

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 April 18, 2023, Meeting

Voting Members	APR 20	AUG 17	OCT 19	FEB 15	APR 19	AUG 16	OCT 18	FEB 21	APR 18
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>	E	A	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 P(A)	P E	P E	P P	E P	P PV(A)
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	A -	A P(A)	A P(A)	P -	E -	E P(A)	E P(A)	E P	E E
Victoria Beach, Chair Bicycling Advocate <i>(vacant)</i>	A -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P P
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	A -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P P
Cliff Fasnacht Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>	A -	A -	- -	E -	E -	- -	- -	E -	E E
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(John Bailey)</i>	P -	A -	- -	E -	E -	- -	E -	E -	E E
Jonathan Geisler Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Monica Lal)</i>	P P(A)	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	- P(A)	E P(A)	E PV(A)

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	P
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transp. Planner						P	-		-
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transp. Planner							P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	-	-	-	P	P	-	P		P
P = present P(A)= present (alternate) PV= Zoom E = excused absence A = unnoticed absence - = alternate absent V = vacant position									
OTHERS PRESENT									
Elouise Rodriguez	TAMC Staff			Jennifer Ramirez			Partnership for Children,		
Jessica McKillip	Independent Transportation Network (ITN)								

1. WELCOME

Norm Groot, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was established, and Elouise Rodriguez took roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Rowley/Dayton/unanimous

3.1 Approved the draft minutes of the February 15, 2023, committee meeting, with corrections noted.

4 **MARINA-SALINAS MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR: IMJIN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE**

M/S/C Brennan/Snodgrass/unanimous

The Committee received a presentation on the Marina to Salinas Multimodal Corridor: Imjin Road Widening Project.

Edrie De Los Santos, Senior Engineer, City of Marina, reported the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor: Imjin Road Widening is a regional Measure X project on Imjin Parkway from Imjin Road to Reservation Road. It serves as one of the major commute corridors between the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas, ranging at various points in the project limits from 24,000 vehicles to 39,000 vehicles traversing the roadway each weekday.

He noted construction funding for the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Imjin Road Widening Project includes \$2 million in local impact fees, \$18.25 million in Measure X funds, \$19 million in SB1 Local Partnership Program - Competitive funds, and \$1.25 million in SB1 Local Partnership Program - Formula funds, for a total of \$40.5 million. He stated that working with TAMC is one of the major reasons this project is moving forward. Construction will begin in June and should be completed by September 2025. Mr. De Los Santos noted that a project website with multiple languages will be available soon.

Committee member Brennan commented that one of the major benefits of this project is reduction in green gas emissions.

Committee member Rowley asked when the Eastside Bypass was going to be discussed, noting we desperately need this, and asked that the Eastside Bypass project be agendaized for discussion at a future date.

Executive Director Muck noted that the Imjin Road Widening Project is the first major project going into construction and funded by Measure X. Committee member Beach asked if there were any diagrams of pedestrian and bicyclists' movements that would happen at the roundabout, and Chair Groot expressed concerns with the big rig trucks navigating through roundabouts. Mr. De Los Santos noted there will be exhibits to show bicyclists and pedestrians movements through the roundabout, and that the roundabouts are sized to accommodate large truck movements; just as they currently are for roundabouts on Reservation Road, Del Monte Avenue and Imjin. He pointed out that the Del Monte Beach roundabout was designed to accommodate two-trailer trucks going to the Dole plant in Marina.

5. **MEASURE X FIFTH YEAR AUDIT RESULTS**

The Committee received a presentation on the Measure X Fifth Year Audit (FY21/22) results and the Measure X Annual Report.

Chair Norm Groot, reported that the audit subcommittee of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee conducted the fifth year audit of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds, prepared the Committee's annual report, and will present their findings to Measure X Oversight Committee and to the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors, in accordance with their duties as defined in the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan.

He noted in the past fiscal year, 2021/2022, Measure X generated \$38.1 million in revenues. Of that amount, 60% was distributed to the cities and the County for local street and road projects,

while the remaining 40% was programmed to regional safety and mobility projects. He stated that Measure X funds are not intended to replace City and County funds, but to augment funds the jurisdictions already receive for projects involving local roads, streets, and sidewalks.

Each year, a compliance report is required from the County and the 12 municipalities that receive funding from Measure X. The duties of the audit subcommittee as defined above are to conduct the audit with TAMC staff for specific compliance requirements, 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.

