TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY AND KHOURI CONSULTING LLC AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST/ADVOCATE

EFFECTIVE: October 28, 2020

LOCAL FUNDING ONLY

This is an agreement between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter called "TAMC," and Khouri Consulting, LLC, a sole proprietor, with offices at 1215 K Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95814 hereinafter called "Consultant."

The parties agree as follows:

- Employment of Consultant. TAMC hereby engages Consultant and Consultant hereby agrees
 to perform the services set forth in Exhibit A, in conformity with the terms of this
 Agreement. Consultant will complete all work in accordance with the work schedule set
 forth in Exhibit A.
 - a) The work is generally described as follows:
 - State legislative advisory services, assistance in securing state transportation funding, and pursuing legislation in accordance with the adopted annual legislative program.
 - b) Consultant represents that Consultant and its agents, subcontractors and employees performing work hereunder are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required by this Agreement.
 - c) Consultant, its agents, subcontractors, and employees, shall perform all work in a safe, skillful, and professional manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements. Consultant shall ensure for itself and for any subcontractors under this Agreement that the applicable requirements of Labor Code section 1725.5, concerning the registration of contractors for public works, shall be in force and maintained for the term of this Agreement.

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- d) Consultant shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials and equipment necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein. Consultant shall not use TAMC premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations hereunder.
- e) Consultant's project manager shall be the person specified in Exhibit A. If Consultant desires to change the project manager, Consultant shall get written approval from the TAMC Executive Director of the new project manager.
- f) Consultant shall submit progress reports at least once a month. The report should be sufficiently detailed for the TAMC Project Manager to determine, if Consultant is performing to expectations, or is on schedule; to provide communication of interim findings, and to sufficiently address any difficulties or special problems encountered, so remedies can be developed.
- g) Consultant's Project Manager shall meet with TAMC's Project Manager, as needed, to discuss progress on the contract.
- 2. <u>Term of Agreement.</u> The term of this Agreement shall begin upon October 28, 2020, contingent upon approval by the TAMC Board of Directors, and Consultant shall commence work only after a Notice to Proceed has been issued by TAMC's Project Manager specified in Paragraph 28. Unless earlier terminated as provided herein, this Agreement shall remain in force until October 31, 2023. Consultant acknowledges that this Agreement is not binding until it is fully executed and approved by TAMC.
- 3. Payments to Consultant; maximum liability. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, TAMC shall pay to Consultant the amounts provided in Exhibit B: Budget, upon receipt and acceptance of deliverables listed therein. Each payment by TAMC shall be for a specific deliverable outlined in Exhibit A: Scope of Work and Schedule. The maximum amount payable to the Consultant under this Agreement is set forth in Exhibit B: Budget and shall not exceed the amount of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$144,000). If there is any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of either Exhibit A (Scope of Work) or Exhibit B (Budget), the terms of this Agreement shall prevail. TAMC does not guarantee any minimum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.
- 4. <u>Method of Payment/Allowable Costs and Payment.</u> It is mutually understood and agreed by both parties that Consultant shall be compensated under this Agreement in accordance

with the Budget set forth in Exhibit B. Prices and rates of compensation shall remain firm for the initial term of the Agreement. TAMC does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement. Consultant shall not levy any additional fee or surcharge of any kind during the term of this Agreement in the absence of a written amendment to this Agreement. Pricing as per this Agreement is inclusive of all applicable taxes.

5. Invoices and Progress Reports. Progress payments may be made monthly, in arrears, based on the percentage of work completed by Consultant. If Consultant fails to submit the required deliverable items according to the schedule set forth in Exhibit A, TAMC shall have the right to delay payment or terminate this Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 6 (Termination). Consultant will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit, upon receipt by TAMC's Contract Administrator of itemized invoices. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which Consultant is billing. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each milestone and each project as applicable. Invoices shall reference this Agreement title. The total amount payable by TAMC resulting from this Agreement shall not exceed the amount of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$144,000).

