



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

****2:00 PM****

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California

Cayenne Conference Room

Wi-Fi Network: MontereyCty-Guest (no password required)

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant. 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 Board. 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 Board 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 Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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3. 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 Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting.

- Maria Montiel

3.2. **RECEIVE** the 2024 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule.

- Theresa Wright

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee meetings in 2024 follow the existing practice of four meetings per year. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, April, August and October of 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

3.3. **RECEIVE** a summary of how the Measure X Local Streets and Roads distribution formula was developed.

- Michael Zeller

The Transportation Safety and Investment Plan was developed with input from a broad and diverse group of stakeholders. One of the issues that was debated was how to distribute the local share of funding, with a formula of 50% population and 50% lane miles being approved as the consensus approach.

4. **RECEIVE** update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

- Theresa Wright, - Michelle Overmeyer

The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier

to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. MST Director of Planning and Innovation Michelle Overmeyer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities and public outreach efforts.

5. **CALL** for nominations and **ELECT** members to serve on the Measure Audit Sub-committee.

- Theresa Wright

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee is responsible for conducting an independent audit to assure that Measure X funds were expended in accordance with requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and to prepare an annual audit report. This report seeks the nomination and election of Oversight Committee members to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2022/2023 and to prepare the annual audit report.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting:
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

PHYSICAL LOCATION -
County Building at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA, in the Cinnamon Conference Room

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Theresa Wright, Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Coordinator
theresa@tamcmonterey.org

Important Meeting Information

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:

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Memorandum

To: Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Maria Montiel
Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: Draft Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Draft Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting.

SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft X-TOC Minutes -August 15, 2023

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

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

Draft minutes of August 15, 2023, Meeting

Voting Members	AUG 21	OCT 21	FEB 22	APR 22	AUG 22	OCT 22	FEB 23	APR 23	AUG 23
Kevin Dayton Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -
Jesus Valenzuela Transit Users <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	A -	E E	E -	E -	E -	E -	E -	E -	- -
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P E	P E	P P	E P	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P -	P P(A) (VC)
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	A P(A)	A P(A)	P -	E -	E P(A)	E P(A)	E P	E -	A -
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	P -
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	A -
Cliff Fasnacht Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>	A -	- -	E -	E -	- -	- -	E -	E -	A -
Greg Hamer Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(vacant)</i>	A -	- -	E -	E -	- -	E -	E -	E -	P -
Jonathan Geisler Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Monica Lal)</i>	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	- P(A)	E P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	A -
Dale Agron Habitat Preservation <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	P -	E E	P E	E -	E P	P -	P -	E P(A)	P -

vacant Hospitality <i>(vacant)</i>	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	V
Norm Groot, Chair Agriculture <i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Brent McFadden Education <i>(Darren Fort)</i>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	-	PV(A)	-
Paula Getzelman South County <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	A	E	E	E	-	E	P	P	P
Chris Barrera Latino Organization <i>(Diana Jimenez)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
Steve Snodgrass North County <i>(Rosemarie Barnard)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Robin Lee Pedestrian <i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	-	E	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
vacant Youth/College <i>(vacant)</i>	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
Sean Hebard Construction <i>(Keith Severson)</i>	V	V	V	V	V		V		P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	E	E	E	E	P	P	P	A
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	-	-	-	V	V	V	V	P(A) (VC)	P(A)
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P
Robert Brayer, Legal Counsel	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Kise, Deputy for Admin & Finance	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	E	V
Laurie Williams, Transportation Engineer	P(A)	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF									
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	PV	P
Robert Brayer, Legal Counsel	-	-	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Jeff Kise, Deputy for Admin & Finance	-	-	E	E	E	E	P	P(VC)	P(VC)
Laurie Williams, Transportation Engineer	-	-	-	P	E	P	E	P	P(VC)
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	P	P(VC)
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transp. Planner					P	-		-	-
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transp. Planner						P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	-	-	P	P	-	P		P	-
P = present P(A)= present (alternate) (VC)= Zoom Video-Conference E = excused absence A = unnoticed absence - = alternate absent V = vacant position									
OTHERS PRESENT									
Dave Delfino	TAMC staff			Rick Heuer			Alternate		
Doreen Liberto	City of King City			Carol Kenyon			Alternate		
MacGregor Eddy	Public								

1. WELCOME

Sean Hebard, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

MacGregor Eddy, a member of public, expressed her concerns about how Measure X funds are distributed. She said that more funds are distributed to Peninsula cities as opposed to North County and South County. She stated that sales taxes were heaviest on the poor and said it was incumbent upon the committee to make sure the poor are not neglected in the allocation of Measure X funds. She emphasized that South County has no elderly transportation available and are in need of sidewalks.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C McFadden /Dayton

Abstained: Greg Hammer

3.1 Approved the draft minutes of the April 18, 2023, committee meeting.

4 **KING CITY LOCAL MEASURE X PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation on local Measure X projects from the City of King.

