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Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways  
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency  
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## **MEASURE X CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

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

### **REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY**

*There will be NO physical location of the meeting.*

*Please see all the special meeting instructions at the end of the agenda.*

**Join meeting online at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/819167755?pwd=VE91U1FBK1lwOEQzMGHpdEMvY2tndz095>

**OR**

**Via teleconference at +1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID: 819 167 755**

**Password: 614363**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior 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 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](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Friday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

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### 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** draft minutes of the July 21, 2020 and May 5, 2020 committee meetings.

- Wright

- 3.2 **RECEIVE** 2021 schedule of the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings.

- Wright

*The eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings in 2021 follow the existing pattern of four meetings per year. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, May, August and October of 2021 at 2:00 p.m.*

### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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4. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Measure X-funded Imjin Parkway Improvement Project from the City of Marina.

- Wright/McMinn

*Brian McMinn, Public Works Director, City of Marina, will make a presentation on the project features and status.*

5. **RECEIVE** update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project.

- Castillo

*The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project has reached several milestones including certification of the final environmental document, approval of a Master Agreement among the underlying jurisdictions, and completion of the preliminary engineering design. The Transportation Agency secured a \$10.3 million state Active Transportation Program grant to fund the construction of the first segment of the trail, from Safeway at Canyon Del Rey Blvd. to Del Rey Woods school in Seaside. On October 28, 2020 the TAMC Board will vote on a contract for the preparation of final design plans, specifications and estimates and right-of-way work for this first trail segment.*

6. **RECEIVE** Update on Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

***TAMC staff will update committee members on the progress of Measure X regional highway projects including: SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements; and, the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.***

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8. ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting:  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY**

*There will be NO physical location of the meeting.*

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:**

**Theresa Wright**

**eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee Coordinator**

[theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org)

**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. 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 the meeting. 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](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00pm the Friday 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

Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Committee 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.

Alternative Agenda Format and Auxiliary Aids: If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact Transportation Agency staff at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish language interpreters, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

### **CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS**

- C 1. RECEIVE** correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of October 2020.



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** **Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** draft minutes of the July 21, 2020 and May 5, 2020 committee meetings.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▣ Draft July XTOC Minutes
- ▣ Draft May XTOC Minutes

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

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

**DRAFT minutes of July 21, 2020 Meeting**

Held via a Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

| <b>Voting Members</b>  | <b>JAN<br/>2019</b> | <b>APR<br/>2019</b> | <b>JUL<br/>2019</b> | <b>OCT<br/>2019</b> | <b>FEB<br/>2020</b> | <b>MAY<br/>2020</b> | <b>JUL<br/>2020</b> | <b>OCT<br/>2020</b> |
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| Kevin Dayton<br><b>Salinas Valley<br/>Taxpayers Association</b><br><i>(Rick Giffin)</i>        | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Jesus Valenzuela<br><b>Transit Users</b><br><i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>                              | A                   | A                   | A                   | A                   | P                   | A                   | P                   |                     |
| Janet Brennan<br><b>League of Women<br/>Voters</b><br><i>(Howard Fosler)</i>                   | P                   | P                   | E                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Tom Rowley<br><b>Monterey Peninsula<br/>Taxpayers Association</b><br><i>(Rick Heuer)</i>       | E                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Kalah Bumba<br><b>Senior or disabled<br/>services agency</b><br><i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>       | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Victoria Beach<br><b>Bicycling Advocate</b><br><i>(Claire Rygg)</i>                            | P                   | E                   | E                   | P                   | A                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Rod Smalley<br><b>Labor Organization</b><br><i>(Glen Schaller)</i>                             | A                   | A                   | A                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |                     |
| Cliff Fasnacht<br><b>Central Coast Builders<br/>Association</b><br><i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>    | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| John Haupt<br><b>Salinas Valley Chamber<br/>of Commerce</b><br><i>(John Bailey)</i>            | A                   | A                   | A                   | A                   | A                   | A                   | A                   |                     |
| Dan Limesand<br><b>Monterey Peninsula<br/>Chamber of Commerce</b><br><i>(vacant)</i>           | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |                     |
| Dan Limesand<br><b>Monterey Peninsula<br/>Chamber of Commerce</b><br><i>(vacant)</i>           | P                   | P                   | E                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
| Scott Waltz<br><b>Habitat Preservation</b><br><i>(Rachel Saunders,<br/>Big Sur Land Trust)</i> | -                   | -                   | -                   | V                   | V                   | V                   | V                   |                     |
| Scott Waltz<br><b>Habitat Preservation</b><br><i>(Rachel Saunders,<br/>Big Sur Land Trust)</i> | E                   | P                   | A                   | A                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |
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| Barbara Meister<br><b>Hospitality</b><br><i>(Sam Teel)</i>                      | P | P | P | E | P | P | P |  |
|   | - | - | - | - | P | - | - |  |
| Norm Groot<br><b>Agriculture</b><br><i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>                       | P | E | P | P | P | P | P |  |
|   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Joshua Jorn<br><b>Education</b><br><i>(Jarrett Garife,<br/>Patrick Deberdt)</i> | P | A | A | A | A | A | A |  |
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|   | P | - | P |   |   |   |   |  |
| Paula Getzelman, Chair<br><b>South County</b><br><i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>          | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |
|   | P | P | - | P | - | - | - |  |
| Chris Barrera<br><b>Latino Organization</b><br><i>(vacant)</i>                  | P | E | E | A | P | P | P |  |
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| Ron Rader<br><b>North County</b><br><i>(Scott Freeman)</i>                      | P | E | P | P | P | A | A |  |
|   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Daniel Hernandez<br><b>Pedestrian</b><br><i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>                  | - | P | A | P | P | P | P |  |
|   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Alexis Garcia-Arrazola<br><b>Youth/College</b><br><i>(Vacant)</i>               | A | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |
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| Sean Hebard<br><b>Construction</b><br><i>(Keith Severson)</i>                   | P | P | E | P | P | P | P |  |
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| <b>TRANSPORTATION<br/>AGENCY STAFF</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Debbie Hale<br>Executive Director   | E | E | P | P | P | P | P |  |
| Todd Muck, Deputy<br>Executive Director   | P | E | P | P | E | P | P |  |
| Theresa Wright,<br>Community Outreach<br>Coordinator                            | P | P | P | P | P | P | E |  |
| Mike Zeller, Principal<br>Transportation Planner                                | P | P | E | P | E | P | P |  |
| Kay Reimann,<br>Legal Counsel   | E | P | P | E | P | E | E |  |
| Rich Deal, Principal<br>Transportation Engineer                                 | E | E | E | E | P | E | E |  |
| Stefania Castillo,<br>Transportation Planner                                    | E | E | P | P | E | P | E |  |
| Rita Goel, Deputy for<br>Admin & Finance  | E | P | E | E | E | E | E |  |
| Madilyn Jacobsen,<br>Transportation Planner                                     | E | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |

