

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 3, 2016
9:30 AM

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas
TAMC Conference Room
AGENDA

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3. BEGINNING OF 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.

- 3.1 **APPROVE** minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of September 1, 2016.

- Zeller

The draft minutes of the September 1, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

- 3.2 **RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the fifteenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

-Wright

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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5. **PROVIDE** input on the locations to be included in the traffic counts Request for Proposals for the 2017 - 2019 data collection period.

- Murillo

The Regional Traffic Counts Program monitors traffic volumes twice per year on Monterey County roadways. The collected data is used in planning, for the regional travel demand model, and helps secure state and federal funding.

6. **RECEIVE** update on outreach efforts for the Active Transportation Plan.

- Murillo

Outreach for the Active Transportation Plan, an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, continues. Staff has been presenting to interested stakeholders, and has been collecting input via the online Wikimapping tool that is posted to the Transportation Agency website.

7. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on draft 2017 Legislative Program.

- Watson

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

**Next Committee meeting will be on
Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, and REPORTS - No items this month



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: **Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 1, 2016**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of September 1, 2016.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the September 1, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This item has no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- TAC Mintues - September 1, 2016

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Held At The
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference
 Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas
 Minutes of Thursday, September 1, 2016

	SEP 15	OCT 15	NOV 15	JAN 16	FEB 16	MAR 16	APR 16	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16
R. Mullane, Carmel-by-the-Sea (M. Weiner)		<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P	<i>C</i>			P	<i>C</i>	
D. Dawson, Del Rey Oaks (R. Lang Ford)	P	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	P	<i>A</i>		P		<i>A</i>	P
P. Dobbins Gonzales (R. Mendez, J. Lipe)	<i>P</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	P	<i>N</i>	P		P	<i>N</i>	P
M. Steinmann, Greenfield (S. Stanton)	<i>P</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>	P	<i>C</i>	P	P	P	<i>C</i>	
O. Hurtado, King City (M. Powers)		<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	P(A)	<i>E</i>	P	P		<i>E</i>	P
N. Khayata, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	<i>P</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	P	<i>L</i>	P	P(A)	P	<i>L</i>	P
R. Deal, Monterey, Chair (A.Renny)	<i>P(A)</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>L</i>	P	<i>L</i>	P	P	P	<i>L</i>	
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	P	<i>E</i>	P			<i>E</i>	
J. Serrano, Salinas, (R. Russell, V. Gutierrez)	<i>P</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	P	<i>D</i>			P	<i>D</i>	P
T. Bodem, Sand City				P				P		
T. OHalloran, Seaside (R. Riedl, L. Llantero)	P(A)			P		P		P(A)		
D. Wilcox, Soledad (B. Slama, E. Waggoner)	P(A)			P			P	P		P
R. Chapman, MCPW Vice Chair (E.Savedra)	P			P		P	P(A)	P		P(A)
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development										
H. Adamson, AMBAG (P. Hierling)	P(A)			P(A)				P(A)		P(A)
B. Rider, Caltrans (O. Monroy-Ochoa)	P(A)			P(A)		P(A)		P(A)		
A. Spear, CSUMB										
A. Romero, MBUAPCD										
J. Brinkmann, FORA (C. Soares)				P		P				
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Gallant)	P			P		P	P	P		P
STAFF										
D. Hale, Exec. Director										
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	P			P			P			P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer	P			P		P	P	P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P			P		P	P	P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner										
V. Murillo, Asst. Transp. Planner	P			P		P		P		P
Theresa Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	P			P				P		
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner										P
B. Green, Rideshare Coordinator										P

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Olejnik, Caltrans
 Gina Schmidt, AMBAG
 Fernanda Rivera, City of Monterey
 Paul Greenway, MNS Engineers

1. ROLL CALL

Past-Chair James Serrano, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Introductions were made and a quorum established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVE the consent agenda.

M/S/C Daniel Dawson / Patrick Dobbins - Passed

Ayes: Dawson, Dobbins, Hurtado, Khayata, Riedl, Serrano, Wilcox

3.1 APPROVE minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of May 5, 2016.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2016 Committee Vice-Chair

APPROVE Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, as the 2016 Vice-Chair for the Technical Advisory Committee.

M/S/C Octavio Hurtado / Don Wilcox - Passed

Ayes: Dawson, Dobbins, Hurtado, Khayata, Riedl, Serrano, Wilcox

Hank Myers, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer reported that the committee needs to elect a new 2016 Vice-Chair to serve the remainder of the Technical Advisory Committee 2016 meetings to fill the vacancy created by the department of Ryan Chapman from the County Monterey.

5. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

The Committee received an update on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and provided comments on the draft project list.

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner reported that the Transportation Agency is beginning the process of a technical update to the Regional Transportation Plan for 2018. The Regional Transportation Plan provides a basis for the allocation of state and federal transportation funds to transportation projects within the county over a long-range timeframe. Agency staff is requesting that jurisdictions review their projects in the plan and provide update information.

6. Active Transportation Plan

The Committee received an update on Active Transportation Plan, and provided input on projects received to date.

Virginia Murillo, Assistant Transportation Planner reported that the 2016 Active Transportation Plan will be an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

She noted that the focus of the 2016 Plan update is to match State Activity Transportation Program guidelines, incorporate innovative bicycle facility designs, and promote high priority projects.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, asked if the criteria in the Active Transportation Program competitive grants is the same as being proposed here? Virginia Murillo responded that yes, we tried to reflect the latest ATP application as much as we could in assigning the points.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, asked how was the budget arrived at? Virginia Murillo responded that it includes TAMC staff time to conduct the work as well as preliminary design for some of the top projects, which will be a consultant contract that hasn't been let yet.

7. California Transportation Plan

The Committee received a presentation from Caltrans staff on the update to the California Transportation Plan (CTP 2040).

Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit, asked how is the California Transportation Plan different from the Regional Transportation Plan / Metropolitan Transportation Plan, is it a list of projects or over arching goals? John Olejnik, Caltrans, responded that it's the latter, to make sure projects in the RTP conform with the CTP goals and objectives.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked if Transportation Concept Reports get folded into the CTP? John Olejnik responded that It's up to Caltrans to make sure Transportation Concept Reports are in conformance with the CTP, such as greenhouse gas emissions and complete streets goals.

8. Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation Project: Draft Toolkits

The Committee received an update from Sean Vienna, AMBAG, on draft toolkits created to help implement the Sustainable Communities Strategies; and provided comments on the draft toolkits.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, asked how would I use the draft toolkits? Sean Vienna responded that the draft toolkits will help you to identify projects that will support the SCS goals and help you talk to decision makers and the public with the case studies.

Todd Muck, Deputy Director, asked when would you envision staff using these? Sean Vienna responded that for city staff, it could be used for helping to identify types of potential development for infill spaces with real world examples.

9. Orthoimagery Project

The Committee received an update from AMBAG staff on the Orthoimagery Project.

The Orthoimagery Project will meet the imagery data needs for our region's cities, counties, special districts, partner agencies and universities by providing aerial photographs to serve as provide baseline data for our region for 2016. Although the project is moving forward there has been some delay in data capture on the Monterey Peninsula due to the Soberanes Fire.

Todd Muck, Deputy Director, asked what is the process for quality control? Gina Schmidt, AMBAG, responded that they have a quality control vendor on contract to review each tile.

Don Wilcox, City of Soledad, asked if they flew for LIDAR? No.

Rick Reidl, City of Seaside, asked what's the deliverable? An image file that you can use in GIS or CAD.

Fernanda Rivera, City of Monterey, asked if there is a way to compare 2007 to 2016? Yes, with the pictometry software or your GIS / CAD software.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, announced that MST has moved to upper Ragsdale

Hank Myers, TAMC, announced that Caltrans will have a MUTCD conference in San Diego

Hank Myers, TAMC, announced that the CTC approved \$800 million for infrastructure projects.

Nourdin Khayata, City of Marina, announced that the Beach and Del Monte roundabout construction will be starting September 12.

Virginia Murrillo, TAMC, announced that the agency will be conducting traffic counts in September.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: **Transportation Excellence Awards**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the call for nominations for the fifteenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in Monterey County by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards. Staff encourages Board members to submit nominations, which are due by December 2, 2016. The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 2017 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs associated the presentation of the awards except those incurred to print and frame the certificates.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to show its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, programs or projects. Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to promote the most efficient use of the transportation system;
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network;
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the

- public about transportation issues; or,
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of alternatives to driving alone.

Committee and Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and nominate projects, groups or individuals to be recognized for their contributions to transportation in Monterey County. Staff will be vigorously promoting this appreciation program by a mass mailing, press releases and follow-up Board reports. The nomination form is attached and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. The form can be mailed to Transportation Agency offices or faxed to the attention of Theresa Wright. The deadline for nominations is noon, December 2, 2016. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the award recipients at its January meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Transportation Excellence 2016 Nomination Form

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Transportation Excellence Awards



Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee:

Category: (circle one)	Individual	Business/Group	Program	Project
Address:			Email:	
City:		Zip	Phone:	
If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name:				
Title:			Phone:	
			Email:	

2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name:	Phone:
Title:	Email:
Organization:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:

Please return by **noon, December 2, 2016** via fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright
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For additional information, please call 831-775-4411. This form is also available on TAMC's website at: <http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/excelaward/index.html>



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: **Competitive Grants Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the remaining balances for 2014 Competitive Grants projects; and **RECEIVE** draft schedule for the 2017 Competitive Grants cycle.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency periodically programs Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Development Act 2%, and Regional Development Impact Fee funds to local projects. Transportation Agency staff requests jurisdictions review and provide updates on their projects; inactive projects will be deprogrammed with the unused funding returned to the program for use in an upcoming grant cycle.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The three-year estimated funding of Regional Surface Transportation Program for fiscal years 2017/18/19 is \$3.6 million for fair share and \$8.3 million for competitive grants. An additional \$750,000 of Transportation Development Act 2% will be included in the competitive grants for bicycle and pedestrian projects, for a total grant program of \$9.03 million.

DISCUSSION:

The Surface Transportation Program is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. Because Monterey County didn't have an urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000 in the 1990 census, it qualified for the state exchange Surface Transportation Program, whereby Caltrans keeps the federal Surface Transportation Program apportionments for a

region and gives the regional agency an equivalent amount of state cash.

The Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair-share and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on their population and road miles. The total fair share allocation over the next three years was set by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors at \$3.6 million. This fair share amount would be distributed to the jurisdictions as follows:

Jurisdiction	2015 Population	2015 Lane Miles	3-Year Fair Share Funding
Carmel-by-the Sea	3,824	60	\$ 42,705
Del Rey Oaks	1,655	19	\$ 15,510
Gonzales	8,411	19	\$ 43,425
Greenfield	16,947	44	\$ 90,379
King City	14,008	56	\$ 83,427
Marina	20,496	129	\$ 143,249
Monterey	28,576	235	\$ 224,673
Pacific Grove	15,251	129	\$ 121,390
Salinas	159,486	578	\$ 923,066
Sand City	376	9.83	\$ 5,980
Seaside	34,185	177	\$ 221,901
Soledad	24,809	39	\$ 120,567
County of Monterey	104,613	2,512	\$ 1,563,728
Fair-Share Total:	432,637	4,007	\$ 3,600,000

The Transportation Agency distributes part of the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding on a competitive basis to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria, including traffic volume and project deliverability. With the Transportation Agency now seeking to begin a new grant cycle, this process would involve the release of grant materials by the Transportation Agency, and the Technical Advisory Committee establishing a subcommittee to review and rank project proposals. When combined with an estimated \$250,000 per year in Transportation Development Act 2% funds (\$750,000 for the 3-year grant cycle), the estimated three-year total available for grant funds is \$9.03 million (see **Attachment 1**).

