



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

****9:00 AM****

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1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. 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 Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

3. 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.

4. RECEIVE update on federal legislative activities.

- Watson

TAMC federal legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, will present an update on federal legislative activities.

5. RECEIVE preliminary concepts of the US 101- South of Salinas corridor study and AUTHORIZE staff to conduct public outreach on the corridor study to collect input on the project.

-Bilse

US 101 between the Chualar interchange and the Airport Boulevard interchange in the City of Salinas has several at-grade intersections that directly serve side roads. Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrans, City of Salinas, County of Monterey, and the South of Salinas (SOS) US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to study options to improve safety along this busy agricultural route. The study will consider removing the at-grade uncontrolled exit and entrance points along US 101, upgrading existing interchanges, and utilizing a network of frontage roads to serve the rerouted traffic. The highest priority is to eliminate at-grade left turns across the expressway. The study team is ready to conduct public outreach to share design options that address the safety issues along this corridor.

6. REVIEW and COMMENT on the proposed racial equity program for the Transportation Agency.

- Hale

In November 2021, Agency staff participated in a three-part training with the County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office. The training provided data that shows that race is a

leading determinant of negative economic outcomes in a community, often due to underinvestment or historical bias. Staff has prepared a draft program to integrate specific racial equity-based activities into three Transportation Agency activity areas: funding, public outreach and hiring.

- 7. RECEIVE** reports from Transportation Providers:
 - Caltrans Director's Report and Project Update - Eades
 - Monterey Peninsula Airport - Sabo
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
 - Monterey Bay Air Resources District - Stedman

- 8. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.**

- 9. Executive Director's Report.**

- 10. Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.**

- 11. ADJOURN**

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ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3. 1.1 APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of May 26, 2021.

- Rodriguez

- 3. 1.2 ACCEPT** the list of checks written for the month of May 2021 and credit card statements for the month of April 2021.

- Delfino

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency's financial transactions.

- 3. 1.3 RECEIVE** report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

- Muck

Agency staff attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.

- 3. 1.4 Title VI and Language Assistance Plan**

1. **ADOPT** Resolution 2021-09 adopting the Agency's updated Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to make administrative modifications to the Plan, execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts and/or agreements required in execution and implementation of the Title VI Plan.

- Jacobsen

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin in their programs or activities. As a recipient of federal funds, TAMC's Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan establish a policy of nondiscrimination.

3. 1.5 APPROVE attached updated Agency weighted vote table.

- Goel

In accord with Agency Bylaws, staff revised the weighted vote table based on the most current population estimate prepared by the California Department of Finance. Staff revises the weighted vote table annually when the new population estimates are available.

3. 1.6 Executive Director Employment Agreement Amendment No. 1

1. **APPROVE** Amendment 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Debra L. Hale; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Chair of the Board of Directors to sign Amendment 1.

- Goel/Hansen

Executive Director Debra L. Hale has notified the Board of Directors of her intention to retire in 2021. Ms. Hale's employment agreement with TAMC expires on June 30, 2021. The Board of Directors has requested she continue her employment with TAMC to overlap with the hiring of a replacement, and thus, a short extension of the agreement is necessary, by way of an amendment.

3. 1.7 APPROVE delaying the annual evaluation for the Agency Executive Director and Counsel to 2022 from June 2021 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

- Goel/Hansen

The Transportation Agency bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel. However, since Executive Director Hale will be retiring this year, it is recommended that the evaluation not be done in 2021. TAMC Counsel Katherine Hansen was recently appointed to this position and there has not been sufficient time to evaluate her performance.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES

3. 2.1 RECEIVE list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

- Jacobsen

In its role as the Transportation Development Act fund administrator, the Transportation Agency annually seeks public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds. Staff coordinated with Monterey-Salinas Transit and its Mobility Advisory Committee to evaluate the unmet transit needs comments received through April 30, 2021.

PLANNING - No items this month

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3. 4.1 Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance - Contract Amendment

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Kimley-Horn Associates to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to complete the Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance for Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Jacobsen

The technical assistance has been completed for the cities that participated in this contract. However, coordination is on-going with Monterey County. The proposed contract amendment will extend the timeline from June 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with no changes to the contract's not to exceed amount of \$130,310.

3. 4.2 Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Call for Construction Bids:

1. **APPROVE** the draft Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions, Bid Forms and Plans for construction of Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Signs, subject to Agency Counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to publish the final bid documents and any addenda, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a contract with the lowest responsive responsible bidder; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of construction funds from the approved project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$735,000, included in the \$887,000 allocation approved by the California Transportation Commission at their December 2020 meeting, plus local matching funds.

- Williamson

The Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions and Bid Forms, in conjunction with the project plans, enable the Agency to seek construction bids from qualified contractors to furnish and install pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County.

3. 4.3 Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Marina to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Del Monte Boulevard

Extension Project in the amount of \$303,807.71;

2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

- Zeller

The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by population to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.

RAIL PROGRAM

3. 5.1 Monterey Branch Line Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company

1. **APPROVE** the Easement Purchase Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company regarding a permanent non-exclusive utility easement within the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way near Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road in Marina, California for improvements for an existing gas transmission line, subject to approval by legal counsel;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute the Easement Purchase Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Easement Purchase Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Easement Purchase Agreement;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a deed granting a permanent non-exclusive utility easement in favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to install improvements for an existing gas transmission line; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the permanent non-exclusive utility easement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or significantly change the approved easement terms or amounts.

- Williamson

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to perform improvements along existing gas transmission lines near the intersection of Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road in Marina California. To accommodate potential future light rail improvements, PG&E's planned gas line improvements will be moved along Del Monte Boulevard from south of Reservation Road to north of Reservation Road. This relocation of planned improvements will require the grant of a permanent non-exclusive utility easement.

3. 5.2 Salinas Rail Project - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #9:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #9 to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the design work for Package 1 at the Salinas train station; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Watson

The Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, package 1 (Salinas Station area improvements) is in the construction and final design phase. HDR Engineering, Inc. was originally hired for this work in June 2014 after a formal Request for Proposals process. The contract now needs to be amended to add time to the contract to complete the project final design, due to the longer timeframe now anticipated for the close-out of that construction project.

3. 5.3 Rail Network Integration Study Contract Amendment #1:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with AECOM, to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Watson

The Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study has been drafted for Board review. Due to a delay in completion of the Caltrans ridership estimates, Caltrans approved a time extension on the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds allocated for this study. The time is needed to do public outreach on the draft study and to finalize the study. AECOM was originally hired for this work in April 2019 after a formal request for proposals process.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE - No items this month

COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE

3. 7.1 ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of June 7, 2021

- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of June 3, 2021
- [Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee](#) - No meeting

- Rodriguez

3. 7.2 RECEIVE correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of June 2021.

- Rodriguez

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Next Regular Transportation Agency for Monterey County meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

9:00 A.M.

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 Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00pm the Monday before the meeting. Such comments will be distributed to the Board 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:

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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 Board 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.

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Federal Legislative Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on federal legislative activities.

SUMMARY:

TAMC federal legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, will present an update on federal legislative activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Some of the proposed legislation may have a financial impact on TAMC.

DISCUSSION:

Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, will present a verbal update on federal legislative activities. **Attached** is a report on federal activities the week of May 17-21, highlighting the negotiations over infrastructure funding.

President Biden proposed the American Jobs Plan (**web attachment 1**) in March that includes a significant investment in transportation infrastructure and is intended to be above and beyond what is included in the authorization bill. The President's budget, announced on May 28, carried forward all the transportation funding elements of the American Jobs Plan.

The current transportation authorization bill, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, expires on September 30, 2021, after a one-year extension. Both the House and the Senate are working on a new authorization bill, which is likely to be a five-year bill. The sticking point is always the source of funding ("pay-fors") for the bill.

The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee reported out the highway title on May 26, called the "Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021" (STRA, **web attachment 2**). Senate Committees responsible for the rail, transit, highway safety, and funding titles have yet to report out bills.

On June 4, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee announced the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act", also known as the "INVEST in America Act" (**web attachments 3-4**). The bill includes a \$2 million earmark for the US 101 Safety Improvements - South of Salinas project. (Earmarks are listed in the "Amendment" document that was published on June 7, **web attachment 5**: the US 101 project is #237 on page 69.)

ATTACHMENTS:

▫ Alcalde & Fay federal legislative update

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [March 31, 2021 White House news release, "Fact Sheet: The American Jobs Plan"](#)
2. [Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 \(STRA-21\) fact sheet](#)
3. [June 7, 2021 article in Mass Transit, "House T&I Committee intros \\$547 billion INVEST in America Act"](#)
4. [INVEST in America Act fact sheet](#)
5. [House T&I Committee "Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to HR 3684](#)

ALCALDE & FAY

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIRM



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Week of May 17-21, 2021

FEDERAL UPDATE

This week both the House and Senate were again in session and continued legislative business. The Senate this week agreed to a motion to discharge the nomination of Kristen Clarke to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights from the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 50-48; the committee had deadlocked over Clarke's nomination earlier this month in a party-line 11-11 vote.

The House this week approved legislation (*COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, S. 937*) addressing the rise in hate crimes against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders. In a strong bipartisan vote of 364-62, the House sent the bill to the President's desk (as it was previously passed the Senate last month) and President Biden signed it into law on Thursday. The House also passed legislation emergency supplemental appropriations bill this week providing \$1.9 billion in response to the attack on the U.S. Capitol complex on January 6th, as further detailed below. In a separate effort to respond to the January 6th riots/insurrection, the House also passed the *National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act* (H.R. 3233) to create a 9/11-style commission to investigate the circumstances and causes of the January 6th attack. The bill, a bipartisan agreement between House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and Ranking Member John Katko (R-NY), passed the House by a vote of 252-175, with 35 Republican lawmakers voting with all Democrats in support of the bill. Republican leadership in both the House and Senate have publically opposed the bill, and at this time it seems unlikely that it could garner the 60 votes needed to clear the Senate. In the event the bill stalls in the Senate, House Democrats could alternately move to create a select committee with subpoena power to investigate the attack, although House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has indicated that she wants to give the Senate more time before she considers that approach.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS OUTLOOK

The White House announced this week that the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget request will now be released on Friday, May 28th instead of the 27th as they had indicated last week. As previously reported, the President released a brief outline (available [here](#)) of his forthcoming \$1.52 trillion discretionary spending request last month, but the forthcoming budget proposal will include detailed requests for each agency.

With the President's budget set to be released at the end of the month, the House Appropriations Committee is preparing to move forward with consideration of its 12 FY 2022 spending bills beginning next month, even as it remains unclear when House Democrats will adopt topline discretionary spending limits for FY 2022. According to a new tentative schedule, the subcommittees would hold their respective markups starting on Thursday, June 24th continuing through June 28th and June 30th, with a final subcommittee markup on July 12th after the House returns from the Fourth of July recess. Full Committee markups would begin on June 29th and occur each day through July 1st, and then following the Fourth of July recess additional markups would be held on July 13th, 15th and 16th. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has also indicated he would like the House to clear all twelve spending bills prior to adjourning for August recess on July 30th. Given this expedited timeline, the House could very well opt to package spending bills into "minibus" packages to save time as has been the practice in recent years.

As referenced above, this week the House passed the *Emergency Security Supplemental to Respond to January 6th Appropriations Act, 2021* (summary [here](#); bill text [here](#)) by a vote of 213-212, with three Democrats voting against the bill, three voting “present,” and no Republicans voting in favor. As previously reported, the \$1.9 billion bill includes both funding to backfill costs related to the insurrection itself (Capitol Police overtime and trauma support, costs associated with staging the National Guard for several months, etc.) as well as more than \$500 million to cover the costs of future Capitol complex security enhancements (window/door hardening, enhanced screening sites, additional security cameras, etc.). During the House Rules Committee’s consideration of the bill on Tuesday, several Republican lawmakers expressed specific concerns with the supplemental spending package, including concerns that a quick reaction force to secure the Capitol would be under control of the District of Columbia National Guard and not Congress. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Leahy (D-VT) has also expressed similar concerns regarding the D.C. National Guard as well as some concerns over the package, particularly related to ensuring the Capitol Complex remains open and accessible to the public.

While the bill is expected to be brought to the floor for consideration by the full Senate, the bill will likely need to be renegotiated in order to garner the 60 votes needed to pass.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT IMPLEMENTATION

This week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced (press release available [here](#)) it would be distributing \$3 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funds through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants to States. Specifically, HHS will distribute \$1.5 billion through the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Program to give assistance to states in providing comprehensive community mental health services and addressing needs in existing treatment services for those with severe mental health conditions (MHBG allocations available [here](#)), and \$1.5 billion through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program (SABG) to provide assistance to states in implementing and evaluating activities to prevent, treat, and help individuals recover from substance abuse disorder (SABG allocations available [here](#)). While this funding is being distributed to states and territories, units of local government are encouraged to contact their respective State Agency (information and contacts available [here](#)) to see how these funds will be allocated locally or can be used to support municipal services.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Negotiations between the White House and congressional party leadership on an infrastructure package continued this week, and in particular the sides appear at odds on how the issue of infrastructure financing. Democrats continue to push for Biden’s proposed tax increases while many Republicans have advocated for new and/or expanded user fees, including a new user fee on electric vehicles, to pay for the package. This week, however, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on infrastructure financing in which there was some bipartisan consensus between Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Ranking Member Michael Crapo (R-ID) in calling for the revival of the Build America Bonds program, which provided federal payments to states and localities to issue taxable municipal bonds at higher interest rates, and federal investments that attract and support public-private partnerships.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

As negotiations on a broader infrastructure package continue, Congress is poised to move forward in earnest in the coming weeks on surface transportation reauthorization legislation which will likely be included as part of the infrastructure package. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Chairman Tom Carper (D-DE) announced this week that his Committee is tentatively scheduled to markup the highway portion of the surface transportation bill on Wednesday, May 26th, although at this no bill text has been released. Similarly, House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) indicated House Democrats’ bill will be released “soon” although likely after the Memorial Day holiday as his Committee is in the process of reviewing nearly \$14.9 billion in member designated project funding requests for potential inclusion in the bill.

Meanwhile T&I Committee Republicans this week unveiled their own surface transportation proposal, the *Surface Transportation Advanced through Reform, Technology, & Efficient Review (STARTER) Act 2.0* (bill text available [here](#); section-by-section summary [here](#)) that would make a \$400 billion investment in roads, bridges, transit, and highway

safety over 5 years, a 32% increase above FAST Act funding levels for the National Highway Safety Performance Program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the National Highway Freight Program, and the Rural Area Formula Grant Program, and extend the current Highway Trust Fund expenditure authority and highway-related taxes. The bill proposes several mechanisms to streamline project delivery, ensure flexibility for states and non-federal partners to meet their unique transportation needs, and foster innovation and use of technology. Of particular note, the proposal would expand a FAST Act a pilot program to study the possibility of implementing vehicles for miles traveled (VMT) fees, increase the Private Activity Bonds cap from \$15 billion to \$45 billion, authorize \$1 billion annually through FY 2026 for the national infrastructure investment program, allow for the increase of the federal-cost share to 100 percent for federal-aid highway projects for FY 2022-23, and increase the maximum federal and total estimated net capital costs for Small Start projects by \$100 million. Additionally the bill would establish a Rural Starts program to assist small projects in non-urban areas, create rural set-asides for several existing grant programs, add resiliency components to several existing formula grant programs, and authorize an increased federal cost-share in highway funding for activities that incorporate resiliency in their design.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **US 101- South of Salinas Project Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE preliminary concepts of the US 101- South of Salinas corridor study and **AUTHORIZE** staff to conduct public outreach on the corridor study to collect input on the project.

SUMMARY:

US 101 between the Chualar interchange and the Airport Boulevard interchange in the City of Salinas has several at-grade intersections that directly serve side roads. Transportation Agency staff is working with Caltrans, City of Salinas, County of Monterey, and the South of Salinas (SOS) US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to study options to improve safety along this busy agricultural route. The study will consider removing the at-grade uncontrolled exit and entrance points along US 101, upgrading existing interchanges, and utilizing a network of frontage roads to serve the rerouted traffic. The highest priority is to eliminate at-grade left turns across the expressway. The study team is ready to conduct public outreach to share design options that address the safety issues along this corridor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The US 101 South of Salinas study is funded with \$440,000 of Measure X funds. As a regional Measure X priority project, a total of \$30 million of measure funds are allocated to the corridor. The results of the study will be a set of project improvements that meet the safety goals of the corridor while minimizing the impacts to local businesses and residents. There is currently \$8,611,000 of State Transportation Improvement Program funds programmed to start the environmental phase in fiscal year 2021/22. The costs of project improvements in the corridor have not yet been determined. Measure X funds will be used to leverage state and federal funds to construct the project improvements.