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| Laurie Williams,<br>Transportation Engineer   | P     | E | P | E            | E | P                        | E |  |
| Maria Montiel,<br>Administrative Assistant  | E     | E | E | P            | P | P                        | P |  |
| Ariana Green, Senior<br>Transportation Planner  | E     | E | E | E            | E | P                        | E |  |
| Tracy Burke,<br>Go831 Program<br>Coordinator  | -     | - | - | -            | - | -                        | P |  |
| <b>(alternate)</b><br><b>P = present</b><br><b>E = excused absence</b><br><b>A = unnoticed absence</b><br><b>- = alternate absent</b><br><b>V = vacant position</b> |       |   |   |              |   |                          |   |  |
| <b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>   |       |   |   |              |   |                          |   |  |
| Diana Edwards   | AECOM |   |   | Carl Sedoryk |   | Monterey-Salinas Transit |   |  |

**1. WELCOME**

Kevin Dayton, Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dayton asked Maria Montiel, TAMC’s Administrative Assistant, to take the roll.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Bring back at next meeting for approval, confirm action on item 6: Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 2 award Recommendations.

**3.1** Approved draft minutes of the May 5, 2020 committee meeting.



**4. MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT MEASURE X PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on Monterey-Salinas Transit's Measure X-funded projects, including the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project and the South County Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner introduced Carl Sedoryk, CEO and General Manager for Monterey-Salinas Transit. He presented on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit. The project aims to create a new bus-only corridor, paralleling Highway 1 between Monterey and Marina. He noted that the busway would build within Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way owned by the Transportation Agency to provide commuters a traffic-free alternative to Highway 1. He noted that in fall 2019, MST hired Kimley-Horn to conduct the environmental review and preliminary design work, which officially kicked-off in November 2019. Since project initiation, MST and TAMC have been meeting with key stakeholders. The project team is planning virtual public outreach activities to start later this summer. A video simulation of travel along the corridor is being developed and will be ready within the next two months.

Mr. Sedoryk noted that MST is actively pursuing matching funds to help pay for the project, including coordinating with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to apply for Capital Investment Grant, a discretionary grant program to support transit capital investments including busways/bus rapid transit systems. The project has been accepted into the Project Development phase of FTA's Capital Investments Grants program, which is the first step towards obtaining funding.

Mr. Sedoryk also spoke about the South County Maintenance and Operations Facility which broke-ground on July 10, 2020. MST is pursuing a very-low interest loan from the U.S. Department of Transportation to finance construction of this facility. MST has already begun to incur design costs, and expects to incur construction costs, before receipt of the federal loan. He noted that construction on the Facility is anticipated to begin in August 2020, and completion is scheduled for September 2021.

