

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**

Meeting held at the Monterey County Government Center at Schilling Place

Cinnamon Conference Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas

**Final minutes of October 17, 2023, Meeting**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>APR 22</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>	<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>APR 23</b>	<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>
Kevin Dayton <b>Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P —	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -
Andrea Manzo <b>Transit Users</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	E E	E -	E -	E -	E -	E -	E -	- -	- -
Janet Brennan <b>League of Women Voters</b> <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P E	P E	P P	E P	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)
Tom Rowley <b>Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P -	P P(A) (VC)	P -
Kalah Bumba <b>Senior or disabled services agency</b> <i>(John McPherson)</i>	A P(A)	P -	E -	E P(A)	E P(A)	E P	E -	A -	A -
Victoria Beach <b>Bicycling Advocate</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	P -	- -
Rod Smalley <b>Labor Organization</b> <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -	A -	- -
Christie Cromeenes <b>Central Coast Builders Association</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	- -	E -	E -	- -	- -	E -	E -	A -	P -
Greg Hamer <b>Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	- -	E -	E -	- -	E -	E -	E -	P -	P -
Jonathan Geisler <b>Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(Monica Lal)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	- P(A)	E P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	A -	A P(A) (VC)
Dale Agron <b>Habitat Preservation</b> <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	E E	P E	E -	E P	P -	P -	E P(A)	P -	P -



Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	-	-	P	-	P	-	P	P(VC)	-
Alissa Guther, Assistant Transp. Planner				P	-		-	-	-
Aaron Hernandez, Assistant Transp. Planner					P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner	-	P	P	-	P		P	-	-
<b>P = present</b> <b>P(A)= present (alternate)</b> <b>(VC)= Zoom Video-Conference</b> <b>E = excused absence</b> <b>A = unnoticed absence</b> <b>- = alternate absent</b> <b>V = vacant position</b>									
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>									
Dave Delfino	TAMC staff			Rick Heuer			Alternate		
Doreen Liberto	City of King City			Carol Kenyon			Alternate		
MacGregor Eddy	Public								

**1. WELCOME**

Norm Groot, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call. Following the roll call, members introduced themselves and the organization/interest that they represented.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** McFadden /Hebard/ unanimous

**3.1** Approved the draft minutes of the August 15, 2023, meeting with the modification to correct the four items noted by Member Dayton.

**3.2** Received the 2024 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule.

**3.3** Received a summary of how the Measure X Local Streets and Roads distribution formula was developed.

**END CONSENT**

**4. SURF! BUSWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

Michelle Overmeyer, Director of Planning & Innovation, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) reported that the proposed SURF! Busway and BRT project is part of MST's larger efforts in connecting communities, creating opportunity, and being environmentally sensitive. She noted that MST is building a modern transit network to enhance connections on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond.

In conclusion Ms. Overmeyer noted that the SURF! Project will make it faster and easier to travel from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey via future rapid transit along US 101. She noted that early planning and environmental review for the SURF! Project is now complete. The current schedule estimates that the design process will be completed in the Spring of 2024 with some construction beginning by the end of 2024. Community outreach is an important aspect of this project. Ms. Overmeyer noted that a number of public outreach events occurred in 2022-2023.

After answering a series of questions about some of the specifics aspects of the project, Ms. Overmeyer concluded her presentation. Chair Groot asked that the link to the video simulation of the SURF! Busway in the presentation be sent to Committee members.

<https://vimeo.com/453809906>

**5. ELECTION OF AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a call for nominations and elected members to serve on the Measure X Audit Sub-committee.

Chair Groot explained that the Audit Sub-committee was responsible for conducting an independent audit to assure that Measure X funds were expended in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and to prepare the audit's annual report to be presented to the public and the TAMC Board of Directors.

He then sought nominations to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2022/2023 and to prepare the annual audit report.

Brennan/Agron/unanimous

Committee member Janet Brennan motioned to appoint Greg Hamer, Christie Cromeenes, Kevin Dayton, Paula Getzelman, Sean Hebard and Norm Groot. The motion was seconded by Dale Agron. They will meet in mid-January 2024 to conduct the audit and draft the annual audit report.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Rowley requested a report about the Eastside Bypass.

Committee member John McPherson announced that the Alliance on Aging no longer has bus passes to hand out to seniors based upon this committee's decision that funding for the bus passes should come from Monterey-Salinas Transit's Measure Q. He stated that he is pursuing this with MST and the Measure Q Oversight Committee. He said he may seek support from this committee to make sure that seniors have access to bus passes as they had prior.

Member McPherson also announced that the Alliance on Aging is one of 15 agencies that received a \$200,000 grant to develop a "age-friendly action plan." This plan will focus on Salinas Valley and North County. He looks forward to coming back to this committee with a report, particularly as it relates to transportation.

Member Brennan said it might be worthwhile to have a presentation on the regional planning process and that would allow the committee to ask about the Eastside Bypass project. Mr. Muck responded that TAMC is in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan and could reach out to talk about it.

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the Transportation Agency and Caltrans will be hosting Highway 68 corridor improvement project public hearings for the release of the draft environment document. Staff will send out the public hearing notice with dates and time information.

Member Hamer shared his experience of riding his bicycle and asked if the committee or TAMC had the ability to insert more pressure on the jurisdictions to ensure mobility for all.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Hebard adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.