



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission

Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways - Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:30 AM

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas Transportation Agency Conference Room AGENDA

Complete agenda packets are on display at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County office and at these public libraries: Carmel, Monterey, Salinas Steinbeck Branch, Seaside, Prunedale, and King City. Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call the Agency Secretary to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Please recycle this agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. 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. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

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 the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for September 5, 2019.

- Zeller

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. REQUEST volunteers from Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members to serve on a working group to review and propose updates to the Committee bylaws.

-Deal

A TAC member noticed several inconsistencies in the Technical Advisory Committee bylaws and requested a review. This request is to seek volunteers to form a working group to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for edits and changes to the full Technical Advisory Committee.

5. RECEIVE presentation on 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process and timeline.

- Jacobsen

Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process, and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives.

6. RECEIVE presentation and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on the proposed Safe Streets Pilot Program.

- Jacobsen

The Transportation Agency wants to encourage Cities and the County to utilize road repaving projects as an opportunity to add low-cost pedestrian and bicycle safety features to a corridor. The Safe Streets Pilot Program is an Agency effort that would provide, on a one-time basis, supplemental funding to cover some of the added costs of including safety improvements in existing pavement and restriping projects. The intent of the program would be to encourage public works departments to integrate low-cost safety features into all pavement jobs.

7. RECEIVE presentation on the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.

- Zeller

The Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) identifies conservation strategies with co-benefits to transportation infrastructure climate resiliency and public safety, and then implements those strategies as advance mitigation for the transportation improvements

- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9. ADJOURN

Next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. TAMC Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

REMINDER: If you have any items for the next Committee Agenda, please submit them to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County; Attn: Rich Deal; 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, **email:** rich@tamcmonterey.org

The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon nine (9) working days before the regular meeting. Any member 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.

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901-2902 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TEL: 831-775-0903 FAX: 831-775-0897

If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact Transportation Agency at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish Language interpreters and printed materials, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting, and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, and REPORTS - No items this month



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Subject: Draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes - September 5, 2019

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for September 5, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft TAC Minutes - September 5, 2019

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Held At Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

DRAFT Minutes of Thursday, September 5, 2019

DRAFT Minutes of Thursday, September 5, 2019											
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SEP 18	OCT 18	NOV 18	JAN 19	FEB 19	MAR 19	APR 19	MAY 19	JUN 19	AUG 19	SEP 19
R. Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (S. Friedrichsen)	C	P(A)		C	Р	P	P	C	P	C	P
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks	A	P		\boldsymbol{A}				A		A	
P. Dobbins Gonzales (M. Sundt)	N	P	Р	N	P		P(A)	N	P	N	P/A
R. Mullane, Greenfield	C			C	P(A)			C		C	
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	E	P	P	E	P	P		E	P	E	P
B. McMinn, Marina, Chair (E. Delos Santos)	L		P	L	P	P	P	L	P	L	P
A. Renny, Monterey (F. Roveri)	L	P(A)	P(A)	L	P(A)	P(A)	P	L	P(A)	L	
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P(A)	E	
A. Easterling, Salinas, Vice Chair (J. Serrano)	D	P(A)	P	D	P	P	P	D	P	D	P
L. Gomez, Sand City (F. Meuer)					P(A)	P	P		P		P
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)		P			P(A)		P				
D. Wilcox, Soledad (B. Slama, E. Waggoner)											
E. Saavedra, MCPW (R. Martinez)		P(A)	P		Р	P(A)	P(A)				P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development											
S. Vienna, AMBAG (H. Adamson)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)	P	P				
O. Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)		P			P(A)	P	P				P
M. McCluney, CSUMB		P(A)									
A. Romero, MBUAPCD											
J. Brinkmann, FORA (P. Said)		P									
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)		P	P		P(A)	P	P		P		