DISCUSSION:

US 101 is the major backbone of the Central Coast's transportation system connecting the greater Los Angeles region to the San Francisco Bay Area. It serves local, regional, and interregional travel needs (including business, recreation, tourism, commuting, freight and goods movement, and national defense transport). The segment of US 101 between the City of Salinas and Chualar is a key freight corridor serving agricultural farm-to-market trips. It is also an important transportation link between south Monterey County and Salinas for employment, education, and health care. There are several at-grade unsignalized intersections on US 101 between the Main Street interchange in Chualar and the Airport Boulevard interchange in Salinas that primarily serve freight traffic and local access. As such, primary safety issues in this corridor relate to freight traffic conflicts trying to access the side roads with direct links to US 101.

The Transportation Agency hired a consultant team to develop the US 101- South of Salinas Corridor Study that will identify projects needed to convert the expressway into a freeway. This requires the elimination of all at-grade turning

movements at uncontrolled intersections along US 101 between the City of Salinas and Chualar. A primary objective is to eliminate left turns along this section of US 101 that directly access side roads. Frontage roads are planned to provide a safe route for the diverted freight traffic while reducing congestion on mainline US 101. The study will also identify mitigation measures to address potential traffic impacts from the diverted traffic expected to use roads in the City of Salinas, Chualar, and the adjacent unincorporated area.

The traffic circulation analysis and preliminary project improvements are ready to be reviewed by the public. This public outreach will play an important part of the selection of a preferred alternative and the phasing of future construction projects. The Transportation Agency staff and consultant team met with representatives from the City of Salinas, County of Monterey and Caltrans to review the preliminary concepts and gain input on potential impacts of the proposed improvements. Following are issues identified as part of these meetings:

- the study should evaluate the condition of county frontage roads and identify capital improvements needed to serve additional truck traffic
- improvements to the frontage roads should include features that improve bicycle and transit service
- the roads in the City of Salinas should be evaluated for potential traffic impacts and reflect proposed improvements planned for intersections near the US 101 interchange at Airport Road
- the proposed improvements should directly serve diverted truck traffic and should not induce traffic to use frontage roads intending to avoid congestion
- Caltrans will be involved with the production of the environmental documents to ensure the approach used is consistent with past work and can be completed efficiently

A successful project needs to plan improvements in context with community values. The Transportation Agency staff and consultant team is scheduled to meet with the SOS US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance, a group of community members and project stakeholders. This meeting will review the corridor study preliminary concepts and discuss the remaining work on the corridor study, including the upcoming public outreach. This meeting with the Traffic Safety Alliance had not occurred at the time this staff report was prepared. Information provided by the Traffic Safety Alliance will be shared with the Board at the June meeting and used to finalize the agenda for the formal public outreach.

The public outreach is being scheduled to occur in July and will primarily consist of a virtual public meeting using a town hall setting. The preliminary study concepts will be presented followed by an opportunity for the stakeholders and other community members to ask questions, provide comments and share thoughts on this project. The Transportation Agency has also developed a website for the US Highway 101 South of Salinas project ([US 101 South of Salinas Project Website - Transportation Agency for Monterey County \(tamcmonterey.org\)](https://tamcmonterey.org)). The dedicated website includes project information and provides another opportunity for public input.

Information from the public outreach will lead the selection of the preferred feasible alternative that will be conducted as part of the environmental documentation which is scheduled to start after completion of this study. Transportation Agency staff continues to monitor funding programs and will develop funding requests to address the anticipated funding shortfall for project construction.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Debra L. Hale, Executive Director
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Racial Equity Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **COMMENT** on the proposed racial equity program for the Transportation Agency.

SUMMARY:

In November 2021, Agency staff participated in a three-part training with the County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office. The training provided data that shows that race is a leading determinant of negative economic outcomes in a community, often due to underinvestment or historical bias. Staff has prepared a draft program to integrate specific racial equity-based activities into three Transportation Agency activity areas: funding, public outreach and hiring.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Some proposals would involve a repurposing of existing project funding. Activities could bring additional matching funds to communities that qualify under state rules as "disadvantaged".

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency includes equity as a policy goal in its Regional Transportation Plan and several of its funding programs. In these instances, equity is evaluated primarily in terms of geographic equity. However, given the impact that low incomes and in some cases historic disinvestment has had in certain communities, expansion of equity metrics to include racial diversity is worth considering in the Agency's programs. The Monterey County Health Department has issued a report that details some of the correlations between racially diverse populations and poor health outcomes (including reduced biking and walking) that exist in communities across Monterey County.

The County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office provides a racial equity toolkit to help agencies to look at various programs to determine how to improve outcomes for diverse racial groups. TAMC staff has utilized the toolkit to evaluate how the Agency can better improve the transportation system in communities that have experienced historical underinvestment.

The staff brainstormed three areas for focus: funding, public outreach and hiring. Within each area, a team developed a set of issues, potential solutions, action items and a racial equity goal.

This program was presented and reviewed by the TAMC Executive Committee earlier in the year. Attached is a revised draft Racial Equity Program based on Committee comments. Staff is seeking review and comment on this draft program and will return with a final version for Board adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

▫ Draft Racial Equity Program



DRAFT

RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

FUNDING

Equity Statement:

Provide an equitable share of transportation investments to underserved, racially-diverse communities to improve their health, safety, and quality of life.

Action Items:

- Conduct needs assessment of cities and unincorporated communities in Monterey County to understand socioeconomic and demographic characteristics that create a disadvantaged community, including race, income, languages spoken, access to active transportation and health outcomes.. Develop maps identifying transportation-disadvantaged communities based on these criteria.
- Adopt a broader regional definition of “Disadvantaged Communities” for state funding purposes, based on the above needs assessment.
- Create a pilot program for Community Based Transportation Plans with a participatory budgeting component in a racially-diverse area, in which residents are given assistance to assess their community transportation needs, develop ideas for meaningful improvements, and given a lump sum of funding to spend on their chosen priorities.
- Focus the next round of the Safe Streets funding program on racially-diverse areas.
- Make it a priority to designate funding for a transformational project to benefit a racially diverse community.
- Include an equity discussion in the twenty-five year Regional Transportation Plan.

HIRING

Equity statement:

Hire to reflect the diversity of the Monterey County community in order to increase TAMC’s success as an agency.

Action Items:

- Develop mentorship programs through professional organizations, such as the American Public Works Association and the American Planning Association.
- Present career information at college career days.
- Evaluate recruitment practices to assure outreach to ethnically-diverse organizations and community groups.
- Actively work with Board Members, local non-profits and colleges to advertise job openings to a diverse group of individuals.
- Partner with community colleges and/or Cal State Monterey Bay to hire local interns; make it a goal to hire local talent.
- Conduct a transportation art contest with school children, to publicize the profession.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Equity Statement:

Design and implement public outreach and engagement that is broadly accessible and provides means for all to participate.

Action Items:

- Adopt regional definition of “transportation-disadvantaged communities” in coordination with the Monterey County Civil Rights office and the MoCo Health Department.
- Have staff review the AMBAG Public Participation Plan (<https://ambag.org/plans/public-participation-plan>), to assure outreach is made to a broad list of stakeholder entities.
- Identify a list of public outreach champions and allies within various ethnic groups.
- Partner with TAMC board members to get their input on community contacts and outreach/engagement strategies for projects in their jurisdiction.
- Continue to utilize remote meetings to facilitate access for those unable to travel to in-person meetings.



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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1.	North District Crosswalk Enhancements (1G760)	Various locations throughout Monterey and Santa Cruz (SRs 1, 9, 68, 129, 152, 183)	Electrical/ Signs/ Flashing Beacons/ Markings/ Pavements	Fall 2020 /Spring 2021	\$1,000,000	Minor	Mike Lew (RJ)	Alfaro Communications Construction Inc., Compton, CA	Construction is currently underway.
2.	US 101 Paris Valley 2R Rehab (1F740)	Near King City south of Paris Valley Road overcrossing to Rancho undercrossing (PM R28.0/R30.6)	Pavement rehabilitation	Summer 2019 - Winter 20/21	\$26.9 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel (AN)	Papich Construction Company	Project is complete. Resolving contract administration issues prior to Contract Acceptance. Contract Acceptance anticipated by June 30, 2021.
3.	US 101 King City Combined Projects (1F75U4)	Near King City from South of Wild Horse Road to Teague Avenue (PM 36.9/47.7)	Pavement Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit with widening and median barrier	Spring 2019— Summer 2023	\$77.7 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel (TL)	OHL, USA, Irvine, CA	Construction underway. Lanes have been reduced to 1 lane each direction from First Street to north of Jolon Road. The work is being done to the No. 1 lane.
4.	US 101 Salinas CAPM (1F700)	North of Gonzales to East Market Street (PM 73.8/87.3)	Pavement preservation	Summer 2019- Spring 2021	\$27.6 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho (TL)	Granite Rock Company San Jose, CA	Construction Contract Acceptance reached 5/14/21.
5.	US 101 Mon 101 Transportation Management System (0N200)	Near Salinas north of the Airport Blvd south of the San Miguel Canyon (86.0/95.8)	Construct Transportation Management System	Winter 2020/21-Spring 2021	\$1.6 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho (RJ)	Sturgeon Electric California, LLC Chino, CA	Construction Contract Acceptance reached 5/12/21.
6.	US 101 Salinas Rehabilitation (1C890)	East Market Street overcrossing to just south of Russell/Espinosa Road (PM 87.31/R91.5)	Roadway rehabilitation	Spring 2019 – Summer 2021	\$37 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel (TL)	Granite Rock Company, Watsonville, CA	Construction is on-going, with primarily overnight work. Ramp reconstruction work will be completed June 2021. Anticipated project completion Summer 2021.



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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
7.	TMS Detection Repair (1H990)	Various locations throughout District 5 (SRs 1, 17, 68, 156, 101) (PM Various)	Replace failed TMS Detection	Winter 2020/21	\$3 million	SB1 SHOPP	Brandy Rider	PS&E/RW	Construction is currently underway.
8.	US 101 Monterey-San Benito Co Roadside Safety Improvements (1F900)	In Monterey and San Benito Counties North Gonzales to SCL Line (PM 73.0/96.8)	Roadside safety improvements	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021	\$4.5 million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider (CM Patrick Dussell)	PS&E/RW	Construction is currently underway.
9.	US 101 Camp Roberts SRRA Infrastructure Upgrade (1H020)	Northbound and southbound at the Camp Roberts Rest Area (PM R2.9/R5.3)	Safety roadside rest area infrastructure upgrade	Winter 2021	\$5.5 million	SHOPP	Barak Miles	CONSTRUCTION	Awarded and Approved. Submittals have begun coming in and the start of construction is likely to be begin at the end of July, due to delays in getting materials.
10.	US 101 San Antonio River Bridge-Seismic Retrofit (1F820)	Near King City at the San Antonio River Bridge (PM R6.7)	Seismic retrofit 2 bridges	Winter 2020	\$6.3 million	SHOPP	Luis Duazo	CONSTRUCTION	Project was awarded September 2020. Construction ongoing.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
11.	Highway 1 Replace Culvert Near Limekiln Creek (0Q500)	Near Lucia south of Limekiln Bridge (PM 20.4)	Replace culvert and repair erosion	Fall 2021	\$850,000	SHOPP	Carla Yu	Construction	Construction contract awarded to Serafix Engineering Contractors. Construction will begin July 2021 due to water still flowing in culvert.
12.	Highway 1 Orient Express Tieback Wall (1K010)	Near Lucia south of Big Creek Bridge (27.5/27.7)	Construct tieback wall, restore roadway and facilities, place Water Pollution Control BMPs, and erosion control	Spring/Summer 2023	\$6.2 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PA&ED	The schedule was moved out to further identify biological and cultural concerns within the project limits. PA&ED: Moved to 9/1/22
13.	Highway 1 Castro Canyon Bridge Rail Upgrade (1H490)	At Castro Canyon Bridge (PM 43.1)	Replace bridge rail	Spring/Summer 2023	\$3 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PS&E	Project is now in the Design phase.
14.	Highway 1 Coastlands Wall Permanent Restoration (1M460)	Near Big Sur at 1.0 Miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (PM -44.5/44.45)	Permanent Restoration/Tieback retaining wall	Spring/Summer 2022	\$2.1 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PS&E	PS&E is approximately 95% complete and project is on schedule to be Ready To List in late September 2021.
15.	Highway 1 Little Sur Retaining Wall (1K050)	Between Little Sur River and North of Big Sur (PM 55.9/55.9)	Construct earth retaining system	Fall 2022	\$5.4 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PA&ED	Project report completed March 2020, accelerated from Fall 2020. Design expected to be complete summer 2021.
16.	Highway 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1H800)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (PM 62.97)	Bridge rail rehabilitation	Fall 2023	\$3 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PA&ED	Environmental studies were completed in May 2021, project is awaiting CTC vote in late June 2021 to open Design phase, team doing advance design in the interim. Project is a “long lead” with a longer than normal environmental study period needed to develop a context sensitive solution for the bridge rail with historic structures.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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17.	Highway 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rehab (1H460)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (PM 63.0)	Electrochemical Chloride Extraction (ECE) of bridge structure	Summer 2021- Summer 2023	\$10 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	DESIGN	Design completed January 2021, project is scheduled on the March 2021 CTC meeting agenda and expected to award June 2021.
18.	Highway 68 Hwy 68 Curve Correction (1J460)	Near Pacific Grove West of Community Hospital Entrance (PM 0/0)	Improve superelevation, widen shoulders, install rumble strip	Fall 2023	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Aaron Henkel	PS&E	Project is in the design phase.
19.	Highway 68 Route 68 Drainage Improvements (1J880)	From west of Sunset Dr to Toro Park (PM 0.2/15.7)	Drainage improvement, replace lighting, and install count stations	Winter 2024	\$5 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	PA&ED	PA&ED has begun. Target completion of Environmental phase is June 2022.
20.	Highway 68 Pacific Grove ADA Pathway (1H220)	From 17 Mile Drive to Congress Avenue (PM 0.5/0.8)	Provide accessible pathway	Winter 2022	\$0.75 million	SHOPP	Mike Lew	PS&E	Project is expected to RTL in the Fall 2021.
21.	Highway 68 Pacific Grove CAPM (1H000)	From Forest Avenue to the SR 1/68 Junction (PM 1.1/L4.3)	Pavement preservation	Winter 2022	\$8 million	SHOPP	Carla Yu	DESIGN	Project is in Design Phase.
22.	US 101 North Soledad OH Deck Replacement (0F970)	North Soledad Bridge (PM 62.1/63.2)	Bridge deck rehabilitation	Summer 2022 – Summer 2023	\$6.6 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Project team is working on an accelerated schedule towards M500 by 3/30/2022.



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23.	US 101 Spence Rd Acceleration Lane (1M760)	South of Salinas at Spence Rd (PM 81.03)	Extend NB acceleration lane	Winter 2024	\$1 million	MINOR	Brandy Rider	PAED	For this new Minor Ain partnership with TAMC, the initial focus of the team will be determining the project scope.
24.	US 101 Market Street Northbound On-ramp Improvements (1H050)	Near Salinas from East Market Street to South of Sherwood Drive (PM 87.4/87.8)	Roadway and Retaining Wall	Spring 2022- Winter 2023	\$4.7 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	Design	Working towards RTL by Fall 2021. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2022.
25.	US 101 Prunedale Rehab (1H690)	Near Prunedale North of Boronda Road overcrossing to Monterey/San Benito County Line (PM R91.5/101.3)	Pavement rehabilitation	Winter 2022- Spring 2024	\$41.5 million	SB 1 SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PA&ED	The PR and CE/CE were completed May 2021. Waiting for completion of Task Order for Design consultant to schedule PS&E kick-off meeting.
26.	Highway 156 Castroville Overhead (0A090)	On SR 156 between the SR 183/156 separation and Castroville Boulevard (PM R1.1/R2.1)	Replace Bridge Railing	Winter 2020/21- Winter 2022	\$5.5 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E/RW	Waiting for UPRR review of final plans before project can be advertised (Target August 2021). Construction targeted for Winter of 2020/21.
27.	Highway 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange (31601)	Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 (R1.6/1.4)	Construct a new interchange	Fall 2022	\$44.3 million	STIP Measure X Federal Demo	Mike Lew	PS&E/RW	The Design Phase (PS&E) is well underway. The Project team is working on 95% plans submittal expected in the next month or two. Also, Environmental team continues to work on permits.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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28.	Highway 183 Salinas to Castroville CAPM (1K430)	South of Old Cemetery Rd near Salinas south of Del Monte Ave at Castroville (PM 2.1/8.3)	Roadway rehabilitation, TMS elements, lighting, and sign panel replacement	Winter 2023	\$5.1 million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider	PID	The Environmental Phase (PA&ED) which is underway. PA&ED is scheduled to be completed 9/7/2021
29.	Highway 183 Castroville Improvement Project (1H650)	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St (PM R8.4/9.8)	Asset Management Pilot Project	Fall 2023-Summer 2025	\$16 million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider	PA&ED	The project Draft Environmental Document will be available April 2021 for public review. Public Open House would be scheduled in May 2021.
30.	Highway 218 Seaside ADA (1H230)	From Del Monte Road to Fremont Boulevard (PM R0.2/L0.9)	ADA compliant pedestrian access	Spring 2022	\$1.2 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	PS&E	Team is working towards RTL December 2021.