The table included as **Attachment 2** is a listing of projects with 2014 Competitive Grants fund balances as of October, 2016. The table indicates projects with balances by jurisdiction and by fund type – either Competitive RSTP or TDA 2%. The Transportation Agency Board established a strict 3-year "Timely Use of Funds" policy with the most recently adopted Regional Surface Transportation Program Guidelines (June 2015). The TAMC Timely Use of Funds provision gives the agency staff authority to deobligate funds from a local agency if project implementation is not moving forward in a satisfactory manner and reapply these funds towards a project that is ready for implementation. Accordingly, Agency staff is proposing to deprogram projects that have not used their existing competitive grant fund balances, and use the funds in an upcoming grant cycle.

Jurisdictions with projects that are deprogrammed would have the ability to reapply. The Transportation Agency staff requests that each jurisdiction review the attached listing and notify the Transportation Agency of any updates that need to be made to their competitive grant balances, and the status of their projects. Projects with fair share balances would not be affected.

Agency staff is proposing to award the competitive grants in two tiers, based on the availability of funding. The first tier would be funded with the estimated \$9.03 million in RSTP and TDA 2% funds. The second tier would be funded with any deprogrammed funds from the last competitive grants cycle.

The Transportation Agency will also be updating its policies and procedures related to the Regional Surface Transportation Program. Transportation Agency staff will provide an update to the Technical Advisory Committee on the guidelines, as well as review policies for the distribution of fair share allocations, the timely use of funds, use of interest, project eligibility, and discuss criteria and procedures for future grant cycles. The draft schedule for these activities are included as **Attachment 3**.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ 2017 Fund Estimate
- ▣ 2014 Competitive Grants Outstanding Balances
- ▣ Draft 2017 Competitive Grants Schedule

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Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Regional Surface Transportation Program
2017 Fund Estimate

Fund Estimate:

FY 17/18	\$4,400,000
FY 18/19	\$4,400,000
FY 19/20	\$4,400,000
Total Fund Estimate	\$13,200,000

Fund Distribution:

RSTP Reserve (10% of total)	\$1,320,000
Total Funds Available	\$11,880,000

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Total Competitive Grant Funding	\$9,030,000

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Local Agency Funding Allocation Agreement
2014 Competitive Grants - Outstanding Balances

Agency	Board Approval Date	Fund Expiration Date	Type	Project	Budget	Paid	Balance Outstanding
County	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	SR68/Corral de Tierra Intersection Improvement Project	\$ 49,417	\$ -	\$ 49,417
County	9/24/2014	9/24/2017	TDA 2%	Castroville Railroad Crossing Bicycle Project	\$ 953,192	\$ 489,814	\$ 463,379
County	9/24/2014	9/24/2017	TDA 2%	Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail	\$ 219,930	\$ 200,407	\$ 19,523
County	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	TDA 2%	Moss Landing segment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail	\$ 57,051	\$ 57,051	\$ -
Carmel	9/24/2014	9/24/2017	RSTP Competitive	Install Bike Racks	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ 13,000
King City	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	TDA 2%	First Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 648,750	\$ -	\$ 648,750
Marina	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	Beach Road Improvements - SR 1 to Marina Drive	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Monterey	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	Holman Highway 68 Roundabout - Construction	\$ 1,414,158	\$ 60,793	\$ 1,353,365
Monterey	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	Holman Highway 68 Roundabout - Public Outreach	\$ 117,675	\$ -	\$ 117,675
Monterey	8/27/2014	6/30/2020	RSTP Competitive	Holman Highway 68 Roundabout (cannot be claimed until FY 2017/18)	\$ 1,329,671	\$ -	\$ 1,329,671
Monterey	9/24/2014	9/24/2017	RSTP Competitive	Holman Highway 68	\$ 146,991	\$ 86,199	\$ 60,793
Salinas	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	Downtown Salinas Complete Streets Improvements	\$ 310,000	\$ 54,388	\$ 255,612
Seaside	3/26/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	Broadway Ave. Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 499,990	\$ 10
Seaside	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	RSTP Competitive	West Broadway Urban Village Infrastructure Improvements Project	\$ 3,798,750	\$ -	\$ 3,798,750
Seaside	8/27/2014	8/27/2017	TDA 2%	West Broadway Urban Village Infrastructure Improvements Project	\$ 251,250	\$ 175,525	\$ 75,725
					\$ 9,909,835	\$ 1,624,166	\$ 8,285,669

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Regional Surface Transportation Program
2017 Competitive Grant Schedule (Three-Year Program Covering 2017, 2018, and 2019)

Tasks	Schedule
TAMC Board Action	
Grant application approval	February 22, 2017
Call for projects	February 27, 2017
Establish Review Committee	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee recommends nominees to the Technical Advisory Committee	April 5, 2017
Technical Advisory Committee will appoint a Subcommittee, generally comprised of Technical Advisory Committee members, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee members, partner agency staff, and Transportation Agency staff without a conflict of interest, to evaluate and rank all applications	April 6, 2017
Grant Applications Due	
For each application submitted, applicant must include three paper copies and a PDF copy	June 1, 2017
Review Committee Scores Applications	
Initial review committee member scoring completed	June 23, 2017
Review Committee Meeting to Finalize Recommendations	June 26, 2017
BPC & TAC Recommendations to TAMC Board	
The BPC will forward their recommendations on to the TAC for consideration	August 2, 2017
The TAC will recommend approval for funding by the Transportation Agency Board. Alternative projects may also be listed in case recommended projects fail to be constructed	August 3, 2017
Draft Resolution to TAMC Board	
Finalize legal review and staff report	August 15, 2017
TAMC Board Approval	
Board approves projects for Competitive Grants via resolution	August 23, 2017



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: Traffic Counts 2017

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PROVIDE input on the locations to be included in the traffic counts Request for Proposals for the 2017 - 2019 data collection period.