STAFF	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP
	18	18	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
D. Hale, Exec. Director	C			C	P	P					
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director	\boldsymbol{A}	P	P	\boldsymbol{A}	P	P	P		P		P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	N	P		N	P	P	P		P		P
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner	C			C							
M. Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	E			E							P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	L			L					P		
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner	L		P	L							
R. Deal, Principal Engineer	E	P	P	E	P		P		P		
A. Green, Senior Transportation Planner	D			D		P	P		P		
S. Castillo, Transportation Planner		P			P						
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer					P	P	P		P		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Hierling, AMBAG Will Conden, AMBAG

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Brian McMinn, City of Marina, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Harary/Easterling/unanimous

3.1 APPROVE the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of June 6, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN / SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Paul Hierling, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, provided an informational update to the Committee on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Mr. Hierling presented that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) prepares a Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (the "Plan) for the tri-county Monterey Bay Area in its role as the federal Metropolitan Planning Organization for this region. These plans outline the priorities for meeting future transportation and mobility needs, consistent with the policy goals and objectives, as well as within the constraints of a transportation revenue forecast over the 20-year planning horizon of the documents. In addition, the Sustainable Communities Strategy integrates land use and transportation strategies that will achieve California Air Resources Board emissions reduction targets. Since the passage of SB 375, state law requires that Regional Transportation Plans be consistent with local Sustainable Communities Strategies. Collaborating with AMBAG on a coordinated Regional Transportation Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy update allows for one Environmental Impact Report to be prepared for all three documents.

To begin development of the plan, AMBAG staff has developed a detailed work program and schedule for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Community Strategy that incorporates a variety of planning efforts. In accordance with state and federal guidelines, the 2045 Plan is scheduled for adoption by the AMBAG Board of Directors in June 2022. The Transportation Agency will develop the Regional Transportation Plan update consistent with this timeline.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked when the Transportation Agency intends to go to the jurisdictions to update the project lists. Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, responded that Transportation Agency staff will work with the jurisdictions next year, between April and November 2020.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina, asked how the sunset of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority impacts the project list. Todd Muck, Deputy Director, responded that the projects are already included in the Regional Transportation Plan, it's just which jurisdiction is going to take over lead agency status.

5. INTEGRATED FUNDING PLAN FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS

Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the preliminary draft integrated five-year funding plan for priority regional transportation projects.

Mr. Zeller presented that after reviewing revenue estimates from Measure X and Senate Bill 1 (which provides additional funding to the State Transportation Improvement Program), Transportation Agency for Monterey County staff have prepared a revised fiveyear integrated funding plan for delivery priority projects. The purpose of the plan is to expedite the delivery of these projects in a manner that reflects the Agency's ability to program formula funding and secure competitive funds.

The priority projects in the funding plan are those in the regional portion of Measure X, plus the Salinas Rail Extension. The goals in programming funding to each of these projects was three-fold:

- First, to fund projects that are ready or near-ready for construction, such as the Imjin Road Widening project;
- Second, to advance projects as expeditiously as possible through the preconstruction process to make them eligible candidates for matching funds, such as the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor; and
- Third, to maximize the use of matching funds to deliver projects as early in the Measure X program as possible.

At the September Board of Directors meeting, Agency staff will solicit guidance from the Board on the Integrated Funding Plan proposed project deliery schedule. Agency staff will then revise the plan based on comments received and bring the proposal forward to the Board of Directors at the October meeting. At the December Board meeting, Agency staff will bring the finalized proposal forward as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which is the document the Agency is required to submit for State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked is the Davis Road Bridge could be included on the five-year list. Andrew Easterling, City of Salinas, also asked if the US 101 Widening through Salinas project could be added. Mr. Zeller responded that the list of projects primarily includes the regional projects from Measure X, but would consider adding other projects in the project development pipeline.

6. CITY OF GONZALES TRAFFIC STUDY PRESENTATION

Matthew Sundt, City of Gonzales, presented the City of Gonzales Traffic Study Presentation.

