



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Board of Directors
REVISED MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum
or vote on any item on the agenda
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California
Cayenne Conference Room
Wi-Fi Network: MontereyCty-Guest (no password required)

Members of the public & Board may join meeting online at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83417604900?pwd=jEaUjLWZ6iGuF47kxbFbFKst8ZTnBc.1>

OR

By teleconference at: +1 669 900 6833
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Meeting ID: 834 1760 4900
Password: 165623

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Please find Chapter 9, also known as the Ralph M. Brown Act:
https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5.

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1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two (2) 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 Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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Cualquier miembro del público podrá dirigirse a la Junta sobre cualquier punto no incluido en la agenda, pero que sea de su competencia. En este punto, cada miembro del público tendrá dos

minutos para plantear sus inquietudes. Se podrán formular comentarios sobre los puntos de este agenda cuando se discuta dicho punto. Se anima a quienes deseen dirigirse a la Junta para recibir comentarios del público o sobre un punto de la agenda que envíen sus comentarios por escrito a Maria en maria@tamcmonterey.org antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes anterior a la reunión. Dichos comentarios se distribuirán a la Junta antes de la reunión.

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3. 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.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1. APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of September 23, 2026.

- Elouise Rodriguez

- 3.1.2. ACCEPT** the list of payments and deposits for September 2026 and the credit card statement for September 2026.

- Mi Ra Park

The list of payments and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the TAMC Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from TAMC's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about TAMC's financial transactions.

- 3.1.3. APPROVE** a non-financial revision to the salary table.

- Jefferson Kise

The agency is retitling the Contracts and Grants Coordinator position to Management Analyst to better reflect the scope of job duties and

responsibilities. The salary range remains the same.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES

3.2.1. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program:

1. **ADOPT** resolution 2026-04 that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a "contributing sponsor" and transfer its \$1,586,268 Fiscal Year 2025/26 and \$1,175,602 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to the Monterey Salinas-Transit District to support the upgrade to traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County and support the purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity fixed route buses to operate systemwide; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director or his designee to sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any actions and agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

- Aaron Hernandez

The California Legislature established the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to distribute Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Fund (GGRF) funds to implement transit priority projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Program funds are distributed to regional transportation planning agencies based on population and to transit agencies based on transit operator revenues.

PLANNING

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1. North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Action Council (Artists Ink), subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$346,000, to provide steering committee facilitation and art installation and maintenance services, for the period ending December 31, 2031;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to School grant and Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. **APPROVE** sole source finding based on the unique qualifications of Action Council (Artists Ink); and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Ariana Green

The North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract will enable Artists Ink to facilitate and

execute a youth-led sidewalk art project with the Salinas Youth Council. This effort is part of the Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to Schools project, which is funded through an Active Transportation Program grant. Artists Ink has successfully completed several community-led sidewalk art projects in partnership with the Transportation Agency, and is uniquely qualified for the work which justifies a sole source procurement.

- 3.4.2. APPROVE** the appointment of Dixon Bourne to serve as the alternate student representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

- Theresa Wright

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee currently has a vacancy for the alternate youth/college representative. Dixon Bourne, a student at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, has been nominated by Professor Carolyn Meyers to serve in this role. Staff recommends the appointment of Mr. Bourne to fill the vacancy.

- 3.4.3. RECEIVE** the call for nominations for the 25th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

- Theresa Wright

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards.

3.4.4. Traffic Garden Striping Contract:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract with Emile Estassi DBA Boyds Asphalt Services, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 to layout and stripe nine traffic gardens across Monterey County for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program Grant and Measure X funds budgeted to this project through the Safe Routes to School Program;
3. **APPROVE** sole source finding due to unique qualifications of the contractor; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Ariana Green

Boyds Asphalt Services was selected through a sole source procurement. They have unique experience designing and striping traffic gardens. The scope of work includes creating custom stencils, site preparation, layout and striping of

nine traffic gardens in locations across Monterey County. Traffic gardens are places for children to learn traffic safety and practice walking and rolling skills.

3.4.5. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Allocation Request:

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP fair share funds for the West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project in the amount of \$114,468.94; and
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

- Janneke Strause

The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by a formula of population and lane miles to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.

3.4.6. AUTHORIZE the Executive Director, or their designee, to enter into a Use Agreement with the City of Sand City to allow use of portions of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for the Sand City Trail and Parking Project.

- Michael Zeller

The City of Sand City is proposing to construct a multi-use trail and parking improvements within portions of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way and is seeking a Use Agreement to authorize use of Agency-owned property.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1. King City Multimodal Transportation Center Environmental Review:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Circlepoint, in an amount not to exceed \$1,740,296, to provide California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliant environmental review services;
2. **APPROVE** the use of \$1,740,297 in Senate Bill (SB) 125 funds budgeted for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Andy Cook

TAMC is serving as the lead agency for developing and completing the King City Multimodal Transportation Center project that will construct a new station stop for long-distance Amtrak Coast Starlight trains and State-supported intercity

passenger rail between the San Francisco Bay Area and San Luis Obispo. Staff has completed a competitive procurement for consulting services to complete the CEQA and NEPA environmental review required to move the project into construction.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE - No report this month

COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1. ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - no meeting in October
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of October 7, 2026
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 7, 2026
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 1, 2026
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 20, 2026

- Elouise Rodriguez

3.7.2. RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for October 2026.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. PRESENT the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Theresa Wright.

- Todd Muck

The Agency employees recognize Theresa Wright for her professionalism and her diligence in handling media coverage and writing news releases. Most notably, employees appreciate her work on Agency community engagement efforts and all the communication and outreach work that she does for TAMC as well as the assistance she provides to staff on projects of different types with varying needs. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, it is our great pleasure to recognize Theresa Wright for her exemplary service.

5. RECEIVE update on the US 101 South of Salinas project.

- Javier Hernandez

Meg Henry, Caltrans District 5, Project Manager of the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Project will provide an update on recent progress, coordination with partner agencies, and upcoming milestones related to environmental, design, and funding activities for two projects currently underway along the US 101 South of Salinas corridor.

6. Legislative Update and Draft 2027 Legislative Program:

1. **RECEIVE** legislative updates;
2. **ADOPT** an "oppose" position on Proposition 43 on the November 3, 2026 ballot;
3. **PROVIDE INPUT** on potential projects for submittal to State or Federal legislators for funding;
4. **PROVIDE INPUT** on the draft 2027 legislative program; and
5. **APPROVE** the draft 2027 legislative program for circulation to Committees for comment.

- Christina Watson

Consultant Gus Khouri and staff will provide verbal updates on legislative activities and request input on the draft 2027 legislative program. On October 7, the Executive Committee recommended the Board adopt an "oppose" position on Proposition 43 on the November 3, 2026, ballot, as it would hinder local governments' options for raising funds for transportation, and recommended the Board approve the draft 2027 legislative program for circulation to Committees.

7. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE DIRECTION** on Agency practices for the election of TAMC Board and Executive Committee members.

- Todd Muck

The TAMC Board has followed the same process for electing officers and Executive Committee members for the past twenty-plus years. Director Velasquez requested to review the process in advance of next year's election cycle.

8. **RECEIVE** reports from Transportation Providers:
- Caltrans Director's Report and Project Update - Eades
 - Monterey Peninsula Airport - Pick
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
 - Monterey Bay Air Resources District - Stedman
9. **Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.**
10. **Executive Director's Report.**
11. **Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.**
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT** on the Closed Session;

CLOSED SESSION:

1. **Real Estate Negotiations:** pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, confer with real property negotiators concerning:
Property: 318 Cayuga Street, Salinas
Agency negotiators: Todd Muck, Jeff Kise
Negotiating parties: TAMC and JRG Leasing II LLC

- Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation:** pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Position: Executive Director and Agency Counsel.

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

- Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration

13. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County regular meeting will be on
Wednesday, December 2, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Monterey County Government Center
1441 Schilling Place, Cayenne Room

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.
There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

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

Elouise Rodriguez

Clerk of the Board

elouise@tamcmonterey.org

Important Meeting Information

Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. 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 review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

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Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon five (5) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Board may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any support papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: TAMC Draft Minutes of September 23, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of September 23, 2026.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. TAMC Draft Minutes September 23 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2026, TAMC BOARD MEETING
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901 – Cayenne Conference Room
Alternate Locations with Zoom Connection Open to the Public:
168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's office

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	AUG 31, 2026	SEP 26
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 1st Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, ~~Javier Gomez~~)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (~~Marilyn Vierra~~ , Leonie Gray)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	E	P
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, (Priscilla Ramos)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	E	P	P(V)	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Past Chair (~~Yuri Anderson~~ , Kera Abraham Panni)	P(V)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A)
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbley Craig)	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P(A)	E	P	P	P(A)	P(A)
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves, Dale Byrne)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, 2nd Vice Chair (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P(V) (ADA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V) (ADA)
Robert White, Greenfield (Rachel Ortiz)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Gino Garcia, ~~Marissa Garcia~~ , ~~Andrew Easterling~~)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	P	E
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dennis Donohue, Salinas City Representative (Margaret D 'Arrigo)	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Marilee Diaz)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E

Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	P	P	E	E	P(V) JC 1	P	P	P	E	A
Ex Officio Members:	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	AUG 31, 2026	SEP 26
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, ~~Bhupendra Patel,~~ ~~Paul Hierling~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P(A) (V)	P	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)	E	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, ~~John Olejnik,~~ ~~Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kyle~~ ~~Birch, Kelly McClendon, Paul Valadão~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A) (V)	E	P
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	E	P(A) (V)
Dino Pick, Monterey Regional Airport District (Carl Miller)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P	P(V)	P(V)	P(A) (V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, ~~Michelle Overmeyer~~)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(V)	P	P	P	P(A)	E	P(A)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	P(A) (V)	A	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	E	E	A	E	P(A) (V)
<i>P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; ADA= American Disabilities Act; JC# =Just Cause; A = absent; P*= New Representative</i>										
TAMC STAFF	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	AUG 31, 2026	SEP 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner				P*	P	P	P	P	E	P
A. Cook, Principal Transp. Planner				P*	P	P	P	P	E	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P(V)	P	P	E	P
A. Guthrie, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)	E	P
A. Hernandez, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
J. Hernandez, Principal Engineer							P*	P	E	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P(V)	P	E	E	P	P	P
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner					P*	P	P	P	P(V)	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P

J. Strause, Sr. Transp. Planner	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P
S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	E
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P(V)	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Jasmine Cortez Mejia	Monterey County District 1	Mayte Anaya	Public
Tyler Lesage	Caltrans District 5	Elvira Ramirez Molina	Monterey County
Chad Stoehr	Caltrans District 5	Gabi Guillen	MIIS
Paul Valadao	Caltrans District 5	Reginald Paulding	Public
Carolyn Meyer	MIIS	Michael Miller	Public
Kendra Howell	Salinas Valley Health	Jairo Hernandez	Public
Nick Pasculli	Monterey County Communications	Tony Harris	Point C

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Chair Poduri led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Stump commented on the Highway 68 Adaptive Signal Project.

Executive Director Muck noted that all Highway 68 Project communication and concerns should go to Caltrans.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C LeBarre/White/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of August 26, 2026, and Special Meeting August 31, 2026.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for August 2026 and the credit card statement for August 2026.
- 3.1.3** Received list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.
- 3.1.4** Regarding Vasquez and Company LLP Contract Amendment #2:
1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract amendment with Vasquez and Company LLP, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for a total contract amount of \$272,600, to provide auditing services for the 5-year period ending December 31, 2029;
 2. Approved the use of Reserve funds budgeted for the work;
 3. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
 4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** Regarding Monterey-Salinas Transit State of Good Repair Funds:

1. Adopted Resolution 2026-15 allocating \$1,008,028 of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit to help fund replacement of non-revenue vehicles and replacement of battery-electric high-capacity buses; and
2. Authorized the Executive Director or their designee to take any actions and sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PLANNING**3.3.1** Regarding Legislative update:

1. Received update on state and federal legislative issues; and
2. Adopted positions on legislation.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Regarding Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Appointments:

M/S/C Panni/White/unanimous

Approved the appointment of Robert Rodoni to serve as the North County representative, John Noah Pope to serve as the alternate North County representative, Jacob Lomanto to serve as the alternate labor organization representative, Rob Snyder to serve as the alternate construction representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee; postponed the appointment of Dixon Bourne to serve as the student representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

Board Alternate Panni pulled this item to request more time to discuss the appointment of Dixon Bourne to the student representative seat.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** No items this month.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of September 2, 2026
- Rail Policy Committee – Meeting Agenda for September 14, 2026
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – No meeting in September
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of September 3, 2026
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No meeting in September

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for September 2026.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SAFE STREETS TOGETHER MONTEREY COUNTY SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Board of Directors received an update on an update on the Safe Streets Together Monterey County Safety Awareness Campaign.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that the "Safe Streets Together Monterey County" is a countywide safety awareness campaign focused on changing unsafe roadway behaviors and promoting shared responsibility among all roadway users. Following a successful pilot campaign in San Ardo, campaigns are being launched in King City, Chualar, Castroville, and Salinas.

Ms. Wright noted that the campaign is a partnership between TAMC, Salinas Valley Health/ Live Well Project (formerly Blue Zones Monterey County), the Monterey County Communications and Health Departments, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS). Critical to the public outreach efforts of the campaign is the engagement of the enLACE Leadership and Civic Engagement program, funded by the Monterey County Health Department.

Lisa Rheinheimer, MST, commented that MST is supportive of the Safe Streets campaign, noting transit is the safest form of transportation, and encouraged the team to emphasize public transportation in the campaign.

Board Alternate Ramos thanked staff for piloting the Safe Streets campaign in San Ardo.

Board Member LeBarre asked that scooters are incorporated into campaign messaging for King City.

Nick Pasculli, Monterey County Communications, noted that they are working on adding scooters and e-bikes to the campaign.

5. STATE ROUTE 156 / CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD UPDATE

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors received an update on the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project.

Chad Stoehr, Caltrans District 5 Project Manager, reported that the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project will construct a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of State Route 156 and Castroville Boulevard, replacing the existing traffic signal. He noted that the project is designed to improve safety, reduce traffic delays, facilitate regional and agricultural freight movement, and enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the Castroville area.

Mr. Stoehr noted that Caltrans District 5 is currently working to finalize the bid package documents and complete all remaining administrative activities necessary to advertise the project for construction bids in fall 2026. Advertisement of the project will mark the final step before the award of a construction contract and the start of major construction activities from spring 2027 and fall 2029, pending resolution of utility relocations.

Board Member Church requested coordination between Caltrans and the Monterey County team working on the improvements on San Miguel Canyon, anticipated to be under construction at the same time.

6. REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Caltrans District 5 – Scott Eades, District Director, Caltrans 5, announced the following:

- Highway 1 reopened on September 14, 2026, thanks to successful fire suppression work in Big Sur. He noted that Google Maps is still showing the highway is closed, and Caltrans is working to resolve these issues with Google Maps.
- In recognition of the fires along the Big Sur Coast potentially putting the highway at risk for landslides, Caltrans is going through the process of winter preparation.
- US 101 in the Salinas Valley has historical drainage challenges; Caltrans is trying to improve the facility to better handle impacts of winter storms.

- Caltrans will begin working on the US 101 South Salinas Safety Project to close the median openings by early 2027.
- Caltrans will be a joint applicant with TAMC on two projects in Monterey County – US 101 South of Salinas (frontage roads and interchange improvements), and the Highway 68 corridor improvement project Phase 1.

Monterey Regional Airport District (MRY) —No report

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) — Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- MST is providing shuttle transportation to the Monterey Jazz Festival Friday through Sunday.
- MST is hosting the California Transit Association Fall Conference Exposition October 28-30 at the Monterey Conference Center, registration is open.
- Hartnell College students will be able to ride MST (free!) more easily than ever through a new Tap2Ride pilot program that allows students to board by simply tapping a contactless bankcard on the fare reader. Staff are working on expanding this option to other colleges.
- Sand City Costco parking lot is temporarily closed due to new pavement installation.
- Bike lane, pedestrian, scooter and non-motorized transportation will be detoured from the Caltrans Bike trail next to Highway 1 over to beach Range Road as part of the SURF project improvements starting October 2, 2026.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- Air District is launching grants for electric vehicle fast-charge infrastructure.
- The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program is now open for vehicles purchased or leased on or after July 1, 2026. Low-income residential applicants will receive \$500 in addition to the regular residential applicant incentive.
- Air District offers incentives up to \$200,000 for replacing Medium and Heavy-Duty Fleets with 100% battery electric vehicles. Leveraging other funds outside of the AB 2766 program may be used to offset incremental project costs.

7. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

None.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck announced the following:

- Monterey County Active Transportation Plan – Give your input, take our survey online. Kudos to staff for organizing twenty-one community engagement outreach meetings in October.
- December activities include outreach and public meetings around the county, Highway 156 Castroville Boulevard, Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency, and San Miguel Canyon; staff will provide the meeting information as it becomes available.
- Agency Counsel & Executive Director evaluation forms are due to the TAMC Chair September 24, 2026

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Mi Ra Park, Finance Officer/Analyst
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: TAMC Payments for the Month of September 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT the list of payments and deposits for September 2026 and the credit card statement for September 2026.

SUMMARY:

The list of payments and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the TAMC Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from TAMC's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about TAMC's financial transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The checks processed and Automated Clearing House (ACH) transferred for this period total \$583,843.47 which includes a check written for September credit card statement balance.

