

# Plan Fund

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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# About TAMC

From pothole repairs in local cities to construction at the Salinas Train Station, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has been hard at work to leverage state monies and Measure X funds to plan, fund and build transportation projects and programs in our community. We've been out in Marina and Seaside planning for safer routes to schools. We've been working with the state to fund a safer Highway 156 for our visitors and residents. And, we are working with the City of Marina to build a smoother, safer route between Salinas and the Coast via Imjin Parkway.

Our mission is to develop and maintain a transportation system that is safer and more efficient for everyone, no matter how they travel or where they live. TAMC projects and programs support this mission while also enhancing our local economy, environment and social equity in Monterey County.

## Planning, Funding & Building Improvements for the Future

Thanks to dedicated funding for transportation from Measure X and the SB 1 gas tax, we leveraged over \$42 million in matching funds from the State government to plan, fund and build regional & local projects and programs in Monterey County.

## Representation for Every Community

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All 5 Monterey County  
Supervisors

12

One Representative from  
each of our 12 Cities

7

Non voting Representatives  
from 7 Public Agencies



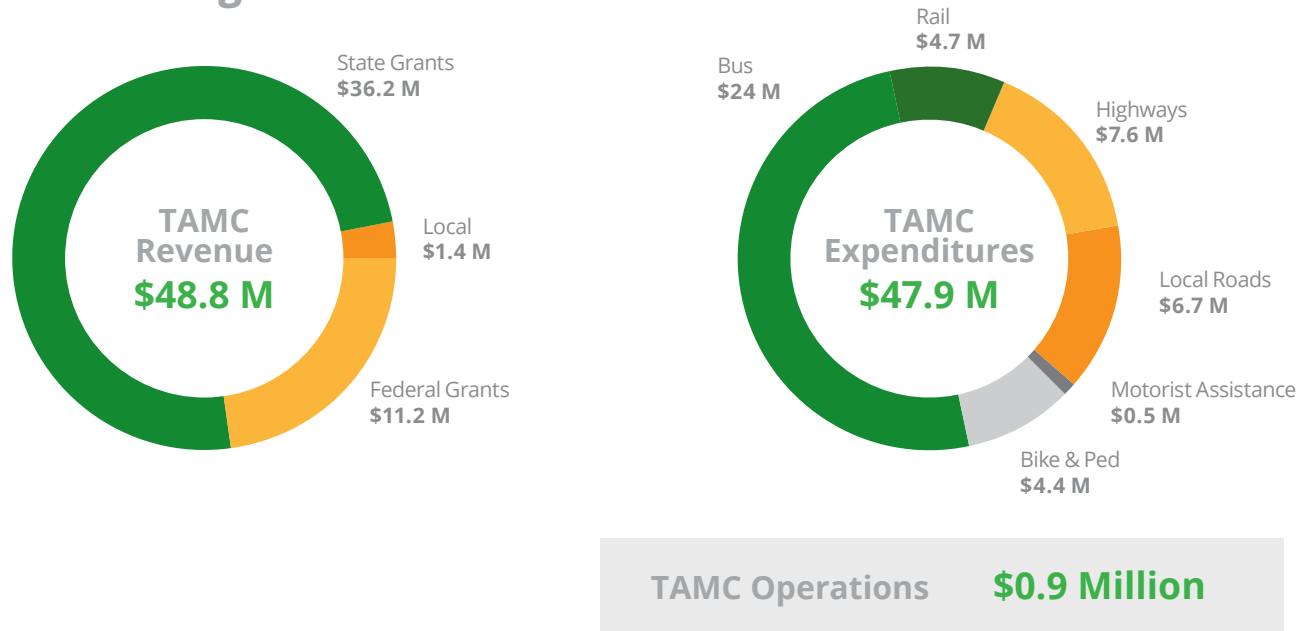
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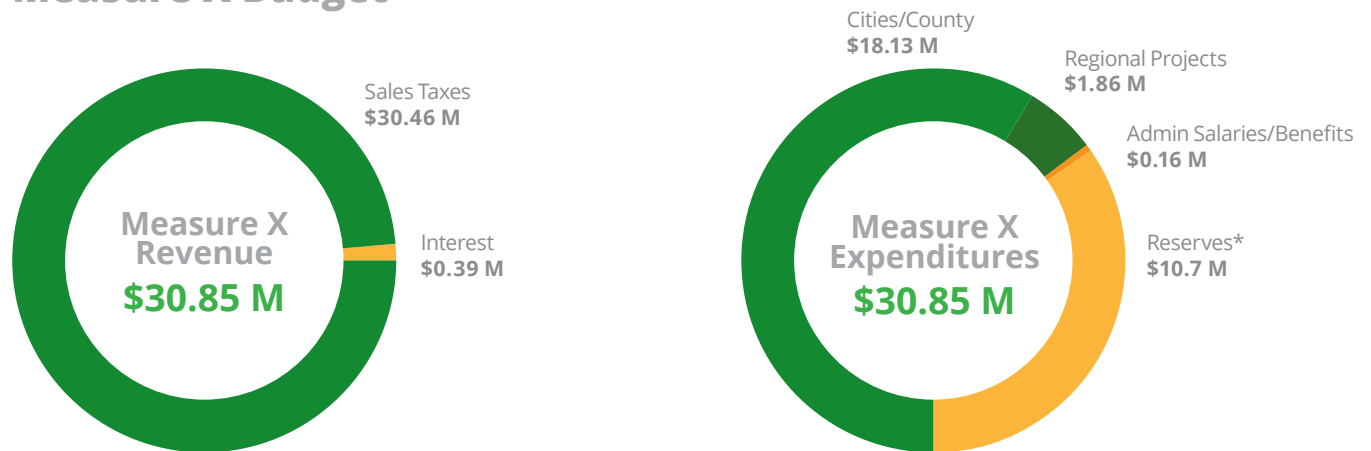
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# Financials Fiscal Year 2018-2019