SUMMARY:

The Regional Traffic Counts Program monitors traffic volumes twice per year on Monterey County roadways. The collected data is used in planning, for the regional travel demand model, and helps secure state and federal funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Agency's adopted budget includes \$25,000 for regional traffic counts in fiscal years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, for a total 3-year budget of \$75,000.

The last round of three-year traffic counts contract was \$71,000, and included counts at 170 locations.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency's regional traffic counts program measures traffic volumes on regional roadways. The Agency's primary goal for collecting new regional traffic counts is to provide fresh data for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's (AMBAG) regional travel demand model. Count locations are on the county's regional road network, in addition to locations requested by Caltrans as part of its Highway Performance Monitoring System. Two-day, 24-hour vehicle tube count data is collected twice a year, once in April (off-peak) and again in August (peak). There are currently 170 traffic counts locations that are included as an **attachment**, and may also be found online at:

<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/traffic-counts/>

The goal of this Request for Proposals is to continue to collect traffic count data required for AMBAG's travel demand model, while better coordinating the traffic counts program with local jurisdictions that are looking to include additional count locations or are doing counts of their own. The Transportation Agency is also looking to incorporate new traffic counts technology, such as bluetooth traffic data collection and video camera counts, in the next contract.

This RFP is expected to be released in December, with the goal of having a consultant on-board by February 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Traffic Count Locations

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Traffic Counts Locations

Traffic Count Location Database ID#	City Count #	Jurisdiction	Street	Cross Street
77	1	Carmel-by-the-Sea	Ocean Ave	btwn SR-1 & Hatton Rd
131	1	Del Rey Oaks	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	SR-218/Canyon Del Rey Rd & South Boundary Rd
27	1	Marina	Imjin Parkway	SR 1 & 2nd Ave
31	2	Marina	Del Monte Blvd	SR-1 & Reindollar Ave
45	3	Marina	Imjin Parkway	Reservation Rd & Preston Dr
48	4	Marina	Reservation Rd	Del Monte Ave & Vista Del Camino
49	5	Marina	Imjin Parkway	4th Ave & California Ave
62	6	Marina	Lightfighter Dr	btwn SR 1 & 1st Ave
74	7	Marina	Reservation Rd	SR 1 & Cardoza Ave
98	8	Marina	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	btwn Lightfighter Dr & Gigling Rd
125	9	Marina	Reindollar Ave	btwn Del Monte Blvd & Sunset Ave
134	10	Marina	California Ave	btwn Imjin Pkwy & Reindollar Ave
139	11	Marina	Del Monte Blvd	btwn Paul Davis Dr & Lapis Rd
150	12	Marina	2nd Ave	btwn Imjin Pkwy & 10th St
155	13	Marina	2nd Ave	btwn Lightfighter Dr and 1st St
30	1	Monterey	Fremont Blvd	btwn SR-1 NB on-ramp & Del Monte Ave
64	2	Monterey	Soledad Dr	btwn Pacific St & Munras Ave
65	3	Monterey	Fremont St	btwn Abrego St & Munras Ave
67	4	Monterey	Foam St	btwn Lighthouse Ave & Reeside Ave
71	5	Monterey	Abrego St	btwn El Dorado St & Fremont St
79	6	Monterey	Camino El Estero	Fremont St & Webster St
80	7	Monterey	Hawthorne St	btwn David Ave & Eardley Ave
84	8	Monterey	Pacific St	btwn Sloat Ave & Lighthouse Curve
85	9	Monterey	Camino Aguajito	btwn 10th St and Fremont St
88	10	Monterey	Camino Aguajito	Glenwood Circle & SR-1 SB On-ramp
94	11	Monterey	Franklin St	Tyler St & Washington St
95	12	Monterey	David Ave	btwn SR-68 & Ransford Ave
97	13	Monterey	David Ave	btwn Lighthouse Ave & Foam St
106	14	Monterey	Franklin St	Pierce St and Pacific St
130	15	Monterey	Pearl St	Camino El Estero & Camino Aguajito
154	16	Monterey	Private Bolio Rd	btwn Hawthorne St & Lighthouse Ave
167	17	Monterey	Via Lavendera	Fishnet Rd & Glenwood Cir
2	18	Monterey	Lighthouse Ave	Pacific Ave & Foam St
3	19	Monterey	Lighthouse Ave	Private Bolio Rd & Reeside Ave
5	20	Monterey	Lighthouse Ave	Del Monte Ave & Tunnel
7	21	Monterey	Del Monte Ave	Camino El Estero & Camino Aguajito
10	22	Monterey	Fremont St	btwn Camino El Estero & Camino Aguajito
22	23	Monterey	Munras Ave	btwn Soledad Dr & Via Buena Vista
51	24	Monterey	N Fremont St	btwn Palo Verde & Dela Rosa Ave
153	25	Monterey	Glenwood Cir	Iris Canyon Rd & Aguajito Rd
19	1	Monterey County	Reservation Rd	Imjin Pkwy & Blanco Rd
28	2	Monterey County	Blanco Rd	Cooper Rd & Armstrong Rd
34	3	Monterey County	Carmel Valley Rd	btwn SR-1 & Carmel Rancho Blvd
40	4	Monterey County	W Blanco Rd	Reservation Rd & Cooper Rd
44	5	Monterey County	Carmel Valley Rd	btwn Rio Vista Dr & Via Mallorca
52	6	Monterey County	Rio Rd	E/o SR 1 Intersection
55	7	Monterey County	Carmel Valley Blvd	btwn Pacific Meadows Ln & Del Mesa Dr
60	8	Monterey County	Carmel Valley Rd	btwn Valley Greens Dr & Williams Ranch Rd
73	9	Monterey County	San Miguel Cyn Rd	Woodland Hills Ln & Charles Schell Ln
78	10	Monterey County	Carmel Rancho Blvd	btwn Carmel Valley Rd & Carmel Rancho Ln