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PID	Project Initiation Document
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
SB	Senate Bill, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCL	Santa Clara County Line
SHOPP	Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
TMS	Traffic Management System



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: TAMC draft minutes of May 26, 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of May 26, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ TAMC Board draft minutes of May 26, 2021

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2021 TAMC BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom Meeting Video/Audio Conference Call

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JUN 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	DEC 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21
L. Alejo, Supr. Dist. 1, Past Chair (L. Gonzales; J. Gomez)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Phillips, Supr. Dist. 2, (J. Stratton)	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
C. Lopez, Supr. Dist. 3 County Rep (P. Barba)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P
W. Askew, Supr. Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
M. Adams, Supr. Dist 5 1st Vice Chair (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
D. Potter, Carmel-by-the-Sea (J. Baron)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Kerr, Del Rey Oaks (P. Lintell)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Rios, Gonzales (L. Worthy)	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
A. Untalon, Greenfield (A. Tipton)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P
M. LeBarre, King City, 2nd Vice Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	-	P	P	-	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P
E. Smith, Monterey, Chair (D. Albert; A. Renny)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Poduri, Pacific Grove, (B. Peake)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Craig, Salinas, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P	P(A)	P	P	-	P	P	P	P(A)	P
Gregory Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder; K. Cruz)	-	P	P	P	-	-	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (A. Velazquez; O. Antillon)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson, B. Patel, S. Vienna)	P(A)	-	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
T. Gubbins, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (S. Eades, O. Monroy Ochoa, J. Olejnik, K. McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
R. Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (A. Romero, D. Frisbey, A. Clymo)	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	-	P
B. Sabo, Monterey Regional Airport District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (L. Rheinheimer, M. Overmeyer)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Aurelio Gonzalez-Gomez, Watsonville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Ochoa, CSUMB (A. Lewis, L. Samuels)	-	P	P	-	-	P(A)	-	P(A)	P(A)	-

P = present; P(A) = alternate present; E = excused absence; - unnoticed absence

TAMC STAFF	JUN 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	DEC 21	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21
D. Bipse, Transportation Engineer								P	P	P
D. Delfino, Finance Officer/Analyst	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Goel, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Green, Sr. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Hale, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board/ Senior Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Terry, Accountant Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
C. Watson, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Trans. Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Wright, Community Outreach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Trans. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzales

District 1 Supervisor's Office

Eric Petersen

Salinas resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Board Member Angela Untalon led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None this month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Lopez/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Staff pulled items 3.3.4 and 3.5.2 for comment.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of April 28, 2021.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of checks written for April 2021 and credit card statement for the month of March 2021.
- 3.1.3** Received a list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Alvarez Technology Group - Manage IT Services Contract Amendment #2:
1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Alvarez Technology Group for the Agency's managed IT services contract to increase the budget by \$25,600 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$176,200 over the remaining term of the agreement ending December 31, 2024 to cover additional cybersecurity services, pending Agency Counsel approval;
 2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
 3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
 4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.
- 3.1.5** Accepted the Agency's Financial Audit Reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Regarding Federal Funds for Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Operations:

1. Approved the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects in the amount of \$684,885 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on rural transit routes; and
2. Approved Monterey-Salinas Transit's application in the amount of \$1,810,666 for bus operations under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) through the Section 5311 program; and
3. Approved Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Program of Projects in the amount of \$209,820 for Monterey-Salinas Transit service on MST Line 84: Soledad-Paso Robles; and
4. Adopted Resolution 2021-06 and Resolution 2021-07 authorizing funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs; and
5. Ratified the Executive Director's signature on the Regional Agency Certifications and Assurances for the Program of Projects.

3.2.2 Authorized Executive Director to sign 2021-2022 State Transit Assistance Program Eligibility for Transit Operators.**3.2.3** Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointments

1. Approved the appointment of Pete Scudder to serve as Monterey County Supervisor District 2's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee; and
2. Approved the appointment of Gino Garcia to serve as the City of Monterey's primary representative on the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

PLANNING**3.3.1** Regarding Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan Contract Amendment

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the Salinas Safe Routes to School Contract with Ecology Action extending the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and adding an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$97,200 changing the total budget from \$690,000 to \$787,200; and
2. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

3.3.2 Regarding Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) - Measure X Sales Tax Forecasting and Auditing Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) for the Agency's Measure X sales tax forecasting and auditing service to extend the term for an additional three years and increase the budget by \$27,000 for a new total contract budget of \$54,000;
2. Authorized the use of funds from the approved budget for this project;
3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.3.3 Regarding Federal Legislative Advocate Contract

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract with Alcalde & Fay, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$201,850, to provide federal legislative advocacy services for the period from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024;
2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.3.4 Received update on state and federal legislative activities and adopted positions on proposed legislation.

Director Hale noted at the recent state Budget Subcommittee meeting they approved adding funding to the Active Transportation Program, which would fund three more projects in the region.

3.3.5 Regarding Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

1. Authorized staff to submit Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant application for the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements project; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director to accept grant funds, if awarded.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1 Regarding MY Town Contract Extension

1. Approved Amendment #1 to the MY Town contract with Monterey Youth Museum extending the term of the Agreement from May 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022; and
2. Authorized Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

3.4.2 Regarding US 101 South of Salinas Expressway to Freeway Conversion Concept Analysis Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #1 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term of the contract to from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and increase the contract amount by \$29,935, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$551,448, to complete concept analysis design work;
2. Authorized the use of \$29,935 of Measure X funds budgeted to this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.4.3 Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Service Contracts:

1. Approved and Authorized the Executive Director to execute contracts with California Towing and Transport for an amount not to exceed \$1,400,915.00 to provide services for the Freeway Service Patrol program, for the period ending June 30, 2025;
2. Approved the use of \$1,400,915.00 in State Freeway Service Patrol funds and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved contract term or amount.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1 Regarding Monterey Branch Line Easement to Seaside County Sanitation District:

1. Approved the Sewer Easement Agreement with the Seaside County Sanitation District regarding a non-exclusive permanent and perpetual utility easement, subject to approval by Agency counsel;
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Sewer Easement Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Sewer Easement Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Sewer Easement Agreement;
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the grant of a non-exclusive utility easement over a portion of the Monterey Branch Line between Holly Street and Del Monte Boulevard with the Seaside County Sanitation District; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the non-exclusive utility easement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or significantly change the approved easement term or amount.

3.5.2 Received update on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study and Approved making the draft study available for public review.

Director Hale announced an online Open House will be available for public comments until June 30th.

3.5.3 Approved Resolution 2021-08 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Master Agreement for State Funded Transit Projects with Caltrans for funding for Monterey County rail projects, which will replace the prior Master Agreement that expires July 11, 2021, and subsequent funding allocation specific Program Supplements, pending approval by Agency Counsel.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of May 5, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of May 3, 2021
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 5, 2021
- Technical Advisory Committee - draft minutes of May 6, 2021
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting this month.

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for May 2021.

4. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN & 3-YEAR BUDGET FY 21/22**M/S/C** Kerr/Chavez/unanimous

The Board approved Resolution 2021-05 adopting the three-year budget for fiscal years 21/22 through 23/24 and the Overall Work Program for fiscal year 21/22 and approved the 2021 Integrated Funding Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Todd Muck, Executive Deputy Director, reported this final overall work program contains only minor changes made in response to comments by Caltrans and to reflect the budget modifications since the Board adopted the draft budget in February. In response to a question from Mr. Sabo, he noted that the project priorities in the Integrated Funding Plan were identified in prior versions of the plan by the TAMC Board, using criteria developed as part of the Measure X program, including project readiness.

Rita Goel, Finance & Administration Director, stated that there were some minor changes since the Board approved the February draft budget. She highlighted the changes noted in the staff report.

5. POST COVID-19 TRANSITION

The Board received an update and provided comments on the proposed Post COVID-19 transition plan.

Director Debbie Hale reported that in April 2020 the Transportation Agency adopted a protocol that included adding protective equipment to the office and set policies for social distancing to protect staff, Board and committee members from contracting COVID-19 through Agency activities. As the County of Monterey progresses into the lower tiers of COVID-19 classification, an update to the protocol will be needed. The Governor has stated that in-person meetings may resume after June 15, 2021 and yet given the large size of the TAMC Board, it may be difficult to find a meeting venue that will allow for proper distancing of attendees. Based on input from the Executive Committee, staff has started to research meeting venues that may already have the technology needed to hold hybrid in-person/remote meetings.

Director Hale noted that staff is proposing to continue to meet remotely for June meetings and to start the transition to in-person or hybrid meetings, as appropriate, in August (no regular meetings are scheduled for July).

Board members provided various opinions regarding the benefits of virtual meetings and the desire to see one another in person. Board member Craig noted that some cities have had issues with Zoom meetings, one being that the same person will call in multiple times with public comments. Some board members expressed the need for caution given the unknown protection that the vaccine has against certain disease variants; others expressed concern that they not infect their unvaccinated children. It

was agreed that if the Board meets in person in the future that some protocols should remain in place, and that individuals or the public should be allowed to participate remotely. It was noted that public participation has increased at some virtual meetings over in-person meetings.

Legal Counsel Hansen noted that she had heard that the Governor was unlikely to rescind the Executive Order allowing for remote meetings without having replacement legislation allowing for the flexibility of hybrid (in person-virtual) meetings (*since the meeting, the Governor has confirmed the Executive Order will stay in place until there is replacement legislation*).

Based on Board member comments, Director Hale responded that staff will be: evaluating possible hybrid meeting locations to start in August, proposing that committee meetings continue online through the end of 2021, and, seeking Board participation in a voluntary survey regarding this issue.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans, District 5 – Scott Eades, Deputy Transportation of Planning, announced the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is hosting a series of workshops in August for the SB 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines, noting this is the 3rd cycle of the Program. Mr. Eades also announced that at their May meeting the CTC allocated more than \$924 million to projects to improve critical transportation infrastructure throughout the state. Nearly half of this investment -- \$458 million -- comes from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Monterey Regional Airport District – Bill Sabo, District Board Member, announced that flights are performing at a steady level. He announced that the Airport now has non-stop service to Seattle, Dallas, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. Mr. Sabo also announced that there are new non-stop flights to Portland by Allegiant Air and beginning in June there will be flights to Ontario and Orange County. The Board is considering renaming the Airport the Monterey-Carmel Regional Airport. In conclusion, Mr. Sabo noted that the new flights will only continue if passengers “Fly Monterey”.

Monterey Salinas Transit District – Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager, announced that MST has started testing out their contactless credit card payment system, with over 1000 swipes in the last 2 weeks. She also announced MST is re-introducing Line 75 from Fort Ord to the Presidio. Daily Monterey Peninsula trolley service will begin in July and continue through September 2021. In conclusion, Ms. Rheinheimer announced, with sadness, a mass shooting occurred that morning at the San Jose Valley Transportation Authority maintenance facility.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District – Richard Stedman, announced May is Clean Air Month, which is observed in May each year across the United States. He also announced that the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Emissions Reduction Grants Workshop will be held on June 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., discussing how to improve air quality in priority neighborhoods. He noted that the Air District is in the process of expanding their electric vehicle incentive program to electric bicycle purchases.

7. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

Board member LeBarre reported that, although it was remote and therefore at no cost to the agency, he represented the Transportation Agency at the CalCOG meeting on May 14, 2021.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hale announced TAMC is now a certified Blue Zones Workplace, to provide employees a safer, healthier environment. This designation is consistent with the Agency's focus on making our transportation system safer and healthier. She noted that TAMC has interviewed for a replacement Transportation Planner, and there are 3 strong candidates moving forward. Director Hale thanked Transportation Planner Madilyn Jacobsen for her work on preparing the Federal Lands Access Grant application for the Cal State Monterey Bay to the National Monument segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway. She announced several upcoming public workshops in the county for: the 183 Castroville Project on May 26th, the US 101 Business Plan on May 27th, and the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Canyon Del Rey meeting on June 17th. In conclusion, Director Hale noted that the Greenfield Science Workshop was recognized in the Monterey County Weekly, indicating that this program receives funding from the local American Public Works Association chapter as well as the TAMC Safe Routes to School program. Board member LeBarre announced the Greenfield Science Center is offering free bicycle repairs classes for youth.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board member Dirksen reported that she has a video of the handcar operations in Marina on the TAMC Monterey Branch Line, and she would ask staff to distribute it to the Board of Directors.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957, the Board of Directors conferred concerning a public employment appointment.

RECONVENED in open session: Agency Counsel Hansen reported the Board met with staff and provided direction; no reportable action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m., in honor of those who were killed at the VTA maintenance facility shooting that morning.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Dave Delfino, Finance Officer / Analyst
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: TAMC payments for the month of May 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT the list of checks written for the month of May 2021 and credit card statements for the month of April 2021.

SUMMARY:

The list of checks and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the Transportation Agency Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from the Transportation Agency’s independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about the Transportation Agency’s financial transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The checks processed this period total \$5,857,437.88 which, included checks written during May 2021 and payments of the April 2021 Platinum Plus Credit Card statements.

DISCUSSION:

During the month of May 2021 normal operating checks were written, as well as a check for \$5,232,518.00 to the Transportation Agency’s Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) County account 694 of RSTP Funds electronically transferred by the State of California to the Transportation Agency’s checking account, two checks totaling \$95,576.33 to HDR Engineering Inc. for engineering services and a check for \$40,877.50 to MNS Engineers, Inc. for construction management services, all for the Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project, a check for \$10,840.60 to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for services for the Rail Network Integration Study, a check for \$2,400.00 to Streamline for website services, a check for \$41,320.62 to GHD Inc. for engineering design services for FORTAG Segment 1, two checks totaling \$135,324.99 to the Monterey County Health Department for services for the Salinas SRTS and ATP Every Child Projects and a check for \$92,668.56 to California Towing and Transport for four months of towing services for the Freeway Service Patrol Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Checks May 2021
- ▣ Credit Cards April 2021

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
Union Bank Operating Account
May 2021

DATE	ITEM NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
05/03/2021 EFT	CalPERS Health Benefits	12,319.11		Employee Benefit
05/03/2021 EFT	Pers Retirement	9,623.39		Employee Benefits
05/03/2021 EFT	Pers Retirement PEPR	1,311.63		Employee Benefits
05/03/2021 EFT	CalPERS	8,443.99		Employee Benefits
05/07/2021 EFT	Rita Goel	364.80		125 Plan Reimbursement
05/07/2021 EFT	Todd Muck	325.00		Reimbursement for APA Conference
05/07/2021 EFT	Christina Watson	313.00		125 Plan Reimbursement
05/07/2021 EFT	Maria Montiel	54.00		Reimbursement for SRTS mailing
05/07/2021 DEP	Marina Concrete, Lithia and Haedrich		3,347.45	Railroad Right of Way Rent
05/14/2021 EFT	Payroll	43,935.05		Payroll
05/14/2021 EFT	United States Treasury	10,434.52		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
05/14/2021 EFT	EDD	4,363.97		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
05/14/2021 EFT	EDD	2.44		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
05/14/2021 EFT	Pers Retirement	9,623.39		Employee Benefits
05/14/2021 EFT	Pers Retirement PEPR	1,311.63		Employee Benefits
05/14/2021 EFT	CalPERS	8,443.99		Employee Benefits
05/20/2021 EFT	Graniterock		8,279.65	Railroad Right of Way Rent
05/20/2021 DEP	Saroyan and Lexus		4,458.50	Railroad Right of Way Rent
05/20/2021 DEP	State of California		158.72	Interest on Condemnation Deposit Funds
05/20/2021 DEP	State of California		38,543.31	SAFE - Revenue March 2021
05/21/2021 19947	AAMCOM LLC	299.20		SAFE Call Box - Answering Service
05/21/2021 19948	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	10,840.60		Services for the Rail Network Integration Study
05/21/2021 19949	Alvarez Technology Group (TX)	680.09		Computer Leases
05/21/2021 19950	Alvarez Technology Group, Inc. (CA)	1,450.00		Computer Support
05/21/2021 19951	American Public Transportation Association	1,084.00		Annual Dues
05/21/2021 19952	AT & T (Carol Stream, Il.)	433.71		Telecommunications, Call Box and Rideshare - Phone Service
05/21/2021 19953	Business Card	730.99		Office Supplies, Staff Travel & Professional Training
05/21/2021 19954	California Towing and Transport	92,668.56		Freeway Service Patrol Towing Services
05/21/2021 19955	CALPELRA	1,090.00		Annual Dues & Professional Development
05/21/2021 19956	Case Systems Inc.	8,341.06		SAFE Call Box - Maintenance
05/21/2021 19957	Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	8,393.07		Rent
05/21/2021 19958	Comcast	145.06		Telecommunications
05/21/2021 19959	Delta Dental	1,010.22		Employee Benefits
05/21/2021 19960	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	41,320.62		Engineering Design Services for FORTAG Segment 1
05/21/2021 19961	HDR Engineering Inc.	84,095.72		Engineering Services Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
05/21/2021 19962	Khoury Consulting LLC	4,000.00		Legislative Consultant
05/21/2021 19963	Language Quest	120.00		Language Translation Services
05/21/2021 19964	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	628.69		Employee Benefits
05/21/2021 19965	MNS Engineers, INC.	40,877.50		Construction Management Services for Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
05/21/2021 19966	Office of the County Counsel	5,016.00		Legal Services
05/21/2021 19967	Oppidea, LLC	2,335.00		Accounting Services

