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## *HIGHLIGHTS*

## December 4, 2024

### TAMC Honors Out-Going Board Members Adams and Potter

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors recognized Supervisor Mary Adams and Mayor Dave Potter for their dedicated work to improve regional transportation throughout Monterey County. The certificates of appreciation are acknowledgements of their service and recognition of their retirement after years of dedicated public service on behalf of Monterey County.

Supervisor Adams was recognized for nearly 8 years of service, which included acting as TAMC Chair in 2022, being a member of Transportation Agency's Executive Committee and the Rail Policy Committee, and working closely with the County, Caltrans, and CHP on safety improvements along Highway 1 and local road issues and traffic concerns.

Mayor Potter is the longest-term member of the TAMC Board, having served for 31 years in various roles. He has been a tireless champion of expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area, representing Monterey County, TAMC, and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council at the State and Federal levels to seek and secure funding for rail projects in our region.

Mayor Potter joined TAMC in 1993 as a Monterey City Council member, followed by his service as District 5 Supervisor from 1996-2016, where he was a key participant in negotiating a successful acquisition of the 13-mile Monterey Branch Line railroad right-of-way from Union Pacific in 2003; and since 2018, Mayor Potter has represented the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

During his tenure, Mayor Potter served as TAMC Board Chair in 1994, 1995 and 2008, and Rail Policy Committee Chair from 2001-2016. He advocated for the expansion of Intercity Rail Service between San Francisco and Los Angeles as the Chair of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council for over 30 years.

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# Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station

The Board received an update on the Notice of Preparation and Scoping Period for the Pajaro/ Watsonville Multimodal Station. The Pajaro/ Watsonville Multimodal Station Project is Phase 2 of the Monterey County Rail Extension project. It will create a connection point for new passenger rail service between the Monterey Bay Area and the San Francisco Bay Area region which includes:

- New passenger loading platform, shelters, lighting, and associated infrastructure
- Monterey-Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz Metro bus transfer facilities
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Vehicle parking spaces and electric vehicle charging stations
- Improved access via a new signalized intersection at Salinas Road and Lewis Road

Project Benefits include:

- Expands transportation options with connections to local and regional destinations
- Facilitates access to jobs, health care, education, and shopping
- Reduces vehicle trips and emissions
- Provides new rail service in the underserved communities of Pajaro and Watsonville

Outreach for the Notice of Preparation included a workshop, newspaper ads, social media, emails, and website updates, as well as on-the-ground outreach work at local businesses and community centers, Watsonville farmer's markets, and resident's group meetings. The purpose of the Notice of Preparation and the workshop held in Pajaro on November 20, 2024, was to:

- Introduce the project and alternatives being considered;
- Provide an opportunity for verbal and written public comment on scoping project alternatives and the environmental document; and
- Inform the public about the upcoming Draft Environmental Document preparation process, project timeline, and future opportunities for public input.

The Project scoping period is used to get feedback from residents and local community members who could be impacted by the proposed project. The deadline to provide feedback for the scoping period is Friday, December 6, 2024.

Project information: https://www.tamcmonterey.org/monterey-county-rail-extension-phase-2-pajaro-watsonville#/

Survey: https://publicinput.com/project/?id=92638&embedId=86508#tab-58172

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