6. Termination.

- a) TAMC reserves the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to Consultant with the reasons for termination stated in the notice.
- b) TAMC may also terminate this Agreement at any time for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to Consultant. "Good cause" includes, without limitation, the failure of Consultant to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided herein. Notwithstanding TAMC's right to terminate for good cause effective immediately upon written notice thereof, TAMC shall provide prior notice to Consultant of any ground for termination then being considered, and also provide Consultant with a good faith opportunity to avoid termination, as reasonably determined by TAMC in its absolute discretion. If TAMC terminates this Agreement for good cause, TAMC may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Consultant, and TAMC may proceed with the work in any manner, which it deems proper. Costs incurred by TAMC thereby shall be deducted from any sum otherwise due Consultant.
- c) The maximum amount for which TAMC shall be liable if this Agreement is terminated is zero (0) dollars.

d) Termination of this Agreement shall not terminate Consultant's duty to defend, indemnify and hold harmless TAMC, as provided in Paragraphs 7 and 17.

7. <u>Indemnification</u>.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, including California Civil Code sections 2782 and 2782.6, Consultant shall defend (with legal counsel reasonably acceptable to TAMC), indemnify and hold harmless TAMC, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, injuries (including injury to or death of an employee of Consultant or its subcontractors), expenses and liabilities of every kind, nature and description (including incidental and consequential damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and fees of expert consultants or expert witnesses incurred in connection therewith and costs of investigation) that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone that they control (collectively "Liabilities"). Such obligations to defend, hold harmless and indemnify TAMC, its officers, agents, and employees, shall not apply to the extent that such Liabilities are caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence, or willful misconduct of TAMC, its officers, agents, and employees. To the extent there is an obligation to indemnify under this Paragraph, Consultant shall be responsible for incidental and consequential damages resulting directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from Consultant's negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Consultant's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless TAMC shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement for a term to include the applicable statute of limitations related to the Consultant's performance pursuant to the Agreement.

7. Insurance.

- a. Without limiting Consultant's duty to indemnify as set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain, at no additional cost to TAMC, throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following coverage and minimum limits of liability (check if applicable):
 - √ Commercial general liability insurance, including but not limited to premises, personal injury, products, and completed operations, with a combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.
 - $\sqrt{}$ Professional liability insurance in the amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in the

aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims made" basis rather than an "occurrence" basis, Consultant shall, upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the surviving term of Consultant's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless TAMC as set for in Paragraph 7.

- √ Comprehensive automobile insurance covering all motor vehicles, including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.
- b. All insurance required under this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to TAMC and authorized by law to transact insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis; or, if any policy cannot be written on an occurrence basis, such policy shall continue in effect for a period of two years following the date of Consultant's completion of performance hereunder.
- c. Each policy of insurance required under this Agreement shall provide that TAMC shall be given written notice at least thirty days in advance of any change, cancellation or non-renewal thereof.
- d. Commercial general liability and automobile liability policies shall provide an endorsement naming TAMC, its officers, agents, and employees, as additional insureds and shall further provide that such insurance is primary to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by TAMC, and that no insurance of any additional insured shall be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by Consultant's insurance.
- e. TAMC shall not be responsible for any premiums or assessments on the policy.
- 8. <u>Workers' Compensation Insurance.</u> If during the performance of this Agreement, Consultant employs one or more employees, then Consultant shall maintain a workers' compensation plan covering all of its employees as required by Labor Code Sec. 3700, either (a) through workers' compensation insurance issued by an insurance company, with coverage meeting the statutory limits and with a minimum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence

for employer's liability, or (b) through a plan of self-insurance certified by the State Director of Industrial Relations, with equivalent coverage. If Consultant elects to be self-insured, the certificate of insurance otherwise required by this Agreement shall be replaced with consent to self-insure issued by the State Director of Industrial Relations. The provisions of this paragraph apply to any subcontractor employing one or more employees, and Consultant shall be responsible for all subcontractors' compliance herewith.