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83	11	Monterey County	Rio Rd	W/o SR 1 Intersection
87	12	Monterey County	Carmel Valley Rd	btwn Scarlett Rd & Rancho Fiesta Rd
89	13	Monterey County	Espinosa Rd	bet. Rodgers Rd & US-101
93	14	Monterey County	San Juan Rd	Corey Rd & Carpenteria Rd
99	15	Monterey County	Espinosa Rd	Hwy 183 & Rodgers Ln
111	16	Monterey County	Reservation Rd	btwn Watkins Gate & Davis Rd
113	17	Monterey County	Davis Rd	btwn Hitchcock Rd & Blanco Rd
116	18	Monterey County	Metz Rd	btwn Topo Rd & Hwy 146
122	19	Monterey County	Castroville Blvd	Cielo Azul & Los Ninos Pl
127	20	Monterey County	Laureless Grade	btwn Southview Ln & Camino Escondido Rd
129	21	Monterey County	Reservation Rd	btwn Blanco Rd & East Garrison Rd
133	22	Monterey County	Harkins Rd	Hunter Ln & Nutting St
136	23	Monterey County	Dolan Rd	btwn Trail Dr & Dolan Pl
137	24	Monterey County	Crazy Horse Canyon Rd	btwn San Juan Ggrade & Hidden Canyon Rd
141	25	Monterey County	Nashua Rd	btwn Cooper Rd & Hwy 1
142	26	Monterey County	Harrison Rd	btwn Russell Rd & Easy St
144	27	Monterey County	Murphy Rd	Pajaro River bridge
145	27	Monterey County	River Rd	btwn Chualar River Rd & Parker Rd
146	27	Monterey County	Central Ave	btwn Thompson Canyon Rd & Teague Ave
149	27	Monterey County	Old Stage Rd	btwn Chualar Rd & Goat Rd
151	27	Monterey County	Jolon Rd	btwn San Lucas Rd & Jolon Dump Rd
152	27	Monterey County	Oasis Rd	btwn San Lucas Rd & Jolon Rd
157	27	Monterey County	Carpenteria Rd	Greenleaf Dr & Snyder Ave
158	27	Monterey County	Blackie Rd	Commerical Pkwy & Moro Ter.
160	27	Monterey County	Bitterwater/King City Rd	btwn Metz Rd & Hwy 25
161	27	Monterey County	Arroyo Seco Rd	btwn Thorne Rd & Clark Rd
162	27	Monterey County	Maher Rd	Padilla Pl & Little Hill Ln
163	27	Monterey County	Carpenteria Rd	Pajaro River bridge
164	27	Monterey County	Elkhorn Rd	Campagna Way & Kirby Rd
165	27	Monterey County	Ft. Romie Rd	btwn Camphora Rd & Puma Rd
166	27	Monterey County	Metz Rd	btwn Spreckles Rd & Elm Ave (Greenfield)
168	27	Monterey County	Aguajito Rd	btwn Loma Alta Rd & Monhollan Rd
96	1	Pacific Grove	Forest Ave	btwn SR-68 & Beaumont Ave
107	2	Pacific Grove	Lighthouse Ave	btwn 17th & 18th
109	3	Pacific Grove	David Ave	btwn SR-68 & Seaview Ave
110	4	Pacific Grove	Lighthouse Ave	btwn Fountain Ave & Grand Ave
126	5	Pacific Grove	Presidio Blvd	btwn SR-68 Holman Hwy & Austin Ave
128	6	Pacific Grove	Lighthouse Ave	btwn Alder St & Bentley St
1	1	Salinas	Main St	US-101 & Bernal Dr
4	2	Salinas	Main St	Market St & Lake St
6	3	Salinas	Natividad Rd	E Laurel Dr & Sorrentini Dr
8	4	Salinas	Davis Rd	Hwy 183 & Rossi St
9	5	Salinas	Sanborn Rd	Work St/Tervan Ave & Elvee Dr
11	6	Salinas	Market St/Sherwood Dr	Front St & Market Way
12	7	Salinas	Boronda Rd	US 101 & Main St
13	8	Salinas	Main St	Pajaro River Bridge
14	9	Salinas	N Davis Rd	Post Dr & Laurel Dr
15	10	Salinas	Sanborn Rd	btwn US-101 & John St
16	11	Salinas	Davis Rd	btwn Blanco Rd & Ambrose Dr
17	12	Salinas	N Main St	btwn E Boronda Rd & San Juan Grade Rd

