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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

ABOUT TAMC

TRANSITIONS

Transitions. It's an appropriate term to describe the internal changes that have occurred within the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), and the progress that has been made with the advancement of our Agency's projects & programs.



After 20 years of distinguished service, Executive Director Debbie Hale retired in October, leaving behind a legacy that includes the passage of Measure X in 2016. To this day, Measure X continues to leverage millions of dollars in matching funds to deliver local and regional transportation projects and programs. Her retirement ushers in a new era, with the selection of Deputy Director, Todd Muck, by the TAMC Board of Directors to serve as the new Executive Director after he successfully competed in a search conducted by an independent recruitment firm.



As we transition into this new era, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County remains committed to its mission to advance transportation projects and programs benefitting Monterey County residents, businesses, and visitors.

Successful Leveraging of Measure X

\$53 million over 5 years

Since the passage of Measure X five years ago, the Transportation Agency has successfully leveraged Measure X funds to bring in an additional \$53 million in state grants for Monterey County transportation projects and programs. The successful leveraging is in keeping with our promises to voters five years ago. We promised that having a local transportation funding source through Measure X would make Monterey County more competitive when competing against other entities for state and federal funds. We also promised that this competitive edge would give

us the ability to bring additional funding into the county for road repairs and other transportation projects and programs. As we share the good news, we offer a gratitude of thanks to Monterey County voters who trusted us to deliver on those promises when they approved Measure X, the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan in 2016.



EVERY COMMUNITY HAS REPRESENTATION ON THE TAMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

All 5 Monterey County Supervisors • One representative from each of our twelve cities

Non-voting representatives from 7 public agencies

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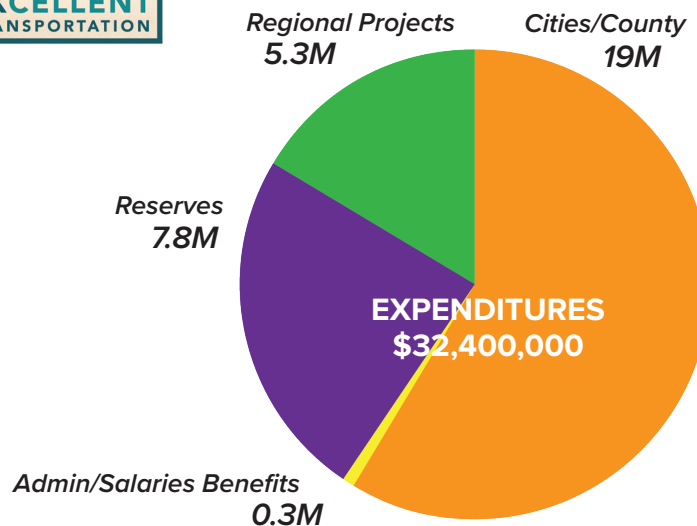
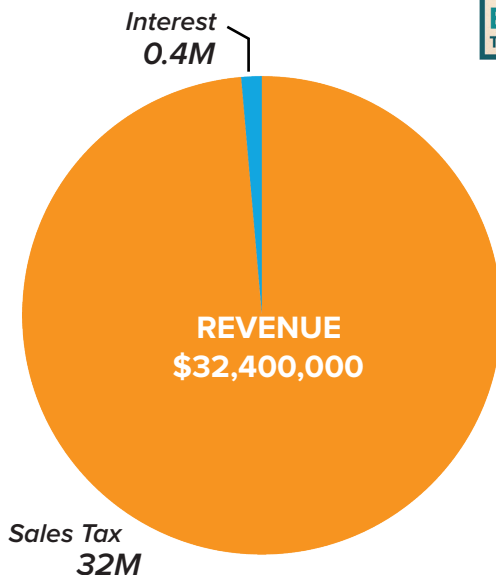
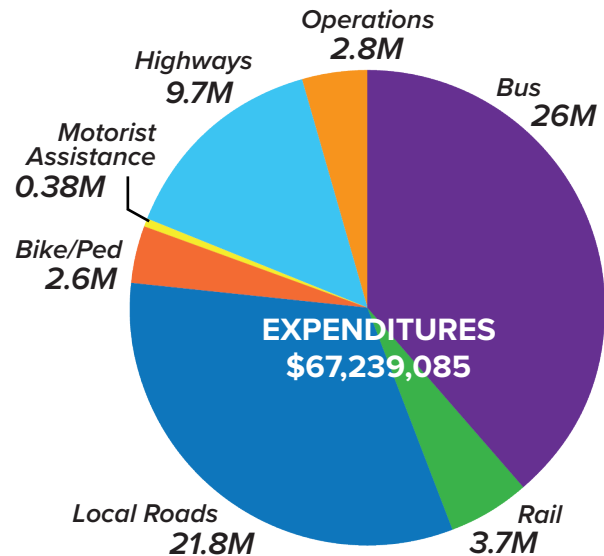
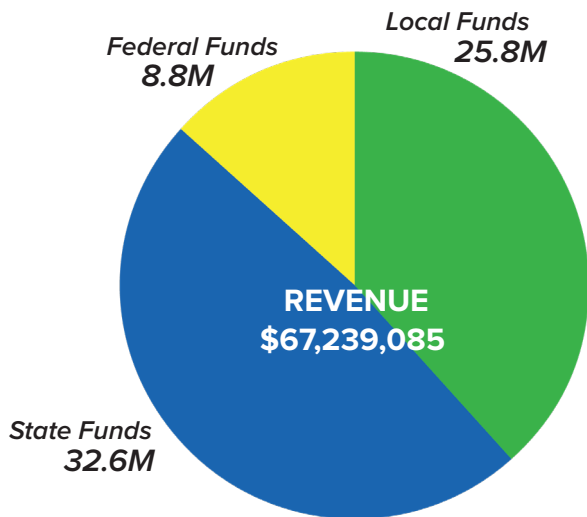
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Cover Photos: Salinas Train Station. (The first segment of the overall Monterey County Rail Extension project that will increase passenger rail service from the San Francisco Bay Area to Salinas.)

FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021



Sixty percent of Measure X sales tax is returned to the County and each city to fix potholes and address other transportation safety improvements, while the remaining 40% of the funds are dedicated to regional projects overseen by our agency. To review how Measure X funds were expended by local cities and the County, visit: <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/city-and-county-annual-reports-on-measure-x-spending>.

TRANSITIONING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC



Our agency, like others, continues to navigate the intricacies of adhering to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, while working to serve Monterey County and deliver our projects and programs. We utilized virtual applications to conduct meetings, open houses, and townhall events, while prioritizing safety, with the communities we serve.

We held outdoor public meetings, and developed interactive maps, surveys, and opportunities for online public feedback to advance projects such as State Route 1 SURF! Busway, US 101 South of Salinas, State Route 183 Castroville Improvement Project, the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG), and the expansion of rail service on the Central Coast. We developed and distributed bilingual “Play to Learn Kits” to families, providing traffic safety education to Monterey County youth through remote learning.

We celebrated the completion of the Measure X funded MST King City Maintenance Facility, which will create new jobs and save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating costs, because buses operating in South County can now be serviced there.



PROJECTS TRANSITIONING FORWARD IN 2022

The following projects are making significant progress in 2022 to make our transportation system safer and more efficient:



Imjin Parkway Widening and Roundabouts:

After receiving a final allocation of \$19 million in state monies, the City of Marina is preparing to start construction early next year to widen Imjin Parkway to four lanes, add roundabouts and make transit, pedestrian, and bike improvements between Reservation Road and Imjin Road that will benefit commuters and the community along the corridor.

State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange:

Construction of the Castroville Boulevard Interchange will be ready to start early next year, funded in part with a \$20 million State grant. This is the first of three segments that make up the larger regional State Route 156 Corridor project, a new four-lane expressway parallel to the existing route, which would then become a frontage road for North County residents, and a new US 101/State Route 156 Interchange.



State Route 68 and US 101 South of Salinas: The Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved the prioritization of the US 101 South of Salinas and the State Route 68 Scenic Corridor projects for federal funding. With the recent enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), there is the potential for a significant increase in federal transportation investments in Monterey County, and these two projects are well-positioned to compete for that funding. The next phase of the US 101 project is expected to start early next year with environmental documentation and detailed designs. The project development team for the State Route 68 project are finalizing the conceptual plans for roundabouts along this important corridor.



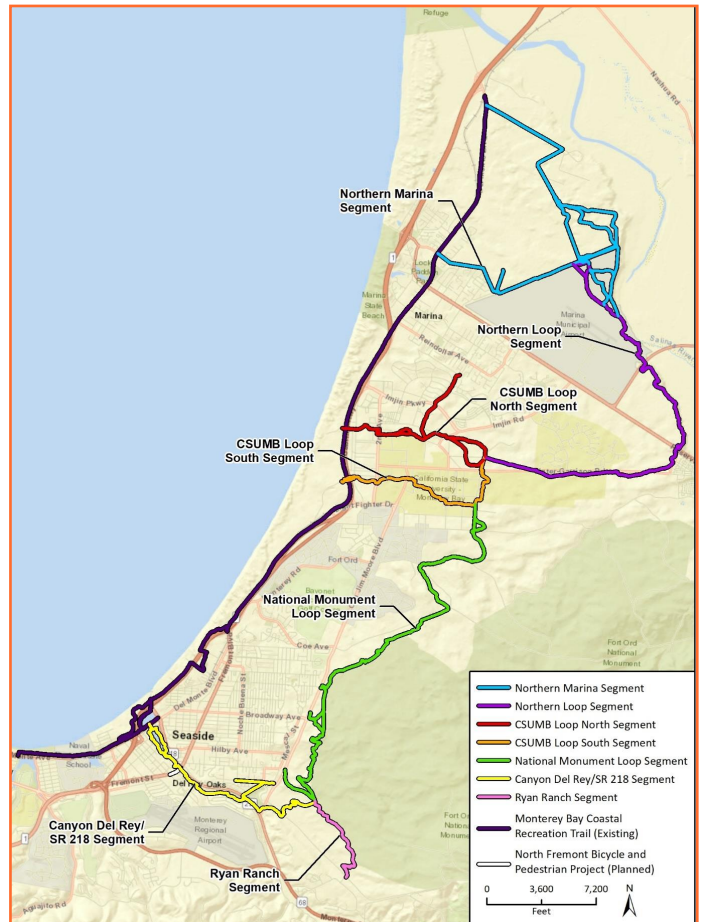
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SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project: The SURF! project is a 6-mile bus only corridor that parallels Highway 1 between Marina and Seaside/Sand City. The project is proposed to be built within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, owned by the Transportation Agency, to provide commuters a traffic-free alternative to Highway 1. Preliminary engineering and environmental review was completed in 2021.