DISCUSSION:

During the month of September 2026, transactions in the operating account and credit card accounts are in **Attachments 1 and 2**. These reports show all expenditures paid by checks, electronic funds transfers, and credit card during this period. All expenditures, payments, and disbursements are consistent with the TAMC approved budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026-10 Checking Account Register for Sep
2. 2026-10 CalCard Sept_Redacted

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
Operating Account
September 2026

Date	Num	Name	Description	Debit	Credit
09/01/2026	22681	Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	TAMC Office Rent/Utilities		9,495.99
09/02/2026	EFT	CalPers Health Benefits	Employee Benefits		38,701.46
09/03/2026	22682	Allied Delta Dental	Employee Benefits		1,327.69
09/03/2026	22683	Ausonio Inc.	Construction Management (New Office)		20,046.06
09/03/2026	22684	DKS Associates Inc.	Direct Program Expense - Vision Zero		11,720.00
09/03/2026	22685	Eaton & Associates	Computer Support		6,960.66
09/03/2026	22686	GHD Inc.	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and ROW		2,838.21
09/03/2026	22687	HDR Engineering Inc.	Direct Program Expense		37,306.02
09/03/2026	22688	VOID	VOID	0.00	0.00
09/03/2026	22689	Oppidea, LLC	Accounting Services		3,000.00
09/03/2026	22690	Rincon Consultants Inc.	Direct Program Expense - Consultant		4,835.14
09/03/2026	22691	SALINAS VALLEY EMBROIDERY	Uniforms		469.17
09/03/2026	22692	Self Help Counties Coalition	Membership Dues		6,800.00
09/03/2026	22693	U.S. Bank CAL-Card	Credit Card		7,906.67
09/03/2026	DEP	County of Monterey	Interfund transfer	550,000.00	
09/03/2026	22694	Jesus Nunez Navarro	KC Sidewalk Artist		9,800.00
09/04/2026	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease	8,672.98	
09/04/2026	DEP	City of King City	Program Reimbursement from State	88,716.87	
09/04/2026	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease	2,489.48	
09/10/2026	EFT	Park, Mi Ra (V)	Expense Reimbursement		2,000.00
09/11/2026	ACH	Payroll	Payroll		70,184.16
09/11/2026	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits		11,604.12
09/11/2026	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits		10,097.59
09/11/2026	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits		7,240.54
09/11/2026	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings		7,084.34
09/11/2026	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings		15,817.29
09/17/2026	22695	Action Council of Mo. Co., Inc.	Direct Program Expense - Safe Routes to School		5,000.00
09/17/2026	22696	GHD Inc.	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and ROW		43,105.42
09/17/2026	22697	Khouri Consulting LLC	Legislative Consultant		7,000.00
09/17/2026	22698	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	Regional Impact Fee Consultants		107,200.20
09/17/2026	22699	MBS Business Systems	Printer Services		504.15
09/17/2026	22700	Monterey County Weekly	Bike Week Advertising		104.50
09/17/2026	22701	SDRMA-Workers Comp Program	Employee Benefits-Worker's Compensation		1,116.35
09/17/2026	22702	VASQUEZ & COMPANY LLP	Professional Services - Audit		4,924.00
09/18/2026	DEP	City of Salinas RDIF	RDIF Fees	52,064.00	
09/20/2026	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings		7,308.39
09/22/2026	DEP	County of Monterey	Interfund transfer	250,000.00	
09/22/2026	EFT	CALPERS GASB Reporting Services	GASB 68 Classic & PEPRA		350.00
09/22/2026	DEP	State of California	Program Reimbursement from State	540,333.13	
09/24/2026	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease	9,598.39	
09/25/2026	ACH	Payroll	Payroll		72,021.72
09/25/2026	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits		11,631.41
09/25/2026	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits		10,326.62
09/25/2026	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits		7,240.54
09/25/2026	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings		16,438.42
09/25/2026	DEP	City of Marina	RDIF Fees	244,469.26	
09/30/2026	EFT	Ameriflex (V)	Employee Benefits		2,870.54
09/30/2026	EFT	Principal Life Insurance Company	Life Insurance Company		1,466.10
				<u>1,746,344.11</u>	<u>583,843.47</u>
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TRANS AGENCY MONTERY CTY
Statement Date : 09-25-2026



Page 1 of 2

Corporate Account Summary		Payment Information	
Previous Balance	\$7,906.67	Amount Due	\$4,211.00
Purchases and Other Charges	\$4,211.00	Payment due in accordance with your agreement with U.S. Bank.	
Cash Advances	\$0.00	QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT A LOST OR STOLEN CARD, CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE 1-800-344-5696	
Cash Advance Fees	\$0.00	To overnight or courier a payment, please send to:	
Late Payment Charges	\$0.00	Corporate Payment Systems	
Credits	\$0.00 CR	3180 Rider Trail S, Department 790428	
Payments	\$7,906.67 PY	Earth City, MO 63045-1518	
New Balance	\$4,211.00		
Disputed Amount	\$0.00		

Corporate Account Activity	
TRANS AGENCY MONTERY CTY	Total Corporate Activity
	\$7,906.67 CR

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
09-10	09-06	PAYMENT - THANK YOU 00000 C	7,906.67 PY

New Activity			
Purchases	\$4,211.00	Total Activity	\$4,211.00
Cash Advances	\$0.00		
Cash Advances Fees	\$0.00		
Credits	\$0.00 CR		

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
08-26	08-25	DOLLAR TREE SALINAS CA	28.78
08-26	08-25	COSTCO WHSE #0472 SALINAS CA	377.36
08-27	08-25	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 SALINAS CA	44.00
08-27	08-25	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 SALINAS CA	44.00
08-31	08-29	COMCAST / XFINITY 800-266-2278 CA	396.73
08-31	08-30	COSTCO WHSE #0472 SALINAS CA	20.48
09-03	09-02	SP MADD GEAR US.MADDGEAR.C AZ	864.04

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✂ Payment may be made electronically or by check made payable to Corporate Payment Systems.

Amount Due: \$4,211.00

Amount Enclosed \$

If paying by check, include coupon with payment to address below.

CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS
P.O. BOX 790428
ST. LOUIS, MO 63179-0428

Statement Date : 09-25-2026

		New Activity cont	
09-03	09-02	TST*THE BAGEL CORNER 831-771-8670 CA	34.67
09-04	09-03	TST*THE BAGEL CORNER 831-771-8670 CA	29.59
09-07	09-06	DEVICEMAGIC DEVICEMAGIC.C NC	459.00
09-09	09-08	DEVICEMAGIC DEVICEMAGIC.C NC	42.66
09-10	09-09	MONTEREY PENINSULA CHA MONTEREYCHAMB CA	170.00
09-14	09-11	STAR MARKET SALINAS CA	28.36
09-14	09-11	INTUIT *NULL CL.INTUIT.COM CA	81.50
09-14	09-11	COSTCO WHSE #0472 SALINAS CA	103.78
09-15	09-14	LA PLAZA BAKERY - KING 831-3858888 CA	55.00
09-15	09-14	STAR MARKET SALINAS CA	18.88
09-17	09-17	AMAZON RETA* 5R7ED7CP2 WWW.AMAZON.CO WA	147.39
09-17	09-16	SPLASH CAR WASH SALINAS CA	16.00
09-17	09-16	AMAZON MKTPL*5R1X12CE2 AMZN.COM/BILL WA	303.66
09-18	09-17	SQ *COPYMAT SALINAS CA	26.88
09-21	09-18	PAY*CITY OF MONTEREY P&R 831-6463866 CA	90.00
09-21	09-16	STAPLS7687416751000002 877-826-7755 NJ	290.89
09-21	09-19	TMOBILE*AUTO PAY 800-937-8997 WA	65.00
09-22	09-21	SQ *LUPITA'S BAKERY SEASIDE CA	270.00
09-23	09-22	COSTCO WHSE #0472 SALINAS CA	158.35
09-24	09-22	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 SALINAS CA	44.00
		Department: 00000	Total: \$4,211.00
		Division: 00000	Total: \$4,211.00

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **Non-Financial revision to the salary table**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE a non-financial revision to the salary table.

SUMMARY:

The agency is retitling the Contracts and Grants Coordinator position to Management Analyst to better reflect the scope of job duties and responsibilities. The salary range remains the same.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The Contracts and Grants Coordinator position was newly created in 2025. The position is currently open, and staff is taking this opportunity to revise the position title and update the job description to more accurately reflect the tasks and responsibilities of the position.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TAMC Salary Table for 2026 v2

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

**TAMC Salary Schedule
Monthly Pay Rate**

Position Class Title	Effective Date	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
Executive Director	7/1/2026	23,562	Contract					
Deputy Executive Dir	7/1/2026	14,576	15,342	16,152	17,002	17,896	18,792	19,733
Director of Programming & Project Delivery	7/1/2026	13,362	14,067	14,805	15,585	16,402	17,224	18,083
Director of Planning	7/1/2026	13,362	14,067	14,805	15,585	16,402	17,224	18,083
Director of Finance & Admin	7/1/2026	13,362	14,067	14,805	15,585	16,402	17,224	18,083
Finance Officer	7/1/2026	10,029	10,559	11,113	11,698	12,310	12,930	13,574
Management Analyst	7/1/2026	6,725	7,062	7,415	7,785	8,175	8,583	9,013
Accounting Assistant	7/1/2026	5,490	5,781	6,083	6,407	6,738	7,076	7,429
Clerk of the Board/Senior Admin Assistant	7/1/2026	5,826	6,135	6,456	6,799	7,152	7,510	7,885
Admin Assistant	7/1/2026	4,803	5,053	5,320	5,597	5,895	6,190	6,500
Principal Planner	7/1/2026	10,163	10,697	11,232	11,794	12,383	13,003	13,654
Senior Transportation Planner	7/1/2026	8,689	9,147	9,627	10,134	10,665	11,200	11,760
Associate Trans Planner	7/1/2026	7,556	7,952	8,371	8,812	9,277	9,740	10,226
Transportation Planner	7/1/2026	6,425	6,762	7,119	7,493	7,885	8,278	8,692
Asst Trans Planner	7/1/2026	5,460	5,746	6,048	6,367	6,701	7,035	7,389
Principal Trans Planning Engineer	7/1/2026	13,158	13,818	14,510	15,234	15,995	16,795	17,635
Sr Trans Planning Engineer	7/1/2026	11,442	12,016	12,617	13,245	13,908	14,604	15,334
Asso Trans Planning Engineer	7/1/2026	9,951	10,448	10,969	11,516	12,094	12,699	13,334
Asst Trans Planning Engineer	7/1/2026	8,458	8,881	9,325	9,792	10,281	10,794	11,334
Junior Trans Planning Engineer	7/1/2026	7,188	7,546	7,923	8,320	8,739	9,176	9,634

Effective 7/1/26 Revised 10/28/2026

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Aaron Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Low Carbon Transit Operations Program:**

1. **ADOPT** resolution 2026-04 that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a "contributing sponsor" and transfer its \$1,586,268 Fiscal Year 2025/26 and \$1,175,602 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to the Monterey Salinas-Transit District to support the upgrade to traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County and support the purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity fixed route buses to operate systemwide; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director or his designee to sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any actions and agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

SUMMARY:

The California Legislature established the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to distribute Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Fund (GGRF) funds to implement transit priority projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Program funds are distributed to regional transportation planning agencies based on population and to transit agencies based on transit operator revenues.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action will authorize the Executive Director to designate the Transportation Agency's allocation of \$1,586,268 LCTOP funds for fiscal year (FY) 2025/26 to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District for upgrades to traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County and reallocate \$1,175,602 LCTOP funds for FY 2023/24 for the purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity fixed route buses.

DISCUSSION:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) provides operations and capital assistance for transit projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. This program is administered by Caltrans in coordination with the California Air Resources Board and the State Controller's Office.

As a regional transportation planning agency, TAMC is a designated recipient of Program funds for Monterey County, and can act as a lead agency on eligible projects or as a "contributing sponsor"

that can pass through funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to support an eligible project. Program funds are allocated using the State Transit Assistance distribution formula, which allocates funding to transportation planning agencies based on population and to transit operators based on transit operator revenues. For agencies who service disadvantaged communities (DAC), at least 50% of the projects must benefit the disadvantaged community.

In September 2025, state legislation adopted a package of energy and climate-related legislation that extended and made major changes to the Cap-and-Invest program, including SB 840 which establishes the funding for LCTOP. Two major changes were made to the LCTOP program. The first is the number of auction sales of carbon allowances administered by the State Controller's Office; increasing from four quarterly sales to six. This created a change in having two separate Call for Projects, where in February 2026, the first Call for Project for Allocation A was released and July 2026 for Allocation B. Despite the separate allocation periods, MST, as an eligible recipient of LCTOP funds, can request the Transportation Agency to act as a contributing sponsor through one resolution for both allocation periods for fiscal year 2025/26. The second major change in SB 840 reassigns LCTOP as a Tier 3 program which places it in a lower priority scale of receiving Cap & Trade revenue behind programs in Tier 1 and Tier 2. As a result, the new due date allocation due date is moved from April/May to September/October.

In the current LCTOP application cycle, MST is also requesting a reallocation of \$1,175,602 LCTOP funds from fiscal year 2023/24 to purchase four battery-electric high capacity fixed route buses. As part of the LCTOP guidelines, eligible recipients of LCTOP funds can roll over and reallocate funds from prior cycles as long as funds are expended in under a four-year period.

The Transportation Agency does not currently have an eligible project, so the Agency will act as a contributing sponsor to support Monterey-Salinas Transit's proposal. Monterey-Salinas Transit is required to submit an allocation request to Caltrans by October 30, 2026, including a Board resolution from the contributing sponsor and a letter of support. MST is permitted to submit a draft resolution from TAMC with their application.

The Transportation Agency's contribution of \$1,586,268 FY 2025/26 and reallocation of \$1,175,602 FY 2023/24 LCTOP funds will go towards the following component of Monterey-Salinas Transit's proposal:

- Upgrade to traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County.
- Purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity fixed route buses to operate systemwide.

Monterey-Salinas Transit's proposal is an eligible project that is consistent with the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program guidelines. Staff recommends allocating the Transportation Agency's share to support Monterey-Salinas Transit's project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2026-04: LCTOP Allocation FY 2025-26

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

***ALLOCATION OF \$1,586,268 OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
FUNDS TO THE MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT TO UPGRADE TRAVELER
INFORMATION DISPLAYS ON BUSES AND BUS STOPS IN SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY,
\$1,175,602 OF LCTOP FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR ZERO-EMISSION HIGH-CAPACITY
BUSES, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS***

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Transit, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (SB 862) in 2014 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, SB 862 established the Low Carbon Transit Operating Program (LCTOP) to receive revenue from the sale of emission allowances in California's Cap-and-Invest program and distribute these funds to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and transit operators eligible to receive State Transit Assistance funds pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314 of the Public Utility Code (PUC) for transit projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) are the eligible recipients of LCTOP funds in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, TAMC may elect to act as a contributing sponsor and transfer its share of funds to MST; and

WHEREAS, MST has determined that upgrades to its traveler information system displays on South Monterey County buses and bus stops is the most appropriate use for the allocation of LCTOP funds to MST; and

WHEREAS, MST has identified the need to revise the previously adopted FY 23-24 LCTOP allocation and request a Caltrans Corrective Action Plan to transfer the funds from project No. 23-24-D05-068 in the amount of \$1,175,602 to the FY 25-26 High-Capacity Bus Replacement project to fund the purchase of four (4) battery-electric high-capacity buses; and

WHEREAS, MST has committed these funds in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program; and

WHEREAS, the upgrades to the traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County and purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity buses are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase transit ridership, serve low-income and disadvantaged communities within MST's county-wide service area, and is consistent with the Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a "contributing sponsor" and transfer its \$1,586,268 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District to support the upgrade to traveler information system displays on buses and bus stops in South Monterey County.
2. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a "contributing sponsor" and transfer its \$1,175,602 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to the Monterey-Salinas Transit District to support the purchase of four battery-electric high-capacity fixed route buses to operate systemwide.
3. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any actions and agreements necessary to pass funds through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, State of California this 28th day of October 2026, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CHAPS PODURI, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

ATTEST:

TODD A. MUCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Action Council (Artists Ink), subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$346,000, to provide steering committee facilitation and art installation and maintenance services, for the period ending December 31, 2031;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to School grant and Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. **APPROVE** sole source finding based on the unique qualifications of Action Council (Artists Ink); and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract will enable Artists Ink to facilitate and execute a youth-led sidewalk art project with the Salinas Youth Council. This effort is part of the Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to Schools project, which is funded through an Active Transportation Program grant. Artists Ink has successfully completed several community-led sidewalk art projects in partnership with the Transportation Agency, and is uniquely qualified for the work which justifies a sole source procurement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The not-to-exceed project cost is \$346,000, funded with \$187,843 of Active Transportation Program grant and \$158,157 of Measure X funding.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) provides Safe Routes to School programming to teach and encourage Monterey County kids to safely carpool, walk, bike, skateboard, and scoot to school. One way to increase the visibility of safe routes to school programming and create more enjoyable walking routes is through public artwork.

TAMC partnered with the City of Salinas to secure an Active Transportation Program grant from the

State to develop sidewalk art marking safe routes between schools and public amenities in North Salinas. This project will be led by the Salinas Youth Council and give North Salinas High School students opportunities to assist with project management. Youth Council members will be asked to participate in a series of meetings to develop and release a call for art and community voting process and to plan and carry out a community celebration after the sidewalk art is installed.

One of the goals of the project is to empower individuals who historically have not participated in public processes to learn to make positive change in their community. This goal applies to both Youth Council members and local artists. To have success with this project, TAMC will need to work with an organization that is trusted by the local art community, who can support the Youth Council members as well as artists. Artists Ink has successfully worked with the Salinas Youth Council to develop and execute the Alisal High School Sidewalk Art project and with the East Salinas community on the Alisal Greening Sidewalk Art project. Due to their experience and deeply-rooted connections to schools and community across Salinas, Artists Ink is uniquely qualified for this project, which justifies a sole source procurement. Their staff reflect the local community and have built trust in Salinas for years. Artists Ink will provide the following services for the North Salinas Sidewalk Art Project:

- Project Initiation & Administration
- Youth Council Engagement & Coordination
- Sidewalk Art Installation
- Sidewalk Art Maintenance

For more detailed information on the scope of work, schedule, and budget, please refer to the **web attachment**.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Draft Scope of Work, Schedule and Budget for the North Salinas Sidewalk Art Contract](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Member Appointment**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the appointment of Dixon Bourne to serve as the alternate student representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee currently has a vacancy for the alternate youth/college representative. Dixon Bourne, a student at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, has been nominated by Professor Carolyn Meyers to serve in this role. Staff recommends the appointment of Mr. Bourne to fill the vacancy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended appointment has no direct fiscal impact.