The Measure X Audit Subcommittee conducted the independent audit and prepared the Measure X Annual Report in January 2023. Their audit revealed that in the past fiscal year, the cities of Salinas and Greenfield submitted their reports late, and Sand City is not fully in compliance due to continuing to not meet their maintenance of effort requirement. As a result, future funding will be withheld from those three municipalities until all compliance requirements are met. Mr. Groot stated that this information is included in the annual report prepared by the subcommittee. The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee thanks the County and the 9 cities that are in compliance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan and thanked the audit subcommittee members for their service.

6. SENIOR & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION CYCLE 3 AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

M/S/C Brennan/Hebard/unanimous

The Committee recommended that the Board award Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 3 funds as follows:

1. \$345,504 to Partnership for Children,
2. \$705,263 to Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County,
3. \$227,820 to Alliance on Aging,
4. \$142,644 to Blind & Visually Impaired Center, and
5. \$78,770 to Kernes Memorial Pool; and

M/S/C Brennan/Rowley/unanimous

The Committee recommended that the Board approve an extension due to the Covid Pandemic interference to the deadline for Kernes Memorial Pool to use their Cycle 2 funding by one year, from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Member Meister asked that the minutes from this meeting should note the committee's intention to examine Kernes' application next year to see if they have met their full funding under normal service.

Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transportation Planner, reported that the Transportation Agency received five applications for the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 3 funding for fiscal years 2023-2026 totaling \$2,176,436. The Transportation Agency has \$1.5 million available for Cycle 3. The grant review subcommittee recommends reducing the award amount for the top four applicants by 25%, with the remainder going to the fifth ranked applicant, to make sure all applicants receive sufficient funding to perform a revised scope of their project proposals; and to extend the time for the deadline for Kernes Memorial Pool to use their Cycle 2 funding by one year, to June 30, 2024.

Committee member Rowley asked if the Blind & Visually Impaired Center had rectified hiring an Executive Director. Mr. Hernandez replied yes.

Committee member Brennan commented that one of the major benefits of this project is reduction in green gas emissions.

Committee member Rowley asked when the East Side Bypass was going to be discussed, noting we desperately need this, and asked that the East Side Bypass project be agendaized for discussion at a future date. Director Muck replied that staff will agendaize the needs around the county and new projects at a future date.

Committee member Hebard asked if the agency had conversations with the agencies to determine if a 25% reduction in funding of what they were seeking would jeopardize the viability of their programs? Mr. Hernandez replied that the agencies stated they would be better off with the full amount but could work with the reduced funding by making adjustments to some of their scope of work.

Member Meister asked if the \$1.5 million budgeted for the Senior & Disabled program be raised to accommodate the requested amounts with the excess revenues from Measure X? Mr Muck responded that each project and program had a dollar in the measure when it passed, and that the agency would need to examine how to change that. He also stated that the excess was being saved to pay for regional projects without having to go through financing, such as bonding, as was the case of the \$18.2 million mentioned in the Imjin project. Mr. Muck said in the next few years after paying for some of the bigger regional projects, staff will have this discussion with the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee and the TAMC Board of Directors to change the formula.

Member Beach asked if the excess funds were discretionary and are there any provisions on how they can be spent? Committee member Dayton replied that there were provisions in the Plan on how excess funds could be spent. He cited them in accordance with page 27 of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and asked if the Oversight Committee would be able to initiate this discussion or should it go to the TAMC Board. After further discussion, Mr. Muck and Chair Groot said the discussion should be brought to the Oversight committee at one of the next two meetings. Mr. Groot noted that the agenda for the next meeting in August was full and suggested it be placed at the subsequent meeting in October.

Mr. Dayton also pointed out that MST's Measure Q funds senior & disabled programs and the committee should keep that in mind. He noted that at least 2 of the Measure X applicants are receiving funds from Measure Q and the public agencies should ensure that they are not fundings the same thing.

Chair Groot asked if we were setting a precedent by extending Kernes Pool deadline for Cycle 2 funding and if this was unfair to other agencies who are unable to use their Cycle 2 funds; and what happens to unused Cycle 3 funds.

Member Barrera asked if all agencies served South County. When Mr. Hernandez responded yes, Mr. Barrera noted that the same organizations are applying each year. He stated he had an issue with that and pointed out that the committee had asked TAMC to expand their outreach in South County to show community members how to apply for the grant program. Mr. Hernandez responded that the agency would reassess the program guidelines and adjust.

Public comment:

Jennifer Ramirez, Executive Director Partnership for Children, thanked the Committee, and stated the organization would be able to provide services but there would be a significant reduction, noting the limitations on gas cards and trips per month for families with the inability to purchase another vehicle with the 25% reduction in funding.

Jessica McKillip, Executive Director of Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County, thanked the Committee, noting that funding launched both of their rural lines in North County and the Salinas Valley, and the funding is vital to keep projects alive.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee postponed the group photo until August.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Groot adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.