

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

December 3, 2014

DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The Board of Directors for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County honored two of its departing board members for their years of exemplary service.

Departing Monterey City Councilmember, Frank Sollecito was recognized for being a tireless advocate for regional transportation needs during his eight years of service. He's been a board member, as well as, a Board Chair, and has been the Vice-Chair of the Rail Policy Committee for four years. As Vice-Chair he was instrumental in helping to set policy to bring two rail services to Monterey County to help enhance mobility opportunities and lead to economic vitality for the region. In that same vein, Councilmember Sollecito has been a dedicated supporter of finding a solution to address concerns about safety and congestion on Highway 156.

Also recognized for 15 years of service, was Supervisor Lou Calcagno. During his tenure he served as Board Chairperson in 2002 and 2010. As a Board member, Supervisor Calcagno was instrumental in building a coalition of support and funding for establishing Monterey-Salinas Transit service between the South County cities and Salinas, now known as Line 23; served as the champion for the US 101 Prunedale Improvement Project, persuading local and state decision-makers to support a more modest, safety-focused project when the cost of the Prunedale Bypass became prohibitive, always assuring that community interests were respected throughout the design and construction of the project; represented the Transportation Agency before the California Transportation Commission and the State Department of Transportation, tirelessly advocating for funding for major highway safety improvements, including the State Route 1 at Salinas Road interchange, improvements to the interchange at US 101 and Airport Boulevard, and the US 101 interchange at San Juan Road.

With gratitude for their service, the Board of Directors bid a fond farewell to Frank Sollecito and Lou Calcagno!

PUBLIC HEARING FOR UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

The TAMC Board of Directors held a hearing to solicit public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County. Anyone who knew of a need located where they live, work, go to school or even shop, was given the opportunity to express that need to the Board.

The hearing was just one of several held annually to identify unmet transit needs in the county. Anyone who still wishes to express an unmet need can submit a comment in writing. The deadline to submit a comment is Saturday, January 31, 2015. Comments can be mailed to TAMC, ATTN. Virginia Murillo, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. 93901. Comments can also be emailed to: www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/elderly/UnmetTran.html.

For more information, in English or Spanish, about unmet transit needs, contact Virginia Murillo at (831) 775-4415 or email her at virgina@tamcmonterey.org.

THE COAST DAYLIGHT TRAIN PROJECT

A presentation on the proposed Coast Daylight Train Project was presented to the Board of Directors by TAMC staff. The project is a proposed passenger rail service that would ultimately operate one daily round trip between San Francisco and Los Angeles along the coast. After the presentation, the Board opened a public hearing on the Coast Corridor Draft Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

The next public hearing on this project will be at 6 p.m. on December 9, 2014, during the King City Regular City Council Meeting, located in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 212 South Vanderhurst Avenue, King City.

Written comments can be mailed to TAMC, ATTN. Christina Watson, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, 93901. Email comments can be sent to: prodgers@slocog.org. The deadline to submit a comment is January 7, 2015.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM TAMC

As we near the end of the year 2014, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you have a safe and joyous holiday season!