Mr. Sundt presented that the growth forecast in the City General Plan is substantial: approximately 9,767 homes, and 1.84 million square feet (1,840 KSF) of retail office space. The Circulation Study takes the land use assumptions from the General Plan and refines the traffic analysis to establish expectations for roadway, intersection and interchange capacities to support anticipated city growth.

The City of Gonzales 2011 General Plan roadway network connects to Highway 101 in several places: at the Alta Street Interchange in the north, the existing 5th Street Interchange, and the Gloria Road Interchange in the south, without constructing a new interchange on Highway 101.

The proposed primary backbone roadway infrastructure consists of a grid roadway pattern, which promotes shorter trips, more balanced volumes, and better accommodation of phased future development in an orderly manner.

The 5th Street interchange will remain an important access location to the City and the future growth areas. Most of this development will occur on the east side of the existing City boundary. Far less growth will occur on the west side of Highway 101, consisting primarily of the expansion of the Gonzales Industrial Park.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, announced that the American Public Works Association will be hosting a golf tournament.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner, announced that the Women's Transportation Seminar will be hosting an event in October. She also announced that the City of Monterey will be holding a ribbon-cutting for the North Fremont Street Cycle Track project.

Todd Muck, Deputy Director, announced that the Transportation Agency will be moving forward with modifying the Measure X Maintenance of Effort calculation, based on Board feedback.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Rich Deal, Principal Engineer

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Subject: Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws Review Group

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REQUEST volunteers from Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members to serve on a working group to review and propose updates to the Committee bylaws.

SUMMARY:

A TAC member noticed several inconsistencies in the Technical Advisory Committee bylaws and requested a review. This request is to seek volunteers to form a working group to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for edits and changes to the full Technical Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws

Regional Transportation Planning Agency Congestion Management Agency Local Transportation Commission

312 East Alisal Street, Salinas, California 93901 (408) 755-4812/647-7777 FAX (408) 755-4957

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS*

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been established by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to act at its direction and discretion in response to State and Federal requirements.

PURPOSE AND DUTIES

The purpose and duties of the TAC are as follows:

- Provide technical assistance, advice and recommendations to the TAMC to aid it in fulfilling its responsibilities for coordinated transportation planning process within Monterey County.
- Review and provide input on transportation planning studies, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Congestion Management Program (CMP), the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and other special transportation studies.
- Provide technical assistance, advice and recommendations to TAMC consultants.

MEMBERSHIP

The TAC shall be composed of one person representing each TAMC member agency, including exofficio members. Additional members from transportation providers in Monterey County and organizations not presently represented may be appointed by the TAMC to the TAC.

VOTING

The vote of a majority of the TAC members present at any regular, continued or special meeting shall be sufficient to pass or act upon any matter properly before the TAC. Each TAC member agency has one vote.

OFFICERS AND TERM OF OFFICE

The TAC shall have a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall be elected by the general membership of the TAC.

^{*} Adopted by TAMC July 27, 1994

Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws Page 2

The Chair shall preside over all committee meetings, vote on all matters, appoint subcommittees, and call special meetings. The Chair shall report to the TAMC as directed. The Vice Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair and perform such other duties as requested by the Chair.

The term of office shall be one year. Election of officers shall be held in the first quarter of each calendar year. No officer shall serve more than two full consecutive terms. Upon resignation of an officer a special election will be held by the TAC. In the event that the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson are not present at the meeting, the Committee may select a member to chair that particular meeting.

Staff shall report TAC recommendations to TAMC or the Chairperson may report to the TAMC if requested by the TAC. Special reports from the TAC relative to the transportation planning effort may be made to the TAMC at any time by direction of the TAC.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be held regularly on a date that staff determines to be convenient for a majority of the members. Meetings shall be open to the public and shall conform to the Open Meeting Laws, commonly known as the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code § 54950 et seq.). Time allotted for the public to present their views to the TAC on transportation issues will be determined by the Chair in order to ensure that TAC business is completed.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings will be kept by the TAMC staff and approved by the TAC. When votes are taken on recommendations to be presented to the TAMC, a roll call vote will be taken. If there is a split vote or abstention, the results will be clearly documented in the minutes with the minority views reflected in addition to the majority viewpoint.

