

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

February 26, 2014 Meeting

\$14.1 MILLION IN TAMC FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

The TAMC Board adopted updated guidelines and policies for using Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. The funds are assigned to local projects through competitive grants and a population based formula. The estimated amount of funding available for fiscal years 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17 is \$14.1 million. This cycle, the TAMC Board decided to dedicate \$1,410,000 for Monterey Salinas Transit to replace mini-buses; \$300,000 to support jurisdiction's efforts to evaluate if roundabouts or traffic signals are most appropriate at new or modified intersections; \$1,410,000 for Board directed transportation projects; and the remaining balance of \$10,980,000 to be split 50% by formula to the County and cities in Monterey County, and 50% for a competitive grant program. Grant applications are due to the Transportation Agency May 1, 2014 by 12:00 PM.

MORE THAN JUST BIKE LANES: TAMC PROMOTES COMPLETE STREETS

The Transportation Agency received a report about the many different applications of complete street planning, and a short video about complete streets in New York City was shown. Many of the innovative ideas featured in the video can be used locally too, and some already have. Examples of local complete street planning include the roundabouts on Reservation road in Marina, the 4th St. downtown area of Gonzales, and the walkability of downtown Carmel. TAMC encourages local jurisdictions to consider potential complete street enhancements for any and all future street projects.

The video shown was created by Streetfilms and titled: Complete Streets: "It's About More than Bike Lanes" (<http://www.streetfilms.org/complete-streets-its-about-more-than-just-bike-lanes/>)

TAMC HONORS ARIANA GREEN AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Transportation Planner Ariana Green was selected by the employees of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October – December 2013. Agency employees selected Ariana for this recognition because of her Community outreach efforts on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor as well as her work on the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook. Great job, Ariana!