DISCUSSION:

Measure X is projected to generate approximately \$600 million over the 30-year life of the voter-approved sales tax measure. In FY 2024/25, Measure X generated approximately \$39.9 million in revenue.

The Transportation Safety & Investment Plan established the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee to provide independent public oversight of Measure X revenues and expenditures. The Committee is charged with reviewing annual audits and reports, reviewing proposed changes to the Plan, commenting on project delivery and priorities, and reporting its findings to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors. The Plan further provides that the Committee represent a diverse range of community interests and stakeholder groups.

This staff report seeks the appointment of Dixon Bourne, a student at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, to serve as the alternate youth/college representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee. Mr. Bourne was nominated by Professor Carolyn Meyers of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. His appointment would fill a long-standing vacancy and help ensure youth and student perspectives are represented in the Committee's oversight activities.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board approve the appointment of Dixon Bourne as the alternate youth/college representative on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: Transportation Excellence Awards

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the call for nominations for the 25th Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

With the Transportation Excellence Awards, the Transportation Agency shows its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, and programs or projects. Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Projects that exemplify TAMC's mission to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities in Monterey County.
- Innovative activities that promote safer or more efficient use of the local transportation network.
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of commute options as alternatives to driving alone.
- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.

The nomination form is attached to this staff report and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and submit nominations. The form can be submitted online, mailed to Transportation Agency offices or emailed to Theresa Wright (at theresa@tamcmonterey.org). The deadline for nominations is December 11, 2026. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January 2027

meeting, and the awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 27, 2027, Transportation Agency Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Transportation Excellence Awards Nomination Form 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



Transportation Excellence Awards

Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee: _____

Category: (circle one)	Individual	Business/Group	Program	Project
Address:			Email:	
City:		Zip	Phone:	
If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name:				
Title:			Phone:	
			Email:	

2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name:	Phone:
Title:	Email:
Organization:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:

Please return by **noon, December 11, 2026** via online, fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901. For additional information, please call 831-775-4403.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: Traffic Garden Striping Contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Traffic Garden Striping Contract:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract with Emile Estassi DBA Boyds Asphalt Services, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 to layout and stripe nine traffic gardens across Monterey County for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program Grant and Measure X funds budgeted to this project through the Safe Routes to School Program;
3. **APPROVE** sole source finding due to unique qualifications of the contractor; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

Boyds Asphalt Services was selected through a sole source procurement. They have unique experience designing and striping traffic gardens. The scope of work includes creating custom stencils, site preparation, layout and striping of nine traffic gardens in locations across Monterey County. Traffic gardens are places for children to learn traffic safety and practice walking and rolling skills.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project is included in the approved fiscal year (FY) 2026/27 budget for the Measure X Safe Routes to School program. The traffic garden striping will be funded through multiple Active Transportation Program grants totaling \$52,000, and \$88,000 in Measure X funding for a total project cost of \$140,000.

DISCUSSION:

Through the Safe Route to Schools program, TAMC will be installing 9 traffic gardens across Monterey County. A traffic garden is a miniature traffic course painted on an asphalt surface where children can learn and practice walking and biking traffic safety. The striping is expected to start Spring/Summer 2027 and be finished by November 2029, but no later than December 2030, to meet project deadlines.

The draft contract is attached and includes the following deliverables:

- Meet with School Site administrators and TAMC staff to determine traffic garden location and design;
- Prepare the site as needed – including cleaning and sealing; and
- Layout and stripe the course including roadways, centerlines, roundabouts, crosswalks, stop bars, and “bus stop” areas.

Traffic Gardens will be installed at the following school site locations:

1. MLK Jr. Elementary (Seaside)
2. Dual Language Academy (Seaside)
3. Marina Vista Elementary (Marina)
4. Santa Lucia Elementary (King City)
5. Del Rey Elementary (King City)
6. Natividad Elementary (Salinas)
7. Sherwood Elementary (Salinas)
8. Los Padres Elementary (Salinas)
9. Toro Park School (Salinas)

Boyds Asphalt installed the first 13 traffic gardens in Monterey County in Fall 2023, and completed the project on time and within budget.

Staff recommends the TAMC Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Boyds Asphalt services to stripe nine traffic gardens across Monterey County, pending review and approval of the contract by Agency Counsel. The draft scope of work, schedule, and budget are online as a **web attachment**.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Traffic Garden Contract Draft Scope of Work, Schedule, & Budget](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **Regional Surface Transportation Program Allocation Request**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Allocation Request:**

1. **APPROVE** the request by the City of Soledad to program RSTP fair share funds for the West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project in the amount of \$114,468.94; and
2. **APPROVE** amending Exhibit A of the local funding agreement to include these projects and funding.

SUMMARY:

The Agency has distributed Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share funding by a formula of population and lane miles to the local jurisdictions for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. Funding is available at the discretion of the local jurisdiction for their chosen projects, upon approval by the Transportation Agency Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Regional Surface Transportation Program was established by the State of California to utilize gas tax revenues on a wide variety of local transportation projects. The Transportation Agency receives these funds, which total approximately \$6.4 million per year, and distributes them to the Cities and County in two methods: fair share and competitive share. The Transportation Agency distributes \$1.2 million per year as the fair share component to the cities and County based on population and lane miles.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency is tasked with reviewing projects proposed for Regional Surface Transportation Program fair share monies and approving the funding if the project is deemed eligible under state law. Examples of the types of transportation projects that are eligible for funding include: local street and roadway rehabilitation, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, public transit capital and signal coordination and other safety and operational improvements.

The City of Soledad is requesting that the Transportation Agency program a balance of \$114,468.94 of fair share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project. See attached letter for more details.

The City programmed these funds for the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project in 2024, but the remaining balance is no longer needed for this project. The City requests reprogramming these funds

to the West Street Road Diet and Complete Streets Project. Staff confirms that this project is eligible for this funding and recommends that the Board approve this request.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[City of Soledad - RSTP Fair Share Allocation Request Letter](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: TAMC - Sand City Bike Trail and Parking Use Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

AUTHORIZE the Executive Director, or their designee, to enter into a Use Agreement with the City of Sand City to allow use of portions of the Monterey Branch Line corridor for the Sand City Trail and Parking Project.

SUMMARY:

The City of Sand City is proposing to construct a multi-use trail and parking improvements within portions of the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way and is seeking a Use Agreement to authorize use of Agency-owned property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed agreement requires the City of Sand City to pay fair market rent for areas used for public parking. Based on the current project design, approximately 67,908 square feet of the project area is designated for parking. A recent TAMC appraisal established a fair market rental rate of \$0.15 per square foot per month within the corridor, resulting in estimated rental revenue of approximately \$10,186 per month, or approximately \$122,234 annually, upon commencement of rent payments.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey Branch Line is a publicly owned transportation corridor extending approximately 12.6 miles between Castroville and Sand City. TAMC acquired the corridor in 2003 and continues to manage it as a transportation asset intended to support current and future regional mobility needs. Consistent with TAMC's Real Property Ownership Policies, uses of Agency-owned property should support or be compatible with the Agency's transportation mission and long-term transportation objectives.

The City of Sand City has proposed a project within portions of the Monterey Branch Line corridor that includes bicycle and pedestrian improvements, public parking facilities, landscaping, gathering spaces, recreational amenities, and connections to existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The project is intended to improve multimodal access, strengthen connections between commercial areas and coastal destinations, and enhance public access and recreational opportunities. The proposed improvements include approximately one mile of multi-use trail, public parking facilities, landscaping and corridor beautification, gathering and recreation areas, and connections to existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

At its August 31, 2026 meeting, the Board provided direction to staff regarding negotiation of a Use Agreement with the City. Specifically, the Board directed staff to pursue an agreement with a 30-year

term and no extension options, require payment of full fair market rent for parking areas, exclude trail improvements, landscaping, and public amenities from rent calculations, and commence rent on January 1, 2029, or six months after parking facilities open to the public, whichever occurred first.

Following Board direction, TAMC and City staff continued negotiations and developed a proposed agreement that is substantially consistent with the Board's policy direction. Under the agreement, the City would receive a non-possessory right to use portions of the corridor for construction, operation, and maintenance of the project while preserving TAMC's ownership interests and future transportation options within the corridor. The agreement also requires the City to maintain the improvements, obtain necessary permits and approvals, carry insurance, and coordinate development activities with TAMC.

A key provision of the agreement establishes a process for transitioning existing leased areas when the project is ready to proceed. The City is required to provide TAMC with a one-year construction notice identifying that it is ready to begin construction activities. Upon receipt of that notice, TAMC would work to modify, terminate, or remove affected leases as necessary to provide the City access to construct the project. Until such notice is provided, TAMC retains the right to continue existing leases and enter into new leases within the project area. This provision allows TAMC to continue managing and generating revenue from the property while preserving the City's ability to implement the project when funding, design, and construction schedules are finalized.

The only substantive change from the Board's August 31 direction relates to the commencement of rent for parking facilities. Rather than using a fixed date of January 1, 2029, staff recommends that rent commence two years after the City provides notice that it is prepared to begin construction of the project, or six months after the parking facilities are first opened to the public, whichever occurs first. Staff believes this approach more appropriately aligns rent commencement with actual project delivery while recognizing that the timing of construction remains dependent on project funding, final design, and implementation schedules. The proposed provision also protects TAMC's interests by ensuring that rent begins no later than six months after the parking facilities become operational.

Consistent with Board direction, the agreement requires payment of fair market rent for parking areas while recognizing the public transportation and recreational benefits associated with the trail, landscaping, and related amenities by excluding those improvements from rent calculations. Rental rates will be established through appraisal or comparable market analysis and will be periodically reviewed to maintain consistency with market conditions.

Staff believes the proposed agreement appropriately balances the City's desire to implement a significant active transportation and public access project with TAMC's responsibility to protect the corridor as a long-term transportation asset, preserve existing property interests, and receive market-based compensation for non-transportation parking uses. Approval of the agreement would allow the City to continue advancing the project while preserving TAMC's future transportation options within the corridor.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TAMC - Sand City - Multi-Use Trail & Parking Use Agreement_2026-1028

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAND CITY AND
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
FOR PERMITTING A MULTI-USE TRAIL AND PARKING PROJECT

This USE AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between the CITY OF SAND CITY, a municipal corporation (“**City**”), and Transportation Agency for Monterey County, a regional transportation planning agency created by the laws of State of California (“**TAMC**”), effective as of _____ (“**Effective Date**”). City and TAMC are sometimes referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**”.

RECITALS

A. CITY and TAMC have collaborated and planned the Multi-Use Trail and Parking Project (the “**Project**”); and

B. CITY is considered the lead agency for the project and TAMC owns the inactive railroad Property between La Playa Avenue and Contra Costa Avenue in Sand City where the majority of the Project is planned for construction, as described in **Exhibit A** hereto (the “**Property**”); and

C. As the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City Council of Sand City approved the Project on June 17, 2025; and

D. The Project includes construction of a multi-use trail system including landscaping and parking facilities; and

E. CITY and TAMC have collaborated on expectations for the Project within the TAMC-owned railroad public right-of-way; and

F. The Parties mutually agree to carry out the Project subject to specific tasks, responsibilities, designs, and long-term objectives for the Project contained in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by TAMC and City that:

AGREEMENT

Article I. RECITALS, DEFINITIONS.

Section 1.01 Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals contained in this Agreement, all of which are hereby deemed true and correct, are hereby incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02 Definitions. This Agreement uses certain terms with initial capital letters that are defined in this Section 1.02 or elsewhere herein. The Parties intend to refer to those definitions when the capitalized terms are used in this Agreement.

- (a) "Agreement" means this Agreement, and all Exhibits hereto.
- (b) "City" means the City of Sand City, a California municipal corporation.
- (c) "City Council" means the Sand City City Council.
- (d) "County Recorder" means the Monterey County Recorder, which is responsible, in part, for recording legal documents that determine ownership of real property and other agreements related to real property.
- (e) "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise expressly indicated.
- (f) "Effective Date" means the date that this Agreement is executed by the Parties.
- (g) "TAMC" means the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, a regional transportation planning agency created by the laws of State of California, and its successor(s) and Assignee(s).
- (h) "Multi-Use Trail" means the Multi-Use Trail segment of the Project to be used for the purposes of trail use as specified in Exhibit B hereto.
- (i) "Parking" means the segment of the Project to be used for the purposes of parking as specific in Exhibit C hereto.
- (j) "Party" or "Parties" has the meaning set forth above.
- (k) "Project" means the Multi-Use Trail, including landscaping, exercise equipment and parking facilities.
- (l) "Property" or "Right-of-Way" means the 100-foot former railroad right of way that extends from Playa to Contra Costa Avenue in Sand City and that is subject to this Agreement, as described in this Agreement and depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (m) "TAMC" means Transportation Agency for Monterey County and its successor(s) and Assignee(s).

Article II. PROJECT GENERALLY

Section 2.01 Purpose and Intent. The Parties mutually agree to interpret and implement this Agreement for the purpose of and consistent with the following long-term objectives of the Project to:

- (a) Improve overall mobility for residents and visitors traveling to/from and through the Monterey Peninsula.
- (b) Provide safe, reliable and affordable trail connections to employment, education, and health care centers along the Property for visitors and residents.
- (c) Provide strategic connections and increase access to the region's existing and planned multi-use trail facilities such as Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, and the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail.
- (d) Implement traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian circulation improvements along the local network.
- (e) Engage, serve, and connect several disadvantaged, low income and veterans' communities in the cities of Seaside and Sand City to key employment, commercial, health care and educational centers within the region.
- (f) Improve air quality within the North Central Coast Air Basin.

Article III. RIGHT TO USE

Section 3.01 Right to Use. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, TAMC hereby grants to City the right to use the Property for the Project and related uses for a minimum of thirty (30) years. The uses authorized under this Agreement are granted through a non-possessory right to use the Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to grant CITY a leasehold estate, easement, or other permanent or transferable interest in real property.

Article IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Section 4.01 Responsibility of both CITY and TAMC

TAMC and CITY representatives will be made available to meet with public and private utility providers to identify any overhead and underground utility plants located in or adjacent to the Property or Project areas. Any utilities in the Property that are properly previously permitted shall be preserved, protected in place, or relocated so that they will not interfere with the planned use of the Property. CITY shall be responsible for all relocation costs that are necessitated by and for the Project, unless other parties are already responsible to do so.

- (a) Project Manager. CITY has designated the City Manager as the primary project manager for the Project. TAMC has appointed the Executive Director as the primary point of contact for the Project. These individuals, or the staff member(s) later assigned to the project manager role, shall communicate regularly to discuss the status of tasks and services related to the successful performance of this Agreement. Changes to Project Manager/liaison designation(s) shall be communicated between both parties no later than two (2) weeks prior to the change occurring, or as soon as is reasonable under the circumstances.

Section 4.02 Responsibility of CITY to TAMC

- (a) Trail Design Criteria: CITY shall design the Project to protect and enhance existing bicycle and pedestrian connections and crossings, when feasible. Design shall include safety and security measures, such as safety bollards where deemed necessary and feasible by Project design engineers, to prevent unauthorized use of the Project.
- (b) Permits and Permissions for Project: CITY shall obtain all required permits for Project and, if applicable, be responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions from neighboring jurisdictions and existing leaseholders to construct, operate, and maintain the Project.
- (c) Agreement for Work to Be Done by Others: CITY acknowledges that TAMC retains the right to approve or deny access to and guide the work by others along the Property right-of-way including utility relocations. This Agreement serves as the approval of a permit for all construction activities related to the Project.
- (d) Maintenance by CITY: CITY assumes responsibility for the maintenance of the Project for the Project term including, but not limited to, pavement management, signing, striping, guardrails/fencing, unhoused camp removal within the Project, lighting, landscaping, retaining walls, and other materials and devices unless otherwise maintained by others associated with the Project on the Property. The need for maintenance and extent to which maintenance is performed by the City shall be in the City's sole discretion.
- (e) Grant of Access by CITY: CITY shall grant TAMC access to the Property upon one (1) business day notification to CITY. Notifications should be communicated by email during normal business hours. Email notifications shall include the location, purpose, and duration of access needed.
- (f) Insurance: CITY shall require all construction contracts to carry All Risk Insurance, naming TAMC as additional insured and shall provide independent construction management for construction contracts.
- (g) Allowance for Future TAMC Use: Parties understand that the Project design may cross sections of the existing railway tracks and that the tracks will be removed and that part or all the Project may be removed at TAMC's sole discretion after the Agreement has terminated.

- (h) Franchise Agreements: CITY does not retain legal rights to future franchise agreements related to the Property and shall not enter into any franchise agreements related to the Property without prior written consent of TAMC.
- (i) Plan Reviews: CITY shall allow TAMC to review, provide comment, and approve Project design plans and take any other action necessary to meet design immunity thresholds, provided however that TAMC Board will approve a Project design plans as follows:
 - 1) The TAMC Board accepts, at the date of execution of this Agreement, Exhibit B-1 (the 30-plus plan) attached hereto;
 - 2) The TAMC Board will review and approve Exhibit B-2 (the 60% plan) upon the City's approval of those plans, provided Exhibit B-2 is in substantial conformance of Exhibit B-1 in the TAMC Board's sole discretion;

The mutual approval of Exhibits B-2 will affix Exhibit B-2 to this Agreement upon the mutual assent of both the City Council and the TAMC Board. The mutual approval of Exhibit B-2 shall supersede Exhibit B-1, and all references in this Agreement to Exhibit B shall be construed to mean the current, mutually-agreed-upon iteration of Exhibit B without the need for a written amendment hereto. All subsequent plan designs (100% and "as-built") shall be in substantial conformance with Exhibit B-2.