TAC COMMUNICATIONS

The TAC may communicate freely with elected or appointed bodies, public or private agencies or individuals to obtain input or opinions regarding transportation planning proposals. Copies of all correspondence directed to TAMC by vote of the TAC should be included, as it occurs, in the TAMC agenda packets.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

Staff shall assist in providing information, preparing meeting agendas and minutes as directed, and generally assisting the TAC. Members of the staff will be present at all meetings.



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Subject: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation on 2022 Regional Transportation Plan process and timeline.

SUMMARY:

Every four years, the Transportation Agency is responsible for developing an updated Regional Transportation Plan, pursuant to state and federal transportation planning requirements. The Agency has initiated the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and staff will present a timeline of the plan process, and seek input for the development of draft goals and policy objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan will be prepared in house by staff. The Plan's environmental document is budgeted not to exceed \$225,000 of which TAMC will pay \$33,000. The Environmental Impact Report will cover the tri-county Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as the Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County Regional Transportation Plans. The Plan will include financial estimates for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2045 horizon year of the plan.

DISCUSSION:

The Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, updated every four years. The Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monterey Bay Area, AMBAG incorporates the financial assumptions and project lists included in the Regional Transportation Plans for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Pursuant to state and federal guidelines, the Regional Transportation Plan includes a countywide multi-modal needs assessment, transportation policy element, long-range funding forecast, funding-constrained project list, and a program-level environmental review document assessing the probable environmental impacts associated with implementation of the plan. Public participation is sought after in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan for each of the project steps, and as adopted by AMBAG through the Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan.

The Agency has developed a draft timeline to provide stakeholders with an overview on Monterey County's Regional

Transportation Plan process.

Key dates relevant for the Technical Advisory Committee include:

- Dec. 2019 TAMC Board Action: Adoption of Goals, Policy Objectives and Performance Measures.
- Jan March 2020: TAMC to develop updated project and program cost estimates in collaboration with the cities and the County.
- April 2020: TAMC to present draft project list and cost estimates to Technical Advisory Committee.
- Jan/Feb 2021 TAMC Board Action: Adoption of final project list.
- Dec. 2021 TAMC Board Action: Receive draft Plan and release notice to public for review/comment.
- **Dec. 2021**: AMBAG to release Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for public review and comment.
- June 2022 TAMC Board Action: Approval of Final Regional Transportation Plan, adoption of CEQA findings and adoption of the joint Environmental Impact Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Regional Transportation Plan 2022 - Timeline

2022 RTP Update - TAMC's Draft Timeline

2019 2020 2021 2022 Sept. 2019 Jan. 2020 Jan-Dec 2021 AMBAG to present to AMBAG issue NOP Preperation of Draft for joint MTP/SCS TAMC TAC March-May 2022 EIR **EIR** W/AMBAG - Respond to comments on Draft Oct. 2019 April - Nov 2020 **BOARD ACTION** 2045 MTP/SCS TAMC to present to RTPA's update to Jan/Feb 2021 TAC - Goals, Policy project / program Board adoption of Objectives, PMs costs for AMBAG final project list **June 2022** AMBAG approves Final EIR and 2045 Nov. 2019 March/April 2020 Feb 2021 MTP/SCS TAMC to present to TAMC to present Deadline to submit BPC - Goals, Policy to TAC on updating final project list to Objectives, PMs project list/costs **AMBAG BOARD ACTION June 2022** Board approval **June 2020** July-Dec 2021 **BOARD ACTION** of Final RTP and TAMC to complete AMBAG to Prepare Dec. 2019 adoption of CEQA local jurisdiction Draft MTP/SCS Board adoption findings/joint EIR coordination on of Goals, Policy Master Plans Objectives, PMs **BOARD ACTION** Dec. 2021 Sept. 2020 Board to recieve RTPA deadline for draft RTP and release input on Growth notice to public for Forecast/planned review / comment projects Dec. 2021 Nov. 2020 AMBAG release Draft TAMC to present EIR for MTP/SCS financial projections for public review and to EXEC **AMBAG** comment **TAMC** Dec. 2020 TAMC Board **TAMC Draft** Action Financial Revenue **Projections**

