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## **MEASURE X CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

**\*\*2:00 PM\*\***

### **REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY**

*There will be NO physical location of the meeting.*

*Please see all the special meeting instructions at the end of the agenda.*

**Join meeting online at**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/819167755?pwd=VE91U1FBK1lwOEQzMGRpdEMvY2tndz095>**

**OR**

**Via teleconference at +1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID: 819 167 755**

**Password: 614363**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. 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. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed three minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Friday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.

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### 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** draft minutes of the October 19, 2021 committee meeting.

- Wright

### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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4. **RECEIVE** presentation on Measure X local projects from the County of Monterey.

- Wright/Ishii

*The Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan was approved by 2/3rd of voters in November 2016. The measure is anticipated to generate \$20 million annually with 60% of the revenues allocated to local jurisdictions. This report provides an update on the status of the County of Monterey's local Measure X projects.*

5. **RECEIVE** an update on the results of the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2020/21.

- Zeller

*The purpose of the Measure X annual audit is to confirm that the funding recipients -- TAMC, the County of Monterey and the twelve incorporated cities -- have complied with the voter-approved requirements specified in Ordinance 2016-01 for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. One of the responsibilities of the Measure X Transportation Oversight Committee is to review the independent audits of the jurisdictions, and prepare and present an annual report regarding the administration of the program. A subcommittee of the Oversight Committee reviewed the reports and staff will provide information on the receipt and review of annual audit compliance data.*

6. **RECEIVE** Update on Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

-Bilse

*TAMC staff will update committee members on the progress of Measure X regional highway projects including: SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements; and, the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.*

7. **DISCUSS** how to conduct future Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee meetings.

- Wright

***It is recommended that the Measure X Oversight Committee discuss how and where to conduct future in-person meetings, in light of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, allowing the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committees to meet remotely, will expire on March 31, 2022.***

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting:  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

**REMOTE CONFERENCE ONLY**

*There will be NO physical location of the meeting.*

**If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:**

**Theresa Wright**

**eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee Coordinator**

[theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org)

Important Meeting Information

Remote Meetings: On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhanced State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allowed local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. That order expired on September 30, 2021. Governor Newsom has now signed AB 361, and the TAMC Board of Directors approved a resolution to enact AB 361 on September 22, 2021. This legislation permits teleconferencing for Brown Act meetings during a state of emergency. Thus, TAMC meetings will convene remotely, until further notice. For remote meetings, the public is strongly encouraged to use the Zoom app for best reception. Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at: <https://zoom.us/download>. A link to simplified instruction for the use of the Zoom app is: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2018/07/03/video-communications-best-practice-guide/>.

Remote Meeting Public Comment: Due to current circumstances, there may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during remote meetings. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00pm the Monday before the meeting. Such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting. Members of the public participating by Zoom are instructed to be on mute during the proceedings and to speak only when public comment is allowed, after requesting and receiving recognition from the Chair.

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Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
www.tamcmonterey.org  
Office is closed and all employees are working remotely until further notice  
TEL: 831-775-0903  
EMAIL: info@tamcmonterey.org

Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Committee may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS**



## ***Memorandum***

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Subject:** **Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** draft minutes of the October 19, 2021 committee meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Draft October X-TOC Minutes

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**  
**DRAFT minutes of October 19, 2021, Meeting**  
Held via a Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>JUL 20</b>	<b>OCT 20</b>	<b>NOV 20</b>	<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>APR 21</b>	<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>OCT 21</b>
Kevin Dayton <b>Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jesus Valenzuela <b>Transit Users</b> <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	P	A	P	E	P	P	E	A	E
Janet Brennan <b>League of Women Voters</b> <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Tom Rowley <b>Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kalah Bumba <b>Senior or disabled services agency</b> <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A
Victoria Beach, Chair <b>Bicycling Advocate</b> <i>(Claire Rygg)</i>	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P
Rod Smalley <b>Labor Organization</b> <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P
Cliff Fasnacht <b>Central Coast Builders Association</b> <i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-
John Haupt <b>Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(John Bailey)</i>	A	P	P	E	A	A	P	A	-
Jonathan Geisler <b>Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(Monica Lal)</i>	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
Scott Waltz <b>Habitat Preservation</b> <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P