Committee member Daniel Hernandez asked if they intend to block the bicycle path entering the Caltrans path from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Carl Sedoryk replied that the bus facility and busway will not obstruct the bikeway.

Committee member Tom Rowley thanked Hunter Harvath, former MST Assistant General manager, and Carl Sedoryk, for their work on this project.

**5. MEASURE X COMPLIANCE & MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS**

The Committee received presentation Measure X compliance policies and potential options to temporarily modify the Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement in response to COVID-19.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that in light of the current economic downturn related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Agency staff is reviewing potential options to temporarily modify the maintenance of effort requirement to provide relief to jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction entered into a tax sharing agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to receive their share of Measure X Local Streets & Roads revenues. In exchange, these agreements require the jurisdiction to submit audit reports annually to the Transportation Agency detailing the steps taken to comply with the implementing ordinance, which includes a requirement for “maintenance of effort.” He noted that the first year the cities submitted Measure X reports they were of varying levels of completeness. The second year of Measure X reports were much more complete. All of the jurisdictions, with the exception of Greenfield, submitted complete reports by the December 31, 2019 deadline. Due to unanticipated project delays and the change in the City of Pacific Grove Maintenance of Effort calculation, the City did not make enough project expenditures to meet the requirement. The City of Salinas’ annual report indicated that Measure X funds were spent on a project that the City had been informed by Transportation Agency staff was ineligible. Both jurisdictions repaid the funding to their Measure X accounts. Greenfield submitted their report, albeit late. At present, all three jurisdictions are currently in compliance.

In conclusion, Mr. Zeller noted that looking ahead to future Measure X annual reporting periods, there is a possibility that jurisdictions may not be able to meet their maintenance of effort requirements due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn. The purpose of the Maintenance of Effort requirement is to assure that no funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then backfilled with Measure X monies. To address this unusual circumstance, the Agency has been asked to consider temporary modifications to the Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement. Transportation Agency staff presented this issue at the June Technical Advisory Committee meeting and received feedback from the Committee’s members that the State of Emergency is affecting spending on transportation projects differently for each jurisdiction. Staff indicated that they are presently waiting for any jurisdiction that may have difficulty meeting their maintenance of effort to submit supporting documentation. To date, staff is not proposing to recommend changes to the Measure X annual audit requirements.

Committee member Janet Brennan asked which cities and projects are having difficulty in meeting their maintenance of effort requirements and which projects are affected. Mike Zeller replied that Transportation Agency staff is waiting on information from the cities to arrive at a conclusion.

Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that information on compliance with 2018/19 fiscal year maintenance of effort and audit reporting submittals were noted in the 2019 Measure X annual report. Any compliance issues related to the shelter-in-place economic impacts will not surface until the 2019/20 audit reports are submitted.

**6. REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation on the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, introduced TAMC consultant Diana Edwards, with AECOM. Ms. Edwards noted that with the passage of Senate Bill 1 and Measure X, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County has habitat mitigation needs for numerous regional transportation improvements in corridors that are highly constrained by environmental factors, including some projects lying within the coastal zone. Enacted into law in 2016, AB 2087 established a conservation planning tool called a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) to promote the conservation of species, habitats, and other natural resources. The Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy is designed to assess the vulnerability of species and habitat to climate change related stressors and pressures and to develop conservation actions to improve species and habitat resiliency. She noted that conservation actions identified in the Strategy may be then be turned into mitigation credits that can streamline transportation project delivery and result in superior species conservation.

Committee member Norm Groot asked for the Transportation Agency staff to consider looking at habitat improvements for species instead of removing the exotic species. Diana Edwards replied that the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) will take that approach.

Mike Zeller noted that Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrans to develop mitigation sites; more information will be provided in the near future.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

None.

**8. ADJOURMENT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)  
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)  
DRAFT minutes of May 5, 2020 Meeting**