- (j) Record of Project and As-Built Plans: CITY shall be responsible for maintaining the record of the Project for all pre-construction and construction services. CITY shall transmit to TAMC final as-built (or as-recorded) plans upon completion and City Council approval.

Section 4.03 Responsibility of TAMC to CITY

- (a) TAMC Continued Support and Cooperation: TAMC shall continue to support CITY in implementing the Project including timely review and approval of final design, pre-construction surveys, and encroachment permits. TAMC agrees to reasonably cooperate with CITY on all CITY grant applications for funding for the Project including, but not limited to, applying as a co-applicant if needed to show site control under such grant requirements, subject to TAMC Board approval.
- (b) City Direction to Terminate or Modify Existing Lease on the Property. The City will provide TAMC a one-year Notice whereby TAMC will modify, terminate, or remove existing lessees on the Property to allow CITY sufficient access and control to construct, maintain, and use the Property for the Project (the "Construction Notice").
- (c) TAMC Allowance for Continued Use: TAMC shall allow CITY satisfactory continuing control of the Project improvements on the Property. TAMC shall allow temporary access for construction work on the Property and a certain amount of adjacent TAMC-owned property if needed. TAMC shall allow Project construction, use and operation for its originally authorized purpose for a minimum of 30 years, starting on January 1, 2027. TAMC reserves the right to maintain existing leases and enter into new leases within the Project Right-of-Way until the Project is ready to proceed to construction.
- (d) Utilities: TAMC shall be responsible for the review and approval of modifications to existing or new Third-Party Agreements with utilities (e.g., master utility agreements) having authority to be in the Property right-of-way by easement or franchise agreement. TAMC shall determine if a utility will be required to relocate at the utility's own cost when required by TAMC and other relevant information regarding responsibilities of the parties involved with utility installation, removal and relocation. TAMC shall work with CITY and assist with utility relocation if requested and/or required for the safe delivery of construction.

Article V. PROJECT COMPONENTS AND TERMS

Section 5.01 Uses not requiring compensation.

- (a) No monetary rent or lease payment shall be due or payable to TAMC for the Multi-Use Trail uses constructed or operated as part of the Project. The Parties acknowledge that the public transportation benefits associated with the Project constitute adequate consideration for the Multi-Use Trail uses authorized under this Agreement.

- (b) No monetary rent or lease payment shall be due or payable to TAMC for trail side amenities and landscaping constructed or operated as part of the Project. The Parties acknowledge that the public benefits associated with the Project constitute adequate consideration for these amenities and landscaping authorized under this Agreement.

Section 5.02 Uses requiring compensation.

- (a) Parking uses are subject to Fair Market Value (FMV) rent as determined by an appraisal or comparable market analysis approved by TAMC. Rent shall be calculated as described in Exhibit C. The Parties shall modify Exhibit C to reflect the square footage of “as-built plans” once approved by the City Council.
- (b) Rent shall commence two (2) years after the City provides TAMC with written notice as described in Section 4.03, subdivision (b), above, or six months upon first public use of the parking facilities, whichever occurs first, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Rent shall escalate annually in accordance with the rate and methodology set forth in Exhibit C or as otherwise approved by TAMC; however, in no event shall rent escalate more than 3% annually. Rental rates will be re-evaluated and adjusted every five years to ensure consistency with market rates.
- (c) The Parties acknowledge and agree that parking facilities, trail side amenities, and landscaping will be constructed or operated as part of the Project Uses, as shown on Exhibit C. No other uses are authorized without a written amendment approved by the TAMC Board of Directors. Nothing in Exhibit C is intended to conflict with Section 4.02(i) of this Agreement.
- (d) Possessory Interest and Property Taxes: CITY acknowledges that the parking use authorized by this Agreement may create a taxable possessory interest pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 107.6. CITY shall be solely responsible for payment of any and all possessory interest taxes, assessments, or charges levied as a result of the Parking Use and shall indemnify and hold harmless TAMC from any liability related thereto.

Section 5.03 Allocation of Areas and Modification of Uses. The Project will be depicted as Exhibit B. Any change to the boundaries, square footage, or classification of such areas shall require a written amendment approved by the Parties and, where applicable, the TAMC Board of Directors, except as outlined in “section 4.02(i) above.

Section 5.04 Assignment and Subleasing: Except as provided in this Agreement, including without limitation Section 4.02(c), CITY shall not assign, transfer, license, or otherwise convey its rights under this Agreement, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, without the prior written consent of TAMC, which may be granted or withheld in TAMC's sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 5.04 or this Agreement prevents the City from charging a fee for parking in the Project area and taking other reasonable actions, including subleasing or licensing access, to generate revenue from the Project parking area.

Section 5.05 Use Restrictions: Parking use shall be limited to vehicle parking and directly related incidental uses. No storage, commercial activities, structures, permanent signage, or events shall be permitted within the Parking Area without TAMC's prior written consent. City may use the parking exclusively for City-sponsored events a minimum of four (4) times per year without TAMC's consent, and may exceed four (4) times with the written consent of the TAMC Project Director.

No Conveyance of Ownership or Easement Rights. Nothing in this Article V or this Agreement shall be construed to convey fee title, an easement, or a permanent real property interest to CITY. All rights granted herein are limited to those expressly stated and are subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Agreement.

Section 5.06 Insurance: CITY shall maintain, at its sole cost and expense, insurance coverage throughout the term of this Agreement. All liability insurance policies shall name TAMC, its Board members, officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds, shall be primary and non-contributory to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by TAMC, and shall provide that coverage may not be canceled or materially reduced without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to TAMC. CITY shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsements satisfactory to TAMC prior to commencement of operations and upon request thereafter. Insurance shall be maintained as follows:

- (a) Commercial General Liability insurance covering bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence;
- (b) Business Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used in connection with the parking operations, with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence;
- (c) Workers' Compensation insurance in compliance with California law and Employer's Liability insurance with limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

Article VI. DURATION AND TERMINATION

Section 6.01 Unless the Parties mutually terminate the Agreement, or one Party materially breaches the Agreement, this Agreement shall have a term of thirty (30) years beginning on January 1, 2027.

Section 6.02 Funding for this Project is provided, in part, from federal and state sources. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are subject to Federal and State of California funding requirements and continued availability of funding identified for this Project.

Section 6.03 TAMC may terminate this Agreement if City has not commenced construction of all components of the Project within seven (7) years of the date of execution of this Agreement.

Section 6.04. CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time before delivering the Construction Notice under Section 4.03(b) by providing sixty (60) days' written notice to TAMC. Upon termination, CITY shall remove any CITY materials from the Property and repair any damage caused by CITY, and neither Party shall have further obligations under this Agreement except those that expressly survive termination.

Article VII. NO AGENCY, JOINT VENTURE, OR PARTNERSHIP.

Neither Party is acting as the agent of the other in any respect hereunder. Each Party is an independent contracting entity with respect to the provisions contained in this Agreement. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between the Parties in the affairs of TAMC or City, nor shall they cause City and TAMC to be considered joint venturers or members of any joint enterprise. The only relationship between City and TAMC is that of a government entity regulating the development of public property and the use of such property.

Article VIII. NOTICES.

Any notice or communication required hereunder between the Parties shall be in writing, and may be given by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), or by email (if followed by a hard copy delivered pursuant to another delivery method provided in this Article VI) or a reputable courier promising overnight delivery to the respective addresses specified by each Party.

Notices to City:

City of Sand City
Vibeke Norgaard
City Manager
City of Sand City
1 Pendergrass Way
Sand City, CA 93955
Phone: 831-394-3054

With a copy to:

City of Sand City
Planning Manager
City Hall

Street
Sand City, CA
Email: _____

Notices to TAMC:

Todd Muck
Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
Phone: 831-775-4407

Either Party may at any time, by giving ten (10) days' written notice to the other Party, designate any other address in substitution of the address to which such notice or communication shall be given or any additional notices to which such notice or communication shall be given.

Article IX. GENERAL TERMS

Section 9.01 Mutual Indemnification. It is mutually understood and agreed, relative to the indemnification of TAMC and CITY:

- (a) Except in situations in which TAMC is solely negligent or due to willful misconduct of TAMC, CITY shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, fully defend, indemnify, and hold harmless TAMC, its Board of Directors, and/or any officials, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers of TAMC, against any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by CITY under the Agreement.
- (b) Except in situations in which CITY is solely negligent or due to willful misconduct of City, TAMC shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, fully defend, indemnify, and hold harmless CITY, and/or any officials, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers of CITY, against any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by TAMC under the Agreement.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each party's obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other party, as expressed in these Indemnification provisions, shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement for a term to include the applicable statute of limitations related to CITY's performance pursuant to the Agreement.

Section 9.02 Dispute Resolution. In the event of any dispute concerning this Agreement, the Parties shall resolve the dispute as follows:

- (a) **Meet and Confer:** Within ten (10) days of a written notice (pursuant to the terms detailed above relating to Notice) of a dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the respective Project Managers of each Party shall use their best efforts and exercise good faith to resolve the disputes. If the Project Managers are unable to resolve the dispute within twenty (20) business days from when the Notice was sent, the CITY Manager and TAMC Executive Director shall confer and make a good-faith effort to resolve the dispute for an additional ten (10) business-day period. The obligation to conduct a Meet and Confer pursuant to this paragraph does not obligate either Party to agree to any compromise or resolution of the dispute that such Party does not determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be a satisfactory resolution of the dispute. The Meet and Confer shall be considered a settlement negotiation for the purpose of all applicable Laws protecting statements, disclosures or conduct in such context, and any offer in compromise or other statements or conduct made at or in connection with any Meet and Confer shall be protected under such Laws.

- (b) **Mediation:** If the dispute remains unresolved thirty (30) days from when the Notice was sent, either Party may submit the dispute to a disinterested third party mediator chosen by the Parties for nonbinding mediation. The Parties shall use their good faith efforts to agree upon a mutually acceptable mediator within sixty (60) days from when the Notice was sent. The mediation shall commence within thirty (30) days after appointment of the mediator. The Parties covenant that they will participate in mediation in good faith, and that they will share equally in its costs. All offers, promises, conduct and statements, whether oral or written, made in the course of the mediation by any of the Parties, their agents, employees, experts and attorneys, and by the mediator, are confidential, privileged and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any arbitration or other proceeding involving the Parties, provided that evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in the mediation.
- (c) **Judicial Remedy:** The parties agree that they shall have no right to seek relief in a court of law until each of the above procedural steps are exhausted. The timelines set forth above may be modified by mutual written consent of the CITY Manager and TAMC Executive Director. If a statute of limitations or statute of repose may lapse during these procedural steps such statute(s) are deemed tolled until the completion of the above referenced administrative dispute resolution process. If either Party seeks relief is sought in a court of law, the parties agree to Monterey County Superior Court as the venue for any legal action, subject to federal jurisdictional and venue requirements.

Section 9.03 Amendments. The Parties mutually agree and understand that no alteration or variation to the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and that any oral understanding or agreements not incorporated herein, shall not be binding.

Section 9.04 Remedies for Breach. The Parties agree that in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the only remedies available to either Party shall be: (1) suits for specific performance to remedy a specific breach, (2) suits for declaratory or injunctive relief, and/or (3) suits for mandamus under Code of Civil Procedure Section 1085, and/or 1094.5. Except for attorney's fees and associated costs as set forth herein, monetary damages shall not be awarded to either Party. This exclusion on damages is limited to a breach of this Agreement and shall not preclude actions by a Party to enforce payments of monies due or the performance of obligations requiring the expenditures of money under the terms of this Agreement or Applicable Law. All of these remedies shall be cumulative and not exclusive of one another, and the exercise of any one or more of these remedies shall not constitute a waiver or election with respect to any other available remedy.

Section 9.05 No Third-Party Beneficiary Rights. This Agreement is not intended, nor shall it be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights in any person who is not expressly made a Party and signatory to this Agreement, except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement.

Section 9.06 Governing Law, Interpretation of Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to contracts entered into and to be performed in California. Any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Monterey County or, in the case of any federal claims, in federal court for the Northern District of California.

Section 9.07 Severability. If any word of this Agreement, or its application to any situation, is held invalid or unenforceable, in a final judgment that is no longer subject to rehearing, review or appeal by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid word is severed, and/or the invalid words are severed, and the remaining parts of this Agreement, the application of any part of this Agreement to other situations, and the application of this Agreement to the other Party, shall continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, in the event that any material provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable, void or voidable, TAMC or City may terminate this Agreement.

Section 9.08 Failure to Assert; No Waiver. Any failures or delays by a Party in asserting any of its rights and remedies as to any breach shall not operate as a waiver of any breach or of any such rights or remedies. Delays by a Party in asserting any of its rights and remedies, irrespective of the length of the delay, shall not deprive the Party of its right to institute and maintain any actions or proceedings that it may deem necessary to protect, assert, or enforce any such rights or remedies, nor constitute a waiver of such Party's right to demand strict compliance by such other Party in the future. No waiver by a Party of a breach shall be effective or binding upon such Party unless made in writing by such Party, and no such waiver shall be implied from any omission by a Party to take any action with respect to such breach.

Section 9.09 Equal Authorship. This Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel for both TAMC and City, and no presumption or rule that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafting Party shall apply to the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement.

Section 9.10 Time. Time is of the essence of this Agreement and of each and every term and condition hereof.

Section 9.11 Further Acts. Each Party shall execute and deliver any and all additional documents and instruments, and perform such further acts, as may be reasonably necessary or proper to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

Section 9.12 Counterparts. This Agreement and any and all amendments and supplements to it may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts together shall be construed as one document.

Section 9.13 Execution and Recordation of Agreement. Not later than five (5) days after the Effective Date, City, by and through its Mayor, and TAMC shall execute and acknowledge this Agreement. The City Clerk shall, within five (5) days of the Mayor's execution of this Agreement, cause this Agreement to be recorded in the Official Records of Monterey County.

Section 9.14 Exhibits. The following exhibits are attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein as though set forth in full for all purposes:

- Exhibit A: Legal Description of the Property
- Exhibit B-1: Description and Depiction of Project
- Exhibit C: Project Use Areas & Rent

[Signatures on following page]

CITY:

CITY OF SAND CITY,
a California municipal corporation

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

TAMC:

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY,
a California special district

By: _____

Name: _____

Its: _____

EXHIBIT A
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

NOTE: The legal description and plat below describe TAMC's Monterey Branch Line holdings between Castroville and Seaside. For purposes of this Agreement, the Property is limited to the portion of the described land lying within the City of Sand City and westerly of the westerly right-of-way line of Playa Avenue. All portions lying easterly of the westerly right-of-way line of Playa Avenue are excluded from the Property and are not subject to this Agreement.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Monterey California

Real property partly in the unincorporated area, and partly in the Cities of Marina, Sand City, and Seaside, County of Monterey, State of California, known as the Monterey Branch Line of the former Southern Pacific Railroad, between Del Monte Junction near Castroville, and Seaside Station, consisting of the following:

V69-1, No.1; V69-2, No. 1; V69-3, No. 1; V69-4, No.1

The 60-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 1874, recorded October 29, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 139-147, Monterey County Records, between David Jacks, James Bardin, Jose Abrego, et al, and the Monterey and Salinas Valley Rail Road Company.

(Additionally, the former interest, if any, of the City of Monterey in the portions of said land within the Pueblo Lands of the City of Monterey, conveyed to the Monterey Railroad Company by Indenture dated as of August 13, 1880, recorded August 18, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 191-193, Monterey County Records.)

Excepting therefrom all those portions thereof within the boundaries of the land described in the Indenture dated as of October 17, 1888, recorded December 19, 1888 in Volume 21 of Deeds, pages 122-124, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, successor by consolidation to the Monterey Railroad Company, and James Martin, et al.

Also excepting therefrom all those portions thereof within the bounds of the parcel of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 5, 1904, recorded September 7, 1904 in Volume 80 of Deeds, pages 245-247, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Monterey.

Also excepting therefrom, those portions thereof within the bounds of the land described as "PARCEL TWO" and designated as "(409-1)" in the Grant Deed dated as of September 24, 1968, recorded January 20, 1969 in Reel 589, pages 772-775, Monterey County Records between Southern Pacific Company and the State of California.

Also excepting therefrom, those portions thereof within the bounds of the land described as "PARCEL 1044,-1" in the Grant Deed dated as of January 17, 1975, recorded June 2, 1976 in Reel 1058, pages 642-651, Monterey County Records, between Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the State of California.

Also excepting therefrom, all those portions thereof lying generally Southerly of the generally Northerly boundary line (crossing the center line of the railroad at Engineer's Station 667+47.2) of the 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Grant Deed dated as of June 15, 1982, recorded June 29, 1982 in Reel 1562, pages 461-466, Monterey County Records, between Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the City of Seaside.

V69-1, No. 2

The 100-foot wide strips of land, and the interest in adjoining land, described in the Indenture dated as of September 25, 1879, recorded October 2, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 83-86, Monterey County Records, between Juan B. Castro and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

V69-1, No. 3

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of October 13, 1879, recorded October 17, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 119-121, Monterey County Records, between Mrs. Maria E. Cooper and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

V69-1, No. 4

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of October 14, 1879, recorded October 17, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 121-123, Monterey County Records, between Mrs. Anna Wohler and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

Excepting therefrom all that portion thereof within the bounds of the parcel of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 5, 1904, recorded September 7, 1904 in Volume 80 of Deeds, pages 245-247, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Monterey.