## Direct Programs



## Measure X Budget



\*Set aside for future regional project expenditures.

Visit [tamcmonterey.org/measure-x](http://tamcmonterey.org/measure-x) to review how Measure X funds were expended by local cities/County.

The Transportation Agency's key efforts to “plan, fund, and build” transportation projects and programs that improve safety, mobility and provide congestion relief are detailed in the summaries below.



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## US 101 South of Salinas

TAMC is working with Caltrans and with the community, including the US 101 South of Salinas Traffic Safety Alliance, to develop concepts for safety and congestion improvements that will eliminate injuries and fatal crashes along this congested and critical agricultural route. This project is in the beginning stages and timing of construction will depend on securing state matching funds. [us101southofsalinas.com](http://us101southofsalinas.com)



## Hwy 68 Salinas - Monterey

Measure X devotes the highest share of regional funding to improve commutes between Monterey and Salinas along Hwy 68. Engineers and environmental scientists are comparing the impacts and effectiveness of two options: a corridor of roundabouts and a corridor of enhanced traffic signals. If state matching funds are secured, this high priority regional project could begin construction on its first segment by 2026.



## Highway 1 Rapid Bus Corridor

Monterey-Salinas Transit started preparing initial designs and environmental review on a dedicated busway along the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way between Marina and Sand City to provide travelers a way to escape the commuter traffic on Highway 1. Construction of the project's first segment is targeted to begin in 2023.



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## Imjin Parkway Improvements

The first regional project to start since voters approved Measure X in 2016 is the Marina-Salinas Corridor Project, which will widen the two-lane section of Imjin Parkway to 4 lanes and add roundabouts at the intersections. The City of Marina expects to break ground on this safety and congestion relief project in 2020.



## Hwy 156/Castroville Blvd Interchange

Removing the only stoplight on this fast-moving highway is the top funding priority for TAMC. We are looking to match Measure X funds with state SB1 funds to build a new interchange to create safer access to the nearby high school and affordable housing and reduce collisions. If successful, construction is scheduled to begin in 2022/23.



## Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway

TAMC secured a \$10.3 million state Active Transportation Program grant to fund construction of the first segment of the trail, from Safeway to Del Rey Woods school in Del Rey Oaks. This Measure X funded project will connect communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers. Construction on this 1.5-mile segment of the proposed 24-mile project begins in 2022.



## Safe Routes to School

Working with schools in Seaside and Marina, TAMC successfully demonstrated low-cost improvements that can be made on city streets to enhance safety for children going to and from school. Now with additional state funding, the Measure X Safe Routes to Schools Programs will provide safety and educational programs in 10 disadvantaged communities in North County, the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Valley.



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## Congress Avenue Rehabilitation Project

Congress Avenue is one of the main arterials in Pacific Grove, providing access to schools, Pebble Beach and the City's beloved Lynn "Rip" Van Winkle Open Space Park. Funded with Measure X dollars, this project focused on improving road infrastructure, making safety enhancements and constructing a formal pedestrian pathway. The newly constructed pathway creates a seamless pedestrian network for children and families that improves pedestrian visibility and safety.