Barbara Meister <b>Hospitality</b> <i>(Sam Teel)</i>	P P(A)	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	E -	P -
Norm Groot <b>Agriculture</b> <i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	E P(A)
Joshua Jorn <b>Education</b> <i>(Jarrett Garife, Patrick Deberdt)</i>	A -	A -	A P(A)	A -	A -	A -	A -	A -	E -
Paula Getzelman <b>South County</b> <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)
Chris Barrera <b>Latino Organization</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P P(A)	P V	P V	P V	P V	P V	E V	P V
Ron Rader <b>North County</b> <i>(Scott Freeman)</i>	P -	A -	A -	A -	E -	A -	A -	A -	E -
Robin Lee <b>Pedestrian</b> <i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	A P(A)	P -	P -	A P	P -
Natalie Olivas <b>Youth/College</b> <i>(Gabriella Ulloa)</i>	P V	P V	P V	A P(A)	P P(A)	A -	P -	P P(A)	P P
Sean Hebard <b>Construction</b> <i>(Keith Severson)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	- P(A)
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>									
Todd Muck, Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Katherine Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	E	E	E	-	-	-	-	-
Rita Goel, Deputy for Admin & Finance	E	E	E	E	-	-	-	-	-
Laurie Williams, Transportation Engineer	E	P	E	P	-	-	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	E	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>(alternate)</b> <b>P = present</b> <b>E = excused absence</b> <b>A = unnoticed absence</b> <b>- = alternate absent</b> <b>V = vacant position</b>									
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>									

**1. WELCOME**

Barbara Meister, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chair Mister asked for self-introductions.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Teresa Sullivan noted that Executive Director Jessica McKillip, Independent Transportation Network (ITN) mentioned at the last meeting that ITN Monterey County is a Measure X cycle 2 recipient. Ms. Sullivan thanked members for helping move forward to develop the program and looking at the South County needs.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Dayton /Geisler /unanimous

**3.1** Approved draft minutes of the August 17, 2021, committee meeting.

**3.2** Received 2022 meeting schedule of the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee.

**4. MEASURE X CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

The Committee reviewed the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws; and received the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Ordinance.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator presented that the purpose of the Oversight Committee is to be an additional layer of transparency so that the public is assured that the Transportation Agency, the County of Monterey and the participating cities are operating consistent with the terms of the Ordinance. She went over the duties as defined in the Policies & Projects Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan on the agenda report. In conclusion Ms. Wright noted that attached to the staff report are the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws and the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Ordinance for reference.

Past Chair Paula Getzelman expressed that the role of the Committee is to review and recommend on proposed plans.



Committee member Keith Severson requested to bring back on a future meeting date to discuss adding bullet points on the top of the agenda after the zoom link as a reminder to the committee members.

**5. MEASURE X QUARTERLY REVENUE FORECAST**

The Committee received an update on the quarterly Measure X revenue forecasts and status of the regional projects.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that the revenue growth continues the trend of rebounding from the 2020 drop in revenues due to the Covid-19 shelter-in-place. He reported that the staff report included revenue estimates by jurisdictions throughout fiscal year 2022/23. In conclusion Mr. Zeller noted that Sand City did not meet the Measure X maintenance of effort required. TAMC staff continues to work with the City of Sand City, and they are waiting to hear from the State on the Senate Bill 1 maintenance of effort requirements.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the quarterly Measure X revenue forecasts and regional projects:

- Consider showing the breakdown cost on projects in the graphics to see the leverage
- Compare early engineer process and final engineer process
- Consider bringing back the list of projects in a few years

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

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

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that this report seeks the nomination and election of Oversight Committee members to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2020/2021 and to prepare the annual audit report.

Chair Barbara Meister noted that the Oversight Committee members will meet twice in January 2022 to conduct the audit and draft the annual audit report.

**M/S/C** Getzelman /Smalley/ unanimously

Committee member Paula Getzelman nominated Natalie Olivas, Jonathan Geisler and Victoria Beach and the motioned was seconded by Committee member Rod Smalley. They will meet with Chair Barbara Meister and Vice Chair Paula Getzelman to conduct the audit and prepare the annual report.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Theresa Wright announced the Transportation Excellence Awards “call for nominations” will be go to the TAMC Board for authorization for public release. She asked Committee members to spread the word and to submit recommendations to honor community members, programs and projects that made a significant contribution to improve transportation in Monterey County. She noted that this was the last meeting of the 2021 year and wished everyone a safe and happy Holidays.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Past Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.



## Memorandum

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Subject:** County of Monterey Local Measure X Project Update

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on Measure X local projects from the County of Monterey.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan was approved by 2/3rd of voters in November 2016. The measure is anticipated to generate \$20 million annually with 60% of the revenues allocated to local jurisdictions. This report provides an update on the status of the County of Monterey's local Measure X projects.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The amount of Measure X revenues for the County of Monterey is projected to be approximately \$6.2 million annually. However, revenues exceeded this projection in fiscal year 20/21 with the County receiving \$8.15 in Measure X revenues.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Monterey County approved the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan ("Measure X") on the Monterey County Ballot, thereby authorizing TAMC to impose a three-eighths cent transaction and use tax and administer the proceeds. Measure X is estimated to generate \$600 million over 30 years for transportation improvements in Monterey County. Of that amount, \$360 million (60%) will be distributed to the cities and the County for local street and road maintenance projects.