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18	13	Salinas	Blanco Rd	Hitchcock Rd & Davis Rd
23	14	Salinas	N Boronda Rd	btwn Davis Rd & US-101
24	15	Salinas	John St	btwn Abbott St & Work St
25	16	Salinas	Blanco Rd	btwn Main St & Pajaro ST
29	17	Salinas	Laurel Dr	US 101 & Adams St
32	18	Salinas	E Boronda Rd	btwn N Main St & San Juan Grade Rd
33	19	Salinas	Sherwood Dr	btwn US-101 & Sherwood Pl
35	20	Salinas	Alisal St	btwn US-101 & Kern St
36	21	Salinas	N Sanborn Rd	Laurel Dr & Acosta St
37	22	Salinas	Laurel Dr	Ranch View Ln & Constitution Blvd
38	23	Salinas	Blanco Rd	Gabilan Park & Abbott St
39	24	Salinas	Laurel Dr	US 101 & N Davis Rd
41	25	Salinas	Abbott St	Blanco Rd/Sanborn & Merrill St
42	26	Salinas	Market St	btwn US-101 & Kern St
43	27	Salinas	Blanco Rd	btwn SR-68/S Main St & Padre Dr
47	28	Salinas	Blanco Rd	btwn Davis Rd & W Alisal St
50	29	Salinas	E Market St	btwn Sun St & Griffin St
53	30	Salinas	E Market St	Short St & Division St
54	31	Salinas	E Boronda Rd	btwn Natividad Rd & El Dorado Dr
56	32	Salinas	Alisal St	btwn Front St & Prader St
57	33	Salinas	Airport Blvd	Terven Ave & Hansen St
58	34	Salinas	Abbott St	Harkins Rd & Harris Rd
59	35	Salinas	John St	btwn US-101 & Wood St
61	36	Salinas	Front St	btwn Abbott St & San Luis St
63	37	Salinas	Natividad Rd	btwn Los Coches Ave & Emerald Way
68	38	Salinas	Salinas St	btwn SR-183/W Market St & Central Ave
69	39	Salinas	Williams Rd	Freedom Parkway & Del Monte Ave
70	40	Salinas	Monterey St	btwn E Market St & Gabilan St
72	41	Salinas	Boronda Rd	Rider Ave & Constitution Blvd
75	42	Salinas	San Juan Grade	btwn Russell Rd & Newlyn St
76	43	Salinas	John St	btwn Main St & Pajaro St
81	44	Salinas	Airport Blvd	btwn US-101 and Moffett St
86	45	Salinas	Wood St	btwn US 101 & John St
90	46	Salinas	Central Ave	btwn David Ave & Dewey Ave
91	47	Salinas	John St	btwn Main St & Salinas St
92	48	Salinas	N Main St	btwn E Boronda Rd & Russell Rd
100	49	Salinas	E Alisal St	Tampa St & Fern St
101	50	Salinas	Romie Ln	btwn Main St & Pajaro St
102	51	Salinas	Bardin Rd	btwn Williams Rd & Cross Ave
103	52	Salinas	Freedom Pkwy	Constitution Blvd & Nogal Dr
104	53	Salinas	E Laurel Dr	N Sanborn Rd & Towt St
105	54	Salinas	Russell Rd	btwn US-101 & Harrison Rd
108	55	Salinas	Natividad Rd	btwn Boronda Rd & Rogge Rd
117	56	Salinas	Russell Rd	btwn Bahia Ave & Van Buren Ave
118	57	Salinas	San Juan Grade Rd	btwn N Main St & E Boronda Rd
121	58	Salinas	Griffin St	btwn Rianda St & Neil St
123	59	Salinas	Alisal St	btwn Bardin Rd & Hartnell Rd
124	60	Salinas	Pajaro St	btwn John St & San Luis St
132	61	Salinas	Las Casitas Dr	Ranchero Dr & Constitution Blvd
135	62	Salinas	San Juan Grade/Salinas Rd	btwn Crazy Horse & The Alameda

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138	63	Salinas	Monterey St	btwn John St & San Luis St
140	64	Salinas	Iverson St	btwn Blanco Rd & Woodside Dr
143	65	Salinas	San Joaquin St	btwn Main St & Pajaro St
147	66	Salinas	Williams Rd	Boronda Rd & Old Stage Rd
156	67	Salinas	E Acacia St	btwn Main St & Pajaro St
159	68	Salinas	California St	btwn John St & San Luis St
169	69	Salinas	Chestnut St	btwn Main St & Pajaro ST
170	70	Salinas	Soledad St	btwn John St & San Luis St
82	1	Sand City	La Playa Ave	btwn Del Monte Ave & California Ave
20	1	Seaside	Fremont St	Cassanova & Canyon Del Rey
21	2	Seaside	Del Monte Ave	Roberts Ave & Canyon Del Rey Blvd
26	3	Seaside	Del Monte Blvd	SR-218/Canyon Del Rey Blvd & Palm Ave
46	4	Seaside	Fremont Blvd	btwn SR-218 Canyon Del Rey & Portola Dr
66	5	Seaside	Broadway Ave	btwn Fremont Blvd & Terrace Ave
112	6	Seaside	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	Coe Ave & Broadway Ave
114	7	Seaside	Broadway Ave	General Jim Moore Blvd & Mescal St
115	8	Seaside	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	Coe Ave & McClure Way
119	9	Seaside	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	btwn Lightfighter Dr & 1st St
120	10	Seaside	Gen Jim Moore Blvd	South Boundary Rd & Broadway Ave
148	11	Seaside	Monterey Rd	Buna Rd & Bougainville Rd



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Virginia Murillo, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: Active Transportation Plan Nov TAC

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on outreach efforts for the Active Transportation Plan.

SUMMARY:

Outreach for the Active Transportation Plan, an update of the 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, continues. Staff has been presenting to interested stakeholders, and has been collecting input via the online Wikimapping tool that is posted to the Transportation Agency website.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Agency budgeted \$60,999, to be paid for out of TAMC reserve funding, to continue in-house preparation of the Active Transportation Plan update in the 2016/2017 fiscal year budget. The Plan will position high priority projects to be more competitive for grant funding, such as the State's Active Transportation Program that had \$240 million available in Cycle 3.

DISCUSSION:

In addition to creating an Active Transportation Plan that will meet the State's guidelines, and identifying high priority bicycle and pedestrian projects, this effort will also focus on analyzing key gaps in the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian networks, identifying opportunity sites for innovative bicycle facility design, and designating areas for enhanced regional and local connectivity.