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
 Union Bank Operating Account
 May 2021**

DATE	ITEM NAME	CHECK	DEPOSIT	DESCRIPTION
05/21/2021 19968	Streamline	2,400.00		Website Services
05/21/2021 19969	The Maynard Group	358.30		Telecommunication Equipment
05/21/2021 11970	Replacement Check	-		Replacement Check
05/21/2021 19971	Monterey County Health Dept.	10,330.73		Services for Salinas SRTS Project
05/21/2021 19972	Smile Business Products Inc.	127.07		Office Copier Expenses
05/24/2021 EFT	State of California		26,208.49	Grant Funds Monterey County Regional Conversation Investment Strategy (RCIS)
05/25/2021 EFT	Union Bank	35.76		Bank Service Charges
05/25/2021 EFT	TAMC County Acct. 691		300,000.00	Funds Transfer From TAMC County Acct. 691
05/27/2021 19975	Monterey County Treasurer	5,232,518.00		Funds Transfer to TAMC RSTP Monterey County Account Fund 694
05/27/2021 EFT	State of California		5,232,518.00	RSTP Exchange Funds 20/21
05/28/2021 19973	Monterey County Health Dept.	124,994.26		Services for ATP Every Child Projects
05/28/2021 19974	HDR Engineering Inc.	11,480.61		Construction Engineering Services Salinas Rail Extension Kick-Start Project
05/28/2021 EFT	Payroll	43,980.04		Payroll
05/28/2021 EFT	United States Treasury	10,437.42		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
05/28/2021 EFT	EDD	4,345.69		Payroll Taxes & Withholding
05/28/2021 DEP	State of California		37,596.14	TIRCP Funds for Rail Network Integration Study
05/28/2021 DEP	Cardinale		1,870.00	Railroad Right of Way Rent
TOTAL		5,857,437.88	5,652,980.26	

Credit Cards April 2021



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Account Summary

Previous Balance \$992.19
Payments and Other Credits -\$992.19
Balance Transfer Activity \$0.00
Cash Advance Activity \$0.00
Purchases and Other Charges \$480.99
Fees Charged \$0.00
Finance Charge \$0.00
New Balance Total \$480.99
Credit Limit \$5,000
Credit Available \$4,519.01
Statement Closing Date 05/04/21
Days in Billing Cycle 30

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
04/27	04/26	Payments and Other Credits PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 992.19
		TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD		-\$992.19
		Purchases and Other Charges		
04/23	04/22	GROUPGREETING SAN FRANCISCOCA		93.00
04/28	04/27	MAILCHIMP *MONTHLY MAILCHIMP.COMGA		62.99
05/03	04/29	APTA WASHINGTON DC		325.00
		TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD		\$480.99

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Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **05/31/21**
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Account Summary

Previous Balance \$2,052.31
Payments and Other Credits -\$2,052.31
Balance Transfer Activity \$0.00
Cash Advance Activity \$0.00
Purchases and Other Charges \$250.00
Fees Charged \$0.00
Finance Charge \$0.00
New Balance Total \$250.00
Credit Limit \$7,600
Credit Available \$7,350.00
Statement Closing Date 05/04/21
Days in Billing Cycle 30

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Reference Number	Amount
Payments and Other Credits				
04/27	04/26	PAYMENT - THANK YOU		- 2,052.31
TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD				-\$2,052.31
Purchases and Other Charges				
04/07	04/06	DEVICE MAGIC INC RALEIGH NC		150.00
04/09	04/08	QUICKBOOKSTIME 8888362720 ID		100.00
TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD				\$250.00

Account Number:
April 05, 2021 - May 04, 2021

New Balance Total \$250.00
Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **05/31/21**

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Conferences and Training Attended by Agency Staff**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.

SUMMARY:

Agency staff attend conferences or trainings at Agency expense that are pertinent to their roles in pursuing the Agency's mission. These events allow the staff to stay current and participate in the development of transportation practices and policies related to their roles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenses related to staff training are included in the Travel and Training item in the adopted Agency budget.

DISCUSSION:

On May 5 - 7, 2021, Todd Muck attended the virtual American Planning Association's national conference. This annual conference is an opportunity to learn how different parts of the United States are addressing common issues and learn about best practices and innovation in the planning profession. Todd's report on the conference is included as a **Web Attachment**.

From May 11-14, 2021, Christina Watson participated in the virtual WTS International Conference. Christina's report on the conference highlighting sessions she attended is included as a **Web Attachment**.

On May 18, 2021, Christina Watson participated in the virtual American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference. Christina's report on the conference is included as a **Web Attachment**. Her report includes an infographic produced by American Public Transportation Association highlighting current trends in transit.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ American Planning Association National Conference
- ▣ WTS International Conference
- ▣ APTA Legislative Conference

Memorandum

To: Debbie Hale, Executive Director
From: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **2021 American Planning Association National Conference**

From May 5-7, 2021, I participated in the virtual American Planning Association National Conference. Sessions I attended included the following:

- **Inclusive Engagement Strategies:** Public and private sector experts explore how low-tech solutions can be paired with innovative strategies and tools to enhance inclusivity and drive community involvement. Create a balanced, meaningful planning process using pandemic-era scenarios.
- **Reimagining Public Spaces and Shared Streets:** COVID-19 enabled communities to implement temporary alterations to public space. Should these changes become permanent?
- **Implementing Shared Micromobility to Meet Transit Gaps:** Explore the role that shared micromobility plays in the transportation system and how cities can use rapidly developing technologies to influence mobility, environmental equity, and public health outcomes — especially during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Is TOD an Awesome Missing Middle Housing Policy?:** Planners face uphill climbs when fostering prototypical large-scale TOD, like development subsidies on discounted public land. But missing middle housing has thrived under TOD policies.
- **Crowdsourcing Tools: Plan and Prioritize Infrastructure for People:** The pandemic has resulted in less driving and more walking/biking using trails and other transportation infrastructure. Planners can ensure that dramatic surges in pandemic-related bike sales and bicycling/walking activity will be sustained through equitable infrastructure as conditions return to normal.
- **Overcoming Connectivity Barriers Through Trail Oriented Development:** How cities are using trails to shift land use patterns by using trails as an organizing element, similar to transit-oriented development (TOD), including how this emerging infrastructure can create a new space for cooperation and partnership.
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems Application:** Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) use technology to address transportation challenges. Implementing ITS can be difficult because of

geographical limitations and the partnerships required, but examples from Texas show it can be done.

- **Confronting Power and Privilege:** Learn about a conceptual framework for how power systems in primarily white-led planning, real estate, and design fields affect health equity, and a test a beta action framework to challenge conventional practice.
- **City Digital Twins: The Virtual Lab for Planners:** In planning, city digital twins can be used for experimentation and simulation, to test policy options, to enhance cross-departmental collaboration, and to improve community engagement.
- **Updating the Outdated Planning Toolbox:** The planning toolbox is ripe for a makeover. Hear a critique of several planning methods, standards, and assumptions and how they undermine safety, economic vibrancy, and mobility. Get the case for reform.
- **I Copied This: Plagiarism and Planning Ethics:** When does borrowing go too far and become an ethical issue?
- **Addressing 'Transit Deserts' with Microtransit:** Millions of people lack adequate access to affordable transportation. Learn how microtransit (not to be mistaken for micromobility — scooters, e-bikes), is revolutionizing mobility in transit deserts and improving outcomes for vulnerable populations.

The final program of the conference is available on the website, <https://learn.planning.org/course/view.php?id=1175&pageid=191>

Memorandum

To: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **2021 WTS International Conference**

From May 11-14, 2021, I participated in the virtual WTS International Conference. Sessions I attended included the following:

- **21st Century Executive Leadership Team: Diversity and Inclusion:** CA High-Speed Rail Authority Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly spoke about the importance of a department or organization reflecting the diversity of the community it serves.
- **Remote Possibilities: Transportation in the Age of Working Remotely:** A long-lasting effect of COVID on transportation choices will be the increasing push to enabling remote work in certain fields, which will have an impact on transportation planning decisions.
- **Welcome & General Session with Keynote Speaker Carla Harris,** who addressed the importance of authenticity at the workplace and finding a trusted mentor.
- **How to Commit to Being an Active Participant in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) Efforts:** The panel discussed the importance of having a DE&I action plan with measurable annual goals.
- **US Department of Transportation Panel:**
 - Polly Trottenberg, Deputy Transportation Secretary
 - Stephanie Pollack, Acting FHWA Administrator
 - Meera Joshi, Acting Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
 - Brad Mims, Deputy FAA Administrator
 - (Nuria Fernandez, Acting FTA Administrator missed the panel due to having her hearing at the same time)
 - Key Biden priorities: climate, equity & safety
- **The End of the Old Boys' Club:** Panelists stressed the importance of succession planning, mentors, and sponsors to help young team members gain experience in their career and succeed.
- **The Future Starts Now: Developing a Workforce that Represents the Communities We Serve:** Women often find themselves the only woman in the transportation room, even still today (per

one study, only 15% of the transportation workforce are women). Developing a diverse workforce is important to the success of the project and the team.

- **Conversations with Transportation CEOs:** An impressive lineup of transit/transportation CEOs talked about breaking through glass ceilings and helping one another. Key quote: help other women fix their crowns without letting the world know they are crooked. One pandemic-specific recommendation is to counsel team members to block the time on their calendars to help their kids with schoolwork and show they are trusted to finish their work despite the many other demands on their time.
- **The Texas Two Step- Getting to YES on Austin's Transit and Transportation Referendums through Innovation and Engagement:** After two attempts (2001 and 2014), Austin finally passed 2 transit/transportation referenda in 2020, during the pandemic. The team discussed lessons learned from the prior efforts and how they responded to public input. The 2020 referenda were far more ambitious than the prior efforts, and were developed in concert with coordination efforts with federal funding agencies.
- **Women of the Year Panel:** Transportation leaders who have won WTS “Woman of the Year” recognition discussed their career paths and how challenges and change can lead to growth. “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Key career strengths are resilience, endurance, perspective, self-care, and courage.
- **Accelerating the Cultural Shift: influencing gender equality from the ranks of emerging leaders and persuading our organizations to be more diverse and inclusive:** A panel of emerging leaders encouraged participants to speak up, participate, make connections, and follow your values.
- **The Future of Rail around our Nation’s Capital:** The century-old DC-area rail network can’t sustain the recent and anticipated future increased travel demand in the 3-state area. The projects are ambitious, complex, and have huge numbers of stakeholder agencies and entities.
- **Take control! You are in charge of your transportation career:** A panel of women leaders discussed the role in their careers of mentors, whether formal or informal, and learning to delegate and be authentic in the workplace. Reframing critiques with the help of a support network helps to identify your strengths and defy stereotypes.
- **General Session:** Featured Speaker Helen Kerr, KerrSmith Design, talked about the speed of cultural shift over the last 30 years and how that makes predictions for future travel challenging.

The final program of the conference is available on the website,

<https://www.flipgorilla.com/p/26675824929293493/show#/26675824929293493/10>.

Memorandum

To: Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **2021 APTA Legislative Conference**

On May 18, 2021, I participated in the virtual American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference. Sessions I attended included the following:

- **Fireside chat with US DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg:** public transit is a priority for the Biden Administration, part of his “Build Back Better”, as demonstrated in the American Rescue Plan and the American Jobs Plan. Strategic priorities for the Administration: climate change and equity; public transit can help meet both objectives. He noted that growing transit’s share of travel is key to climate, equity, and strong economy.
- **The Year Ahead in Transit – Update from the Federal Transit Administration:**
 - Nuria Fernandez, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
 - Henrika Buchanan, Associate Administrator for Transit Safety and Oversight; Chief Safety Officer, Federal Transit Administration
 - Selene Dalton-Kumins, Associate Administrator for Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration
 - Subash Iyer, Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration
- **Opportunities to Address Race and Equity through Infrastructure Investment:**
 - Alva Carrasco, Latinos In Transit President of the Board of Directors; Transit and Rail Region Market Lead for Northern California and Zero Emission Bus Projects, WSP USA
 - Subash Iyer, Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration
 - Calvin Gladney, LEED AP, President and CEO of Smart Growth America
 - Seantae Byers, Senior Executive and Director, Member and Partner Engagement, National League of Cities
- **Infrastructure and Fast Act Authorization – A View from the Hill:**
 - Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives
 - Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate

- Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives
- Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, U.S. Senate – as Sen. Cantwell was unavailable, Transportation and Safety Minority Senior Counsel Kara Fischer spoke on her behalf.
- **Public Transportation Funding, Infrastructure, and FAST Act Reauthorization:**
 - Jackie Schmitz, Majority Senior Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives
 - Cheryle Tucker, Republican Senior Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives
 - Homer Carlisle, Majority Professional Staff Member, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate

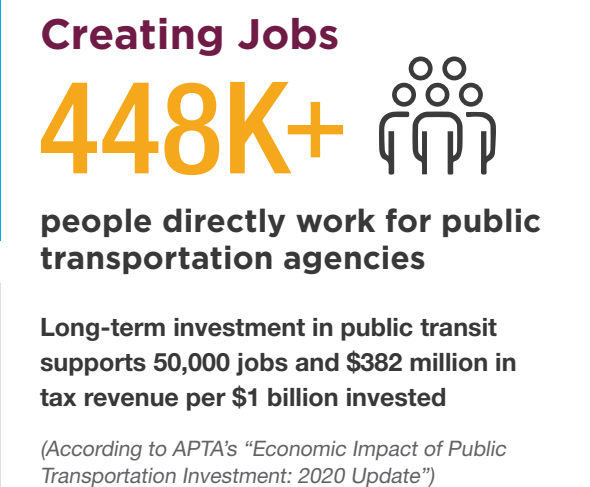
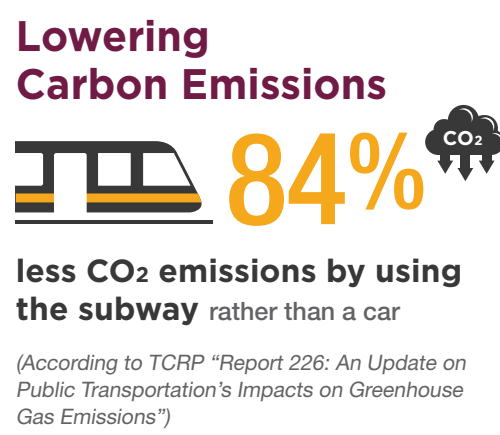
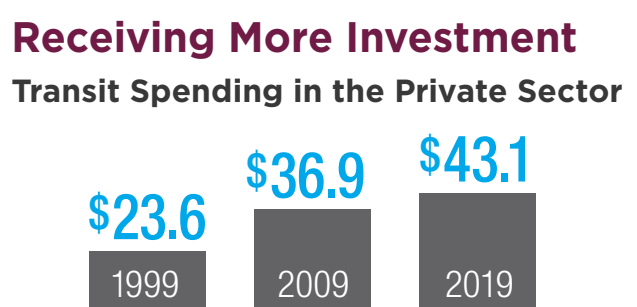
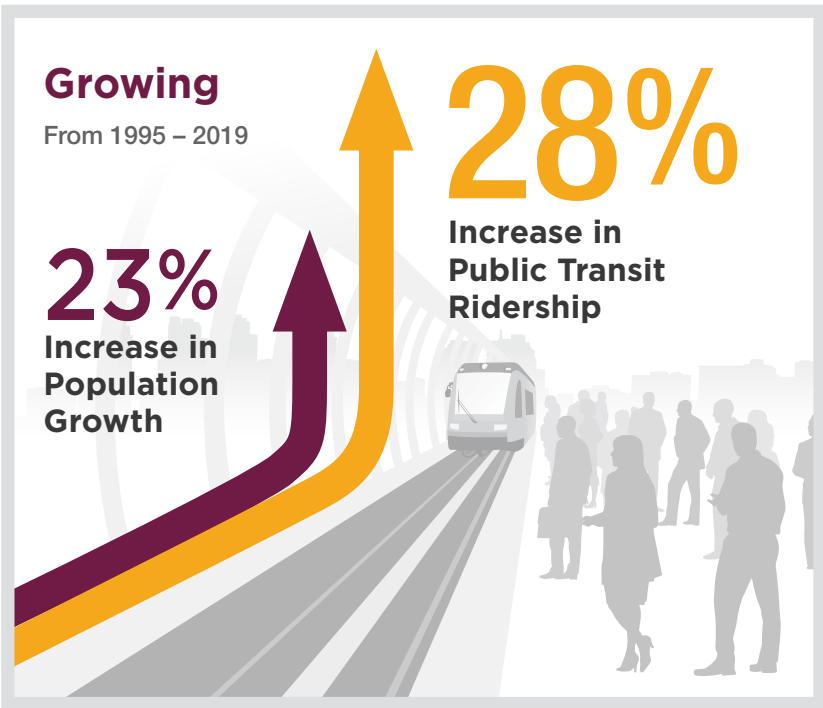
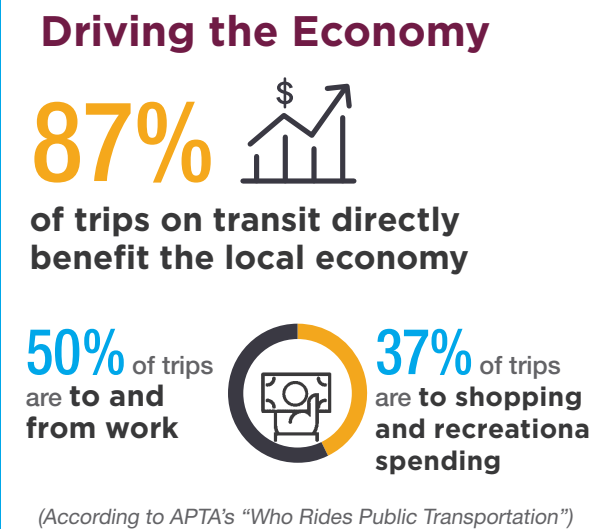
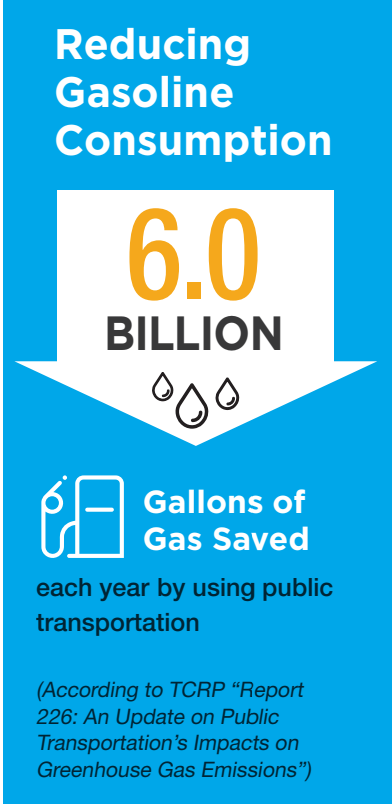
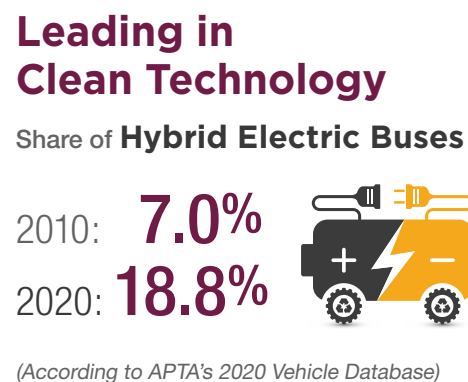
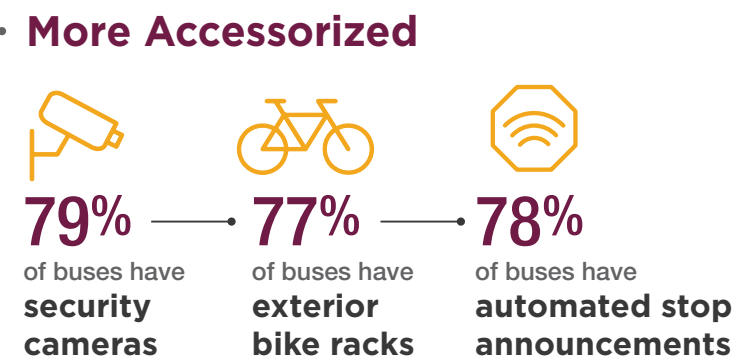
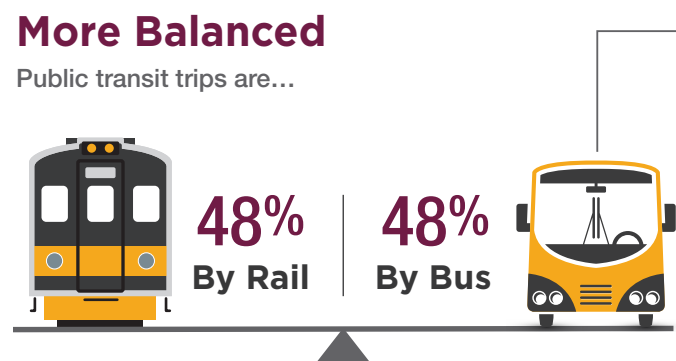
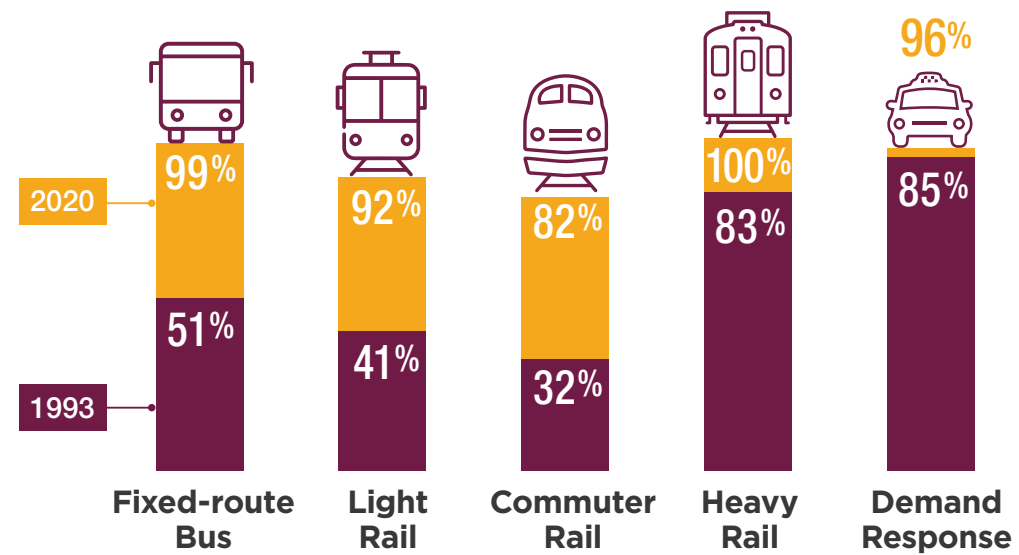
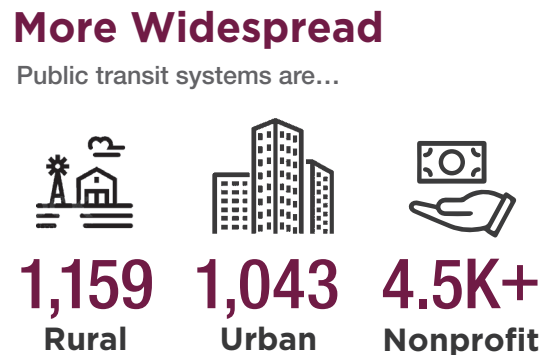
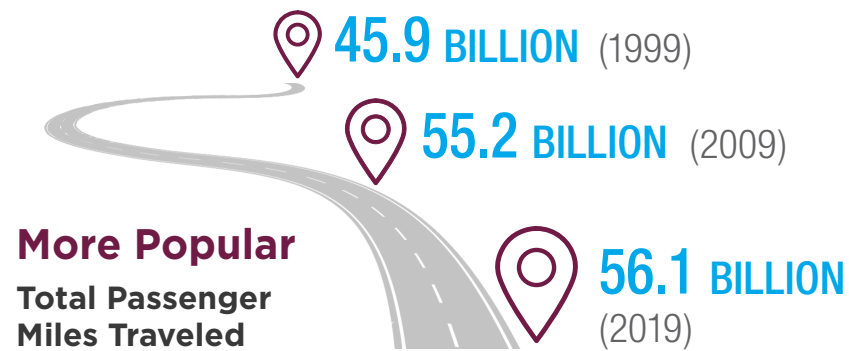
The final program of the conference is available on the website, <https://legislative.aptaconferences.com/conference-program/>

On May 19, APTA arranged “virtual fly-in” meetings with elected officials for participants in the APTA Legislative conference. I attended the following meetings:

- Rep. Jimmy Panetta: staff Hillary Marston, Legislative Assistant
 - This was an intimate meeting with Hillary, Alex Clifford (SC Metro CEO), Aaron Quigley (VTA Govt Affairs), and me.
 - We thanked Hillary for her help in submitting our projects for the transportation authorization bill (all 3 agencies’ requests were meant for appropriations, but Rep. Panetta submitted them all for authorization instead, due to the amounts requested).
 - We asked her to extend our gratitude to Rep. Panetta for the COVID relief funding for transit operations.
 - I spoke about the FTA small starts grant application for the MST SURF! Project and mentioned we may be seeking federal funds for the next phases of the rail program. Hillary said Rep. Panetta would be happy to send support letters for both projects.
 - Aaron spoke about the BART extension to San Jose project, which is in the Federal Transit Administration’s expedited pilot program for a federal share of \$1.7 billion of the total project cost estimate of \$6.9 billion.
 - Aaron also mentioned that VTA is seeking federal funds for an express bus to Gilroy.
 - Alex noted that thanks to the COVID relief funds, SC Metro managed to avoid layoffs and used creative strategies to keep everyone employed.

- Alex noted the zero-emission bus implementation needs to be phased in as tech evolves and ranges increase – SC Metro still needs CNG buses to meet the clean air mandate, and has a federally-funded CNG facility that hasn't reached the end of its life. He noted Panetta's green bus tax credit bill (HR 583) would help.
- SC Metro will apply for bus and bus facilities grant for paratransit facility and for a RAISE grant for a south county bus division in Watsonville.
- Sen. Alejandro (Alex) Padilla: staff Zac Commins, Policy Advisor
 - This was the largest meeting with 37 participants. APTA-designated leads were Diana Kotler (Anaheim transit), Joel Young (AC Transit) and Alva Carrasco (Latinos in Transit).
 - Key topics were focused on transit jobs; COVID funds for operations critical to keep buses on streets transporting essential workers; transit now needs capital funds for state of good repair projects and to implement 2040 electric bus mandate.
 - Zac: Sen. Padilla is committed to transit and supports innovative transportation tech; he noted that the Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) committee wants to move "full steam ahead" on the reauthorization bill next week.
- Sen. Dianne Feinstein: staff Rishi Sahgal, Legislative Assistant
 - As this meeting was rescheduled, only 20 of the original 60 registrants attended. APTA-designated leads on the discussion were Derek Maunus (Gillig) and Charles Stone (SamTrans).
 - Similar points made as in Padilla mtg, focused on jobs, climate, and equity. Charles thanked the Senator for her work in ensuring Caltrain electrification got its new starts funds during the Trump administration.
 - Rishi: Sen. Feinstein met with President Biden and Senator Schumer an hour ago to discuss reauthorization; Sen. Feinstein supports Sen. Padilla's efforts for electric bus funds.

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Title VI & Language Assistance Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Title VI and Language Assistance Plan

1. **ADOPT** Resolution 2021-09 adopting the Agency's updated Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to make administrative modifications to the Plan, execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts and/or agreements required in execution and implementation of the Title VI Plan.

SUMMARY:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin in their programs or activities. As a recipient of federal funds, TAMC's Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan establish a policy of nondiscrimination.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Agency must adopt a Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan in order to maintain current federal transit funding, to be eligible to receive future federal transit funding and as a recipient of Caltrans Planning grants. Staff time required to implement the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan was budgeted under Transportation Development Act administration (Work Element 1020).

DISCUSSION:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal statute that prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities, and it obligates federal funding agencies to enforce statutory compliance. Pursuant to Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), LEP persons are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Federal assistance recipients shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to benefits, services, information, and other important portions of their programs and activities.

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) new guidelines for Caltrans, as a recipient of FTA funding assistance, require sub-recipients of Caltrans Planning Grants to submit a Title VI Plan to FTA every three years. As a Caltrans grant sub-recipient and as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Monterey County, the Transportation Agency is required to comply with FTA requirements associated with the use of these funds.

The Transportation Agency's Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan were developed to provide guidance in administration and management of Title VI related activities. As part of the Language Assistance Plan these languages

were identified as those for which significant populations exist that require the Transportation Agency to provide language assistance: Spanish, Tagalog and Korean.

The Transportation Agency's Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan includes the following:

- The definition and significance of Title VI and Limited English Proficiency;
- The Transportation Agency's commitment to meeting the statutory and reporting requirements of Title VI;
- A public participation plan and regional demographic profile;
- A summary of outreach efforts for Monterey County, including LEP engagement through the Safe Routes to Schools Program, Network Integration Study's development, and during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- The Language Assistance Plan, including an analysis of the potential number of Limited English Proficiency persons served by the Transportation Agency's programs and projects, the frequency with which staff contact Limited English Proficiency persons, the significance of programs to Limited English Proficiency persons, and the services available to Limited English Proficiency persons;
- The Language Assistance Plan Implementation strategies; and
- Title VI complaint process and forms.

This Title VI Program & Language Assistance Plan is an update that includes the latest 2015-2019 American Community Survey US Census estimates for languages spoken at home. Staff also analyzed California Department of Education data for English Language Learners in Monterey County's school districts to have a better understanding of the different language groups that are not represented in US Census data, such as Triqui and Mixteco communities throughout the Salinas Valley.

Staff coordinated development of the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan with AMBAG and Monterey-Salinas Transit. Staff updated the MST Mobility Advisory Committee, TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and Technical Advisory Committee during the Plan's development and accepted input for the document.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan. Once adopted, TAMC will publish its Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan, and will provide additional training to staff on Title VI policy and language assistance responsibilities. Staff will continue to offer training and resources to access Language Line Services for on-call interpretation and provide document translation when requested.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2021-09 Title VI Program & Language Assistance Plan

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[Link to 2021 Title VI and Language Assistance Plan](#)



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

ADOPTING THE TITLE VI PROGRAM AND LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), individuals who do not speak English well and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of Federal financial assistance, TAMC is required to adhere to all provisions established in Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, TAMC is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in the conduct of its business, including its Title VI responsibilities, and to the delivery of equitable and accessible transportation programs, projects and services; and

WHEREAS, any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination under Title VI on the basis of race, color, or national origin may file a Title VI complaint with TAMC within 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination; and

WHEREAS, TAMC is required to update the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan every three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County does hereby adopt the attached Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan; and
2. TAMC Executive Director is authorized to make administrative modifications to the Program and Plan, and to execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts and/or agreements, and any other documents required by the Federal Transit Administration in the execution and implementation of the Title VI Compliance Report on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, State of California this 23rd day of June 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

**EDWIN D. SMITH, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

ATTEST:

**DEBRA L. HALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Updated Weighted Vote Table

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE attached updated Agency weighted vote table.

SUMMARY:

In accord with Agency Bylaws, staff revised the weighted vote table based on the most current population estimate prepared by the California Department of Finance. Staff revises the weighted vote table annually when the new population estimates are available.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Attachment 1 is a section from the Agency Bylaws governing the weighted vote process and Attachment 2 contains the revised weighted vote table.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Weighted vote rules
- ▣ Weighted Vote Table

Voting Section from TAMC Bylaws

07.VOTING

- 7.1 Except as specifically otherwise provided herein, the vote of a majority of the members of the AGENCY present at any regular, adjourned or special meeting shall be sufficient to pass or act upon any matter properly before the AGENCY, and each member of the AGENCY shall have one vote.

- 7.2 **POPULATION WEIGHTED VOTING:** Upon the call and request of any AGENCY member, present and able to vote, and a quorum being present, a weighted voting formula shall apply for any vote to be taken by the AGENCY, with each member having one or more votes based upon the population of the city or unincorporated county area such member represents. One vote will be granted to Supervisorial District 1 as its population is included in the City of Salinas.

In order for the AGENCY to take action under the provisions of this section two requirements must be fulfilled:

- a) A majority of the votes weighted by population must be cast in favor of the action, provided that not less than two member agencies vote in favor of the action; and

- b) A majority of the members vote in favor of the action.

In the event a simple majority vote on a question has previously been taken, and a weighted vote is subsequently called; a roll call vote will be taken that tabulates both the weighted vote and the members voting. The vote weighted by a majority of those voting representing a majority of the population shall supersede the previous simple majority vote, provided that the vote of a single member may not defeat an action.

