#)



### **Federal "RAISE" Grant Application for Scenic SR 68 Corridor Project**

TAMC Staff received authorization to apply to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to fund the final design and construction of the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements project.

The current estimated project cost is \$114 million, with an estimated funding shortfall of \$40 million. Staff anticipate requesting \$25 million, which is the maximum award available through the RAISE Program. The Agency is planning to match the proposed Federal grant with state funding (\$24,100,000) and Measure X (\$50,000,000).

Grant applications for the 2021 RAISE Grant are due July 12, 2021. The earliest construction could start for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project is 2025-26, depending on securing additional funds.