Held via a Zoom Meeting

| <b>Voting Members</b>  | <b>JAN<br/>2019</b> | <b>APR<br/>2019</b> | <b>JUL<br/>2019</b> | <b>OCT<br/>2019</b> | <b>FEB<br/>2020</b> | <b>MAY<br/>2020</b> | <b>JUL<br/>2020</b> | <b>OCT<br/>2020</b> |
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| Kevin Dayton<br><b>Salinas Valley<br/>Taxpayers Association</b><br><i>(Rick Giffin)</i>        | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Cesar Lara<br><b>Transit Users</b><br><i>(Monica Gurmilan)</i>                                 | -                   | A                   | A                   | A                   | P                   | A                   |                     |                     |
| Janet Brennan<br><b>League of Women<br/>Voters</b><br><i>(Howard Fosler)</i>                   | P                   | P                   | A                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Tom Rowley<br><b>Monterey Peninsula<br/>Taxpayers Association</b><br><i>(Rick Heuer)</i>       | A                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Kalah Bumba<br><b>Senior or disabled<br/>services agency</b><br><i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>       | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Victoria Beach<br><b>Bicycling Advocate</b><br><i>(Claire Rygg)</i>                            | P                   | E                   | E                   | P                   | -                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Rod Smalley<br><b>Labor Organization</b><br><i>(Glen Schaller)</i>                             | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Cliff Fasnacht<br><b>Central Coast Builders<br/>Association</b><br><i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>    | -                   | A                   | A                   |                     | -                   | -                   |                     |                     |
| John Haupt<br><b>Salinas Valley Chamber<br/>of Commerce</b><br><i>(John Bailey)</i>            | P                   | P                   | E                   |                     | -                   | P                   |                     |                     |
| Dan Limesand<br><b>Monterey Peninsula<br/>Chamber of Commerce</b><br><i>(vacant)</i>           | A                   | A                   | A                   |                     | -                   | -                   |                     |                     |
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| Scott Waltz<br><b>Habitat Preservation</b><br><i>(Rachel Saunders,<br/>Big Sur Land Trust)</i> | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |                     |                     |
| Scott Waltz<br><b>Habitat Preservation</b><br><i>(Rachel Saunders,<br/>Big Sur Land Trust)</i> | E                   | P                   | A                   | -                   | P                   | P                   |                     |                     |
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| Barbara Meister<br><b>Hospitality</b><br><i>(Sam Teel)</i>                      | P<br>A      | P<br>A      | P<br>A      | -<br>- | P<br>P | P<br>- |  |  |
| Norm Groot<br><b>Agriculture</b><br><i>(Bill Lipe)</i>                          | P<br>A      | E<br>E      | P<br>A      | P      | P<br>- | P<br>- |  |  |
| Joshua Jorn<br><b>Education</b><br><i>(Jarrett Garife,<br/>Patrick Deberdt)</i> | P<br>-<br>P | A<br>P<br>- | A<br>A<br>P | P      | -<br>- | -<br>A |  |  |
| Paula Getzelman, Chair<br><b>South County</b><br><i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>          | P<br>P      | P<br>P      | P<br>A      | P<br>P | P<br>- | P<br>- |  |  |
| Chris Barrera<br><b>Latino Organization</b><br><i>(Manuel Valencia)</i>         | P<br>-      | E<br>E      | E<br>P      | -<br>P | P<br>- | P<br>P |  |  |
| Ron Rader<br><b>North County</b><br><i>(Scott Freeman)</i>                      | P<br>-      | E<br>A      | P<br>A      | P      | P<br>- | -<br>- |  |  |
| Daniel Hernandez<br><b>Pedestrian</b><br><i>(vacant)</i>                        | -<br>-      | P<br>-      | A<br>-      | P      | P      | P      |  |  |
| Alexis Garcia-Arrazola<br><b>Youth/College</b><br><i>(Vacant)</i>               | A<br>-      | P<br>-      | P<br>-      | P      | P      | P      |  |  |
| Sean Hebard<br><b>Construction</b><br><i>(Keith Severson)</i>                   | P<br>P      | P<br>P      | A<br>P      | P<br>P | P<br>P | P<br>P |  |  |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION<br/>AGENCY STAFF</b>  |             |             |             |        |        |        |  |  |
| Debbie Hale<br>Executive Director   | -           | -           | P           | P      | P      | P      |  |  |
| Todd Muck, Deputy<br>Executive Director   | P           | -           | P           | P      | E      | P      |  |  |
| Theresa Wright,<br>Community Outreach<br>Coordinator                            | P           | P           | P           | P      | P      | P      |  |  |
| Mike Zeller, Principal<br>Transportation Planner                                | P           | P           | -           | P      | E      | P      |  |  |
| Kay Reimann,<br>Transportation Agency<br>Legal Counsel                          | -           | P           | P           | E      | P      | -      |  |  |
| Rich Deal, Principal<br>Transportation Engineer                                 | -           | -           | -           | E      | P      | -      |  |  |
| Stefania Castillo,<br>Transportation Planner                                    | -           | -           | P           | P      | -      | P      |  |  |
| Rita Goel, Deputy for<br>Admin & Finance  | -           | P           | -           | -      | -      | -      |  |  |

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| Madilyn Jacobson,<br>Transportation Planner  | - | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Laurie Williams,<br>Transportation Engineer  | P | - | P | - | - | P |  |  |
| Maria Montiel,<br>Administrative Assistant   |   |   |   | P | P | P |  |  |
| Christina Watson,<br>Principal Trans. Planner  |   |   |   | - | - | - |  |  |
| Ariana Green, Assoc.<br>Transportation Planner   |   |   |   | - | - | P |  |  |
| Dave Delfino, Finance<br>Officer/Analyst   |   |   |   | - | - | - |  |  |
| <b>(alternate)</b><br><b>P = present</b><br><b>E = excused absence</b><br><b>A = unnoticed absence</b><br><b>- = alternate absent</b><br><b>V- VACANT POSITION</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Anna Velazquez                      Public

**1.            WELCOME**

Barbara Meister, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Vice Chair Meister asked Maria Montiel, TAMC’s Administrative Assistant, to do roll call.