- 9. Certificate of Insurance and Taxpayer Identification. Prior to the execution of this Agreement by TAMC, Consultant shall submit a completed federal W-9 form, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, and file certificates of insurance with TAMC's contract administrator evidencing that Consultant has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. Consultant shall file a new or amended certificate promptly after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify any indemnification provision of this Agreement.
- 10. <u>Retention of Records/Audit</u>. Consultant shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement. TAMC shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of Consultant and its subcontractors related to services provided under this Agreement.
- 11. <u>Inspection of Work.</u> Consultant and any subconsultant shall permit TAMC to review and inspect the project activities and files at all reasonable times during the performance period of this Agreement including review and inspection on a daily basis.
- 12. Confidentiality; Return of Records. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all federal, State and local laws providing for the confidentiality of records and other information. Consultant shall not disclose any confidential information received from TAMC or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement without the express permission of TAMC. Consultant shall promptly transmit to TAMC all requests for disclosure of any such confidential information. Consultant shall not use any confidential information gained through the performance of this Agreement except for the purpose of carrying out Consultant's obligations hereunder. When this Agreement expires or terminates, Consultant shall return to TAMC all records, which Consultant utilized or received from TAMC to perform services under this Agreement.

- 13. <u>Amendments and Modifications.</u> No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing and executed by the parties hereto.
- 14. Statement of Compliance/Non-Discrimination.
 - a) Consultant's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that Consultant has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.
 - b) During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. Consultant and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment.
- 15. <u>Harassment</u>. TAMC maintains a strict policy prohibiting unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, in any form, including verbal, physical and visual harassment by any employee, supervisor, manager, officer or Board member, or agent of the employer. Vendors, contractors, and consultants shall not engage in conduct that has an effect of unreasonably interfering with a TAMC employee's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment.
- 16. <u>ADA Access.</u> TAMC is committed to accessibility, including California State Web Content Accessibility Guidelines and Federal law and regulations related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Consultant shall review and follow TAMC's adopted Accessibility Best Practices for Documents and Outreach with regard to conducting public outreach, developing outreach materials, and producing public documents and content for the Agency and its website.
- 17. <u>Independent Contractor.</u> In its performance under this Agreement, Consultant is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee of TAMC or any of its member jurisdictions. No offer or obligation of employment is intended in any manner, and Consultant shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive any form of benefits accorded to employees including without limitation leave time, health insurance, workers' compensation coverage, disability benefits, and retirement contributions. Consultant shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable

taxes, including without limitation federal and State income taxes and social security arising out of Consultant's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless TAMC from any and all liability, which TAMC may incur because of Consultant's failure to make such payments.

18. Delegation of Duties; Subcontracting.

- a) Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between TAMC and any subconsultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to TAMC for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from TAMC'S obligation to make payments to the Consultant.
- b) Consultant shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this Agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by TAMC's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Budget/Cost Proposal.
- c) Consultant shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to Consultant by TAMC.
- d) Any substitution of subconsultant(s) must be approved in writing by TAMC's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subconsultant(s).
- e) Any work performed by a subconsultant shall be done in conformance with this Agreement, and TAMC shall pay Consultant for the work but not for any markup, including subcontract management, supervisions, administrative and other expenses, or reimbursable costs.
- 19. Ownership of Data. Upon completion of all work under this Agreement, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications, and estimates produce as part of this Agreement will automatically be vested in TAMC; and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to TAMC. Consultant shall furnish TAMC all necessary copies of data needed to complete the review and approval process.

20. Confidentiality of Data.

- a) All financial, statistical, personal, technical, or other data and information relative to TAMC's operations, which are designated confidential by TAMC and made available to Consultant in order to carry out this Agreement, shall be protected by Consultant from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- b) Permission to disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by TAMC relating to the Agreement, shall not authorize Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.
- c) Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the Agreement or TAMC's actions on the same, except to TAMC's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this Agreement, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.
- d) Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this Agreement without prior review of the contents thereof by TAMC, and receipt of TAMC'S written permission.
- e) Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- 21. <u>Prevailing Wages</u>. Consultant shall comply with the all prevailing wage requirements, including California Labor Code section 1770, et seq., and any Federal or local laws or ordinances, that may be applicable to the work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement.