Doreen Liberto, City of King, reported that the city is actively using its Measure X funds to improve local streets within the city limits. She noted that the city spent \$218,853 of Measure X funds to complete the 2021 Slurry Project within the city, \$47,383 for a city-wide street stripping project and allocated \$93,435 to the design of the King City Downtown Bulbout project.

Ms. Liberto noted that the City of King also participated in a Regional Pavement Management effort under a funding agreement between the City and Transportation Agency. In conclusion Ms. Liberto noted that the City of King continues to use funds to plan, design and implement street projects to improve the City of King’s transportation network. She noted over the next five years, the City has plans to use Measure X five-year capital improvements to Broadway Circle & River Drive, Metz Road, and Broadway Street. She noted that the City is looking to get the community out of cars and into bikes.

Committee member Dayton complimented the city for being in compliance each year with all of the reporting and provisions of Measure X. He asked what the status on the Broadway Street project. Ms. Liberto answered that it was part of the city’s “streetscape” downtown plan that is currently underway.

Committee member Hamer asked if any of the streets were eligible for bike facilities. Ms. Liberto replied that the city is in the process of preparing a city-wide bike plan and that some of the streets will be stripped in the future.

Committee member Barrera asked how much does it cost to do street improvements demonstrated in her presentation? Ms. Liberto replied that she would pass on his question to Director Hurtado. Executive Director Muck noted that all cities provide an annual expense report for the next five-years that is posted on our website.

5. **MEASURE X REVENUES**

The Committee received an update on Measure X revenues.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that the Measure X sales tax revenues exceed prior projections this past fiscal year and are forecast to remain steady in coming years. He noted that the result is that in fiscal year 2021/22, revenues rose by 19.1 % to \$38 million, and fiscal years 2022/23 and 2023/24 are forecast in the region of \$38 million. Mr. Zeller noted that this remains significantly higher than the original \$20 million annual estimate for Measure X. In conclusion Mr. Zeller reported that the Measure X program’s existing fund balance, along with new revenues, will allow the Measure X program of projects to meet programmed local match requirements for the next five years. Since 60% of the Measure X funds are allocated to the cities and County, these increased revenues will primarily accrue for local road and street projects. Mr. Zeller mentioned that once we have completed some projects, we can bring an item back and to consider augmenting existing project or adding new projects. He noted that the Measure X Policies and Project Descriptions includes an annual inflation adjustment that is automatic and does not need to go to the Board for additional approval.

Committee member Rowley noted that the financial impact is less income compared to last year. Mike Zeller replied that HDL has models that predict future financial impacts.

Committee member Brennan asked what the percentage formula was for Measure X allocations? Mr. Zeller replied that 50% population and 50% lane miles are allocated.

Mr. Zeller noted that committee member Dayton wrote an article about Measure X that was published in the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Journal, and it primarily focused on the Salinas p discussed sidewalk and road improvements, and a breakdown of Measure X from all jurisdictions. Zeller noted that committee member Dayton wrote an article about Measure X that was published in the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Journal. He said it primarily focused on the City of Salinas' sidewalk and road improvements and included a breakdown of Measure X distributions for all jurisdictions.

Committee member Hammer noted that there are a lot of future projects, and it seems like the spending is exceeding the revenue generated. He asked if the model was keeping up with what contractors were bidding on and inflation. Mr. Zeller replied that we maintain a cashflow model for that purpose.

Committee member Jimenez asked about the funding for the Castroville Highway 183 to fix and improve Merrit Street. Mr. Zeller replied that the project is funded through the State SHOPP and TAMC provided an extra \$2 million from one-time covid relief. Transportation Agency staff is coordinating with the Caltrans project team.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Barrera asked for improvements in San Lucas and San Ardo. Executive Director Muck replied that we have been supporting the Monterey County and they have been successful in receiving Active Transportation Program grants for improvements San Lucas, San Ardo, Chular and Castroville.

Committee member Dayton requested a report on the background information on the 50/50 formula.

After an extensive discussion about equity and the needs of South County, the committee suggested that we should encourage community leaders to reach out to organizations and volunteers to put a system or structure in place that we could work with to meet their needs. In conclusion they noted that in light of the excess revenues that we have the board look at the structures perhaps use the excess funding to address some of the inequities in South Counties.