**2.            PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3.3         APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C**      Hebard/ Groot/ unanimously

**3.1**         Approved draft minutes of the February 18, 2020 committee meeting.

**4. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Measure X Safe Routes School Program.

Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner, TAMC, explained that the Safe Routes to School Program is a Measure X-funded initiative. The initiative funds projects and programs that improve children’s health by making walking and bicycling safer and easier. Ms. Green’s report included an update on the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan, the Safe Routes to School Education Program, and the MY Town Exhibit, which is a traveling children's exhibit design to teach traffic safety and other healthy life skills to young children and their guardians.

Ms. Green also reported that TAMC staff successfully secured more than \$2.9 million in state grants in 2019 to pilot Safe Routes to School Programs at 11 schools across Monterey County and to develop a Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan for all 44 K-12 schools in the City of Salinas. She ended her presentation by presenting the Safe Routes to School Program goals for this year which include the launch of a comprehensive Measure X Safe Routes to School website, implementing the education program, developing the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan and applying for Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 funds.

At the conclusion, Committee member Victoria Beach said staff should consider adding Measure X leveraging information on matching funds for the community and public to view.

Committee member Chris Barrera mentioned that a crosswalk light is needed at Everette Alvarez High School. He also asked if the program could cover the cost for crossing guards. Ms. Green replied that the program does not pay for crossing guards but will provide training equipment for crossing guards.

Committee member Tom Rowley asked about Safe Routes to School plans for schools in the City of Monterey. Ariana Green replied that the City of Monterey has a bike school plan and that community is covered.

**5. SECOND YEAR AUDIT RESULTS**

The Committee received a presentation on the Measure X Second Year Audit results and the Measure X Annual Report.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator introduced Committee Member Kevin Dayton, who served on the Measure X Audit Subcommittee. Mr. Dayton reported that the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee continues to show voters in Monterey County how the Measure X funds are spent wisely. He noted that the Audit subcommittee conducted the second-year audit and prepared the Measure X Annual Report.

Prior to presenting the results of the audit, Mr. Dayton reviewed that the duties of the subcommittee are to conduct the audit, report their findings to the full committee and prepare the Measure X Annual Report.

Mr. Dayton reported that the compliance was better than last year with the exception of the City of Greenfield who submitted late due to lack of the city having a Public Works Director which contributed to the city’s failure to comply by the due date. In conclusion Mr. Dayton noted that the full report is on the TAMC Annual Report that every Monterey County resident is receiving in the mail.

**6. SENIOR & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION CYCLE 2 AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

**M/S/C** Kalah/Dayton/unanimously

The Committee recommended that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors award Measure X Cycle 2 funds to the top three applicants (ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, Partnership for Children) with the option to fund the fourth ranked applicant (Kernes Memorial Pool) if there are sufficient funds left over from Cycle 1.

**M/S/C** Dayton/ Bumba  
(Motion passes on a vote of 13 yes and 2 noes with committee members Norm Groot and Paula Getzelman voting no.)

Committee member Kevin Dayton motioned to add the following to the recommended first motion that the Measure X Oversight Committee encourages the TAMC Board to closely examine the sufficiency of transportation options in South County in the next cycle.

The Committee recommended that the Transportation Agency Board of Directors award Measure X Cycle 2 funds to the top three applicants (ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, Partnership for Children) with the option to fund the fourth ranked applicant (Kernes Memorial Pool) if there are sufficient funds left over from Cycle 1. Mr. Dayton motioned to add the following to the recommended motion that the Measure X Oversight Committee encourages the TAMC Board to closely examine the sufficiency of transportation options in South County in the next cycle.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency received five applications for Cycle 2 Awards. Three from returning applicants (ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, Kernes Memorial Pool) and two new applicants (Partnership for Children, North County Recreation and Park District).

Agency staff determined that all five applications were complete and in compliance with the Program Guidelines requirements. She noted that a grant review committee composed of members of the Oversight Committee and Transportation Agency staff conducted an initial review of the application materials and met to draft a list of follow-up questions for the newly required on-site field visits. After the interviews were conducted, the grant review committee ranked the applications.

In conclusion Ms. Castillo said that the grant review committee found that the North County Recreation and Park District's proposed program was not well defined, and all reviewers ranked the Park District's application the lowest. Agency staff recommended that the lowest ranking applicant not be funded, bringing the total requests to \$1,705,500 which is \$205,500 above the \$1.5 million Measure X funds available for Cycle 2. To date, approximately \$300,000 remain unbilled from Cycle 1. Current grantees have until June 30, 2020, to expend the funds, with the final claim documentation due by July 31, 2020. Staff expects some funds to carry over but not the full amount.

