

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

Final 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 -

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	P	P(VC)
Alissa Guthier, 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.