The County's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program, approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2018, identifies transportation projects that are anticipated to be funded with a range of fund sources, including the County's share of Measure X funds. This staff report provides a link to the County of Monterey's Measure X Compliance Report for fiscal year 20/21 and a summary of the seventeen county projects funded by Measure X revenues. Randy Ishii, Director of Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks, will provide a presentation to the Committee on the County's current and planned use of Measure X funds to improve roads in Monterey County.

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Monterey County Project Report for Measure X Expenditures](#)



## Memorandum

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Subject:** Measure X FY 2020/21 Annual Audits

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** an update on the results of the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2020/21.

### **SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the Measure X annual audit is to confirm that the funding recipients -- TAMC, the County of Monterey and the twelve incorporated cities -- have complied with the voter-approved requirements specified in Ordinance 2016-01 for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. One of the responsibilities of the Measure X Transportation Oversight Committee is to review the independent audits of the jurisdictions, and prepare and present an annual report regarding the administration of the program. A subcommittee of the Oversight Committee reviewed the reports and staff will provide information on the receipt and review of annual audit compliance data.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approved by 67.71% of the voters in 2016, Measure X was projected to generate an estimated \$20 million annually, for a total of \$600 million over thirty years. The funding source is a retail transactions and use tax of 3/8% per dollar spent. Actual revenues have been significantly higher, with 2018/19 receipts (the second full year of Measure X receipts) totaling \$30.5 million and 2019/20 dropping slightly to \$28.2 million. The latest estimates are that Measure X revenues are expected to drop to \$27.7 million in 2020/21, then rise again to \$29.4 million in 2021/22.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Transportation Agency has fiduciary responsibility for the administration of the voter-approved Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (Measure X) funds. Each jurisdiction entered into a tax sharing agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to receive their share of Measure X Local Streets & Roads revenues. In exchange, these agreements require the jurisdictions to submit audit reports annually to the Transportation Agency detailing the steps taken to comply with the implementing ordinance.

In accordance with the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, an Oversight Committee representing a diverse range of community interests was formed. The Measure X Transportation Oversight Committee established a subcommittee to conduct the review of the independent audits of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds. The subcommittee was asked to report the results of the audit to the full committee at their next meeting and to prepare the Measure X Annual Report.

The fourth year of Measure X reporting, for fiscal year 2020/21, was due on December 31, 2021. For this year's independent audits, there has again been a marked improvement in compliance by the jurisdictions from the previous

reporting period. All of the jurisdictions submitted their complete reports by the deadline with the exception of Greenfield. After an initial review of the reports, Agency staff has reached out to request more information from Carmel and Sand City regarding not meeting their maintenance of effort requirement.

The reports received from the jurisdictions can be found in the **web attachment** link at the bottom of this staff report and a summary of the compliance review is included in the table below:

City or County	Funds Received	Reports Submitted on Time?	Annual Program Compliance Report	Maintenance of Effort	5-Year Program of Projects	Independent Financial Audit	Pavement Management Report
Monterey County	\$8,149,671	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmel	\$213,305	Yes	Yes	<b>NO</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Del Rey Oaks	\$81,764	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gonzales	\$279,520	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	\$550,328	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	Yes	<b>NO</b>	Yes	<b>NO</b>
King City	\$460,858	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marina	\$847,410	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monterey	\$1,093,219	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacific Grove	\$657,027	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salinas	\$4,865,844	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sand City	\$32,375	Yes	Yes	<b>NO</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seaside	\$1,084,029	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soledad	\$727,433	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,042,784</b>						

The Transportation Agency is responsible for the implementation of the regional component of Measure X and is in the process of completing the Agency's annual audit. Agency staff will present the staff's review of the 2020/21 audit reports from the cities and county and will provide an update on the Agency's audit of Measure X regional funds.

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[City and County Annual Reports on Measure X Spending](#)



**Memorandum**

**To:** Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Subject:** Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects Update

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** Update on Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

**SUMMARY:**

TAMC staff will update committee members on the progress of Measure X regional highway projects including: SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements; and, the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Measure X allocates 60% of its monies to the cities and County, and 40% of its funding towards regional projects and "mobility for all" projects and programs. The TAMC Integrated Funding Plan specifies when regional projects and programs will receive funding and what share of matching funds will need to be leveraged. The Measure X amount available to each of these regional road safety projects over its 30-year lifetime is as follows:

- SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements (\$50 million)
- SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange (\$30 million)
- US 101 South of Salinas Improvements (\$30 million)
- SURF! Highway 1 Busway (\$15 million)

**DISCUSSION:**

This presentation is intended to update Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee members on four regional transportation projects that are leveraging Measure X Sales Tax funds.