2019 - 2022



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Subject: Safe Streets Pilot Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation and **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** on the proposed Safe Streets Pilot Program.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency wants to encourage Cities and the County to utilize road repaving projects as an opportunity to add low-cost pedestrian and bicycle safety features to a corridor. The Safe Streets Pilot Program is an Agency effort that would provide, on a one-time basis, supplemental funding to cover some of the added costs of including safety improvements in existing pavement and restriping projects. The intent of the program would be to encourage public works departments to integrate low-cost safety features into all pavement jobs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Safe Street Pilot Program would come from the Regional Surface Transportation Program funds the Board of Directors set aside for Complete Street implementation as part of the last round of funding.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is proposing to create a Safe Streets Pilot Program whose goal would be to demonstrate the ability of maintenance projects, such as repaving, to serve as a platform for enhancing bicycle and pedestrian safety in Monterey County.

Under the program, TAMC staff would work with each community to identify an eligible repaying project and work with that community's public works and engineering departments on a "Safe Street" design. TAMC would provide incentive funding, up to a certain amount, for the project to include the bicycle and/or pedestrian safety features.

While communities would be encouraged to propose a pilot project based on their road maintenance schedule, Transportation Agency staff suggests focusing the grant funding on streets and roads that:

- Provide access to a school, community center, or park;
- Are identified for bicycle or pedestrian improvements in TAMC's Active Transportation Plan and/or existing city-level bicycle or pedestrian plans; and/or,
- Provide access to transit.

Staff is seeking feedback on the proposed Safe Streets Pilot Program from the Technical Advisory Committee and how it could best fit into regular street maintenance programs.



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Subject: Regional Conservation Investment Strategy

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation on the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.

SUMMARY:

The Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) identifies conservation strategies with cobenefits to transportation infrastructure climate resiliency and public safety, and then implements those strategies as advance mitigation for the transportation improvements

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total project budget is \$466,970, with \$375,810 funded by the 2018 Senate Bill 1 Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant and \$91,160 local match funded by Measure X.

DISCUSSION:

In September, 2016 the State created a pilot program for the development of Regional Conservation Investment Strategies. This program was modified in 2017 to expand its reach to transportation infrastructure agencies. The Transportation Agency recently received a \$375,810 grant from the Caltrans Adaptation Planning grant program to develop the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy. The Transportation Agency is matching this grant with Measure X funds from the Habitat Management / Advance Mitigation program. The receipt of these grant funds leverages the Measure X funds over seven times.

The *Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy* (or Strategy) will assess the vulnerability of species and habitat to climate change related stressors and pressures (temperature shift, precipitation change, drought, and wildfire, among others); develop conservation strategies to improve resiliency from the identified stressors. Conservation actions identified in the Strategy may be then be turned into mitigation credits that can streamline project delivery and result in superior species conservation.

Some examples of potential conservation strategies that could be identified through the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy include:

Wildlife crossings under or over State highways and highly-travelled regional corridors, such as the Scenic State
Route 68 between Monterey and Salinas, that preserve and improve habitat connectivity while reducing animalvehicle conflict points;

- Wetlands protection and restoration that protects transportation infrastructure from the effects of flooding and storm water impacts, such as State Route 156 in north Monterey County; and
- Land acquisition for species and habitat restoration and conservation (including preservation of agricultural lands) that creates a more drought-tolerant landscape and healthy species habitat as well as protects nearby infrastructure from climate-related events such as wildfires and landslides.

