

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 23, 2022**



### **TAMC Hosts Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors held a public hearing to receive comments to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County.

In its role as the Transportation Development Act fund administrator, the Agency holds this hearing annually to seek public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County. The unmet needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act.

The Agency solicits public input on unmet transit needs and places comments into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process is April 30, 2022. Comments can be submitted at:

<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/unmet-transit-needs>.

Staff will present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board, prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June.

## **Call for Projects for New Local Access Funds Administrator Program**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved a call for projects for the Local Access Fund Administrator Program. The Local Access Fund is a new program that incentivizes the expansion and availability of on-demand transportation service for people with disabilities and is requesting approval of the Call for Projects for this program.

The program is a result of Senate Bill 1376, which directed the California Public Utilities Commission to establish a program relating to the accessibility of Transportation Network Company services for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV).

TAMC received a total allocation of \$98,419, of which \$83,656 will be used to fund the Access Providers through this call for projects. There is a limit of 15% for administration of the program. Funding for this program is available for use from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. More information can be found here:

<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/local-access-for-all-program>.

## **Caltrans Announces Clean California Beautification Projects in Monterey County**

Caltrans District 5 announced that four beautification projects will occur in Monterey thanks to a grant from Clean California. The projects slated for 2022-2023 are:

- The Castroville Neighborhood Pedestrian Enhancement project along State Route 156 is an opportunity to enhance a pedestrian and bike overcrossing with artistic elements and aesthetic treatments that highlight community heritage and add shade trees and decorative fencing along an adjacent Class 1 bike path.
- The Castroville Historic Downtown Landmark Restoration project along State Route 183 will restore the beloved and popular historic “Artichoke Center of the World” arched landmark sign.
- The Salinas-Alisal Vibrancy Neighborhood Beautification project along US 101 will beautify three blighted undercrossing structures, and the adjacent infrastructure and roadside landscapes. Some of the improvements include new painting, murals, lighting, and artistic and aesthetic elements reflective of the community.
- The King City Highway Beautification and Pedestrian Enhancements project along US 101 and Canal Street will add landscaping and other aesthetic improvements in the highway corridor and enhance key pedestrian undercrossings.