V69-1, No. 5

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of September 29, 1879, recorded October 6, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 95-96, Monterey County Records, between Rafael Estrada and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

Excepting therefrom all that portion thereof within the bounds of the parcel of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 5, 1904, recorded September 7, 1904 in Volume 80 of Deeds, pages 245-247, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Monterey.

V69-1, No. 6

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of September 20, 1879, recorded October 2, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 81-83, Monterey County Records, between James Martin, et al, and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

Excepting therefrom all that portion thereof within the bounds of the parcel of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 5, 1904, recorded September 7, 1904 in Volume 80 of Deeds, pages 245-247, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Monterey.

V69-1, No. 6 (additionally)

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of September 6, 1888, recorded December 15, 1888 in Volume 21 of Deeds, pages 106-109, Monterey County Records, between James Martin, et al, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, successor by consolidation to the Monterey Railroad Company.

Excepting therefrom all that portion thereof within the bounds of the parcel of land described in the Indenture dated as of August 5, 1904, recorded September 7, 1904 in Volume 80 of Deeds, pages 245-247, Monterey County Records, between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Monterey.

V69-1, No. 7 and V69-2, No. 2

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of October 22, 1879, recorded October 29, 1879 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 147-149, Monterey County Records, between James Bardin and Charles Crocker (conveyed by him to the Monterey Railroad Company, by instrument dated August 3, 1880, recorded August 5, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 169-173, Monterey County Records.)

(Additionally, the former interest, if any, of the City of Monterey in said land, conveyed to the Monterey Railroad Company by Indenture dated as of August 13, 1880, recorded August 18, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 191-193, Monterey County Records.)

V69-1, No. 8

The land described in (i) Indenture dated as of September 17, 1903, recorded November 14, 1903 in Book 76 of Deeds, pages 82-84, Monterey County Records, between W.H. Martin, as Guardian, and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, (ii) Indenture dated as of July 11, 1903, recorded May 24, 1905 in Book 85 of Deeds, pages 243-245, Monterey County Records, between William H. Martin, et al, and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and (iii) Indenture dated as of July 17, 1903, recorded May 24, 1905 in Book 85 of Deeds, pages 246-248, Monterey County Records, between James Martin and Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

V69-1, No. 9

The land described in the Indenture dated as of July 13, 1903, recorded May 24, 1905 in Book 83 of Deeds, page 419, Monterey County Records, between Anna M.C. De Wohler and Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

V69-1, No. 10

The land described in the Indenture dated as of August 20, 1930, recorded August 3, 1933 in Book 370, pages 10-14, Official Records of Monterey County, between the County of Monterey and Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

(Title to said land in fee simple was quieted in Southern Pacific Railroad Company as of May 3, 1941, pursuant to Judgment made and entered in Superior Court on December 19, 1944 in the Matter of Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Plaintiff, vs. John B. Castro, et al, Defendants, Case No. 21069, recorded December 19, 1944 in Book 855, pages 309-314, Official Records of Monterey County.)

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The land described in the Indenture dated as of October 25, 1900, recorded October 31, 1900 in Book 63 of Deeds, page 172, Monterey County Records, between Charles Lawrence and Catherine H. Lawrence, and Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

(By Indenture dated April 26, 1904, recorded April 28, 1904 in Book 78 of Deeds, pages 201-202, Monterey County Records, S.J. Smart, Mrs. Clara B. White and Walter S. White quitclaimed their interests in said land unto Southern Pacific Railroad Company.)

Excepting therefrom that portion thereof described in the Grant Deed, dated November 25, 1974, recorded February 21, 1975 in Reel 961, pages 89-92, Official Records of Monterey County, by Southern Pacific Transportation Company to the State of California.

V69-2, No. 3

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of April 8, 1880, recorded May 6, 1880 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 470-471, Monterey County Records, between David Jacks and the Monterey Railroad Company.

(Additionally, the former interest, if any, of the City of Monterey in the portion of said land within the Pueblo Lands of the City of Monterey, conveyed to the Monterey Railroad Company by Indenture dated as of August 13, 1880, recorded August 18, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 191-193, Monterey County Records.)

V69-2, No. 4; V69-3, No. 2

The 100-foot wide strips of land described as containing "(22.23) acres of land, more or less," and "[37.27] acres of land, more or less" in the Indenture dated as of May 1, 1880, recorded May 6, 1880 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 472-476, Monterey County Records, between David Jacks and the Monterey Railroad Company.

(Additionally, the former interest, if any, of the City of Monterey in said land, conveyed to the Monterey Railroad Company by Indenture dated as of August 13, 1880, recorded August 18, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 191-193, Monterey County Records.)

Excepting therefrom, that portion thereof within the bounds of the land described as "PARCEL TWO" and designated as "(409-1)" in the Grant Deed dated as of September 24, 1968, recorded January 20, 1969 in Reel 589, pages 772-775, Monterey County Records between Southern Pacific Company and the State of California.

Also excepting therefrom, those portions thereof within the bounds of the land described as "PARCEL 1044,-1" in the Grant Deed dated as of January 17, 1975, recorded June 2, 1976 in Reel 1058, pages 642-651, Monterey County Records, between Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the State of California.

V69-2, No. 7; V69-3, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9

The land described as follows, in the Director's Deed dated as of August 25, 1975, re-corded June 2, 1976 in Reel 1058, pages 639-641, Monterey County Records, between the State of California and Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

All those three parcels of land "PARCEL I . . . containing a total of 18.13 acres, more or less; PARCEL II . . . containing 5.54 acres, more or less; PARCEL III . . . containing 0.25 acres, more or less . . . Excepting . . . any portion thereof lying within the existing Southern Pacific Company, Monterey Branch, railroad right-of-way. The combined total acreage for the three parcels is 23.92 acres, more or less." within the boundaries of Fort Ord Military Reservation . . . , as conveyed to the State of California by Quitclaim Deed dated as of January 9, 1970 recorded January 21, 1970 in Reel 636, page 593 . . . Official Records of Monterey County.

V69-3, No. 3

The 100-foot wide strip of land, and also (i) the parcel of land "containing an area of . . . (1.32) acres, more or less," and (ii) the parcel of land "containing . . . (0.3) acres . . . more or less," described in the Indenture dated as of March 12, 1888, recorded June 10, 1889 in Book 23 of Deeds, pages 351-355, Monterey County Records, between Anton Gigling and the Monterey Railroad Company.

(Additionally, the former interest, if any, of the City of Monterey in said land, conveyed to the Monterey Railroad Company by Indenture dated as of August 13, 1880, recorded August 18, 1880 in Book 1 of Deeds, pages 191-193, Monterey County Records.)

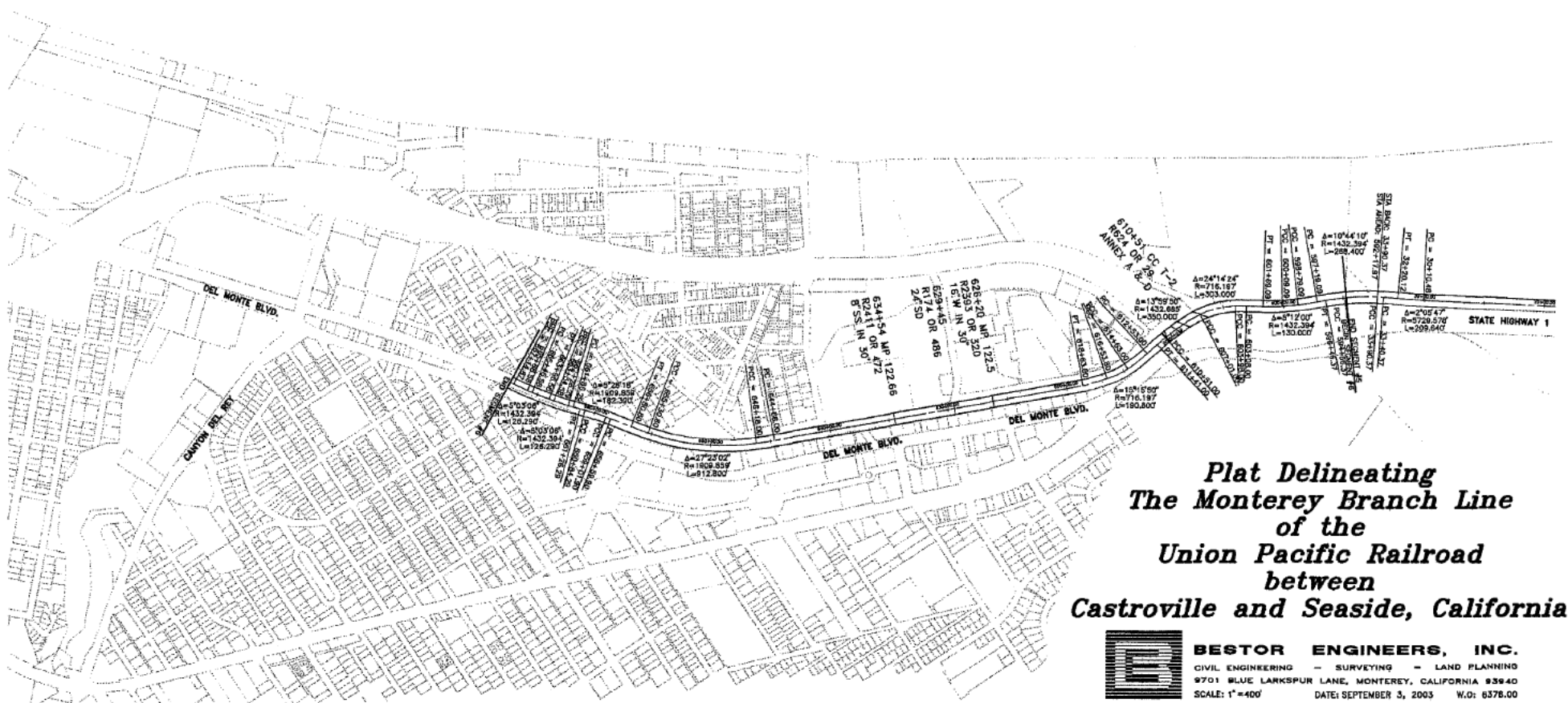
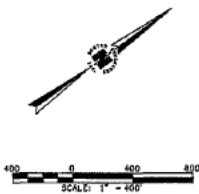
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V69-3, No. 4; V69-4, No. 2

The 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Indenture dated as of January 20, 1881 recorded February 1, 1881 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 115-117, Monterey County Records, between John Bostrom and the Monterey Railroad Company.

V69-4, No. 3

The land, all contained within a 100-foot wide strip of land, as described in the Indenture dated as of January 20, 1881 recorded February 1, 1881 in Volume "Z" of Deeds, pages 113-115, Monterey County Records, between E.S. Josselyn and the Monterey Railroad Company. Excepting therefrom, that portion thereof lying generally Southerly of the generally Northerly boundary line (crossing the center line of the railroad at Engineer's Station 667+47.2) of the 100-foot wide strip of land described in the Grant Deed dated as of June 15, 1982, recorded June 29, 1982 in Reel 1562, pages 461-466, Monterey County Records, between Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the City of Seaside.

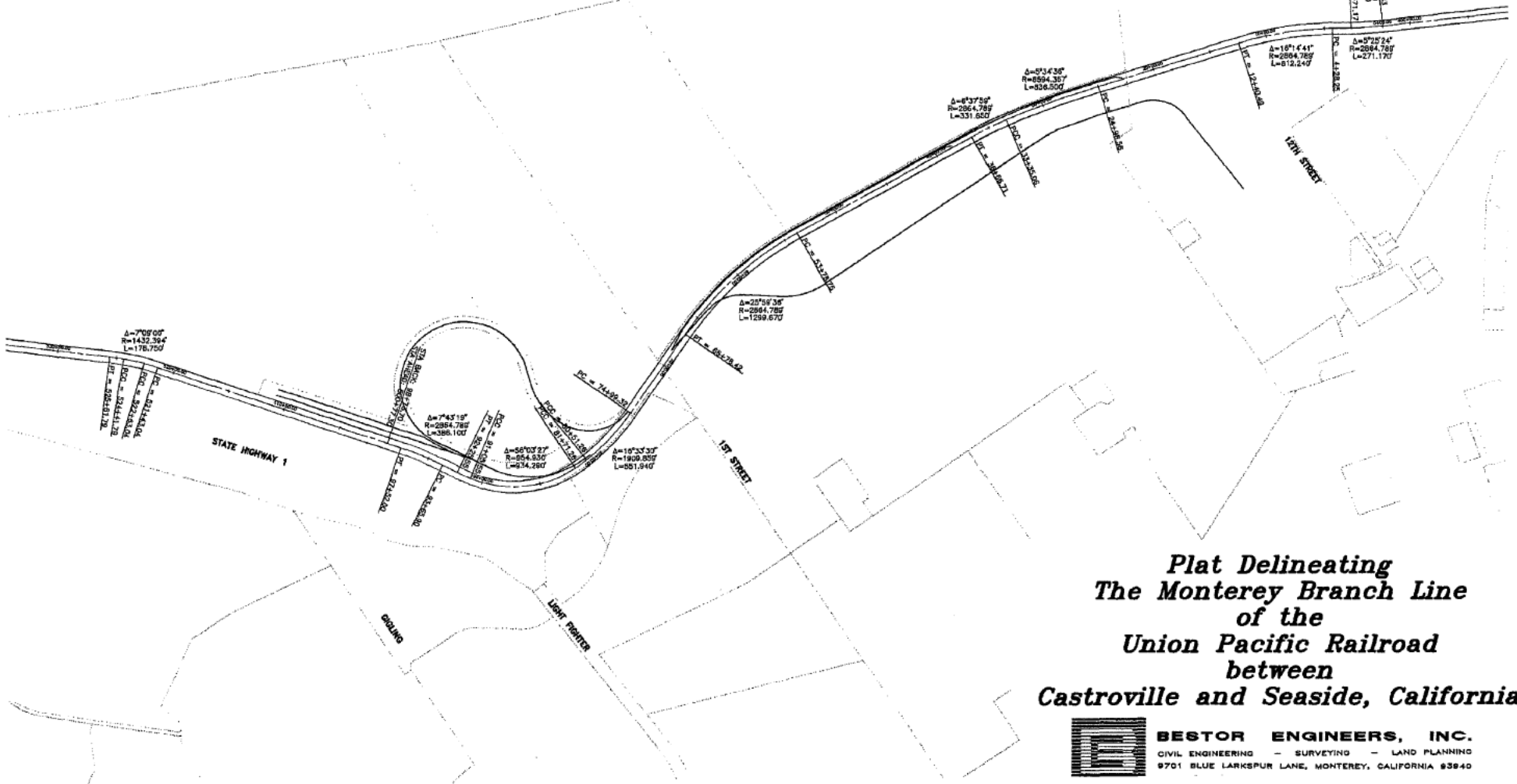
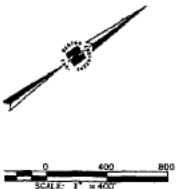


**Plat Delineating
The Monterey Branch Line
of the
Union Pacific Railroad
between
Castroville and Seaside, California**



BESTOR ENGINEERS, INC.
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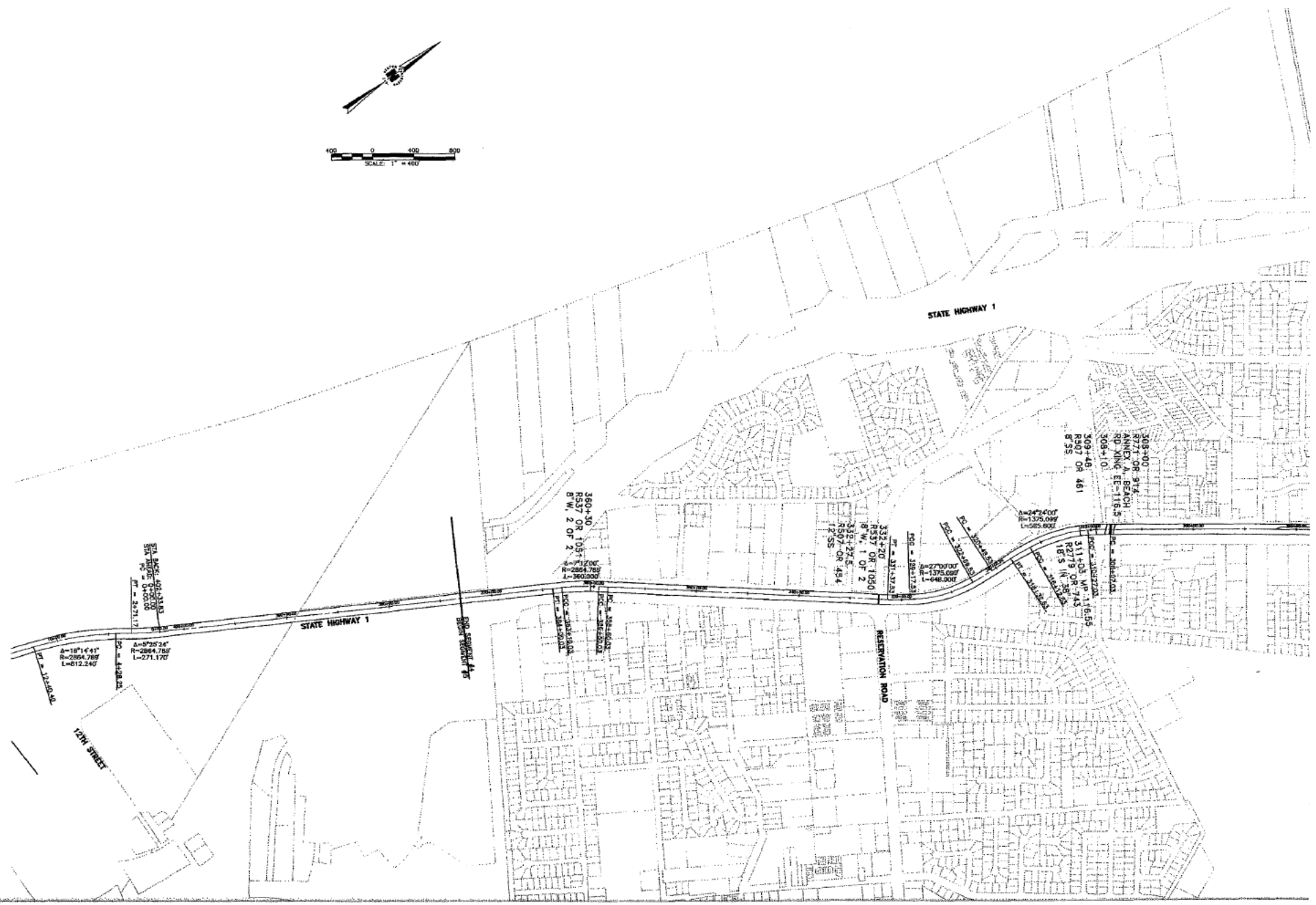


