



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

June 28, 2023

TAMC Board Approves Measure X Senior & Disabled Program Cycle 3 Grant Recommendations

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved a resolution programming \$1.5 million for Cycle 3 Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Program grants for fiscal years 2023/25 through 2025/25. The five non-profit organizations selected to receive grants to support the transportation needs of seniors and person with disabilities are:

- \$345,504 to Partnership for Children,
- \$705,263 to Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County,
- \$227,820 to Alliance on Aging,
- \$142,644 to Blind & Visually Impaired Center, and
- \$78,770 to Kernes Memorial Pool.

In addition, the Board approved an extension to the deadline for Kernes Memorial Pool to use their Cycle 2 funding by one year, from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024, due to impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The purpose of the Measure X Senior & Disabled Program is to:

1. Increase transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to support their ability to live independently in their homes and communities.
2. Fund non-profit transportation to support seniors and persons with disabilities.
3. Provide the following benefits:
 - Give seniors more transportation options,
 - Support independent travel by people with disabilities, and
 - Provide safer and more reliable senior transportation services.

Three New Members Appointed to Serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

The TAMC Board of Directors appointed three new members to serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

Greg Hamer will represent the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce; Dale Agron will represent the Sierra Club Ventana Chapter as the Habitat Preservation representative; and Diana Jimenez will represent the North Monterey County League of United Latin American Citizens Council. The duties of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee include the following:

1. **Independent Audits:** Have full access to the Agency's independent auditor and review the annual audits, have the authority to request and review specific financial information, and provide input on the audit to assure that funds are being expended in accordance with the requirements of the plan.
2. **Plan Changes:** Review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the plan, prior to the Transportation Agency Board consideration.
3. **Project Delivery and Priorities:** Review and comment on project delivery schedules as represented in the Strategic Expenditure Plan and make recommendations to the Transportation Agency on any proposal for changing project delivery priorities.
4. **Annual and Final Reports:** Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the Transportation Agency Board and be made available for public review.

Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan Presentation

Maria Kelly from TeleworX provided a presentation on the Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan. Her presentation included a review of how this project is being coordinated with other efforts (e.g., Broadband for All Action Plan, Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative, State Digital Equity Plan).

The Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan is expected to support future State and Federal grant applications to fund infrastructure and digital equity program implementation. Digital equity is a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy. Improving access to the broadband network is essential to achieving digital equity, especially those representing unserved and underserved communities, because it is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

Under Governor Newsom's directive, the Broadband Council completed the Broadband for All Action Plan to ensure that all Californians have access to high-speed internet that is affordable, are provided with the devices, and training needed to connect to the broadband network.