Committee member Rowley said we needed to get a report from someone about the Eastside Bypass.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hebard adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Memorandum

To: Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: **2024 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the 2024 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule.

SUMMARY:

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee meetings in 2024 follow the existing practice of four meetings per year. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, April, August and October of 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee meets quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month in February, April, August and October of 2024 at 2:00 p.m. In accordance with that schedule, the 2024 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee meetings will be held at the Government Center, Schilling Place, Salinas on the following dates:

- February 20
- April 16
- August 20
- October 15

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee 2024 Calendar

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee



2024 Committee Calendar

The Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee 2024 schedule follows the existing standard of four meetings per year, held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, April, August and October at 2:00 p.m. Therefore, the meeting dates are as follows:

Meetings:

- February 20
- April 16
- August 20
- October 15

TAMC Staff:

- Todd Muck
- Mike Zeller
- Janneke Strause
- Theresa Wright
- Maria Montiel

"The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is responsible for investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors. The mission of TAMC is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County."

Memorandum

To: Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery
Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: **Measure X - Local Streets & Roads Distribution Formula**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE a summary of how the Measure X Local Streets and Roads distribution formula was developed.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Safety and Investment Plan was developed with input from a broad and diverse group of stakeholders. One of the issues that was debated was how to distribute the local share of funding, with a formula of 50% population and 50% lane miles being approved as the consensus approach.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Prior to Monterey County voters adopting Measure X in November 2016, revenues were conservatively estimated to be \$600 million over the 30-year life of the Measure. Actual revenues, however, have been significantly higher. To account for rising project costs, the Measure X Policies and Project Descriptions allows for annual inflation adjustments, which currently forecasts the total Measure at \$726 million.

DISCUSSION:

At the August 15, 2023 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee meeting, a request was made by Committee members for TAMC staff to provide information on how the local funding share formula for Measure X was developed. What follows is a summary of the history and discussions that were had during the development and approval of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan:

To help fund the region's growing transportation needs, the Transportation Agency developed the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan to become a self-help county by implementing a local transportation sales tax of 3/8%. State law requires the regional transportation planning agency, in this case TAMC, to develop an expenditure plan for proposed transportation sales tax measures. That plan must be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors, a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population, and then placed on the ballot for a 2/3 voter approval.

Development of the draft and final expenditure plan provided Transportation Agency staff with an opportunity to discuss regional and local transportation priorities with the public, community stakeholders and elected officials. The Agency's expenditure plan was modeled on other successful transportation measures around the State. The final Transportation Safety and Investment Plan was created based on the input of leaders representing diverse facets of the community, input from all twelve city councils, and the County Board of Supervisors.

During this process of developing the Plan, the formula for how the local jurisdiction share of the funds would be distributed was discussed at multiple meetings. Staff, city managers, and members of an ad hoc committee that was established to create the Plan debated proposals for distributing the local funding share on a needs-based allocation of 50% lane miles and 50% population, and an alternative proposal that would distribute funding based 1/3 sales tax revenues, 1/3 population, and 1/3 lane miles. The rationale for advocates of including sales tax revenue as part of the formula was that jurisdictions that generated the sales tax for the county as a whole should receive a greater portion of the funding. The counter to this proposal, however, was that areas of the county that did not generate as much in sales tax revenue still had large unfunded transportation needs, and the lack of improved transportation infrastructure was a limiting factor in their ability to improve their local economies and generate more sales tax - essentially not allowing these areas of the county to catch up with the more affluent areas.

The percentages for population and lane miles were set at 50/50 primarily due to the County having a large number of road miles to maintain but relatively little population. Using only lane miles for the formula would have resulted in the County receiving a disproportionate amount of the funding, and conversely, using solely population would have benefited the cities to the detriment of the County. The 50/50 split was deemed to be a fair and balanced approach.

To make a final decision on the formula for the local shares, the Transportation Agency Board reviewed and discussed the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan at their February 24, 2016 meeting and approved the 50% population and 50% lane miles formula for the distribution of local funds. A selection of comments from Board members during this debate included:

- Board member Parker indicated her support for the 50% population and 50% lane miles formula. She added that a lot of work had gone into creating a balanced program according to those formulas.
- Board member Chavez noted that the 50% population and 50% lane miles is the only way to keep funding equitable across the board and support poorer areas such as South County.

