



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Approves Funding for a Toro Park and Serra Village Cut Through Traffic Pilot Project

The TAMC Board of Directors approved the use of \$150,000 in Measure X funds budgeted for the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project for a pilot project to address peak hour cut through traffic impacting Toro Park and Serra Village neighborhoods.

The pilot project was identified and developed by staff and community members. It is designed to address the cut through traffic from drivers who use Portola Drive to avoid the recurring congestion along State Route 68 during commute hours. Portola Drive is the main roadway that serves the residential areas of Toro Park and Serra Village.

The funds will be used to design and install a temporary pilot project this summer. The project will implement a partial road closure of Torero Drive at the intersection of Bravo Court. TAMC and the County of Monterey will continue to work with the community to find ways to minimize impact to commuters living in Toro Park and monitor the traffic through Serra Village during the pilot project. Any remaining funds from the pilot project can be used to develop plans and cost estimates for a permanent solution.

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Audit Report

Norm Groot, Chair of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the results of the Measure X sixth year audit (fiscal year 2022/23) and the Measure X Annual Report to the TAMC Board of Directors.

In the past fiscal year, 2022/2023, Measure X generated \$39.6 million in revenues. Of that amount, 60% was distributed to the cities and County for local street and road projects, while the remaining 40% was programmed to regional safety and mobility projects.

The Measure X audit subcommittee conducted an independent audit of the revenues and expenditures of Measure X funds and prepared the Measure X Annual Report. The results of the subcommittee's audit and the Measure X Oversight Committee's Annual Report can be found here: <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/tamc-annual-report>.

Monterey Bay Drone, Automation and Robotics Technology (MBDART) **Presentation**

The Transportation Agency's Board of Directors received a presentation on the Monterey Bay Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology (MB DART) initiative.

MB DART has worked in partnership with UC Santa Cruz and the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) to establish the Monterey Bay Tech Hub. The Tech Hub has a mission of serving Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties by convening stakeholders across academia, community-based organizations, civic leaders, industry manufacturers, labor, and public servants to create a world-class ecosystem for job creation and the realization of these new advanced aviation technologies in this region.

The MB DART project is considering applying for federal funds to advance funding for the infrastructure elements of their plans. For certain transportation funding opportunities, they need a regional transportation agency, such as TAMC, as a partner in that application.

After the presentation, the Board of Directors voted to direct staff to bring their request for grant support to the June TAMC Board meeting. For more information about MB DART, please see: <https://montereybaydart.org/>.

National Public Works Week

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County adopted a proclamation declaring the week of May 19-25 as National Public Works Week, joining others from around California and the United States, to pay tribute to public works planners, engineers, managers, administrative staff, and operators in recognition of the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life.

The theme for the 2024 National Public Works Week is "Advancing Quality of Life for All". This year's theme shines a spotlight on the way public works professionals advance our quality of

life, whether as a first responder to an electricity outage, regular waste pickup, or a myriad of other ways they serve their communities.

Public works professionals advance the quality of life by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They make our communities dynamic places to live and work.