22. Conflict of Interest.

- (a) Consultant shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with TAMC that may have an impact upon the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing TAMC construction project. Consultant shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this Agreement, or any ensuing TAMC construction project, which will follow.
- (b) Consultant hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this Agreement.

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- (c) Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this Agreement, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- 23. <u>Governing Laws.</u> This Agreement shall be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of California, and the parties hereby agree that the County of Monterey shall be the proper venue for any dispute arising hereunder.
- 24. <u>Construction of Agreement</u>. The parties agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any exhibit or amendment. To that end, it is understood and agreed that this Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation, and that neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of Civil Code Section 1654. Section and paragraph headings appearing herein are for convenience only and shall not be sued to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 25. <u>Waiver</u>. Any waiver of any term or condition hereof must be in writing. No such waiver shall be construed as a waiver of any other term or condition herein.
- 26. <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement and all rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns and heirs.
- 27. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. The parties mutually acknowledge and agree that time is of the essence with respect to every provision hereof in which time is an element. No extension of time for performance of any obligation or act shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligation or act, nor shall any such extension create a precedent for any further or future extension.
- 28. <u>Contract Administrators.</u> Consultant's designated principal responsible for administering Consultant's work under this Agreement shall be set forth in Exhibit A; TAMC's designated administrator of this Agreement shall be Debra L. Hale, Executive Director. TAMC's Project Manager under this Agreement shall be Christina Watson. TAMC's Finance Officer is Dave Delfino.

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29. <u>Notices.</u> Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by electronic facsimile, or by first class or certified mail with postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or facsimile transmission, or on the third day after deposit with the U.S. Postal Service. Consultant shall give TAMC prompt notice of any change of address. Unless otherwise changed according to these notice provisions, notices shall be addressed as follows:

To TAMC: Debra L. Hale To Consultant: Gus F. Khouri

Executive Director President

55-B Plaza Circle 1215 K Street, Suite 1700 Salinas, CA 93901 Sacramento, CA 95814

Tel: 831-775-0903 Tel: 916-605-8975 Fax: 831-775-0897 Fax: 916-503-2401

Email: debbie@tamcmonterey.org Email: gus@khouriconsult.com

30. <u>Non-exclusive Agreement</u>. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both parties reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.

- 31. Execution of Agreement. Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of an entity represents and warrants that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such entity and to bind the entity to the terms and conditions hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 32. Exhibits. The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated by reference:

Exhibit A – Scope of Work and Work Schedule

Exhibit B – Budget

Exhibit C – Accessibility Best Practices for Documents and Outreach

33. <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This document, including all exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any and all prior written or oral negotiations and representations between the parties concerning all matters relating to the subject of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TAMC and Consultant execute this agreement as follows:

	TAMC		Khouri Consulting LLC	
Ву:	Debra L. Hale Executive Director	Ву:	Gus F. Khouri President and Sole Proprietor	
Dated:		Dated:	October 1, 2020	

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Dated:	10-1-2020	jo E	·	

For TAMC internal use:

Work Element number to be used for the contract: 1122

EXHIBIT A: Scope of Work and Schedule

Project Title: State Legislative Analyst/ Advocate

Consultant Project Manager: Gus F. Khouri, President

Scope of Work

Consultant's services under this Agreement shall include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Assist TAMC in determining positions on proposed legislation and recommend appropriate actions via development and update of a state bill list;
- 2. Advocate TAMC legislative positions based on strategy jointly developed and agreed upon by TAMC via an annual legislative program;
- 3. Advocate TAMC interests relating to legislative, regulatory or executive actions of the Legislature, the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Transportation Commission, the Office of the Governor, the California State Transportation Agency, and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans);
- 4. As appropriate, work with other agencies, interest groups and associations to develop a coalition of interests in support of TAMC positions;
- 5. Provide all technical, political and logistic support necessary for TAMC to appear or testify in legislative, regulatory or executive settings when desired by TAMC;
- 6. Assist with TAMC funding requests before the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans;
- 7. Assist TAMC in gathering information and analyzing political situations in connection with developing and implementing TAMC legislative goals; and
- 8. Provide periodic verbal and written status reports on legislative, regulatory, executive and other political issues of interest to TAMC Executive Committee and Board meetings upon request.

Project Schedule

- State bill list: following the state legislative calendar, submit first bill list for the March or April Executive Committee and Board meeting, update monthly as needed, submit final bill list upon action by the Governor.
- Annual Legislative Program: coordinate with TAMC staff to brainstorm ideas for the following year's legislative program at the October Executive Committee meeting, present to the October Board meeting, and finalize for the January Executive Committee and Board meetings.
- 3. Advocacy, testimony and meetings: as needed and as appropriate based on bill and grant activities.

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EXHIBIT B: Budget

Payment for monthly services.

TAMC shall pay Consultant Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) at the end of each month for the performance of all things necessary for, or incidental to, the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Work, including any expenses or other costs, subject to receipt of a monthly invoice and progress report. Consultant's compensation under this paragraph is based on the performance of approximately ten (10) hours of work each month for TAMC.

Exhibit C

Accessibility Best Practices for Documents and Outreach ADA Best Practices for Documents, Outreach, and Web Content Accessibility

Adopted January 22, 2020

The following are best practices that TAMC commits to complying with, and asks that all final and public draft documents comply, as they align with best practices for web-content accessibility:

Public Outreach Guidance

- Offer alternative ways to engage in outreach for the hard-of-hearing and the blind
 - Example: Have Talk-to-Text capacity available to engage with the hard of hearing
- Ensure public meeting rooms are set up in a way that is wheelchair accessible
- Ensure an alternative to a podium or stage is available in the event an individual cannot participate that way
- Have at least one wireless microphone available to help ensure public comments are projected in the meeting
- Develop public workshop handouts in font size 14 (minimum)
 - o Handouts could include a project summary sheet, survey, comment card, etc.

Developing ADA Accessible Documents

- Use Calibri, Helvetica, or Arial Font Type
- Ensure final document content is at least font size 12 (minimum)
- Utilize proper features in Microsoft Word, including, but not limited to:
 - Alt Text for Images and Tables
 - "Styles" Feature to add emphasis or titles
 - Built in "Spacing" feature
- Indicate at the bottom of a Final Document's Title Page, an ADA Notice stating:
 - ADA Notice: For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in alternate formats. For information call (831) 775-0903 or email ada@tamcmonterey.org.

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

The Web Content Accessibility Guidance (WCAG) was integrated into Section 508 of the American with Disabilities Act in January 2018 as the industry standard in accessibility.

Guidance and Success Criteria from the WCAG are organized into the following four principles:

1. Perceivable

- Provide text alternatives for non-text content.
- Provide captions and other alternatives for multimedia.
- Create content that can be presented in different ways, including by assistive technologies, without losing meaning.
- Make it easier for users to see and hear content.

2. Operable

- Make all functionality available from a keyboard.
- Give users enough time to read and use content.
- Do not use content that causes seizures.
- Help users navigate and find content.

3. Understandable

- Make text readable and understandable.
- Make content appear and operate in predictable ways
- Help users avoid and correct mistakes.

4. Robust

Maximize compatibility with current and future user tools

A few key aspects that relate to content to be posted onto the Agency website include:

- Integrating alternative text for images and maps
- Using distinguishable colors and design techniques that are comprehensible for the color-blind

For a complete list of WCAG's Guidance, see: https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/

If Consultant or subconsultant needs clarification on an ADA best practices, please contact ada@tamcmonterey.org.