## N. Fremont Pedestrian, Bicycle Access & Safety Project

This Measure X and SB 1-funded project in Monterey was the first major infrastructure improvement along North Fremont Street in over 50 years. The most notable feature of the project was the installation of signalized median bicycle lanes – the first ever in California; however, this project was more than just bike lanes. Improvements included overdue drainage work, new lighting, new traffic signals and improved wheelchair access along North Fremont Street.



## River Rd – Arroyo Seco Rd Rehabilitation Projects

Using their Measure X and SB 1 gas tax dollars, the County of Monterey reconstructed approximately 5 miles of River Road and Arroyo Seco Road along the Monterey County Wine Corridor, stretching from the City of Greenfield into the City of Salinas. The visitors, agricultural workers and commuters who use these roads daily are enjoying the benefits of the newly paved roadway.



## Salinas Rail Extension Project

This project has dramatically changed the landscape of downtown Salinas as construction crews work on station area improvements and the extension of Lincoln Avenue to provide better access to the Salinas Train Station. The project includes reconstruction of parking to provide bus bays, better drainage, new pavement and more spaces for cars and bicycles. Rail service discussions are ongoing; service could start as early as 2022 or 2023.



# Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

The committee continues to be engaged in their duties to ensure Measure X funds are spent according to the terms of the Investment Plan. The public is encouraged to attend their quarterly meetings, to listen to presentations and discussions and make comments on agenda items. The first Measure X Annual Audit and Compliance Report was released in 2017 and their third audit is included in this annual report.



## To the Residents of Monterey County

On November 8, 2016, voters of Monterey County passed Measure X to help pay for regional and local transportation projects and programs intended to make our transportation system better and our roads safer.

The 20-member Citizens Oversight Committee, appointed by the TAMC Board of Directors to represent our diverse community, is responsible for ensuring that Measure X funds are distributed and spent according to the rules established by the ballot measure. The Oversight Committee meets four times annually, fulfilling their role to:

- Review and recommend plan changes, project delivery and program priorities
- Review the annual audit of Measure X conducted by TAMC's Certified Public Accountants
- Confirm funds were spent in compliance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
- Provide an annual report to the TAMC Board of Directors and the community

### **2018-2019 Compliance Performance**

Pursuant to authorization by the TAMC Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Oversight Committee, in a letter dated December 6, 2019, reminded local municipalities about the importance of fulfilling the conditions of their funding agreement. The letter further stated that if a jurisdiction is found to be out of compliance, either because of the willful misuse of Measure X funds or failure to provide required reports and audits in a timely manner, the Oversight Committee will recommend that the TAMC Board of Directors suspend further distribution of Measure X funds until the jurisdiction repays the misused funding or provides evidence that it is in full compliance with its funding agreement.

The following table illustrates the amount of funds received by each jurisdiction and their compliance with reporting requirements. All of the jurisdictions, with the exception of Greenfield, submitted their complete reports by the December 31, 2019 deadline.

City/County	Funds Received	Reports Submitted on Time?	Annual Compliance Report	Maintenance of Effort	5 Year Program of Projects	Independent Financial Audit	Pavement Condition Report
Monterey County	\$7,874,149	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$213,999	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Del Rey Oaks	\$77,950	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gonzales	\$217,496	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	\$466,264	No	Late	Late	Late	Late	Late
King City	\$424,371	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marina	\$732,675	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monterey	\$1,122,588	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacific Grove	\$609,434	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salinas	\$4,639,064	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sand City	\$30,830	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seaside	\$1,101,253	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soledad	\$622,048	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Total Local Agencies</b>	<b>\$18,132,120</b>	<b>1 Late</b>	<b>1 Late</b>	<b>1 Late</b>	<b>1 Late</b>	<b>1 Late</b>	<b>1 Late</b>

\*Due to unanticipated project delays, the City of Pacific Grove did not make enough project expenditures to count towards their Maintenance of Effort requirement.

\*In the case of the City of Salinas, their annual report indicated that Measure X funds were spent on a project that the Transportation Agency had previously determined was ineligible.

In both instances, the cities have repaid the funds to their Measure X accounts from non-Measure X sources as remediation and are currently in compliance.

The Committee's goal is to have 100% on-time annual compliance from each jurisdiction. When this objective is achieved, every row and every column of this Compliance Report will read "yes."

## Moving Forward

Our goal remains to have full on time compliance with the Measure X directives and to this end, the Oversight Committee will continue to insist that all jurisdictions work diligently to meet Measure X reporting directives on time, every time. In addition, the Committee encourages voters to stay engaged with their Mayors and City Council members as they make decisions for spending Measure X funds on street and local road safety, repair and maintenance. When you have an opinion or concern, make certain your voice is heard.

Respectfully,

**Paula Getzelman, 2019–20 Chair**

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)