Staff recommended that the Agency Board of Directors award Measure X Cycle 2 funds to the top three applicants (ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging and Partnership for Children) with the option to fund the fourth ranked option (Kernes Memorial Pool) if there are sufficient funds leftover from Cycle 1.



Following the presentation, Anna Velazquez, member of public, expressed that more services in South County are needed. She suggested that the granted applicants should collaborate on expanding service to serve South Monterey County; and to consider other non-profit organizations in South County like the Salvation Army in Soledad. Staff agreed to reach out to them.

Committee member Chris Barrera said that South County has no non-profit organizations and that the program lacked equity. He stressed that the program goal should be to create a non-profit for people that need services, so they are not left out. Stefania Castillo replied that Agency staff will continue to outreach in South County.

Kevin Dayton noted that while expressing concerned about the lack of transportation issues in South County, the Committee recommends the three grants, and acknowledge the lack of equity. Executive Director Debbie Hale mentioned that Transportation Agency will come up with more statistics. She noted that ITN new program that will assist South County.

Committee member Theresa Sullivan noted that Alliance on Aging has been reaching out to the cities in South County to partner with them on serving the residents in South County.

Community Outreach Coordinator Theresa Wright emphasized that the current funding request by the Alliance on Aging will enhance their efforts in South County.

Committee member Chris Barrera noted that at the end of the day there is lack of equity in South County and there is need to fund all three programs. He said that Transportation Agency staff should “go above and beyond” to form a non-profit in one city in South County for them to be served. He also asked for TAMC to invite Supervisor Chris Lopez and others to help address the need.

After a robust conversation that indicated that there was reasonable equity in South County, Mr. Dayton concluded the discussion by saying he amended his motion to approve the report to show that it would indicate to the Board that there was some dissatisfaction expressed by some South County representatives.

## **7. UPDATE ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES**

The Committee received a presentation on Agency activities related to shelter-in-place orders to contain COVID-19 transmission and estimated impacts to Measure X revenue.

Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director, reported that to comply with Monterey County and State California shelter-in-place orders, all Transportation Agency staff have been working remotely since March 16, except to complete essential financial activities. He said that staff has been able to work remotely utilizing connections to their office computers and/or using internet-based productivity applications. Working remotely has been facilitated by the Agency’s recent transition from an in-office computer server to cloud-based file storage data back-up.

Mr. Muck said agency staff has been working with vendors to shift from paper invoices and payment checks to digital invoices and electronic fund transfer payments. He noted that TAMC was one of the first government agencies to hold a video public meeting and has provided advice and assistance to others, including Monterey-Salinas Transit and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. He said staff continues

to refine these remote meeting techniques as experience with various software platforms, safeguards and public input strategies grows.

He remarked that Agency staff have been working closely with projects sponsors and state regulatory agencies to address potential project delays due to the COVID-19 crisis. He also noted that the California Transportation Commission is considering relaxing some of its timely use of funds requirements to take into account any project delays caused by the shelter-in-place order. He said that they are also considering delaying the due date for the Active Transportation Program grant applications, currently scheduled for mid-June.

In conclusion, Mr. Muck reported that while Measure X monies are forecast to be significantly less over the next three years, the program's existing fund balance along with new revenues will allow the Measure X program of projects to stay on track to meet programmed local match requirements for the next four years.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Theresa Wright mentioned that the next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting will be on July 21, 2020 and we will confirm the location closer to the meeting date.

Kevin Dayton asked how many vacancies in the Transportation Oversight Committee? Theresa Wright replied that there are four vacancies.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Meister adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** **2021 Committee Meeting Schedule**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** 2021 schedule of the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings.

### **SUMMARY:**

The eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings in 2021 follow the existing pattern of four meetings per year. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, May, August and October of 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

### **DISCUSSION:**

The 2021 schedule of the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings follows the existing pattern of four meetings per year. This year's meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in February, May, August and October of 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for the 2021 meeting schedule as follows:

- February 16
- May 18
- August 17
- October 19

Due to COVID-19, the meetings will be teleconference until it's deemed safe to resume in-person meetings.