- 7.3 **POPULATION:** For the purposes of determining the weighted vote of Cities or the unincorporated area of the County, the weighted vote by population shall be based on the most current Census, and AGENCY staff shall update annually based on the California State Department of Finance population estimate when it becomes available.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Executive Director Employment Agreement Amendment No. 1**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Executive Director Employment Agreement Amendment No. 1

1. **APPROVE** Amendment 1 to the Employment Agreement between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Debra L. Hale; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Chair of the Board of Directors to sign Amendment 1.

SUMMARY:

Executive Director Debra L. Hale has notified the Board of Directors of her intention to retire in 2021. Ms. Hale’s employment agreement with TAMC expires on June 30, 2021. The Board of Directors has requested she continue her employment with TAMC to overlap with the hiring of a replacement, and thus, a short extension of the agreement is necessary, by way of an amendment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None, as the salary of the Executive Director is already included in the fiscal year 2021/22 draft budget. To note, effective July 1, 2021, it is anticipated that the salary for Ms. Hale will be increased in accordance with a 2% cost of living allowance (COLA) proposed for all staff, as permitted in Ms. Hale’s current employment agreement; this is already contemplated and accounted for in the 2021/22 draft budget.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment will make one change to Ms. Hale’s current contract: in paragraph 6.1, the term of Ms. Hale’s employment agreement is extended through October 8, 2021.

The Executive Director recruitment process started in May and will take place over the summer. A new Executive Director is expected to start in the late summer or early fall of 2021. The proposed October 8, 2021 contract extension date reflects the end of the pay period for an additional quarter of service beyond Ms. Hale's originally-proposed retirement date of July 9, and will allow sufficient time for the requested overlap in service to occur.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Executive Director Employment Agreement Amendment No.1

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

AND DEBRA L. HALE

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the Employment Agreement approved May 23, 2018, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as "TAMC," and Debra L. Hale, hereinafter referred to as "Hale," is hereby entered into between TAMC and Hale.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, Hale has been employed as Executive Director of TAMC since January 25, 2006; and
- B. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Hale most recently entered into an Employment Agreement, as of May 23, 2018 that will expire June 30, 2021; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, Hale intends to retire in October 2021; and
- D. **WHEREAS**, the TAMC Board of Directors has requested that Hale continue as Executive Director of TAMC through October 8, 2021; and
- E. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Hale desire to amend the Employment Agreement to extend the Employment Agreement as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Employment Agreement as follows:

1. PARAGRAPH 6.1. TERM

Paragraph 6.1, Term, is amended to read as follows:

6.1 Term. Subject to the provision contained in Paragraph 2 and other provisions of this Paragraph 6, the term of employment of Hale shall commence on July 1, 2018 and remain in full force and effect through **October 8, 2021**. During said period, Hale is to remain in paid status except as provided in Paragraphs 2 and 6.3. If TAMC terminates the employment of Hale under Paragraph 2 of this Agreement, Hale is entitled to severance benefits equal to six months salary. If this Agreement is terminated as a matter of law by the death of Hale, the heirs of Hale are not entitled to any future compensation or benefits that Hale may have earned had the Agreement not terminated by her death.

2. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Employment Agreement remain in full effect.

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An executed copy of this Amendment No. 1 shall be attached to the Employment Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement.

DATED: _____

DEBRA L. HALE

DATED: _____

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR
MONTEREY COUNTY**

By _____
EDWIN D. SMITH
TAMC Chair

Approved as to form:

DATED: _____

TAMC Counsel



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Rita Goel, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Evaluation of Executive Director & Counsel

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE delaying the annual evaluation for the Agency Executive Director and Counsel to 2022 from June 2021 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel. However, since Executive Director Hale will be retiring this year, it is recommended that the evaluation not be done in 2021. TAMC Counsel Katherine Hansen was recently appointed to this position and there has not been sufficient time to evaluate her performance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Agency bylaws require an annual evaluation of the Executive Director and Counsel. Executive Director Hale's employment agreement also states that the TAMC Board shall evaluate her by the December Board meeting of each year and Hale shall prepare goals and accomplishments for review by the TAMC Board.

However, since Executive Director Hale will be retiring soon, it is recommended that the evaluation not be done in 2021. TAMC Counsel Katherine Hansen was recently appointed to this position and there has not been sufficient time to evaluate her performance. Staff recommends that the annual evaluations for both be delayed to 2022. (The evaluation process normally starts in June.). Meanwhile, any performance issues can be raised with the Chair at any time.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Unmet Transit Needs**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE list of Monterey County's unmet transit needs.

SUMMARY:

In its role as the Transportation Development Act fund administrator, the Transportation Agency annually seeks public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds. Staff coordinated with Monterey-Salinas Transit and its Mobility Advisory Committee to evaluate the unmet transit needs comments received through April 30, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

At the February 2021 TAMC Board meeting, the Agency apportioned \$18,342,184 from the Local Transportation Fund to Monterey-Salinas Transit. The Transportation Agency can direct public transit operators to implement new services with Local Transportation Funds available after funding existing services and commitments. Approval of Monterey-Salinas Transit's application for Fiscal Year 2021-22 is expected to occur at the August TAMC Board meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency annually conducts outreach to identify unmet transit needs. This unmet needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund (LTF), which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). Local Transportation Funds are generated through a quarter percent of the general sales tax, which are returned to the county by the California State Board of Equalization and apportioned by the Transportation Agency to county jurisdictions through a population-based formula for public transit.

The formation of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and past unmet transit needs findings dictate how the Transportation Agency allocates Local Transportation Funds. As Monterey-Salinas Transit District members, every city in the county allocates its annual fund apportionment to Monterey-Salinas Transit for public transit services. The County of Monterey is obligated to allocate approximately 50% of its funds off the top to the Transit District for public transit and RIDES services within 3/4 mile of the existing fixed-routes, which represents the County population inside the 3/4 mile zones specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Transportation Agency's 2010 finding on unmet transit needs allowed Monterey-Salinas Transit to claim the remaining County portion to support existing transit operations countywide.

Prior to allocating these transit funds, the Agency is required to provide for a public hearing and outreach to identify unmet transit needs. The Transportation Development Act statues require transportation planning agencies using transit funds for local street and road projects, to implement a public process, including a public hearing, to identify unmet transit needs of transit dependent or disadvantaged persons, and determine if unmet transit needs can be reasonably met. Because the Transportation Agency no longer allocates transit funds to local streets and roads, the Agency is no longer required to adopt a finding on unmet transit needs. However, the Agency still continues to solicit public input on unmet transit needs and places comments into the following categories:

- Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
- Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
- Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

The unmet transit needs process is **attached**. The unmet transit needs comment list serves as a public input tool for MST's short- and long-term transit service planning and improvements, and assists in prioritizing transit projects as funds become available. All comments are reviewed with MST staff to consider options to implement requests based on the time frame in which unmet transit needs can be met. The MST Mobility Advisory Committee, which serves as the Transportation Agency's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, reviewed the comments, provided input and recommended that the TAMC Board accept the 2021 Unmet Transit Needs list at their May 26, 2021 meeting.

This year, the Transportation Agency received the following comment:

Comment / Need	Year Identified	Category	Timeline	Status in 2021
Improve service to the Ryan Ranch area for access to medical appointments	2021	N/A	N/A	Ryan Ranch is already serviced by Line 93. MST may consider increasing frequency of Line 93 with Measure Q funds, if funding becomes available.

In the upcoming fiscal year, MST is unable to meet several of the previously identified unmet transit needs in the **attached** list. For example, shuttle service to Pinnacles National Park and service to San Juan Grade Road and Russell Road in Salinas are both unmet transit needs that are cost-prohibitive at this time. Other needs have been addressed and are listed in the chart as "resolved." The unmet transit needs requests that are not able to be addressed this year will remain on the list and will be part of next year's unmet transit needs process.

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive the 2021 Unmet Transit Needs list. The allocation of State Transit Assistance and Transportation Development Act funding is expected to be brought for the Board's consideration in August 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Unmet Transit Needs Process
- ▢ 2021 Unmet Transit Needs List

About the Unmet Transit Needs Process

The California Legislature enacted the Transportation Development Act (TDA) in 1971 to improve public transit services and encourage regional transportation coordination. TDA statutes require transportation planning agencies using TDA funds for local streets and roads projects, to implement a public process, including a public hearing, to identify unmet transit needs of transit dependent or disadvantaged persons, and determine if unmet transit needs can be reasonably met.

In its role as the TDA fund administrator, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County annually solicits public input to identify unmet transit needs. Although TAMC no longer allocates TDA funds to local streets and roads, the Agency still continues to solicit public input on unmet transit needs.

The unmet transit needs process begins with public outreach to solicit comments on unmet transit needs. Public hearings to collect comments on unmet transit needs are held at a meeting of TAMC's Board of Directors and at a meeting of Monterey-Salinas Transit's Mobility Advisory Committee, which serves as TAMC's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. TAMC's Board of Director's receives the final unmet transit needs list of comments.

Unmet Transit Need Definition

An unmet transit need is a public transportation need that the public transportation system is not currently meeting and would be expected to generate enough ridership to meet the required 10% farebox recovery ratio pursuant to.

Unmet Transit Need Evaluation

Unmet transit needs are placed into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

TAMC shares the list of unmet transit needs comments with Monterey-Salinas Transit, the only public transportation provider in the county. The unmet transit needs comments list serves as a public input tool for MST's short and long term transit service planning and improvements. TAMC works with MST to evaluate comments based on the time frame in which unmet transit needs can be met:

- Short term transit improvements are those that can be implemented in the current service year within MST's funding limits and without negatively impacting existing services.
- Long term transit improvements are those that would require additional funding beyond MST's current funding limits. Long term improvement comments remain on the unmet transit needs comment list until additional funding becomes available.

MST's Mobility Advisory Committee provides input on the categorized unmet transit needs comments list. This input serves to prioritize needs in the region, and is used to assist prioritizing transit projects as funds become available. The TAMC Board of Directors will receive the final list.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
2021 Monterey County Unmet Transit Needs**

Unmet transit needs are placed into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

Transit Needs Timeline

- **Short term transit improvements** are those that can be implemented in the current service year within MST’s funding limits and without negatively impacting existing services.
- **Long-term transit improvements** are those that would require additional funding beyond MST’s current funding limits. Long-term improvement comments remain on the unmet transit needs comment list until additional funding becomes available.

Unmet Need Comment	Year Identified	Category	Timeline	Status in 2021
Service to San Juan Grade Road and Russell Road in Salinas	2014	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	Line 49 service to this area was discontinued due to challenges with on-time performance. The route was shortened to allow for 1-hour frequency in the Bolsa Knolls area. MST is currently working with the City of Salinas and area developers to identify possible public transit service into the planned developments in this area in the next 5 to 10 years.
Increased frequency on Line 18	2014	Category #1: improves an existing service	Long-term improvement.	Service will require an additional vehicle and driver which cannot be provided at this time without reallocating resources from other areas. CSUMB is working to implement an internal campus shuttle that would complement Line 18.
More frequent service to Gonzales and Soledad	2014	Category #1: improves an existing service	Long-term improvement.	MST now provides real-time transit information to ease passenger wait times. MST conducted a Salinas Valley Transit Planning Study to identify transit improvements along the US 101 corridor. Additionally, the future King City bus yard (estimated to be completed by Sept. 2021) may improve South County service in the future.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
2021 Monterey County Unmet Transit Needs**

Unmet Need Comment	Year Identified	Category	Timeline	Status in 2021
Shuttle service between Pinnacles National Park and Fort Hunter Liggett and King City	2014/2019	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	This shuttle service is cost prohibitive and would require resources being reallocated from other services/areas. Current road conditions are also a safety concern. The City of Soledad is currently studying improvements for the Pinnacles Parkway project, which may consider a park shuttle service.
Service to San Juan Bautista and Los Baños	2015/2018	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	MST, in collaboration with San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, may explore applying for Federal intercity bus grant funding options to meet this need in the future.
Improve the connection between Castroville and Prunedale for access to Gavilan College in Gilroy	2018	Category #1: improves an existing service; Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement	MST, San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, and Gavilan College to collaborate and identify a strategy to meet this need.

Resolved Transit Needs

Unmet Need Comment	Year Identified	Year Resolved	Resolution
More out of county medical trips that cost less	2014	2017	MST increased the frequency and lowered the cost of out of county medical trips using Measure Q funds in July 2017. An analysis of the enhanced service was conducted fall of 2018.
Service to Rancho Cielo	2014	2017	MST has donated used buses to Rancho Cielo for service by their students.
Line 18 does not serve and does not have a bus stop at the new VA Clinic in Marina.	2018	2018	MST installed a bus stop at the new VA Clinic and began serving that stop in the fall of 2018.

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
2021 Monterey County Unmet Transit Needs**

<p>CSUMB enhanced paratransit service on campus; more accessible vehicles are needed for student mobility on-campus</p>	<p>2015/2016</p>	<p>Not yet resolved; however MST and CSUMB continue to discuss ways to address this need.</p>	<p>Federal ADA requirements and operational constraints of the RIDES service make it challenging for MST to provide this type of paratransit service as CSUMB students have a very narrow window of time to get from one class to another. In Spring 2021, CSUMB released a Request for Proposals for campus shuttle services.</p>
<p>Improved service between South County and the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey in Monterey</p>	<p>2017</p>	<p>2019</p>	<p>MST conducted a Salinas Valley Transit Planning Study to identify transit improvements along the US 101 corridor. While temporarily paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MST provides service and a connection can be made via Line 14 and Line 70.</p>



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **SB 743 Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development - Contract Amendment #2**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance - Contract Amendment

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #2 with Kimley-Horn Associates to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to complete the Senate Bill 743 Technical Assistance for Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The technical assistance has been completed for the cities that participated in this contract. However, coordination is on-going with Monterey County. The proposed contract amendment will extend the timeline from June 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with no changes to the contract's not to exceed amount of \$130,310.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed amendment will not impact the contract's not to exceed amount of \$130,310. Charges for the work under the contract are reimbursed by the participating jurisdictions.

DISCUSSION:

On June 24, 2020 the Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved an agreement for services with Kimley-Horn Associates to provide region-wide support in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Threshold Development with a not to exceed approval of \$150,000. The contract entered reflects the six participating cities and Monterey County, with a narrowed scope and cost of \$130,310.

TAMC is administering this shared contract to provide interested jurisdictions more timely and less costly technical assistance than would otherwise be available under several individual contracts. The VMT Threshold Development process is individualized for each of the participating jurisdictions and not all jurisdictions are at the same point in the process of developing their VMT Thresholds. Technical assistance for the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Soledad has been completed and reimbursement requests have been submitted.

The requested timeline will allow for continued coordination on VMT threshold development for the County of Monterey.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SB 743 Technical Assistance - Contract Amendment #2

AMENDMENT #2 TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
AND
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 2 to the agreement dated June 24, 2020, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as "TAMC," and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," is hereby entered into between TAMC and the Consultant.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant entered into an agreement for professional services on June 24, 2020 hereinafter referred to as "Agreement;" and
- B. **WHEREAS**, seven jurisdictions opted to participate in this shared contract administered by TAMC for Technical Assistance for Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Development; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, technical assistance is completed, and reimbursement requests submitted for the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Pacific Grove, Soledad and Sand City;
- D. **WHEREAS**, technical assistance is on-going for the County of Monterey;
- E. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant desire to extend the schedule as stated in the Consultant Agreement in order to extend the end date the initial contract to accommodate on-going coordination with Monterey County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this agreement is extended to December 31, 2021.

2. TOTAL COMPENSATION

The amendment does not change the original not to exceed amount. The total compensation to be paid pursuant to this Agreement as amended shall not exceed one hundred and thirty thousand, three hundred and ten dollars (\$130,310).

3. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Agreement, including the "not to exceed" amount of \$130,310 remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 2 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment to the Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Transportation Agency for Monterey
County

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

By: _____
Debra L. Hale
Executive Director

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Dated: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: If Consultant is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers (e.g., (1) chairperson of the board, the president or any vice president and (2) the secretary, any assistant secretary, the chief financial officer or any assistant treasurer). If Consultant is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If Consultant is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

Approved as to form:

TAMC Counsel

Dated: _____

For TAMC internal use:

Work Element number to be used for the
contract: _____



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Call for Construction Bids

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Call for Construction Bids:

1. **APPROVE** the draft Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions, Bid Forms and Plans for construction of Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding Signs, subject to Agency Counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to publish the final bid documents and any addenda, and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a contract with the lowest responsive responsible bidder; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of construction funds from the approved project budget for this work in an amount not to exceed \$735,000, included in the \$887,000 allocation approved by the California Transportation Commission at their December 2020 meeting, plus local matching funds.

SUMMARY:

The Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions and Bid Forms, in conjunction with the project plans, enable the Agency to seek construction bids from qualified contractors to furnish and install pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated construction cost to furnish and install regional wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County is estimated at \$735,000, including \$401,200 for construction, 60,200 for contingencies, \$178,600 for construction management and \$95,000 for Agency staff oversight.