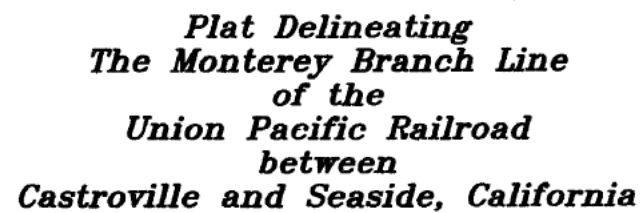


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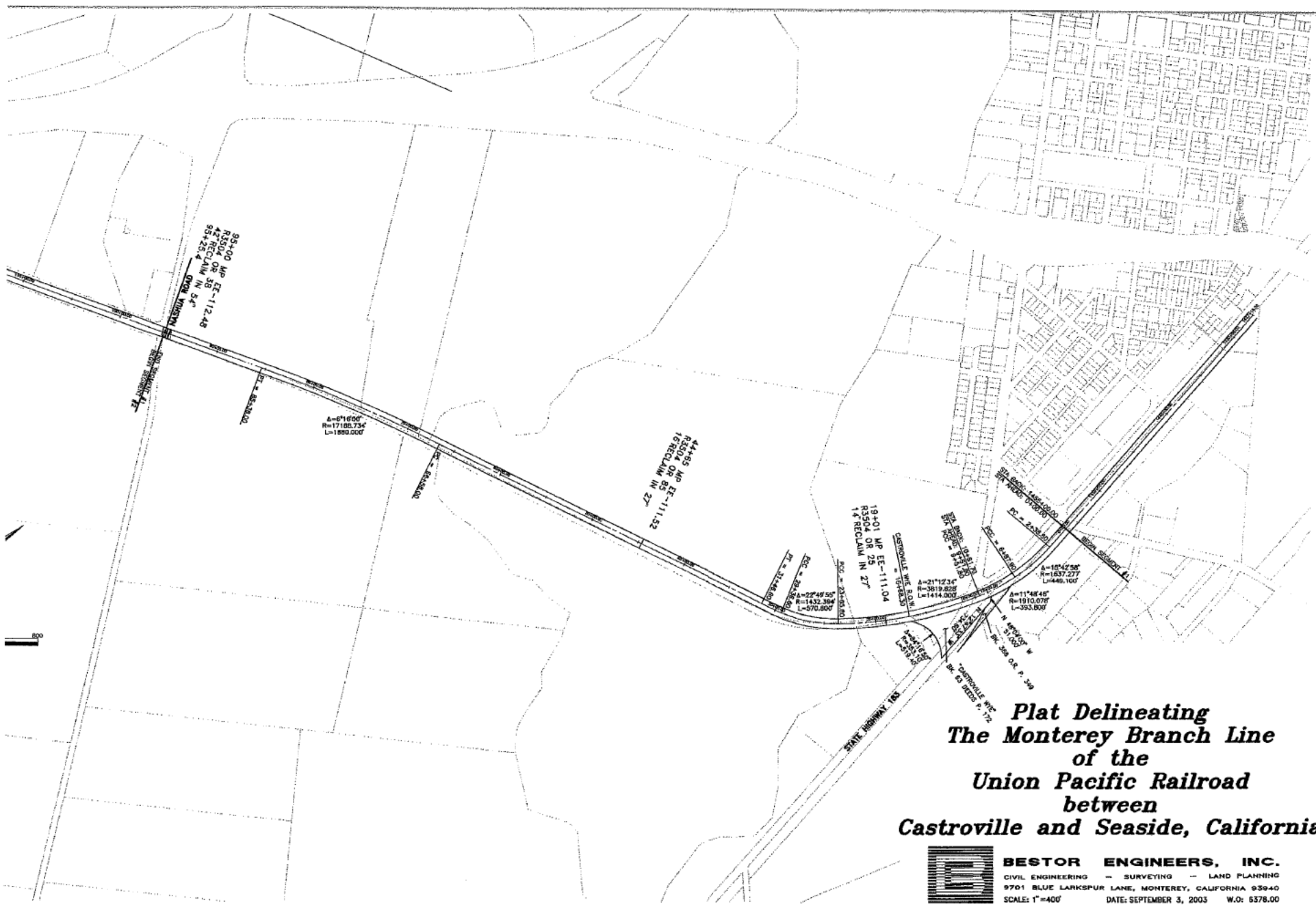


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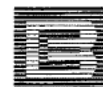




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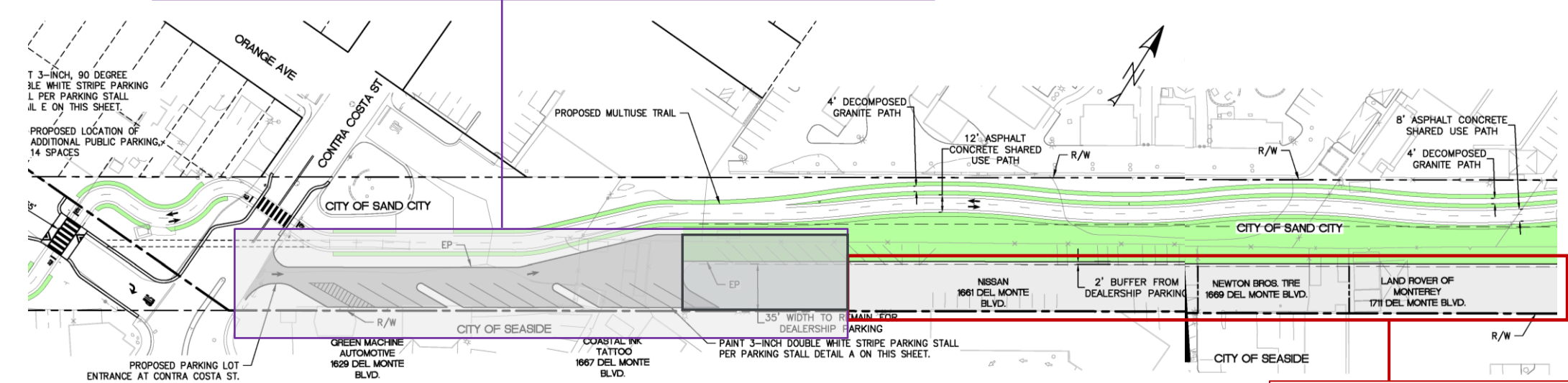


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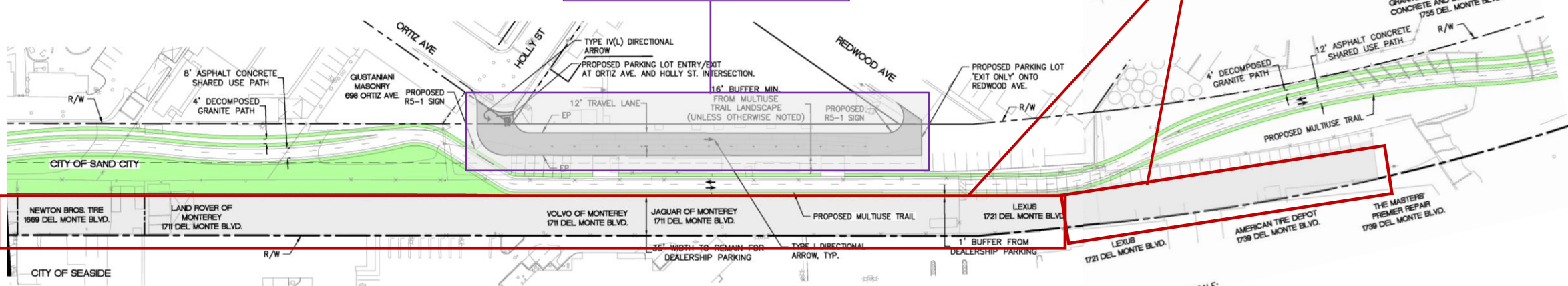
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Trailside / Trailhead Parking at Contra Costa St (Area to be refined)



Dealership / TAMC Lease Area

Sand City Business Access



Trailside Parking at California Ave

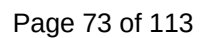


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PARKING AREA & RENT SCHEDULE

Parking Area Square Footage:	67,908
Monthly Rent per Square Feet:	\$0.15 / sq. ft.
Monthly Rent:	\$10,186.20

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Andy Cook, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **King City Multimodal Transportation Center Environmental Review Agreement for Professional Services**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**King City Multimodal Transportation Center Environmental Review:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Circlepoint, in an amount not to exceed \$1,740,296, to provide California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliant environmental review services;
2. **APPROVE** the use of \$1,740,297 in Senate Bill (SB) 125 funds budgeted for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

TAMC is serving as the lead agency for developing and completing the King City Multimodal Transportation Center project that will construct a new station stop for long-distance Amtrak Coast Starlight trains and State-supported intercity passenger rail between the San Francisco Bay Area and San Luis Obispo. Staff has completed a competitive procurement for consulting services to complete the CEQA and NEPA environmental review required to move the project into construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The agency has secured and budgeted SB 125 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds to complete environmental review for the project. Pre-construction activities are an eligible use of these funds.

DISCUSSION:

The TAMC Board approved the transfer of lead agency responsibilities for the planned King City Multimodal Transportation Center (MMTC) project from the City of King to TAMC in February 2026. Since that time, staff coordinated with the City and partner agencies to active pre-construction activities being managed by the City, including a competitive procurement for consulting services to complete the environmental reviews required for the project. At the recommendation of agency Counsel, staff initiated a new competitive procurement for these services to ensure that the process conformed to the agency's procurement requirements for contracts using state and federal funding. Staff also desired to align the schedules for environmental clearance and design approvals and

streamline the environmental review where possible given prior environmental review for the Coast Rail Corridor that included the station project.

TAMC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2026 following approval by the Board and received five proposals from qualified consulting firms in response to the solicitation. The selection process for the contract was described in the RFP and included review and scoring of proposals by an evaluation panel comprised of TAMC staff and a staff representative from the City of King, followed by formal interviews by the panel. Based on its review and scoring of the proposals received, the panel selected three firms that were interviewed in September. The panel selected Circlepoint for the contract and staff successfully negotiated contract terms that were reviewed and approved by TAMC Counsel. Staff negotiations for this contract focussed on the agency's desire to appropriately reflect the agency's desire to streamline environmental review for the King City MMTC where possible and align the schedules for environmental clearance with design engineering activities and the design approval schedule.

The scope of work, budget, and schedule for the draft contract are included as a **web attachment** to this report. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the agreement between TAMC and Circlepoint to allow the environmental phase to proceed.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Scope of Work, Budget, & Schedule for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center Environmental Review](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: MINUTES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - no meeting in October
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of October 7, 2026
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 7, 2026
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 1, 2026
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - draft minutes of October 20, 2026

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. EXEC draft minutes 10-7-2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members: Chaps Poduri (Chair), Luis Alejo (1st Vice Chair), Jose Rios (2nd Vice Chair), Wendy Root Askew (Past Chair), Glenn Church (County representative), Dennis Donohue (City representative)

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	SEP 26	OCT 26
Chaps Poduri, Chair , Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair , Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez}	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P	P
Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Wendy Root Askew, Past Chair , Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson, Kera Abraham Panni)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E
Glenn Church, County Representative , Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra, Leonie Gray)	P (VC)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Dennis Donohue, City Representative , City of Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	E	P (VC)	*P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A

P = Present	A = Absent
P(A) = Alternate present	E = Excused
* = New Representative	(VC) Video Conference
(TC) = Teleconference	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Guther, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Gus Khouri, Actum II; Javier Gomez, Linda Gonzales and Jasmine Cortez Mejia, Monterey County District 1

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Rios and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 2, 2026.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state and federal legislative issues. On a motion by Committee Member Alejo and seconded by Committee Member Poduri, the Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the Board oppose Proposition 43; and on a motion by Committee Member Alejo and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 4-0 to recommend the Board approve the draft 2027 legislative program for circulation to Committees for comment.

Gus Khouri, Agency State Legislative Analyst, reported that Legislators adjourned the session on September 1, 2026, and the next class will be sworn in on December 7.

Mr. Khouri noted that Governor Newsom signed about 90% of the bills approved by the Legislature this session. Mr. Khouri reported on changes to the Cap & Invest (formerly Cap & Trade) program that provides less funding for transportation and housing than had been available in prior rounds.

Mr. Khouri reported that Proposition 43 is a legislative constitutional amendment on the November 2026 ballot that limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by increasing the percentage of votes needed to approve such ballot measures from a majority (50% plus one) to two-thirds (66.7%), beginning January 1, 2027.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reviewed the draft 2027 state legislative program.

5. TAMC BOARD AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of October 28, 2026. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- US 101 South of Salinas update
- Draft 2027 Legislative Program
- Policy for the Election of TAMC Board and Executive Committee Members

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Executive Committee held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 – Positions: Executive Director and Agency Counsel. Enclosures provided only to Executive Committee members.

Reconvened in open session and reported that no actions were taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **CORRESPONDENCE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for October 2026.

SUMMARY:**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [October 14, 2026, letter to California Department of Transportation – Headquarters/Division of Local Assistance Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Salinas East Market Street Traffic Signal Improvements Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\) Grant Application from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
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- [October 19, 2026, letter to Ms. Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission Regarding: Letter of Support for the 2026 Senate Bill 1 Trade](#)

Corridor Enhancement Program – US-101 South of Salinas Project (Chualar Segment) from Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly.

- October 19, 2026, letter to Matthew Glaser, Heritage Rail Bikes LLC SUBJECT: Receipt of Unsolicited Proposal for Salinas River Railbike Excursions from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 19, 2026, letter to Toks Omishakin, Secretary of California State Transportation Agency SUBJECT: State Rail Assistance Flexible Funding Application for the King City Multimodal Transportation Center Project from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 12, 2026, letter to Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission SUBJECT: Support for Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1 from John Laird, Senator 17th District.
- October 12, 2026, letter to Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission SUBJECT: Support for US 101 South of Salinas Project – Chualar Segment from John Laird, Senator 17th District.
- October 12, 2026, letter to Sarah Christensen, Executive Director, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission SUBJECT: Support for Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 9, 2026, letter to City of Salinas Subject: Support for the City of Salinas' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application -Salinas Local Roadway Safety Plan and Intersection Safety Implementation Program from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 7, 2026, letter to Anthony Serna, Deputy Secretary for Rail and Transit California State Transportation Agency Regarding: Support for the Caltrans State Rail Assistance Grant Application for Coast Subdivision Positive Train Control Project and Operations Support for Capitol Corridor Service to Salinas from Dave Potter, Chair of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.
- October 6, 2026, letter to Anthony Serna, Deputy Secretary for Rail and Transit, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) SUBJECT: Support for the Caltrans State Rail Assistance Grant Applications for Coast Subdivision Positive Train Control Project and Operations Support for Capitol Corridor Service to Salinas from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 6, 2026, letter to Ms. Dina El-Tawansy, Director of the California Department of Transportation SUBJECT: The Central Coast Coalition (Coalition) is appreciative of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed 2027 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan from Marjie Kirn, Executive Director and Pete Rodgers, Executive Director Santa Barbara County Association of San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.
- October 5, 2026, letter to Justin Meek, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Watsonville SUBJECT: Support for the Watsonville Area Trucking Efficiency and Multimodal Safety Study from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- October 2, 2026, letter to Ms. Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission Regarding: Letter of Support for the 2026 Senate Bill 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and Local Partnership Program – Scenic State Route (SR) 68 Corridor Improvement Project Phase 1 from Dawn Addis, Assemblymember, 30th District.
- October 2, 2026, letter to Ms. Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission Regarding: strong support of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County and Caltrans' request for \$64 million through the 2026 Senate Bill 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program for the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Phase 1 from Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Representative 19th Congressional District, California.
- October 2, 2026, letter to Ms. Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, Regarding: Strong support of the Transportation Agency for

Monterey County and Caltrans' request for \$25 million through the 2026 Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program for the US 101 South of Salinas Project, Chualar Segment from Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Representative 19th Congressional District, California.

- September 30, 2026, letter to Yesenia Segovia, Assistant Planner, City of Salinas Community Development Department SUBJECT: Support for the City of Salinas' Pathways to Connection Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.

Letters to The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of California:

- September 21, 2026, letter to Governor of California, Gavin Newsom SUBJECT: SB 1087 (Cabaldon) – Sustainable Communities Strategy Planning – Request for Signature from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- September 21, 2026, letter to Governor of California, Gavin Newsom SUBJECT: AB 2168 (Wicks) – Active Transportation Program Guidelines – Request for Signature from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- September 21, 2026, letter to Governor of California, Gavin Newsom SUBJECT: AB 1837 (Mark González) – Transit Bus Video Imaging for Parking Violations – Request for Signature from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- September 21, 2026, letter to Governor of California, Gavin Newsom SUBJECT: AB 1944 (Lee) – Zero-Emission Bus Weight Limits – Request for Signature from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.
- September 21, 2026, letter to Governor of California, Gavin Newsom SUBJECT: SB 741 (Blakespear) – Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) – Request for Signature from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Muck, Executive Director
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: Employee of the Quarter

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PRESENT the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Theresa Wright.