Since the beginning of the year, TAMC staff has worked with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee to develop the Plan vision and goals, establish project ranking criteria and identify bicycle and pedestrian

projects to be included in the Plan.

The Plan is currently in the public outreach phase, and TAMC staff has met with interested stakeholders and has made a presentation to the Board of Directors. Staff has also been using an online, interactive public input mapping tool to collect comments on active transportation improvements that are needed. To date, the map has received 381 comments from approximately 170 community members throughout Monterey County. Staff will review the map and the comments received at the meeting. The public comment period will close on Friday, December 16.

Following this phase to identify new projects, the next phase of the Active Transportation Plan is to hire a consultant to develop conceptual plans and cost estimates for the highest priority regional projects in order to improve their competitiveness for State and Federal funding.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[Active Transportation Plan Wikimap Public Input Tool](#)

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 3, 2016
Subject: 2017 Legislative Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE and **COMMENT** on draft 2017 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The 2016 TAMC Legislative Program focused on maintaining and augmenting transportation funding. The 2017 legislative program continues this focus on transportation funding. **Attachment 1** is the draft 2017 legislative program.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft program on October 5 and on October 26, the Board received the draft 2017 Legislative Program and approved releasing the program to Committees for comment. Following the Committees' review of the draft program in November, the final program will come back to the Executive Committee and Board in January for adoption.

Attachment 2 is a letter from Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) regarding the imminent expiration of Caltrans' federal environmental review delegation authority, known as the "waiver of sovereign immunity".

Attachment 3 is the letter TAMC sent to the State delegation asking for urgent legislation to extend that waiver.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Draft 2017 Legislative Program
- ▣ Caltrans letter to CTC: NEPA delegation
- ▣ TAMC letter to Monterey County delegation

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DRAFT 2017 Legislative Program: State Issues

- 1S. Increase and preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S. Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.
- 3S. Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.
- 4S. Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco.
- 5S. Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, alternative commutes, and active transportation projects.
- 6S. Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
- 7S. Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
- 8S. Support efforts to develop alternative funding sources to offset the reduction in gas tax revenues and ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.
- 9S. Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek funding from the program for regional priority projects.
- 10S. Support measures to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.
- 11S. Support funding proposals to enable cities and counties to implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.
- 12S. Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.
- 13S. Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



DRAFT 2017 Legislative Program: Federal Issues

- 1F. Support stabilizing and increasing transportation funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds:
 1. Increase and index the gas tax to inflation.
 2. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee.
 3. Remove procedural obstacles that impede expenditure of authorized federal funding.
- 2F. Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 3F. Support an adequate level of funding for Amtrak and support a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
- 4F. Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.

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October 3, 2016

Ms. Susan Bransen
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Dear Ms. Bransen:

This letter is to inform you that the legislation providing the limited waiver of sovereign immunity necessary for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to continue carrying-out the federal government's responsibilities to review and approve projects pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will expire January 1, 2017. Without the limited waiver of sovereign immunity, the existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be nullified, and Caltrans will lose its ability to perform those reviews and approvals for the program known as NEPA Assignment.

The NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate and to disclose the environmental impacts of proposed federal actions in comparison to reasonable alternatives, solicit input from potentially affected entities, and presents unbiased conclusions regarding the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of proposed federal actions. Federal agencies must consider this information when making final decisions on proposed actions.

In 2005, as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users, Congress authorized a pilot for the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to enter into agreements with five state transportation departments to assume the NEPA Assignment which allows states to perform the federal government's responsibility for reviewing and approving projects pursuant to NEPA. Federal law made this assignment of authority conditional on a state assuming sole responsibility and sole liability for complying with, and carrying out federal law through the limited waiver of sovereign immunity. The program intended to streamline the federal environmental process by eliminating one layer of government review, while maintaining federal protection of environmental resources, only California participated in this pilot program.

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Based in part on California's success, this federal program was made permanent in 2012 with the passage of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

As noted above, the limited waiver of sovereign immunity is required to accept liability and consent to federal court jurisdiction. As such, the following State legislation has been enacted for this authority:

AB 1039 (Núñez, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2006) Provides a limited waiver of the State's sovereign immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution for suits filed in federal court on decisions made through January 1, 2009. The waiver applied to only those suits regarding Caltrans's program to carry out the federal government's responsibilities to review and approve projects pursuant to NEPA. The statute required Caltrans to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2008, regarding the performance of the program.

AB 2650 (Carter, Chapter 248, Statutes of 2008) Extends the State's limited waiver of sovereign immunity provided in **AB 1039 (Núñez, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2006)** for decisions made through January 1, 2012. The statute required Caltrans to submit two reports to the Legislature by January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2011, regarding the performance of the program. The report requirements were expanded to include an assessment of time spent on all project delivery phases from the start of environmental studies to the time projects were ready for construction bids.

AB 892 (Carter, Chapter 482, Statutes of 2012) Extends the State's limited waiver of sovereign immunity provided in **AB 2650 (Carter, Chapter 248, Statutes of 2008)** for decisions made through January 1, 2017. The statute requires Caltrans to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2016, regarding the performance of the program. The report requirements were expanded to include an assessment of time spent on local agency sponsored projects requiring federal environmental review and approval.

In February 2016, new legislation to make the State's limited waiver of sovereign immunity permanent was introduced the Assembly (AB 2034). On April 20, 2016, the bill received a unanimous "yes" vote, passed out of the Assembly, and was assigned to Senate Transportation on May 5, 2016. Around the same time, the waiver language was included in the special session transportation funding package, now SB 16. Since the language was in both bills, and to avoid potential conflict with the funding bill, AB 2034 was allowed to die in Senate Transportation. The idea was that funding bill would be voted on at the end of the legislative session which expired on August 31, 2016. In addition, there were attempts to add the language to bills at the end of the session, but they were unsuccessful.