The Transportation Agency is supporting MST’s efforts to secure federal and state funds to construct the SURF! Busway while final engineering is conducted in 2022.

Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG): The FORTAG project was approved by Monterey County voters as part of the county-wide Transportation Safety and Investment Plan in 2016. After seven years of extensive regional planning, public feedback and outreach, the Agency was successful in securing over \$10 million in State funding to start construction on the first segment of the of the 28-mile greenway. The Agency was also recently notified by the Federal Highway Administration that another segment of the trail connecting Imjin Road to the Jerry Smith Trailhead was short-listed for a \$5.6 million federal grant. As the project continues to move forward, Agency staff has been meeting and listening to all members of the community and is excited to start construction on the Americans with Disabilities Act accessible first segment in 2023. (<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/fort-ord-regional-trail-greenway>)



MEASURE X

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee: Despite the fluctuations in Measure X sales tax revenues due to the pandemic, Measure X projects remain on track. To ensure the public trust in the use of these funds, the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee conducted their annual audit of revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds for compliance with the terms of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan. The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee's annual audit report for fiscal years 20/21 is included on the next two pages of this report.

We are proud to represent the wide variety of stakeholders who, in 2015, dreamed of ways to invest in our highways, roads, streets and sidewalks to improve the safety and mobility of all who live, work and play in Monterey County. Measure X represents the promise of our democratic form of self-governance, when multiple interests can listen, negotiate, compromise, and harness consensus for taxation as an investment in the common goods of safe and reliable transportation systems. Because we agreed to tax ourselves locally, Monterey County is leveraging State funding and ready to leverage Federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. Members of the Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee have transitioned from their role as advocates for Measure X's passage in 2016 (69% approval) to now holding elected officials accountable to steward the tax dollars as promised.

The majority of Measure X funds (60 percent) flows to the county and 12 cities. It is our job to ensure that all of them comply with their funding agreements through this Year-end Annual Compliance Report, now in its third year. Key to compliance is 'Maintenance of Effort' -which requires that the county and cities are using Measure X funds only in addition to previously committed funding to their local roads and streets instead of as a replacement for previous improvement funds or ongoing expenditures.

The City of Carmel and Sand City are not in compliance because they lacked sufficient project expenditures to count towards their Maintenance

of Effort requirement. In both instances, the cities will need to make up the difference in funds while still meeting their current year Maintenance of Effort in order to bring themselves into compliance. The City of Greenfield is out of compliance due to missing audit reports. All three cities must remediate these issues in order to continue receiving future Measure X distributions.

The following table illustrates the amount of funds received by each jurisdiction and their compliance with reporting requirements.

City or County	Funds Received	Reports Submitted on Time?	Annual Compliance Report	Maintenance of Effort	5-Year Program of Projects	Independent Audit	Pavement Condition Report
Monterey County	8,149,671	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmel-by-the-Sea	213,305	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes
Del Rey Oaks	81,764	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gonzales	279,520	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	550,328	NO	NO	Yes	NO	Yes	NO
King City	460,858	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marina	847,410	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monterey	1,093,219	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacific Grove	657,027	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salinas	4,865,844	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sand City	32,375	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seaside	1,084,029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soledad	727,433	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

TOTAL
Local
Agencies: \$19,042,784

The Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee continues to encourage judicious stewardship of our tax dollars. We encourage Monterey County voters and residents to engage your Mayors and City Council members as they make decisions for spending Measure X funds on local street and road safety, repair, and maintenance. This is how we will all uphold the promise made in 2016 to contribute to our common good and indeed how we will make it so.

Respectfully,

Barbara Meister, *2021-2022 Chair*
Paula Getzelman, *2020-2021 Past Chair*
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee
Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)