SUMMARY:

The Agency employees recognize Theresa Wright for her professionalism and her diligence in handling media coverage and writing news releases. Most notably, employees appreciate her work on Agency community engagement efforts and all the communication and outreach work that she does for TAMC as well as the assistance she provides to staff on projects of different types with varying needs. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, it is our great pleasure to recognize Theresa Wright for her exemplary service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Employee of the Qtr Jul - Sept - Theresa Wright

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Theresa Wright

*It is hereby certified that Theresa Wright has been selected by her colleagues at the
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
as the Employee of the Quarter for July 1 – September 30, 2026.*

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Recognized By

Acknowledged By

TAMC Chair
Chaps Poduri

Executive Director
Todd Muck

Date: October 28, 2026

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Javier Hernandez, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **US 101 South of Salinas Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the US 101 South of Salinas project.

SUMMARY:

Meg Henry, Caltrans District 5, Project Manager of the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Project will provide an update on recent progress, coordination with partner agencies, and upcoming milestones related to environmental, design, and funding activities for two projects currently underway along the US 101 South of Salinas corridor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Caltrans is the lead agency for two projects addressing issues along the US 101 South of Salinas (SOS) corridor. The US 101 SOS Access Management project is a short-term measure to address safety concerns. This project is fully funded by Caltrans for \$3 million through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The US 101 SOS Corridor Improvement Project is intended to address long-term issues including safety, freight movement and congestion. This project recently entered the environmental review phase funded with \$9.9 million of State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

DISCUSSION:

The US 101 South of Salinas corridor is a critical transportation facility serving local communities, regional travel, and statewide freight movement. As the primary north–south route through the Salinas Valley, the corridor supports the efficient movement of harvested crops from surrounding agricultural lands, connecting growers and distributors to regional, national, and international markets. Given the high volumes of truck traffic, commuter travel, and local access needs, improving safety, mobility, and reliability along this corridor is essential to the economic vitality of Monterey County and California as a whole.

Caltrans, in coordination with TAMC and regional partners, is advancing two complementary projects along US 101 South of Salinas that address both near-term safety concerns and long-term corridor deficiencies. The project website is linked as a **web attachment**.

South of Salinas Access Management Project (Short-Term Safety Improvements)

The South of Salinas Access Management Project is designed to address immediate and ongoing safety risks along a segment of US 101 between Salinas and Chualar where a safety study identified a concentration of conflicts at uncontrolled intersections. The project will prohibit left-turn and U-turn movements at eleven (11) uncontrolled intersections through the installation of median closures,

significantly reducing the potential for high-severity collision types such as head-on and broadside crashes.

To preserve local connectivity and emergency response capability, two emergency access points will remain open. In addition, traffic rerouted to parallel facilities will be mitigated through the installation of all-way stop control at four intersections along Old Stage Road, improving safety and operational clarity for local residents. Targeted improvements will also be made at the southbound exit ramp at the existing Chualar interchange to enhance safety and traffic flow.

This project is fully funded by Caltrans and provides a cost-effective, near-term strategy to reduce crash risk while longer term corridor improvements advance.

Community Benefits:

- Reduced risk of severe and fatal crashes along a high-speed rural highway segment
- Improved safety and predictability for local traffic accessing parallel roadways
- Maintained emergency access for first responders
- Near-term safety enhancements without long construction timelines

US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project (Long-Term Improvements)

The US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project is intended to address long-standing corridor challenges related to safety, freight movement, congestion, multimodal access, and equity. This project has entered the environmental review phase for the full corridor. Phase I of the project will construct a new, relocated interchange north of Chualar, including a grade-separated crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad and the addition of new frontage roads that incorporate bicycle facilities. These improvements are expected to significantly enhance operational efficiency on US 101 by reducing at-grade conflicts, separating local and regional traffic movements, and improving access management along the corridor.

In addition to freight and vehicle operations, the project emphasizes multimodal mobility, with new bicycle facilities that improve safety and connectivity for people traveling by bike and accessing transit. By improving access, circulation, and safety, the project is anticipated to enhance transit reliability and support increased transit ridership along this corridor.

Importantly, Phase 1 of the Corridor Improvement Project directly addresses transportation impacts experienced by the small, rural, and disadvantaged community of Chualar. The new interchange and frontage roads are expected to reduce cut-through traffic, improve access to regional destinations, and mitigate safety and environmental impacts that disproportionately affect the community today. Construction funding for Phase I is anticipated through a Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) grant application for which Caltrans is the lead agency.

Community and Regional Benefits:

- Improved freight efficiency on one of California's most critical agricultural corridors
- Reduced congestion and conflict points on US 101
- Enhanced safety through grade separation and access management
- New bicycle facilities and improved multimodal connectivity
- Improved transit reliability and access
- Reduced transportation burdens and safety risks for Chualar and surrounding rural communities

- Long-term support for regional economic vitality and system resilience

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [US101 South of Salinas](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: Draft 2027 Legislative Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update and Draft 2027 Legislative Program:

1. **RECEIVE** legislative updates;
2. **ADOPT** an "oppose" position on Proposition 43 on the November 3, 2026 ballot;
3. **PROVIDE INPUT** on potential projects for submittal to State or Federal legislators for funding;
4. **PROVIDE INPUT** on the draft 2027 legislative program; and
5. **APPROVE** the draft 2027 legislative program for circulation to Committees for comment.

SUMMARY:

Consultant Gus Khouri and staff will provide verbal updates on legislative activities and request input on the draft 2027 legislative program. On October 7, the Executive Committee recommended the Board adopt an "oppose" position on Proposition 43 on the November 3, 2026, ballot, as it would hinder local governments' options for raising funds for transportation, and recommended the Board approve the draft 2027 legislative program for circulation to Committees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The draft legislative program continues a focus on preserving and seeking transportation funding.

DISCUSSION:

Legislative Updates:

Agency state legislative analyst Gus Khouri and TAMC staff will provide a legislative update on state and federal legislative activities. **Attachment 1** is a state year-end summary of legislative activities. **Web attachment 1** is a final bill list showing the TAMC positions and relating to the adopted 2026 Legislative Program (**web attachment 2**). Bills that are "dead" as of the September Board meeting were removed from the list. **Attachment 2** is a federal legislative update.

November 2026 Ballot Measure:

Proposition 43 is a legislative constitutional amendment on the November 2026 ballot that limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by increasing the percentage of votes needed to approve such ballot measures from a majority (50% plus one) to two-thirds (66.7%), beginning January 1, 2027 (**web attachments 3 and 4**). Prop 43 would apply the same rules to citizen-led initiatives for local special taxes as what currently applies to governmentally initiated ballot measures for transportation sales taxes. It does not change the rules for sales taxes such as TAMC's Measure X or MST's Measure Q, but would limit citizen-led attempts to raise funds for special

purposes. Entities opposing this proposition include the League of California Cities, California Association of Counties, California Transit Association, California Special Districts Association, California Alliance for Jobs, California Bicycle Coalition, Transportation California, and the California Association of Councils of Governments. The Executive Committee recommended that the Board take an "oppose" position on Proposition 43.

State Budget Funding Requests:

Monterey County's state legislators, Senator John Laird (Chair of the Senate Budget Committee), Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, and Assembly Member Dawn Addis (co-chair of the Central Coast Caucus), are in leadership positions this coming legislative session. Staff are contemplating projects to nominate for special consideration for budgetary earmarks. This funding is intended to cover activities not reimbursable by existing grant programs. Specifically, Board members and staff have discussed requesting budgetary funds for improvements at the Salinas train station, including an electronic message sign indicating the train and bus schedules, and funding for the King City Multimodal Train Station project. Both projects are in Speaker Rivas' district. TAMC also supports other entities' requests for state funding to support a special pilot passenger train project during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles (LA28) and ongoing operations support for intercity rail operators. Staff is preparing submittals for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) grants for the US 101 South of Salinas project final design phase and State Route 68 Roundabouts Phase 1 project construction phase.

Federal Earmark Requests:

Looking ahead to the appropriations funding process, the Agency should consider which project or projects to nominate for Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending. The ideal project is one that is already cleared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or can be easily cleared, such as a project within an existing roadway. The best fit with the funding program is a project that doesn't have a big funding gap but can use \$2 million or less to get constructed. The project should also tell a good story by improving the community and/or solving a safety concern. Two projects the Board may want to consider for this funding is the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Jerry Smith Trailhead project, which already has federal environmental clearance, in Representative Panetta's district, and/or the US 101 South of Salinas project, which is undergoing environmental review now under Caltrans' NEPA delegation authority, in Representative Lofgren's district.

TAMC 2027 Legislative Program:

The draft 2027 TAMC legislative program is online as **attachment 3**. Staff and consultants will present proposed changes to the program for 2027 for discussion at the meeting. The Executive Committee recommended that the Board approve this draft for circulation to Committees for comment. Items the Board may want to consider adding to the draft program include ongoing operations support for intercity rail and eminent domain authority for utility relocations as a part of the FORTAG project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CW-State End of Year Report
2. CW-Federal End of Year Report
3. DRAFT TAMC 2027 Leg Program

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Final bill list](#)
2. [TAMC 2026 Legislative Program](#)

3. [Official Secretary of State Voter Guide: Proposition 43](#)
4. [CalMatters Voter Guide: Proposition 43](#)



STRATEGY EXECUTION OUTCOMES

October 15, 2026

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, Partner, Actum II LLC

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – OCTOBER**

General Outlook

Governor Newsom had until September 30 to sign or veto legislation. He signed 1,040 of the 1,160 bills sent to his desk (89.6%) this Session, and 6,752 of 7,803 bills (86.5%) during his eight-year tenure. The Regular Session concluded on September 1. The current class of legislators can meet through November 30 if a Special Session is called. A new class will be sworn into office on December 7, for the 2027-2028 Session.

State Budget Volatility Continues

Last November, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) was forecasting an \$18 billion state budget deficit for fiscal year (FY) 26-27. On January 9, Governor Newsom published a projected deficit of \$2.9 billion. The difference is the Governor's Budget forecast reflects General Fund revenues that are more than \$42 billion higher over the budget window (\$31 billion more than the LAO projected due), from 2024-25 through 2026-27, than projected at the 2025 Budget Act, an increase driven by higher cash receipts, higher stock market levels, and an improved economic outlook rather than the LAO's conservative approach that capital gains revenues will regress by 20 percent, which the Governor does not factor. A \$39 billion surplus was published with the release of the May Revision, a \$57 billion swing from the LAO's November estimate, primarily due to a windfall of capital gains receipts. This volatility will continue as long as the state relies on capital gains, personal income tax and corporate taxes as the main resources for revenues.

Temporary Deal Reached on Cap and Invest Funding for Tier 3 Programs

Under the Cap-and-Trade program, which ran through June 30, 2026, the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) received 10%, and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) received 5% of all proceeds. In FY 25-26, the program generated \$4.4 billion, resulting in \$440 million for TIRCP and \$220 million for LCTOP. The extension and rebranding of Cap and Trade to Cap and Invest has made things challenging, as those programs are now the lowest

priority. The Senate Bill (SB) 840 expenditure plan capped TIRCP at \$400 million, LCTOP at \$200 million, and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program at \$800 million — a 10% reduction from Cap-and-Trade levels.

However, industry's reluctance to purchase emission credits early this year was preventing the state from realizing those funding levels. Industry has been importing energy to circumvent California regulations, a practice known as "leakage." The Air Resources Board (ARB) is fighting to curb this practice to help accelerate achievement of greenhouse gas emissions targets. Projections for Cap and Invest have declined to \$2.7 billion for FY 26-27, a decrease of 37%. In May, the ARB approved the framework for a Manufacturing Decarbonization Credit (MDI) to provide a subsidy for business to buy credits and restore funding. In combination with a stagnant credit market, Governor Newsom's plan to accelerate \$2 billion in larger utility credit rebates through FY 30-31 (bringing the total to \$8–10 billion), the MDI program would eliminate funding for air quality conformity, affordable housing, and public transportation.

On September 18, Governor Newsom signed SB 193 (Committee on Budget), providing a short-term compromise on maintaining investments through Cap and Invest auction proceeds for programs referred to as Tier 3 priorities such as air quality, affordable housing, public transportation, safe drinking water, and decarbonization of agricultural equipment. SB 193 makes this compromise possible by dedicating new Cap and Invest revenue (\$128 million), using \$500 million in annual Cap and Invest interest earnings, and pushing back \$500 million of the CalFire obligation to FY 27-28. As a result, LCTOP will receive \$208 million, and TIRCP will receive \$95 million. TIRCP receives a \$210 million annual supplement from SB 1 but is still \$305 million short of the amount provided in the SB 840 expenditure plan. This reduction will have an impact on awards made by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through TIRCP Cycle 8, which will be announced later this month. The Cap and Invest deal fully funds the SB 125 Transit Program for FY 26-27. This is welcome news, considering threats throughout the year to eliminate funding for these programs for the next five years. SB 193 provides a respite for FY 26-27 while a new class of legislators will look to address a longer-term solution to Cap and Invest next Session.

SB 125 Transit Program Funding Secured for FY 26-27

The legislature has appropriated \$4.4 billion of the \$5.1 billion made available by SB 125 of 2023 for transit. TAMC's total share is \$52.4 million. On September 18, Governor Newsom signed AB 113 (Committee on Budget), the junior budget bill, which includes \$230 million for FY 26-27, meaning that \$4.64 billion of the \$5.1 billion is available for allocation. TAMC will be able to draw down \$49,137,222, leaving \$3,338,582 that will need to be appropriated for FY 27-28 to exhaust all program funding.



Memorandum

To: TAMC Board of Directors

From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning

Meeting Date: October 15, 2026

Subject: Federal Legislative Update

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Congress passes multi-year Surface Transportation Acts to fund America's public works, including roads, bridges, transit, and rail, providing states with long-term certainty for infrastructure planning and project delivery. The current version, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (a.k.a. the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law), expires on September 30, 2026.

The primary surface transportation reauthorization bill moving through Congress is the “Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America’s 250th Act” (BUILD America 250 Act, [H.R. 8870](#)), a bipartisan five-year, \$580 billion package approved by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 22. The proposal has not progressed as of the writing of this report.

On September 2, the President signed a Continuing Resolution (CR) extending transportation funding authority through December 11, 2026. The bill ([H.R. 6500](#)) is both a CR that funds the Federal Government, including Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and US Department of Transportation (US DOT) programs, and a short-term Surface Transportation Authorization extension through December 11, 2026. However, the bill does not include advance appropriations, a form of guaranteed funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Without advance appropriations, the bill cuts Federal public transit investment by 20 percent from current Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 funding levels. It cuts passenger rail investment by 81 percent, and passenger rail receives no guaranteed funding.

The legislature is unlikely to make progress on a reauthorization bill during the “lame duck” session and will probably adopt another CR through the spring.

Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill

House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working toward enactment of FY 2027 spending bills ahead of the Sept. 30, 2026 funding deadline. To date, the House Appropriations Committee has begun marking up the 12 appropriations bills in subcommittee and full committee. A [draft THUD appropriations bill](#) ([text](#)) was approved by the House committee (34-27) on June 3. The Senate has not yet published an appropriations bill.

Other News

On October 1, 2026, USDOT Secretary Sean P. Duffy [announced](#) a \$426 million investment into critical infrastructure projects in 12 states through the Department's [Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects \(INFRA\) program](#). TAMC submitted the US 101 South of Salinas project for this funding, unsuccessfully.

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State Priorities

- 1S.** Preserve funding for all modes of transportation projects, including the extension of grant programs, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs, particularly safety projects, and the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects.
- 2S.** Support the fair application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in rural and suburban areas that seek to complete multi-modal corridors or highway safety projects in underserved communities and address the jobs housing imbalance.
- 3S.** Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
- 4S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and clean transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, through funding reduced transit fares, rail expansion, and frequent bus service, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 5S.** Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives that enhance mobility and accessibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, electrical grid reliability, hydrogen hubs, and incentives for electric bike and vehicle purchases.
- 6S.** Support replacement funding mechanisms to the gas and diesel tax for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, full conversion to a vehicle registration fee, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas and take climate impacts into account.
- 7S.** Support an increase in State rail funding to implement and maintain new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route to help the State meet transportation and

greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, including pilot passenger rail service to accommodate international tourism during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- 8S.** Support legislation that increases roadway safety on state highways and local roads by implementing Vision Zero strategies such as speed limit reductions, improving driver safety training, and Caltrans policies related to complete streets, especially where state highways serve as main streets and major connectors.
- 9S.** Support sustainable funding for the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 10S.** Support streamlining project delivery, including early engagement of oversight agencies, simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.
- 11S.** Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to participate in the implementation of recommendations from the transit transformation task force as it relates to Transportation Development Act (TDA) reform and augment state transit funding programs to provide ongoing operational support.
- 12S.** Support MST efforts to seek funding to implement the infrastructure needed to meet the deadlines of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040.
- 13S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, clean commutes, multi-modal transportation, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects, such as Safe Routes to Schools programs, and:
 - a. Support legislation allowing Caltrans or local or regional agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects.
 - b. Support legislation requiring Caltrans to prioritize coordination with local jurisdictions to include complete streets and the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users in state highway projects.
- 14S.** Support legislation enabling Caltrans to fund and maintain improvements on the State highway system and related infrastructure within State-owned Right-of-Way, including road signage, pavement markings, and drainage infrastructure; and allowing Caltrans to acquire needed equipment for this purpose without requiring reductions in existing inventory.
- 15S.** Support legislation and investments in critical infrastructure and airspace access to support carbon neutral advanced air mobility solutions (e.g., air taxis and autonomous aerial cargo) that enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of our transportation system.

- 16S.** Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.