For informational purposes, also attached to this staff report is a tentative 2021 schedule for the Measure X Audit Sub-committee. Staff will coordinate with committee members to finalize meeting details.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▢ Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee 2021 Calendar
- ▢ Measure X Citizens Oversight Subcommittee 2021 Calendar

# Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee



## 2021 Committee Calendar REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY, PENDING FURTHER NOTIFICATION

Committee Teleconference Meetings:

- 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021
- 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2021
- 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021
- 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, 2021

**REMOTE CONFERENCE**  
Join meeting online at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/819167755?pwd=VE91U1FBK1lwOEQzMGhpdEMvY2tndz095>

**OR**

**Via teleconference at +1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID: 819 167 755**

**Password: 614363**

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# Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee



## 2021 Audit Subcommittee Calendar

**REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY, PENDING FURTHER NOTICE  
TIMES & CONFERENCE LINKS WILL BE PROVIDED LATER**

### Audit Subcommittee Teleconference Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- Monday, March 8, 2021

### Subcommittee members:

- Kevin Dayton
- Rick Heuer
- Paula Getzelman

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## **Memorandum**

**To:** eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** **Imjin Parkway Improvement Project Update**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on the Measure X-funded Imjin Parkway Improvement Project from the City of Marina.

### **SUMMARY:**

Brian McMinn, Public Works Director, City of Marina, will make a presentation on the project features and status.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost for project development and construction is estimated to total \$42.35 million. Project costs are being paid for as follows: \$17 million in regional Measure X funding, \$19 million in State SB 1 Competitive funding, \$1.65 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funding and \$4.7 million in City of Marina funding.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Imjin Parkway is a regional commuter route connects the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley provides an alternative to Highway 68 and direct access between Salinas and Cal State Monterey Bay. Due to its importance in moving regional traffic, this project was included in the Measure X Transportation Safety and Improvement Program. The City of Marina is the lead agency for the project.

This Measure X project will:

- Widen the two-lane section of Imjin to four lanes
- Install four roundabouts
- Build a mixed use path
- Stripe on-street buffered bike lanes
- Enhance stormwater treatment areas
- Build retaining and sound walls
- Add landscaping and an irrigation system

The project is 100% designed, and the City is currently finalizing its right-of-way acquisition, permits and bid documents. Construction is slated to start in 2021 and be completed in 2023.



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project Update

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project has reached several milestones including certification of the final environmental document, approval of a Master Agreement among the underlying jurisdictions, and completion of the preliminary engineering design. The Transportation Agency secured a \$10.3 million state Active Transportation Program grant to fund the construction of the first segment of the trail, from Safeway at Canyon Del Rey Blvd. to Del Rey Woods school in Seaside. On October 28, 2020 the TAMC Board will vote on a contract for the preparation of final design plans, specifications and estimates and right-of-way work for this first trail segment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

On June 2020, the TAMC Board released a Request for Proposals for final design and right-of-way services for Phase 1 of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Canyon Del Rey/SR 218 segment. The design tasks will be funded out of \$600,000 in state Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds and \$1.376 million in local Measure X funds. The right-of-way tasks will be paid from \$1.198 million in state Active Transportation grant funds.

Construction will be funded through a future allocation of \$9.1 million in state Active Transportation grant funds in 2022. Other segments will proceed to design and construction as matching funds for Measure X (which sets aside a total of \$20 million for the entire trail) are obtained.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The vision for the Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) is to create a multimodal route designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers. It will serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting the cities of Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey and unincorporated community residents to California State University Monterey Bay, the Fort Ord National Monument, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. The Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 28-mile paved trail was certified by the Transportation Agency Board on March 25, 2020. A Master Agreement was approved by the Transportation Agency and the underlying jurisdictions in June 2020.

On August 2020, the California Transportation Commission approved the allocation of \$1.198 million in Senate Bill 1 Active Transportation Program funds for right-of-way acquisition for Phase 1 of the SR 218 Canyon Del Rey Segment of the FORTAG. The Commission also approved the allocation of \$600,000 in Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds for the preparation of final design plans, specifications and estimates for construction of this first trail segment.

Phase 1 of the Canyon Del Rey/State Route 218 Segment involves construction of the trail through the City of Del Rey Oaks from Safeway to Del Rey Woods Elementary in the City of Seaside. A tunnel under Canyon Del Rey Boulevard will connect Del Rey Oaks City Hall and the existing staircase entrance to the Frog Pond. A 12-foot wide raised pathway will be constructed to connect trail users from the tunnel to Carlton Drive at an accessible grade. The trail will extend northeast up Carton Drive to Plumas Avenue. Along Carlton Drive the trail will consist of a new 12-foot wide multi-use sidewalk, with a 5-foot wide buffer, on the west side of the road. Along Plumas Avenue the trail will follow the existing PG&E easement up to Del Rey Woods Elementary. The tunnel landing and the raised pathway are the only project elements expected to be constructed within the Frog Pond as part of Phase 1.

A multi-agency review panel recommends that the TAMC Board select GHD, Inc. to perform the engineering and right-of-way work. Once the consultant team is brought on board, public workshops will be scheduled in coordination with Caltrans, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and the cities of Del Rey Oaks and Seaside to gather input on how the trail will ultimately look and feel.

Final design and right-of-way certification are anticipated to take approximately two years to complete, starting in Fall 2020 and scheduled for completion by June 30, 2022. Construction is scheduled to start thereafter in 2022.

