



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Recognizes Outgoing Board Members for their Services

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's Board of Directors thanked outgoing Board members Del Rey Oaks Mayor Alison Kerr, Supervisor John Phillips, and retiring Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins for their service in supporting regional transportation improvement projects over the years.

Mayor Kerr was recognized for her leadership on the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project and for her role in shepherding the first 1.5-mile segment of the project, which will be constructed in the City of Del Rey Oaks, through the final design process. This first segment of the approximately 28-mile project will provide a safe and comfortable route connecting the community to local and regional parks, Del Rey Woods Elementary school, and the City's Butterfly Garden.

Former Board Chair Phillips was recognized for his service as Co-Chair of the Measure X Campaign Committee, successfully leading the community effort that resulted in Monterey County voters approving Measure X in 2016, estimated to generate over \$600 million locally and leveraging millions more of state and federal dollars over its 30 year life, to implement local transportation priority projects; his support of the inclusion of the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, which will be one of the first regional Measure X road projects to start construction; and his extraordinary work for North County.

The TAMC Board recognized retiring Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins' leadership and creative problem solving to help deliver numerous improvements to the state highway system in Monterey County. These include the US 101 Prunedale Improvement

Project, US 101 San Juan Road Interchange, SR 1 Salinas Road Interchange, SR 1 Pfeiffer Creek emergency bridge replacement, and the SR 1 Mud Creek landslide project.

[Certificate for Board Member Alison Kerr](#)

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[Certificate for Board Member Tim Gubbins](#)

TAMC Board Adopts Resolution for Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan (SRTS); and afterwards adopted a resolution approving the Plan and its proposed improvements.

The SRTS Plan identifies barriers to safe, convenient transportation and will guide future improvements around 45 city schools in four school districts. Recommendations in the Plan, which include infrastructure and programming, is designed to help address school-based traffic congestion and improve student health by fostering increased biking, walking, and carpooling. The project team, comprised of staff from the Transportation Agency, County Health Department, City of Salinas Public Works and Planning, School Districts, and non-profit Ecology Action, have engaged administrators, parents, and students in school bike/walk assessments, mapping activities, street demonstrations, and surveys.

The final Plan is anticipated to be adopted this month by the City of Salinas, Alisal Union School District, Salinas City School District, Salinas Union High School District, and Santa Rita Union School District. Once adopted, TAMC staff will work with the partner agencies to pursue funding to implement recommendations in the Plan.

Those recommendations based on safety, access to key destinations, connectivity and low stress network, equity and community identified needs include:

Infrastructure:

- 10 miles of separated bikeways
- 15.8 miles of bicycle boulevards
- 17 roundabouts
- 13 rectangular rapid flashing beacons; and
- 180 intersections upgraded to high-visibility crosswalks

Non-infrastructure programming includes "Walk & Roll to School" events, walking school buses, crossing guards, park & walk programming, and traffic safety education.

TAMC Will Resume In-Person Meetings Next Year

After receiving an update on the changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the TAMC Board of Directors announced that they will resume in-person meetings starting in January 2023, pursuant to the revised Brown Act. TAMC Board meetings will be held in a location that enables hybrid meetings. Staff will test out various locations prior to posting that agenda and will cite the location on the agenda.

TAMC Committee meetings will remain fully remote in January and February, returning to the TAMC conference room starting in March 2023. The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee will return to alternating the meetings at the Marina Monterey County Free Library and TAMC Conference Room.

Governor Newsom signed AB 361 on September 16, 2021, to permit teleconferencing for Brown Act meetings during a state of emergency. Governor Newsom's declared state of emergency is set to be lifted on February 28, 2023.