After these multiple discussions and debate, the final Plan that included the 50% population and 50% lane miles formula for the local share distribution was ultimately approved by the County Board of Supervisors, every jurisdiction in Monterey County, and over 2/3's of the county's voters.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, - Michelle Overmeyer
Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: **SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

SUMMARY:

The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. MST Director of Planning and Innovation Michelle Overmeyer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities and public outreach efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

MST and TAMC were successful in leveraging Measure X funds to secure a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured an additional \$2.5 million in the state budget. MST also secured \$22.1 million in Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed SURF! Busway and BRT project is part of MST's larger efforts in connecting communities, creating opportunity, and being kind to the planet. MST is building a modern transit network to enhance connections on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. When complete, SURF! will serve as a vital transit link for the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley. The SURF! line will connect to many existing transit lines, including the JAZZ bus rapid transit line that serves Seaside, Line 20 Salinas-Monterey, and other routes that serve the Veteran's Administration Clinic and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB). A link to the MST project site is provided via **web attachment**.

The SURF! project will make it faster and easier to travel from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey via future rapid transit along US 101. Whether riding to get to work, school, medical appointments, shop for groceries, or simply to visit a friend, the SURF! line will connect Monterey Peninsula's diverse communities.

The SURF! project includes the following components:

- A six-mile, bus-only route parallel to Highway 1, from Marina to Sand City and Seaside in the

TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line corridor.

- Bicycle and pedestrian path improvements along Del Monte Road and Beach Range Road.
- A new mobility hub near 5th Street in Marina, east of Highway 1, which will include bus bays, drop-off areas, public parking, and other first- and last-mile amenities.
- New transit stops at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Marina and California Avenue and Playa Avenue in Sand City.
- Intersection improvements at Playa and California in Sand City for better traffic flow on city streets.

The current cost estimate for the SURF! project is \$77.6 million, which includes all phases of work. TAMC has allocated \$15 million in project support through Monterey County's Transportation Safety & Investment Plan (Measure X) funds approved by a supermajority of voters in 2016. Leveraging that investment, TAMC and MST were successful securing a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured \$2.5M in the state's budget. MST secured \$22.1 million in federal Capital Investment Grant funds through the Federal Transit Administration. MST is seeking approximately \$11.5 million in new SB 125 TIRCP funding as well as additional Measure X funding through TAMC.

Early planning and environmental review for the SURF! project is now complete. Detailed design has begun. The current schedule estimates that the design process will be completed in the Spring of 2024 with some construction beginning by the end of 2024. Community outreach is an important aspect of this project. A number of public outreach events occurred in 2022-2023. MST will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project](#)

Memorandum

To: Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 17, 2023
Subject: **Election of Audit Sub-Committee**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CALL for nominations and **ELECT** members to serve on the Measure Audit Sub-committee.

SUMMARY:

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee is responsible for conducting an independent audit to assure that Measure X funds were expended in accordance with requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and to prepare an annual audit report. This report seeks the nomination and election of Oversight Committee members to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2022/2023 and to prepare the annual audit report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, a Citizens Oversight Committee representing a diverse range of community interests was formed within six months of voter approval of Measure X in November 2016. Members of the committee were appointed to serve by the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors on March 22, 2017 and the following month the Board approved the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws which govern the committee. The Committee meets about four times per year to receive project and program updates and review the audit of the agencies receiving Measure X funds.

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee was formed in order to facilitate the Transportation Agency's Transportation Safety and Investment Plan and Retail Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance 2016-01. The Oversight Committee's purpose is to be an additional layer of accountability so that the public is assured that the Transportation Agency, the County of Monterey and the participating cities are operating consistent with the terms of the Ordinance. The Committee's duties as defined in the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are as follows:

- Conduct independent audits to assure that funds are being expended in accordance with requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan;
- Review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the plan, prior to the Transportation Agency Board consideration;
- Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the

Transportation Agency Board of Directors and available for public review.

The duties of the subcommittee as defined above are to conduct the audit, report their findings to the full oversight committee and to prepare the Measure X Annual Report. The committee is also required to present their findings and the Measure X Annual Report to the TAMC Board of Directors; and to make their report available to the public.

On October 18, 2022, the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee elected members, Natalie Olivas and Steve Snodgrass to serve on the audit subcommittee with 2023 Chair Norm Groot and 2023 Vice Chair Sean Hebard and 2022 Past Chair Barbara Meister to conduct the FY2021/22 audit and prepare the annual report. The Measure X Audit Subcommittee conducted the independent audit and prepared the Measure X Annual Report in January 2023. The attached document provides the results of the subcommittee's audit and the Measure X Oversight Committee's Annual Report.

In accordance with the duties defined in the Policies & Projects Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, this staff report seeks the nomination and election of Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee members to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the independent audit and prepare the annual Measure X Citizen Oversight Annual Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[2022 Measure X Annual Audit Report](#)