DISCUSSION:

The need for a wayfinding plan was identified in the Transportation Agency's 2011 Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as a means for promoting bicycling and walking throughout the county. Wayfinding signs can ease navigation for bicyclists and pedestrians, reduce travel times and enhance a region's brand by publicizing key regional destinations. When combined with secure bicycle storage and a network of bicycle paths and lanes, a wayfinding system can attract more bicyclists.

In 2016, TAMC adopted the Regional Pedestrian and Bicyclist Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County. The plan was developed in coordination with a Wayfinding Plan Advisory Committee with representatives from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the County of Monterey, local cities, the Monterey County Health Department, Building Healthy Communities, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the Velo Club, Green Petal Couriers, Fort Ord Recreation Trails Friends, the Pebble Beach Company and Monterey-Salinas Transit. In addition, staff solicited public input on the proposed routes and sign designs using an interactive web page. The Wayfinding Plan specifies routes to be signed

throughout Monterey County to enhance connections between neighboring cities and to various destinations in the region. The plan also provides standard sign design guidelines. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to use the sign guidelines to sign their own local bicycle and pedestrian routes beyond those contained in the Plan.

A regional funding agreement was developed and in March 2021, the Board authorized the Agency to execute funding agreements with participating jurisdictions. The agreement outlines the responsibilities of the Transportation Agency and the underlying jurisdictions. TAMC will fund the fabrication and installation of the wayfinding signs and the underlying jurisdictions will issue permits and accept ownership and maintenance of the installed signs.

In September 2020 an RFP was issued and in October 2020 a contract was executed for the preparation of construction documents (plans, specifications and cost estimated) for the fabrication and installation of pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signs throughout Monterey County. The project is now ready to call for construction bids.

Online as a web attachment are the following draft documents: Book One (Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions), Book Two (Bid Form) and construction plans.

The proposed schedule for the call for construction bids is as follows:

Estimated Schedule	Task
August 2, 2021	Advertise Bid
August 17, 2021	Deadline for bidder inquiries
August 31, 2021	Bid opening and identification of apparent low bidder
September 6-17, 2021	Contract negotiations with lowest responsive responsible bidder
October 27, 2021	Board awards construction contract
November 12, 2021	Executed contract

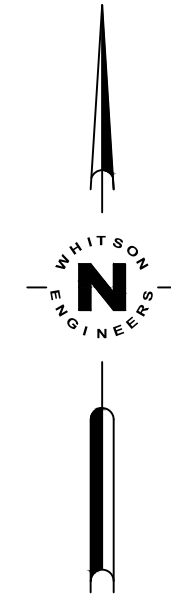
ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Wayfinding Sign Locations North
- ▢ Wayfinding Sign Locations South

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

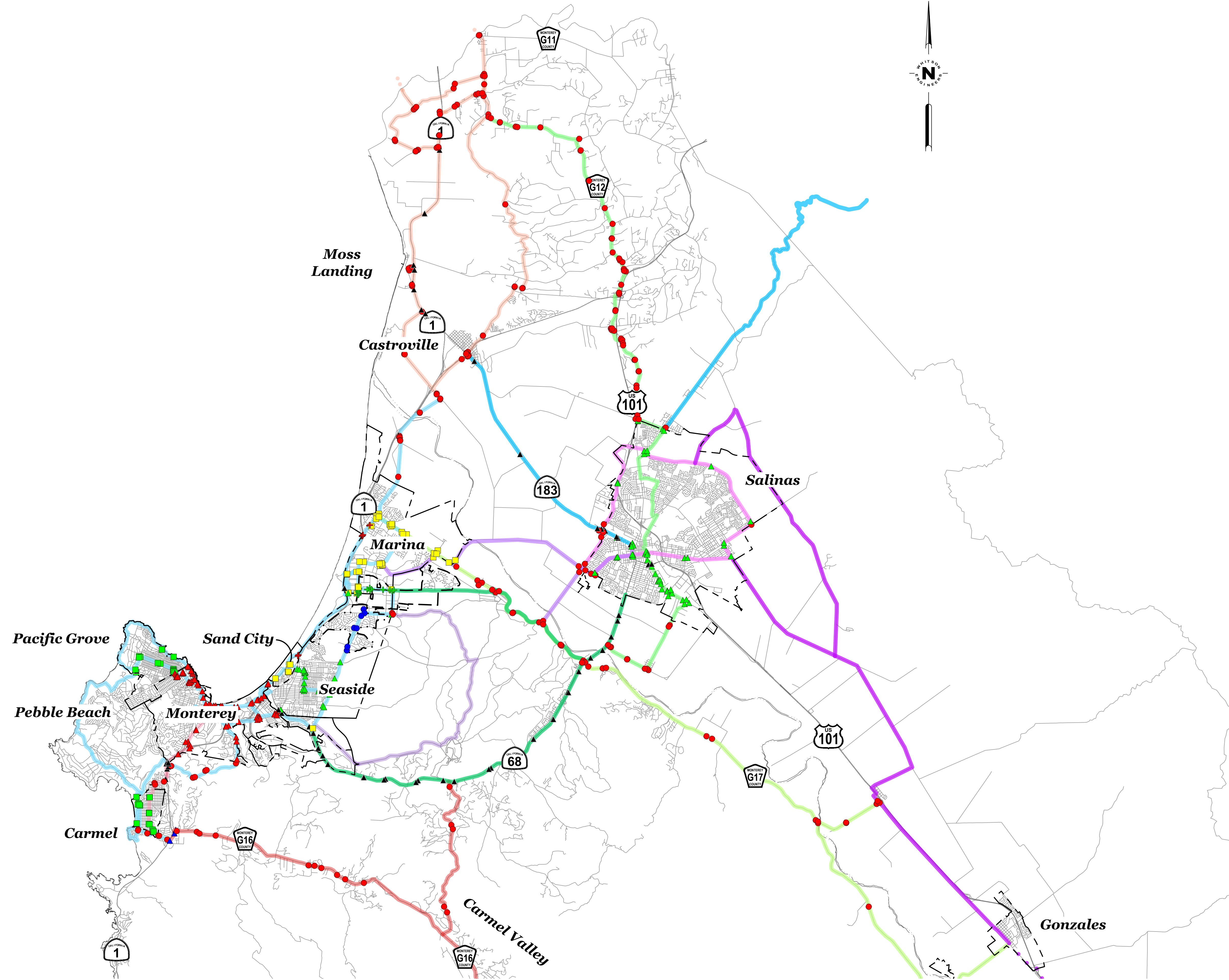
- [Draft Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions and Bid Form](#)
- [Draft Construction Plans](#)

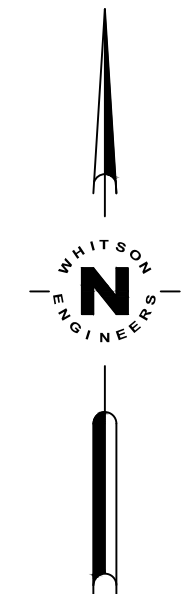
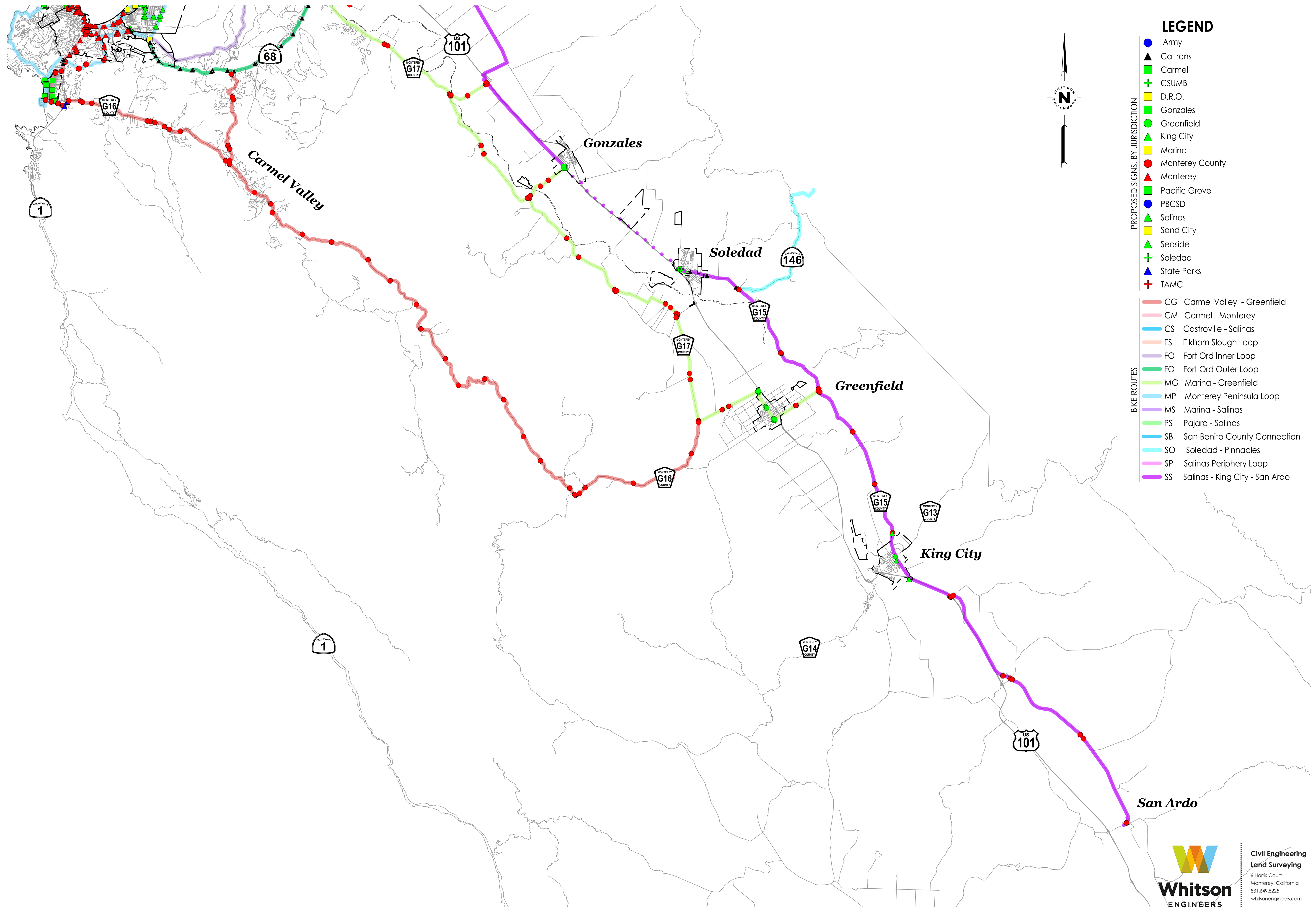
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 - PBCSD
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 - + Soledad
 - ▲ State Parks
 - + TAMC
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 - FO Fort Ord Inner Loop
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 - SB San Benito County Connection
 - SO Soledad - Pinnacles
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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: City of Marina Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Regional Surface Transportation Program Fair Share Allocation:

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Marina to program Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funds to the Del Monte Boulevard Extension Project in the amount of \$303,807.71;
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

SUMMARY:

The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by population to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Regional Surface Transportation Program was established by the State of California to utilize gas tax revenues on a wide variety of local transportation projects. The Transportation Agency receives these funds, which total approximately \$3.5 million to \$4.0 million per year, and distributes them to the Cities and County in two methods: fair share and competitive share. The Transportation Agency distributes \$1.2 million per year as the fair share component to the cities and County based on population. The City of Marina has a sufficient balance in its fair share reserve to program a total of \$303,807.71 to this project.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency is tasked with reviewing projects proposed for Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share monies and approving the funding if the project is deemed eligible under state law. Examples of the types of transportation projects that are eligible for funding include: local street and roadway rehabilitation, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, public transit capital and signal coordination and other safety and operational improvements.

The City of Marina is requesting that the Transportation Agency program the remaining balance of fair share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the Del Monte Boulevard Extension project. The project proposes to provide a solution to a comprehensive multimodal transportation need and address transportation challenges for planned development along this important corridor. The project will directly improve current traffic congestion issues along the interchange corridor of State Route 1 as well as provide a new corridor for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between Central and Southern Marina. The project will integrate the adopted Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Regional Transportation Plan, the County-wide Active Transportation Plan, the City of Marina's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and the City of Marina's

Downtown Vitalization Plan (currently in development).

The City has a remaining balance of \$303,807.71 of fair share funding available to program to this project, and staff has confirmed this amount with the City. Staff confirms that this project is eligible for this funding and recommends that the Board approve this request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ City of Marina - Exhibit A
- ▢ City of Marina - Programming Request

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Master State and Federal Funding Agreement
Exhibit A

City of Marina

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Active Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
Marina	8/23/2017	8/23/2020	RSTP Competitive	Reservation Road Roundabouts	\$100,000.00	\$14,472.50	\$85,527.50
Marina	1/22/2020	1/22/2023	RSTP Safe Streets	Cardoza Avenue Corridor Improvement Project	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Marina	3/25/2020	3/25/2023	RSTP Fair Share	Del Monte Boulevard Extension Project	\$303,807.71	\$0.00	\$303,807.71
					\$603,807.71	\$14,472.50	\$589,335.21

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Completed Projects	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
Marina	3/26/2014	Completed	RSTP Fair Share	Resurfacing of the reservation road and the Imjin Parkway bike lane projects	\$ 261,456.00	\$ 261,456.00	\$ -
Marina	6/24/2015	Completed	RSTP Reserve	Imjin Parkway Repaving and Bicycle Lanes	\$ 334,264.00	\$ 334,264.00	\$ -
Marina	6/24/2015	Completed	2017 RSTP Reserve	Imjin Parkway Repaving and Bicycle Lanes	\$ 76,736.00	\$ 76,736.00	\$ -
Marina	8/27/2014	Completed	RSTP Competitive	Beach Road Improvements - SR 1 to Marina Drive	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
					\$ 772,456.00	\$ 772,456.00	\$ -

Last Revised: 6/23/2021

Approved by: _____
 Debra L. Hale, Executive Director



June 11, 2021

Ms. Debbie Hale
Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55 Plaza Circle, Suite B
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Request for Regional Surface Transportation Fair Share Allocation

Dear Ms. Hale,

At the regular meeting of May 19, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-52, approving the agreement between TAMC and the City for the 2020 RSTP allocation of funding. The Resolution also stated the City's intention to allocate the 2020 RSTP fair-share funding amount of \$303,807.71 to the Del Monte Boulevard Extension Project. The City asks that TAMC recognize this allocation request.

Today, State Route 1 is the most direct connection between developing South Marina and Downtown/Central Marina. This is a result of legacy barriers remaining from the former Fort Ord that limit north-south connectivity between Central Marina and the redevelopment of the former military fort to the south. The new Del Monte Extension corridor will provide a solution to a comprehensive multimodal transportation need and address transportation challenges for planned development along this important corridor. The project will directly improve current traffic congestion issues along the interchange corridor of State Route 1 as well as provide a new corridor for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between Central and Southern Marina. The project will integrate the adopted Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Regional Transportation Plan, the County-wide Active Transportation Plan, the City of Marina's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and the City of Marina's Downtown Vitalization Plan (currently in development).

We appreciate the consideration of this request of the TAMC Board of Directors. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bmcminn@cityofmarina.org or (831) 884-1215.

Sincerely,

Brian McMinn, PE, PLS
Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Marina



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Laurie Williamson, Senior Transportation Engineer
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Monterey Branch Line Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Monterey Branch Line Easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company

1. **APPROVE** the Easement Purchase Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company regarding a permanent non-exclusive utility easement within the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way near Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road in Marina, California for improvements for an existing gas transmission line, subject to approval by legal counsel;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute the Easement Purchase Agreement and to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Easement Purchase Agreement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the terms of the approved Easement Purchase Agreement;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute a deed granting a permanent non-exclusive utility easement in favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to install improvements for an existing gas transmission line; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other future actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the permanent non-exclusive utility easement including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or significantly change the approved easement terms or amounts.

SUMMARY:

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to perform improvements along existing gas transmission lines near the intersection of Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road in Marina California. To accommodate potential future light rail improvements, PG&E's planned gas line improvements will be moved along Del Monte Boulevard from south of Reservation Road to north of Reservation Road. This relocation of planned improvements will require the grant of a permanent non-exclusive utility easement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The compensation amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to be paid to TAMC for the non-exclusive utility easement is based on fair market value. Once received, these funds will be transferred into the TAMC fund for Monterey Branch Line revenues.

DISCUSSION:

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is in the process of performing upgrades to their existing gas distribution system throughout the state. As part of this program, PG&E planned on performing improvements to the existing gas pipeline bridge set along Del Monte Boulevard in Marina, south of Reservation Road. Based on the Concept Plans for Track Restoration developed by Parsons in 2010, TAMC has planned rail improvements at this location. Given this, PG&E will be abandoning the proposed improvements along Del Monte Boulevard south of

Reservation Road and installing a new bridle set on the existing gas pipeline along Del Monte Boulevard north of Reservation Road. In order to perform this work, PG&E requires an easement for that portion of the new bridle set that falls within the TAMC Monterey Branch Line rail right-of-way.