Currently, we have two opportunities for legislation to continue the limited waiver of sovereign immunity prior to the expiration of AB 892 on January 1, 2017. One is the passage of the SB 16, and the second is an urgency bill passed on December 5, 2016, when the legislature returns for a one-day session.

Caltrans is also exploring non-legislative options for providing the necessary limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

If the waiver of sovereign immunity expires, Caltrans will be unable to sign any Categorical Exclusions (CEs), Draft Environmental Documents (DEDs) or Final Environmental Documents (FEDs) for all FHWA funded projects on or off the State Highway System. In addition, Caltrans will not be able to consult directly with the federal resource agencies on approvals and/or permits for State and local projects. The responsibility for signing NEPA approvals would shift back to the California Division of FHWA. Since Caltrans was assigned NEPA responsibilities in 2007, the FHWA has attrited and down sized their environmental division to three staff members who will not be able to take on the additional project level work and turn it around in a timely manner.

In order to mitigate this challenge, we are working on the following items:

- Developing a transition plan with the FHWA.
- Developing a strategy plan to have urgency legislation introduced in January.
- Developing a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Agreement with FHWA that will allow Caltrans to approve “simple” projects with no impact to the environment.
- Advancing any environmental documents, if possible, that are scheduled for DED or FED in January through December, per the Environmental Deputy District Directors.
- Notifying additional local partners on October 26, 2016, at the quarterly teleconference with the Self-Help Counties.

In addition, the environmental team notified the Transportation Cooperative Committee at their meeting on September 22, 2016.

The impacts to the state will be significant if the limited waiver of sovereign immunity is not passed by the legislature by December 31, 2016. The following outlines the impacts:

- The FHWA is not staffed to take on the additional work to approve projects. This will have an enormous impact on FHWA in California and potentially other geographical locations that will be called in to assist with the workload.
- Few federal regulatory agencies have pre-NEPA Assignment experience working with the FHWA as federal lead, and only have experience working with Caltrans as federal lead. The time delays and fiscal impacts are difficult to quantify. However, with NEPA Assignment we have saved 5.2 months in the processing of Section 7 Biological Assessments/Biological Opinions. The delay to the processing of Section 404 permits with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the plans, specifications and estimate phase will affect when projects will be ready to list and advertise.

Ms. Susan Bransen

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- There will be a transition period for the regulatory agencies to learn new review/approval procedures and will result in longer review and approval timeframes. In addition, a determination will need to be made on the action necessary for projects where Caltrans has initiated consultation as the federal lead and the responsibilities will be shifted to the FHWA.
- Additional staff time to revert NEPA guidance and job aids back to reflect pre-NEPA Assignment requirements, and to revise interagency MOUs that notify relevant federal agencies regarding new procedures.
- Loss of national leadership since Caltrans has led the nation on NEPA Assignment and provides guidance to states that have recently assumed or are thinking of assuming NEPA responsibilities.

Over the course of the NEPA Assignment program, Caltrans has provided four reports to the legislature as required by the enacted legislation. In January 2016, Caltrans submitted its report to the Legislature as required by AB 892. The report can be found at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/nepa/html/documents_reports.htm#legrpts.

Sincerely,



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October 25, 2016

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Re: Request to Extend Federal Environmental Review Delegation to Caltrans

Dear Senators Monning and Cannella and Assembly Members Alejo and Stone:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), I would like to ask you, our Monterey Bay Area delegation, to work with your colleagues to remove the January 1, 2017 sunset on the delegation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities to Caltrans, thereby extending the authority indefinitely. This is an urgent issue that must be resolved by the end of 2016 to avoid significant delays to federally funded projects.

Attached please find a letter that Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty sent to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) alerting the CTC of a pending lapse of California's waiver of sovereign immunity. Without this waiver of sovereign immunity, California will lose its ability to approve environmental documents on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This lapse will result in millions of dollars in projects statewide being stalled.

Director Dougherty's letter outlines impacts of this lapse of the waiver on the State and actions Caltrans is taking to mitigate the impacts. Caltrans has looked into non-legislative means, but have not been able to find any; so at this time, a waiver by the legislature is the only remedy.

Unfortunately, this issue has gotten caught up in the larger conversations about a transportation funding package. As a result, two stand-alone bills that would have taken care of this issue – AB2034 (Salas) and SB902 (Cannella) – died. We thank Senator Cannella for authoring SB902 and both Assembly Members Alejo and Stone for voting in favor of AB2034 when it was up for a vote on the Assembly floor.

There are many federally funded projects currently in the environmental phase in Monterey County that would be delayed if this NEPA delegation authority is not extended:

Project	Jurisdiction
Imjin Road Widening	City of Marina
Alisal Street Turn Lanes	City of Salinas
Alvin Drive	City of Salinas
Bardin Road	City of Salinas
North Main Street Signal Improvements	City of Salinas
Bradley Road Bridge	Monterey County
Countywide Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Safety Audit	Monterey County
Gonzales River Road Bridge	Monterey County
Hartnell Road Bridge	Monterey County
Johnson Road Bridge	Monterey County
Robinson Canyon Bridge	Monterey County
State Route 156 and US 101/SR 156 interchange	TAMC

We would ask that our Monterey Bay delegation join together in supporting an extension of NEPA delegation authority. A NEPA delay will have a huge impact to the funding allocation schedule for these projects.

Thank you for all you do to improve transportation in the Monterey Bay Area. If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact Christina Watson of my staff at (831) 775-4406 or christina@tamcmonterey.org, or our Sacramento legislative analyst, John Arriaga, at (916) 669-1340 or jea@jeaandassociates.com.

Sincerely,



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