**SR 68 Scenic Corridor Safety and Operations Improvements**

Caltrans is currently preparing conceptual designs to replace the nine existing traffic signals between Joselyn Canyon Road and Corral de Tierra with roundabouts. The Transportation Agency is providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans will be the lead agency and responsible for the preparation of the technical studies and environmental impact report. The critical path for the project is the certification of the environmental impact report by the California Transportation Commission.

The environmental and design phase is funded by the following sources:

State Transportation Improvement Program \$29,003,000  
 Highway Infrastructure Program \$ 3,393,000

Measure X     \$   640,000  
SB1 Local Partnership Program   \$ 1,917,000  
Phase Total =     \$34,953,000

**State Route 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange**

The SR 156 / Castroville Blvd interchange is the first stage of the SR 156 West Corridor Project between Highway 1 and US 101. The overall project has completed the environmental phase. The SR 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange is currently in the design and right-of-way phase. Caltrans is leading the design with the Transportation Agency providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans has completed 95% plans and the final plans are scheduled to be submit this Spring.

This phase of the project also involves permitting by regulatory agencies with mitigation measures for environmental impacts. Senate Bill 1231 authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander habitat resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey. This bill allows TAMC to implement safety improvements to eliminate collisions and fatalities along the SR 156 corridor while allowing for enhanced mitigation for an endangered species.

The project is expected to be ready to list for construction bids in Summer 2022. The Transportation Agency successfully secured a Senate Bill 1 grant, leveraging Measure X funds, to fully fund construction of the interchange project. The environmental and design phase is funded by the following sources:

State Transportation Improvement Program \$29,811,000  
Federal DEMO     \$   312,000  
Measure X     \$   389,000  
Developer Fees     \$ 5,000,000  
SB1 Trade Corridors   \$20,000,000  
Phase Total =     \$55,512,000

**US 101 South of Salinas Improvements**

Back in 2003 a project study report has been completed for the US 101 South of Salinas corridor. The 2003 project study report aimed at improving safety and adding road capacity along the US 101 corridor from Abbott Street in Salinas to Main Street in Chualar. The improvements identified in the 2003 document proposed a US 101 bypass that does not align with the preservation of agricultural land and the State's focus on reducing vehicle miles traveled. For this reason, the Transportation Agency conducted extensive public outreach to identify a new project focused on addressing safety issues using the current alignment of US 101. The new project proposes to upgrade the interchanges at Abbott Street and Chualar Main Street and construct a frontage road on both sides of US 101 to eliminate fatal and injury crashes occurring along at-grade highway intersections.

A supplement to the approved project study report will be completed this Spring leading to an environmental review process and preliminary engineering effort scheduled to start this Summer. The study and environmental phase is funded by the following sources:

State Transportation Improvement Program \$ 9,989,000  
Measure X     \$   440,000  
Phase Total =     \$10,429,000

**SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project**

The SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project is part of a larger effort to build a modern mobility network for the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. The proposed SURF! line is a 6-mile bus-only corridor from Marina to Sand City and

Seaside parallel to Highway 1 along the Monterey Branch line rail right-of-way. This project proposes to construct a dedicated busway between Marina and Sand City. Several bicycle facility improvements will be constructed as part of the project. Monterey-Salinas Transit is leading the project and the Transportation Agency is providing project management support and design oversight. The project is currently in the final design phase. The preliminary engineering and environmental phase is funded by the following sources:

Measure X Sales Tax revenue	\$1,450,000
<u>Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program (MST's share)</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Phase Total	\$1,550,000





## **Memorandum**

**To:** Measure X Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Subject:** **Return to In-person Meetings**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**DISCUSS** how to conduct future Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee meetings.

### **SUMMARY:**

It is recommended that the Measure X Oversight Committee discuss how and where to conduct future in-person meetings, in light of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, allowing the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and Committees to meet remotely, will expire on March 31, 2022.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhanced State and Local Governments ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allowed local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. That order expired on September 30, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361. This legislation amends the Brown Act to allow meeting bodies subject to the Brown Act to meet via teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency, rather than under the Brown Act's prior more narrow rules for participation in a meeting by teleconference. AB 361 provides that if a state or local health official recommends social distancing, the TAMC Board of Directors and its Committees may meet remotely, provided that within 30 days of the first meeting after September 30, and every 30 days thereafter, the Board of Directors finds that 1) the Governor's proclaimed state of emergency is still in effect; 2) the Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and 3) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet in person.

The Governor's state of emergency declaration will expire on March 31, 2022. Staff recommends that the Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee discuss how to conduct future meetings pursuant to the Brown Act, in the scenario that the declaration is not extended.