With the passage of Senate Bill 1 and Measure X, Monterey County's self-help transportation sales tax measure, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County has habitat mitigation needs for numerous regional transportation improvements in corridors that are highly constrained by environmental factors, with some projects lying within the coastal zone. These habitat protection needs present an opportunity to develop the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy to identify conservation strategies with co-benefits to transportation infrastructure climate resiliency and public safety, and then implement those strategies as advance mitigation for the transportation improvements.

The Strategy will seek to accomplish the following specific objectives:

- Identify locations for habitat and agricultural mitigation for transportation projects, to create more meaningful land preservation and improve the resource agency approval process
- Identify adaptation strategies to remedy identified climate-related vulnerabilities;
- Advance the planning of specific climate adaptation projects;
- Provide benefits to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

The draft Strategy is anticipated to be available for public review in spring 2020. Once finalized, the Strategy may facilitate advance mitigation planning where environmental mitigation can be achieved in advance of project impacts, resulting in conservation actions that have greater benefit and expedited project delivery.

ATTACHMENTS:

Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy - Notice of Intent



NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Description of Proposed Regional Conservation Investment Strategy

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), on behalf of a steering committee including representatives from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and The Nature Conservancy is preparing a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (or *Strategy*) for Monterey County. The Strategy area extends to the jurisdictional boundaries of Monterey County (see Figure 1 for a draft map of the Strategy area) and is being developed with input from the public and stakeholders including community-based organizations, federal, state, and local agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

A new California State law passed in 2016, AB 2087, establishing a conservation planning tool called a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy to promote the conservation of species, habitats, and other natural resources.

TAMC is developing the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy to promote regional habitat conservation and advance mitigation planning through the development of Mitigation Credit Agreements (see below). TAMC has already developed funding sources for habitat conservation and mitigation planning for some of its activities, including \$5 million from Measure X, a sales tax that passed in November 2016. Funding for the development of the Strategy was provided by Caltrans through a SB-1 Adaptation Planning Grant, to assess the vulnerability and improve resiliency of species and habitats to climate change stressors, including wildfire, landslides, and drought.

What is the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy?

The Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy:

- Provides a voluntary, non-binding, non-regulatory conservation assessment.
- Provides a regional conservation strategy of conservation elements, including, but not limited to, focal species and sensitive habitats through strategic, scientifically grounded actions and investments.
- Establishes conservation and enhancement goals, objectives, and priorities.
- Describes and promotes methods of conservation investment that will contribute to species and habitat conservation, including, but not limited to:
 - Land acquisition and protection
 - Habitat preservation, enhancement, creation, and restoration
 - Creek and river restoration
 - Corridor and linkage enhancement
 - Development of Mitigation Credit Agreements (see below).
- Is an assessment sponsored by TAMC through a planning process that includes public input, collaboration with partner organizations and agencies, and with the assistance of a consultant team.
- Must be approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Is scheduled to be available for public review in spring 2020.

Mitigation Credit Agreements

Mitigation Credit Agreements (MCAs) are developed under an approved Strategy; approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and:

- Create mitigation credits by implementing conservation actions identified in the Strategy.
- Must be within the boundary of an approved Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.
- May be used as compensatory mitigation for impacts under:
 - California Environmental Quality Act
 - California Endangered Species Act
 - Lake and Streambed Alteration Program.
- Anyone can enter into a Mitigation Credit Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, with their own resources for their own projects.

Once finalized, the Strategy may facilitate advance mitigation planning where environmental mitigation for impacts can be conducted in advance, which can result in conservation projects that have greater benefit, while also expediting delivery of infrastructure projects.

Additional information about the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy program can be found at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/planning/regional-conservation

Please contact <u>RegionalConservationInvestmentStrategy@tamcmonterey.org</u> for more information about the Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy.





FIGURE 1

Monterey County RCIS Area