Other segments of the FORTAG will proceed to design and construction as matching funds are obtained. On September 15, 2020, TAMC staff submitted two state Active Transportation Program grant applications for a segment of the trail on the Cal State University Monterey Bay campus and in the City of Marina. Grant awards are expected to be announced in February 2021.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Canyon Del Rey/SR 218 Segment - Phase 1 - Map](#)





## Memorandum

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Rich Deal, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects Update

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** Update on Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

**SUMMARY:**

TAMC staff will update committee members on the progress of Measure X regional highway projects including: SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements; and, the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Measure X allocates 60% of its monies to the cities and County, and 40% of its funding towards regional projects and "mobility for all" projects and programs. The TAMC Integrated Funding Plan specifies when regional projects and programs will receive funding and what share of matching funds will need to be leveraged. The Measure X amount available to each of these regional road safety projects over its 30-year lifetime is as follows:

- SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements (\$50 million)
- SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange (\$30 million)
- US 101 South of Salinas Improvements (\$30 million)
- SURF! Highway 1 Busway (\$15 million)

**DISCUSSION:**

This presentation is intended to update the Transportation Oversight Committee on four regional transportation projects that are leveraging Measure X Sales Tax funds.

SR 68 Scenic Corridor Safety and Operations Improvements

This project is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental phase. Caltrans is the Lead agency and is preparing 35% design for Alternative 1, which proposes to replace the nine existing traffic signals with roundabouts, and Alternative 2, which proposes to widen each intersection to four lanes and upgrade the the existing traffic signals. The Transportation Agency is providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans is also preparing the technical studies and environmental impact report. The critical path for this phase is the archaeological assessment that leads to a final environmental impact report in September 2023. The next phase of the project is final engineering design that will follow certification of the environmental impact report by the California Transportation Commission.

The preliminary engineering and environmental phase is funded by the following sources:  
 State Transportation Improvement Program \$3,400,000

Highway Improvement Program \$2,594,000  
Measure X \$640,000  
Phase Total = \$6,634,000

#### State Route 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange

The SR 156 / Castroville Blvd interchange is the first stage of the SR 156 West Corridor Project between Highway 1 and US 101. The overall project has completed the environmental phase. The SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange is currently in the design and right-of-way phase. Caltrans is leading the design with the Transportation Agency providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans has completed 65% plans and is moving toward 90% plans on stage 1.

This phase of the project also involves permitting by regulatory agencies with mitigation measures for environmental impacts. The State Legislature recently passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1231, authorizing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander habitat resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. This bill allows TAMC to implement safety improvements to eliminate collisions and fatalities along the SR 156 corridor while allowing for enhanced mitigation for an endangered species. The schedule for coordination and permitting coincides with the final design and right-of-way schedule for the interchange. The project is expected to be ready to list for construction bids in Summer 2022.

The design and right-of-way phase is funded by the State Transportation Improvement Program for \$25,700,000. Caltrans and the Transportation Agency recently submitted three Senate Bill 1 grant applications, leveraging Measure X funds, to fully fund construction of the interchange project.

#### US 101 South of Salinas Improvements

The US 101 South of Salinas Improvement project has a previously completed corridor study and project study report; however, the range of possible alternatives is so large that the environmental work would be cost and time prohibitive. For this reason, the Transportation Agency is undertaking a study with extensive outreach to narrow down the range of reasonable alternatives, as a bridge to the environmental phase. The completed study alternatives will reflect the results of the robust outreach campaign, leading to an efficient environmental review process and a more focused preliminary engineering effort. While some study elements have been delayed due to COVID19 impacts, the initial online outreach process proved fruitful. The study is moving toward identifying various options for reducing fatal and injury crashes occurring in at-grade highway intersections and improving safety along the US 101 corridor from Abbott Street in Salinas to Main Street in Chualar.

The study phase of the project is funded by Measure X Sales Tax revenue for \$440,000. The following phase of preliminary engineering and environmental is funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program for \$8,611,000.

#### SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project

This project, identified in Measure X as the Highway 1 Traffic Relief - Busway, proposes to construct a dedicated busway in the Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way between Marina and Sand City. Monterey-Salinas Transit is leading the project and the Transportation Agency is providing project management support and design oversight. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental phase. The consulting team is nearing completion of the preliminary engineering design and technical studies for the environmental impact report. The draft environmental impact report is expected to be circulated in Spring 2021.

The preliminary engineering and environmental phase is funded by the following sources:  
Measure X Sales Tax revenue \$1,450,000

Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program (MST's share) \$100,000

Phase Total \$1,550,000



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020  
**Subject:** Correspondence

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

RECEIVE correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of October 2020.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Second Quarter 2020 Measure X Sales Tax Update from HdL](#)