An Easement Purchase Agreement has been developed between the Agency and PG&E. Once the Agreement is fully executed, the conveyance of the non-exclusive utility easement to PG&E can proceed. The Agreement and grant of easement include the terms and conditions of the easement.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[MBL Easement Purchase Agreement - PG&E Del Monte Blvd](#)



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Salinas Rail Project - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Salinas Rail Project - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #9:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #9 to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the design work for Package 1 at the Salinas train station; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project, package 1 (Salinas Station area improvements) is in the construction and final design phase. HDR Engineering, Inc. was originally hired for this work in June 2014 after a formal Request for Proposals process. The contract now needs to be amended to add time to the contract to complete the project final design, due to the longer timeframe now anticipated for the close-out of that construction project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget for the contract, as amended, has a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,869,148, funded through Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds allocated to the design phase and State Transportation Improvement Program and Proposition 116 Rail Bond funds allocated to the construction phase. This contract amendment does not propose an increase to that amount.

DISCUSSION:

The Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project Package 1 is currently under construction. Package 1 includes circulation improvements along West Market Street/ State Route 183 and via an extension of Lincoln Avenue, which previously terminate West Market Street from the south. The improvements include changing the intersection at Lincoln Avenue to a 4-way intersection with the associated changes to the signals, bike lanes and crosswalks, as well as some lane configuration changes. Package 1 also includes two parking lots with landscaping and stormwater improvements and adding bicycle parking near the station.

The current contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. is nearly complete, pending close-out of the construction contract, while HDR continues to assist MNS Engineers in their oversight of the MPE construction contract. Contract amendment #9 with HDR Engineering, Inc., extends the deadline to December 31, 2021 in order to accommodate the longer timeframe for closing out the construction contract approve remaining construction contractor pay requests and change orders.

Attached is the draft contract amendment #9.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft HDR Contract Amendment #9

AMENDMENT #9 TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
AND
HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 9 to the agreement dated June 25, 2014, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as “TAMC,” and HDR Engineering, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Consultant,” is hereby entered into between TAMC and Consultant.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant entered into an agreement for professional services on June 25, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”;
- B. **WHEREAS**, the Agreement relates to the Salinas Rail Extension Kick Start Project (the “Project”), which is currently in the final design phase and for which Consultant is to provide design support during construction and as-built designs after construction;
- C. **WHEREAS**, the Agreement contains a not-to-exceed amount, which may be amended only by the written agreement of the parties, and which establishes the maximum amount of costs which may be incurred under the Agreement;
- D. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #1 on April 27, 2016, to increase the maximum amount payable and expand the Scope of Services to add additional traffic analysis and other studies for the improvements to Highway 183 associated with the Project;
- E. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #2 on May 24, 2017, to extend the agreement to June 30, 2019;
- F. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #3 on August 23, 2017, to modify the contract budget to add task 17: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for building demolition work for Package 1;

- G. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #4 on February 28, 2018, to allow revised per task budgeted amounts while maintaining the current not-to-exceed amount as established in Amendment #3 to the Agreement;
- H. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #5 on August 22, 2018, to allow revised per task budgeted amounts while maintaining the current not-to-exceed amount as established in Amendment #3 to the Agreement;
- I. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #6 on April 24, 2019, to increase the maximum amount payable and expand the Scope of Services to add additional utility coordination and design work for Package 1 and to delete final design for Packages 2 and 3, and extend the contract term to December 31, 2020;
- J. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #7 on April 22, 2020, to allow revised per task budgeted amounts while maintaining the current not-to-exceed amount as established in Amendment #6 to the Agreement;
- K. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant approved Amendment #8 on December 2, 2020, to increase the maximum amount payable and extend the contract term in order to complete the project; and
- L. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant agree more time is needed to complete the project and agree that December 31, 2021 is the revised anticipated completion date;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Paragraph 2 of the Agreement (Term of Agreement), as amended, shall be amended to replace the date "June 30, 2021" with the date "December 31, 2021".

2. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 9 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

HDR Kick Start Design Contract Amendment #9
Approved by TAMC Board of Directors June 23, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment #9 to the Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc.

TAMC:

HDR ENGINEERING INC.:

Debra L. Hale
Executive Director

Holly L. Kennedy
Senior Vice President

(date)

(date)

Approved as to form:

TAMC Counsel

(date)



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Rail Network Integration Study Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Rail Network Integration Study Contract Amendment #1:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to execute contract amendment #1 with AECOM, to extend the deadline by six months from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to complete the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study has been drafted for Board review. Due to a delay in completion of the Caltrans ridership estimates, Caltrans approved a time extension on the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds allocated for this study. The time is needed to do public outreach on the draft study and to finalize the study. AECOM was originally hired for this work in April 2019 after a formal request for proposals process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The AECOM contract not-to-exceed amount is \$350,000. This amendment does not propose an increase to that amount.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study ("Study") supports multiple goals at the state and regional level. The study lays the groundwork for implementing the State Rail Plan in the Monterey Bay Area by determining the optimal options for: rail connectivity and operations, equipment needs, governance, and community benefits for service between Monterey County and Santa Clara County, Monterey and Santa Cruz, and the Coast Rail Corridor. This study will also assist the Transportation Agency by providing the data needed to prepare grant applications for funding new stations at Pajaro/Watsonville, Castroville, Soledad and King City.

The draft study was approved by the TAMC Board on May 26, 2021 for public review. Public outreach will be conducted through June 30, 2021. Information received during that period will be incorporated into finalizing the study. This contract time extension will provide the team sufficient time to produce a document that will meet the Agency's needs and goals.

Attached is the draft contract amendment #1.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft AECOM contract amendment #1

AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
AND
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the agreement dated April 24, 2019, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as "TAMC," and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," is hereby entered into between TAMC and Consultant.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant entered into an agreement for professional services on April 24, 2019, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement";
- B. **WHEREAS**, the Agreement relates to the Monterey Bay Area Network Integration Study (the "Study"), which has been drafted for Board consideration; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant agree more time is needed to complete the project and agree that December 31, 2021 is the revised anticipated completion date;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Paragraph 2 of the Agreement (Term of Agreement), as amended, shall be amended to replace the date "June 30, 2021" with the date "December 31, 2021".

2. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 1 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

AECOM Network Integration Study Contract Amendment #1
Approved by TAMC Board of Directors June 23, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment #1 to the Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

TAMC:

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.:

Debra L. Hale
Executive Director

Diane Cowin
Vice President

(date)

(date)

Eugene Kim
Director of Operations, Transportation

(date)

Approved as to form:

TAMC Counsel

(date)



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: **Committee Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Executive Committee - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of June 7, 2021
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of June 2, 2021
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of June 3, 2021
- [Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee](#) - No meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

- ❑ Executive Committee draft minutes
- ❑ Rail Policy Committee June draft minutes

DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY
 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members: Ed Smith (Chair),
 Mary Adams (1st Vice Chair), Michael LeBarre (2nd Vice Chair),
 Luis Alejo (Past Chair),
 Chris Lopez (County representative), Kimbley Craig (City representative)*

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

*** 8:30 a.m. ***

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21
Ed Smith, Chair Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Mary Adams, 1st Vice Chair Supr. Dist. 5 (S. Hardgrave, C. Courtney)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)
Michael LeBarre, 2nd Vice Chair King City (C. DeLeon)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, Past Chair Supr. Dist. 1 (L. Gonzales/ J. Gomez)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chris Lopez, County Representative Supr. Dist. 2 (P. Barba)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	E
Kimbley Craig, City Representative (C. Cromeenes)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

TC: via teleconference; VC: via Zoom video conference

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = alternate present

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed. (as noted above).

Staff present: Goel, Muck, Rodriguez, and Zeller.
Others present: Agency Counsel Katherine Hansen

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

M/S/C

LeBarre/Alejo/unanimous

On a motion by Committee Member LeBarre seconded by Committee Member Alejo, the committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 5, 2021 and recommend the Board of Directors approve delaying the annual evaluation for the Agency Executive Director and Counsel to 2022.

4. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Deputy Executive Director Muck reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of June 2, 2021.

After Executive Committee discussion, direction was provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Federal Legislative Update
- Racial Equity Program
- US 101 South of Salinas Project Update

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith asked if staff has had a conversation with PGE concerning the lease negotiation with the TAMC property. Deputy Director Muck noted that the TAMC property was not their preferred location, and they are currently evaluating two alternative sites.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of June 7, 2021
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
ZOOM REMOTE VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

	JUN 20	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUNE 21
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	-	N	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
J. Phillips, Dist. 2 (J. Stratton, C. Link)	P(A)	O	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	A	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson)	P(A)		P(A)	N	P(A)	-	P(A)	E	N	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
M. Adams, Dist. 5, (S. Hardgrave , C. Courtney)	P(A)	M	P(A)	C	P(A)	E	E	P(A)	C	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
C. Medina Dirksen, Marina (B. Delgado)	P	E	-	L	-	-	-	P	L	-	-	P(A)
E. Smith, Monterey (D. Albert, A. Renny)	P	T	E	L	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	E
K. Craig, Salinas, (C. Cromeenes)	P	I	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
G. Hawthorne, Sand City (J. Blackwelder , K. Cruz)	P(A)	N	P(A)	D	-	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	D	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	P	G	P		-	-	P	P		P	P	P
A. Chavez, Soledad (F. Ledesma)	P		P		-	P	-	P		-	P	P
D. Potter, At Large Member, Vice Chair	P		P		P	P	-	E		P	P	P
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	-	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
O. Monroy-Ochoa, Caltrans District 5	-		-		-	-		P		-	-	-
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer)	P(A)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)
STAFF												
D. Hale, Exec. Director	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
T. Muck, Deputy Exec. Director	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	E
T. Wright, Outreach Coordinator	P		P		-	P	P	P		P	-	P
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P		P		P	-	P	P		P	P	P
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer										P	-	-

1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lukas Yanni	AECOM	Andrew Easterling	City of Salinas
Barry Scott	Friends of the Rail and Trail	Sophia Cho	Carmel High (Intern)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee Member Craig introduced her intern, Carmel High Junior Sophia Cho.

Barry Scott announced that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) Board might bring back the rail business plan for another vote. He noted that a train demonstration project on the branch line could happen in fall 2021.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Potter/Craig /unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the May 3, 2021, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

3.3 Received update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start Project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SURF! BUSWAY UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project along the Monterey Branch Line from Marina to Sand City/Seaside.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, reported that the 35% design plans are currently under review by both TAMC and MST staff. The project team also held a recent coordination meeting with Caltrans District 5 staff.

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, reported that MST released a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 2021. She noted that Monterey Salinas Transit released a 30-day environmental public review period that was open from March 13 through April 12. A public hearing will be held at the June 14 MST Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rheinheimer noted that MST is actively coordinating with the Federal Transit Administration to apply for Capital Investment Grant. The project team anticipates applying again to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program this upcoming cycle.

The Committee provided the following input on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project:

- Concerns with the environmental issues
- Concerns with coastal access
- Coordination with State Parks
- Solicit input/support from rail groups

5. **RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY OPEN HOUSE**

The Committee received an update on the Monterey Bay Area Rail Network Integration Study virtual open house.

Lukas Yanni, AECOM, presented on the Network Integration Study virtual open house, available via the project website. He noted that comments on the draft study are due June 30. The final study will be presented to the Committee on the August 2 and to the TAMC Board on August 25 for adoption.

The Committee provided the following input on the draft Network Integration Study virtual open house:

- Concerns about inappropriate discussions on the website
- Consider posting link on social media to increase participation
- Appreciate the google translator tool option

6. **RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING TIME**

M/S/C Craig/Potter/unanimous

The Committee voted to return the meeting start time to 3:00 p.m. starting in August 2021.

Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Committee approved temporarily changing the meeting time at 2:00 p.m. in February, with reconsideration of the meeting start time to be discussed at the June meeting.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee member Bruce Delgado mentioned the handcar demonstration project was looking to begin operations in July or August. He noted that the project proponent had an issue with the 90-day lease within which they are allowed a 30-day operation period. Ms. Watson responded that the TAMC Board authorized a 90-day lease based on access needed for cleanup prior to and following operations, and that TAMC Counsel was reviewing the question about maximum operation days as related to the environmental clearance for a demonstration project.

Committee alternate Kim Cruz noted that more homeless tents seem to be going up along the path. Committee member Bruce Delgado will discuss with Kim Cruz and TAMC staff, in as much as the issue pertains to TAMC property.

Christina Watson announced there is no Committee meeting in July and the next Committee meeting is on August 2, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: June 23, 2021
Subject: Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence to and from TAMC for the month of June 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Renny - N Fremont Bike Path re Grand Jury

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [May 17, 2021 letter from TAMC to CalSTA Secretary David S. Kim, re: Comments on Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure](#)
- [May 26, 2021 letter from TAMC to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review Chair Skinner and Assembly Committee on Budget Chair Ting, re: Extension of Indirect Cost Recovery Rate Proposal Cap](#)
- [May 27, 2021 letter from TAMC to Senator Henry Stern, re: SB 790 \(Stern\): Wildlife connectivity mitigation credits – SUPPORT](#)
- [May 28, 2021 letter from Transportation California, including TAMC and the Central Coast Coalition, to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review Chair Skinner and Assembly Committee on Budget Chair Ting, re: Support Additional Funding for Climate Friendly Transportation Programs in the 2021-22 State Budget](#)
- [June 9, 2021 letter from TAMC to US DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg, re: Support for Monterey-Salinas Transit's application to the Federal Transit Administration's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development](#)
- [June 11, 2021 letter from TAMC to MST Board of Directors, re: Support for SURF Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project \[Item #3-1– June 14, 2021 Board Meeting\]](#)

Support letters for Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project Grant Request

- [May 3, 2021 letter from Bruce Delgado, Mayor, City of Marina](#)
- [May 4, 2021 letter from Alex Padilla, US Senator](#)
- [May 6, 2021 letter from Dawn L. Hayes, Acting Superintendent, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)
- [May 10, 2021 letter from Maura Twomey, Executive Director, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments](#)
- [May 11, 2021 letter from Eduardo M. Ochoa, President, California State University Monterey Bay \(CSUMB\)](#)
- [May 20, 2021 letter from Timothy M. Gubbins, Caltrans District 5 Director](#)
- [May 21, 2021 letter from the Bureau of Land Management Central Coast Field Office](#)
- [May 21, 2021 letter from State Senator John Laird](#)
- [May 21, 2021 letter from Assembly Member Mark Stone](#)



June 10, 2021

Andrea Renny
Traffic Engineer
City of Monterey
580 Pacific Street
Monterey CA 93940

Re: Support for North Fremont Improvements

Dear Ms. Renny,

As the City of Monterey responds to the comments in the Grand Jury Report on the North Fremont Avenue Improvements, it is important for the Council and the public to consider why the Transportation Agency for Monterey County funded a significant portion of this project.

First and foremost, the North Fremont improvement project makes bicycle transportation safer and more attractive in a part of Monterey which is defined as a “disadvantaged community” by economic standards. By moving bicyclists away from driveways and intersections, the median bikeway has already reduced injuries and potentially deadly collisions with motor vehicles. The enhanced pedestrian features at the intersections have also made it safer to walk across this busy street. In addition, the new “smart” signals have eased the movement of traffic in the corridor. As well, the drainage improvements have removed the annual flooding that, prior to the project, had plagued adjacent businesses for years. For these reasons, the project has won several awards for excellence in transportation, as well as the praise of the North Fremont Business Association.

As with most transportation projects, the North Fremont improvements are but an incremental step towards a much larger goal: safer active transportation throughout the Monterey Peninsula. The North Fremont path is part of a network of separated bike routes that will connect disadvantaged communities to schools and parks, as follows:

- The Casa Verde to Laguna Grande bridge will connect the median bike lanes to the first segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, which will lead to Work Park, Del Rey Park, the Frog Pond and Del Rey Woods school;
- The bikeway is envisioned to continue (in one form or another) down Fremont Street through Seaside and connect to the vibrant West Broadway corridor, as well as the newly-funded East Broadway protected bike lanes leading to Martin Luther King elementary school; and,
- The North Fremont Bikeway will eventually connect with the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic (or “Rec”) Trail, via a new crossing of Del Monte, from Laguna Grande to Roberts Lake.

Letter to City of Monterey re: North Fremont Improvements
June 10, 2021

In conclusion, the North Fremont improvement project provided the start of a safer regional bicycling network and improvements to a corridor that hasn't seen a facelift in 50 years. We are confident that this corridor will soon become "a path to everywhere."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hale', written over the printed name.

Debra L Hale
Executive Director