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Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support congressionally directed federal funding for Agency transportation priorities.
- 2F.** Support adequate funding for the following transportation priorities:
 - 1. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) District capital projects, vehicles, and operations.
 - 2. Amtrak and state-supported passenger rail, including a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
 - 3. Zero-emission vehicle infrastructure for transit and personal vehicles manufactured in the United States.
 - 4. Active transportation projects, including Vision Zero.
- 3F.** Support reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill, to include the following priorities:
 - 1. Stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds.
 - 2. Reauthorize programs that support transportation infrastructure projects, including the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI), Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), Highway Bridge, Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant programs, and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.
 - 3. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a vehicle registration fee, pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.
- 4F.** Coordinate with regional military installations to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to operations at those installations.

- 5F.** Support applications for Department of Transportation discretionary grant and resiliency, climate resiliency, and adaptation grant programs for projects on the California Central Coast.
- 6F.** Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs.
- 7F.** Support programmatic flexibility in federal funding for infrastructure.
- 8F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 9F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing integrated passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 10F.** Support the use of Federal rail funding to implement new passenger rail service on the Coast Route.
- 11F.** Support legislation and investments in critical infrastructure and airspace access to support carbon neutral advanced air mobility solutions (e.g., air taxis and autonomous aerial cargo) that enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of our transportation system.
- 12F.** Support legislation allowing agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects.
- 13F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Muck, Executive Director
Meeting Date: October 28, 2026
Subject: **Agency bylaws and past practices for election of TAMC officers and Executive Committee members**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **PROVIDE DIRECTION** on Agency practices for the election of TAMC Board and Executive Committee members.

SUMMARY:

The TAMC Board has followed the same process for electing officers and Executive Committee members for the past twenty-plus years. Director Velasquez requested to review the process in advance of next year's election cycle.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

Following the election of TAMC's 2026 Executive Committee members, Director Velasquez requested the Board review its process for nominating officers.

The TAMC bylaws relating to election of officers include:

Section 8.1: "The AGENCY officers shall consist of a Chair, a First Vice-Chair and a Second Vice-Chair. The AGENCY officers shall be elected from the AGENCY and shall serve a term of one year. Terms of the Chair shall not be consecutive full one-year terms. Election of officers shall take place every year at the beginning of the AGENCY's January meeting, and officers' terms shall commence immediately upon election", and

Section 12.2: "An Executive Committee composed of the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, immediate past Chair, and two members selected by the AGENCY; one from the County members and one from the City members. If one of the above-designated persons is not available to serve on the Executive Committee, the AGENCY shall appoint another AGENCY member so that the Executive Committee shall have six members."

In order to meet the bylaws requirement to elect officers in January, in November the Executive Committee recommends two or three Board members to be the nominating committee. The full Board votes on the nominating committee's appointment at the December Board meeting, then the nominating committee presents its recommendation at the January Board meeting.

While not required by the bylaws, Agency practice for the past twenty-plus years has been for the Chair position to rotate between the County Supervisors and the cities, and/or between Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula. Occasionally, elections will disrupt this practice, and the nominating committee is tasked with considering a repeated "past chair" or advancing the second vice chair to the chair post early. Reflecting this practice, the following table lists the TAMC Executive Committee members for the past twelve years.

Past TAMC Executive Committees

Year	Chair	1st Vice Chair	2nd Vice Chair	Past Chair	County Rep	City Rep
2026	Chaps Poduri	Luis Alejo	Jose Rios	Wendy Askew	Glen Church	Dennis Donohue
2025	Wendy Askew	Chaps Poduri	Luis Alejo	Chris Lopez	Glen Church	Jose Rios
2024	Chris Lopez	Dave Potter	Wendy Askew	Mike LeBarre	Luis Alejo	Chaps Poduri
2023	Mike LeBarre	Chris Lopez	Dave Potter	Mary Adams	Wendy Askew	Chaps Poduri
2022	Mary Adams	Mike LeBarre	Chris Lopez	Ed Smith	Wendy Askew	Kimbley Craig
2021	Ed Smith	Mary Adams	Mike LeBarre	Luis Alejo	Chris Lopez	Kimbley Craig
2020	Luis Alejo	Ed Smith	Mary Adams	Robert Huitt	Chris Lopez	Mike LeBarre
2019	Robert Huitt	Luis Alejo	Ed Smith	John Phillips	Mary Adams	Mike LeBarre
2018	John Phillips	Robert Huitt	Luis Alejo	Alejandro Chavez	Simon Salinas	Ed Smith
2017	Alejandro Chavez	John Phillips	Robert Huitt	Kimbley Craig	Luis Alejo	Ed Smith
2016	Fernando Armenta	Alejandro Chavez	Dave Potter	Kimbley Craig	John Phillips	Robert Huitt
2015	Kimbley Craig	Fernando Armenta	Alejandro Chavez	Jane Parker	Dave Potter	Robert Huitt

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS									
Project		Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Estimated Construction Timeline	Construction Capital Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
C1	SR 1 Soda Springs Drainage (1T240)	On Route 1 from 4.0 Miles North of the San Luis Obispo/Monterey County Line. (MON-1-4.1/4.2)	Clean drainage. Replace riser. Install overflow culvert	Jan 2026 – Sep 2026	\$461,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Brough Construction	Construction complete. To be removed after the October meeting.
	C2	Mud Creek (2A300)	In Monterey County on Route 1, from 2 to 0.5 miles South of Gorda (MON-1-8.5/9.5)	Realign roadway. Rockfall mitigation. Geotechnical instrumentation.	July 2026 – July 2027	\$6.154 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Victor Devens	Granite Construction Company
C3	SR 1 Paul's Slide Catchment Cleanout (1T230)	On Route 1 one Mile North of the Limekiln Creek Bridge. (MON-1-22/22.2)	Clean catchment	Oct 2025 – Dec 2026	\$370,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Souza Construction	Construction in progress
C4	SR 1 Big Creek Tieback Wall (1K010)	Near Lucia south of Big Creek Bridge (MON-1-27.5/27.7)	Construct tieback wall, restore roadway and facilities, place Water Pollution Control BMPs, and erosion control	June 2026 – Jan 2029	\$7.3 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	Granite Construction Company	PDT Preconstruction meeting held 8/3/26. Construction start is delayed due to issues obtaining construction materials.
C5	SR 1 Regent's Slide (1R640)	In Monterey County 0.3 mile south of the Big Creek Bridge (MON-1-27.8)	Remove slide material. Restore roadway.	Jan 2024 – March 2027	\$31 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction	HWY 1 access restored. Core construction is complete, with minor activates ongoing. Intermittent 1-way reversing traffic control.
C6	SR 1 Coastlands II Wall Permanent Restoration (1P210)	Near Big Sur at 1.1 Miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (MON-1-44.34)	Construct soldier pile wall	Jan 2026 – Nov 2027	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	Granite Rock Construction	Construction in progress. Temporary one-way traffic signal in place.

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C7	SR 1 Pfeiffer Canyon Mitigation (1K080)	At Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (MON-1-45.4)	Environmental mitigation (planting, erosion control) for project EA 05-1J130.	April 2023 – Jan 2027	\$200,000	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	BF Contracting Engineering	3 Year Plant Establishment ongoing. Contractor has been neglecting required work, requiring CT to take corrective action.
C8	Timber Fire (2A300)	In Monterey County on Route 1, from .3 mile south of Partington Cove to Coast Road (MON-1-37.5/51.21)	Timber Fire response. Replacing existing rockfall protection systems, installing new rockfall protection systems where needed, and preparing drainages for potential debris flows	Sep 2026 – July 2027	\$9.54 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Victor Devens	Myers & Sons Construction, LLC	Construction in progress.
C9	SR 1 Big Sur North (1Q800)	In Monterey County, Near Big Sur, From 0.9 Mile south of Castro Canyon Bridge to 0.3 Mile south of Carmel River Bridge (MON-1-44.7/69.81)	Storm Damage Repairs	Jan 2023 – March 2027	\$25.4 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock Construction	Construction in progress. Intermittent one-way reversing traffic control.
C10	SR 1 Point Sur Drainage Repairs (1T210)	In Monterey County on Route 1 From 2 to 6 miles South of the Little Sur River Bridge (MON-1-50/54)	Replace four culverts	Oct 2025 – Oct 2026	\$461,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock Construction	Construction complete. To be removed after the December Board Meeting.
C11	SR 1 Point Sur Embankment Failure (2A050)	In Monterey County 0.5 to 1.9 miles north of the Little Sur River Bridge (MON-1-54.2/55.6)	Traffic control, temporary slope stabilization	Feb 2026 – March 2027	\$2,179,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading	Construction in progress. Temporary one-way traffic signal in place.

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C12	SR 1 Rocky Creek Bridge ECE (1Q160)	In Monterey County at Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-1-60.0)	Bridge Preventative Maintenance	Jan 2026 – May 2028	\$9.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	American Civil Constructors West Coast (ACC)	Construction in progress. Temporary one-way traffic signal in place.
C13	SR 1 Castroville Embankment Repair (2A120)	In Monterey County near Castroville (MON-1-R90.38/R90.84)	Repair erosion. Clear/replace/inst all down drains. Replace dike. Clear debris from recreational trail.	May 2026- Dec 2026	\$350,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading	Construction in progress.
C14	SR 1 Flooding Response (1Q960)	In Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties from Approximately 1 mile North and South of the Pajaro River Bridge (MON-1-100.5/R102.032)	Storm Damage Repairs	March 2023- Apr 2027	\$1.85 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Teichert Construction	Construction in progress.
C15	SR 68 Drainage Improvements (1J880)	From west of Sunset Dr to Toro Park (MON-68-0.2/15.7)	Drainage improvement, replace lighting, and install count stations	March 2026 – Aug 2028	\$8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Construction in progress.
C16	US 101 Market Street (2A170)	In Salinas on Route 101 at the Southbound East Market Onramp (MON-101-87.2/87.3)	Modify drainage to resolve low spot, repair embankment and traffic control.	May 2026 - Dec 2026	\$360,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Precision Grading	Construction in progress.
C17	US 101 Monterey Drainage (1J890)	In and near King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and Salinas, from Paris Valley Road Overcrossing to Dunbarton Road (MON-101-R28.23/100.3)	Rehabilitate drainage systems, replace overhead signs and structures, and update TMS elements	Jan 2026 – Feb 2027	\$14.1 Million	SHOPP MAJOR	Mark Leichtfuss	A. Teichert & Sons, INC.	Construction in progress.

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C18	US 101 King City CAPM (1K440)	Near King City from Jolon Road undercrossing to Lagomarsino Ave (MON-101-R41.9/R49.8)	Pavement Preservation, TMS Elements, Lighting, and Drainage	Feb 2026 – Mar 2028	\$27 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	Granite Construction Company	Construction in progress.
C19	US 101 South of Salinas Access Management Project (1S590)	On US 101 between Main Street in Chualar and Airport Blvd in Salinas (MON-101-77.858/84.371)	Implement access management to reduce the number of crossing and left-turn movements	Dec 2026 - Fall 2027	\$5 million	SHOPP 010 Safety Project	Meg Henry	Graniterock	Contract awarded to Graniterock. Construction schedule finalization ongoing. Public messaging via email blast and social media posts started in April 2026 and will continue monthly until the median closure in early 2027.
C20	US 101 Prunedale Drainage (1H691)	At and near Prunedale between 0.4 mile north of Crazy Horse Canyon Overcrossing and 1.1 mile south of San Juan Road Overcrossing (MON-101-98.8/100.3)	Drainage System Rehabilitation	June 2025 – April 2026	\$6.8 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Aaron Wolfram	Precision Grade Construction	Project transitioning to plant establishment. Construction site work completed.
C21	SR 183 Castroville Improvement Project (1H650)	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St (MON-183-R8.3/9.98)	Rehabilitate pavements, repair bridge, and improve pedestrians & bicycle and ADA facilities	May 2025 – Dec 2027	\$20.3 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	Granite Construction Company	Construction in progress. Ongoing traffic control in place.

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C22	SR 218 FORTAG Bike Trail (1M570)	Located in the City of Seaside (MON-218- 0.1/1.5)	Construct Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail. The project provides a safe alternative to Hwy 218 from Del Rey Woods Elementary to Laguna Grande Regional Park	May 2024 – Jan 2027	\$1.2 million	100% Locally Funded	Kelli Hill	Granite Rock	Construction in progress.
	SR 1 Point Sur Wall (2A060)	In Monterey County 0.5 to 1.9 miles north of the Little Sur River Bridge	Traffic control, construct soldier pile wall	Feb 2026 – March 2027	\$10.697 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Golden State Bridge	Traffic control modified to optimize timing for vehicles and cyclist; it will be necessary to expand the segment when construction of the soldier pile wall begins.
C24	Plaskett Fire (2A300)	In Monterey County from 0.73 Mile North of the Villa Creek Bridge to 0.33 Mile North of the Prewitt Creek Bridge. (MON-17.8/15.3)	Repair fire damage. Prepare drainage for debris flows. Traffic control.	Oct 2026 – Apr 2027	\$3.1 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Construction Company	Construction in progress
C25	Trafton Road Drainage Repair (1T380)	In Monterey County at the Trafton Road Undercrossing (MON-1-101.5/101.6)	Clear drainage. Line culverts. Generate access road. Traffic control.	Oct 2026 – March 2027	\$1.572 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading LLC	Construction in progress. El Nino Resiliency project
	MON-101 Chualar Drainage Restoration (2A600)	In Monterey County Near Chualar (MON-101-75.8/81.1)	Clear and regrade drainage channels. Clear culverts. Repair culverts. Off haul debris. Traffic control.	Oct 2026 – March 2027	\$640,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading LLC	Construction in progress. El Nino Resiliency project

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D1	SR 1 Quigil Viaduct Permanent Restoration (1R600)	In Monterey County, near Lucia, at 0.1 mile south of the Limekiln Creek Bridge (MON-001-20.8/20.8)	Construct viaduct and replace guardrail to meet Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards	Summer 2028 – Summer 2030	\$14.7 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Viaduct design is underway. Project team submitted CDP application to Monterey County and waiting on comments.
	SR 1 Limekiln Creek Bridge Replacement (1F510)	In Monterey County from south of Limekiln Creek Bridge to just north of Limekiln Creek Bridge (MON-1-20.9-21.3)	Replace bridge	Fall 2028 – Winter 2030/31	\$96.2 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Design continues. Geotechnical investigations have mobilized and anticipated completion in November.
D3	SR 1 Castro Canyon Bridge Rail Upgrade (1H490)	At Castro Canyon Bridge (MON-1-43.12)	Replace bridge rail	TBD	\$2.5 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PS&E/RW	Still on hold due to legal issues with ATT. CT legal has determined the trial will restart in Monterey court. Date TBD.
D4	Rocky Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1Q140)	Near Carmel-By-The-Sea at Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-1-60/60.1)	Replace bridge rail	Summer 2029 – Fall 2030	\$13.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PA&ED	Project team is developing the Draft Environmental Document and Draft Project Report for public circulation. NOP released Feb. 2026.
D5	SR 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1H800)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (MON-1-63)	Bridge rail rehabilitation	Winter 2030/31 - Winter 31/32	\$13.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project was re-programmed and will follow the Rocky Creek Bridge rail replacement; the team is working on revising project materials to reflect updated railing type. CDP application submitted to Mon Co for review and waiting on comments.
D6	SR 1 Jack's Peak CAPM (1N850)	On SR 1 from San Luis Ave. Intersection to the Sloat Ave. Undercrossing (MON-1-74.6/R77.6)	Preserve 11.815 lane miles of Class 2 pavement, rehab sign structure, replace sign panels, and roadside safety.	Spring 2028 – Spring 2029	\$17 million	SHOPP	Kristen Langager	PS&E	Design recently completed 60% Constructability Review of the design. CCC CDP application materials were submitted and waiting on comments.

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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT									
Project		Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Estimated Construction Timeline	Constructi-on Capital Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
D7	SR 1 Marina to Castroville CAPM (1N160)	In Monterey County from .028 miles south of the S. Marina OH (44-211L) to the Hwy 1/156 Junction.	Pavement Preservation	Summer 2027-Spring 2029	\$18 Million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project is delayed for delivery and will be combined with 1K870. Construction to begin Summer 2027.
	SR 1 Moss Landing CAPM (1K870)	In Monterey County, from 0.1 miles south of Molera Rd interchange to the MON/ScR county line (MON-1-R90.98/R102.031)	Pavement Preservation	Summer 2027-Spring 2029	\$26 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project was delayed, aligning with 1N160. The team intends to combine the 1N160 and 1K870 projects together at RTL to provide cost savings and less disruption during construction. Project team coordinating with CCC on draft CDP conditions.
D9	SR 68 Corridor Improvements (1J791)	On State Route 68 from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road. (MON-68-4.87-13.7)	Operational Improvements	Fall 2028 – Spring 2031	\$52.5 million	STIP & AUTHORIZED	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Design, geotechnical investigation and right of way coordination continues. TAMC Board directed Team to continue pursuing SCCP grant. Team is waiting for updates from Caltrans HQ on potential SB 1 grant application partnering.
D10	US 101 Bradley CAPM (1K880)	In Monterey County near Bradley, Nacimiento and San Miguel, from south of East Garrison Overcrossing to Jolon Road. (MON-101-R1.9/R9.7)	Replace bridges, rehabilitate pavement, reconstruct guardrail and drainage systems, and replace Transportation Management System (TMS) elements and signs.	Spring 2029 – Summer 2032	\$57.8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	PS&E began Feb 2026.
	US 101 Bradley-San Ardo CAPM (1K490)	Near Bradley from 0.5 mile south of Jolon Road Undercrossing to San Ardo Undercrossing	Pavement preservation	Spring 2030 - Spring 2031	\$49.8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project to be combined with 1M350; team working towards 95% constructability in Spring 2027.

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D12	US 101 North San Ardo Rehab (1M350)	In Monterey County on Route 101 from the San Ardo Undercrossing to 0.1 miles south of Paris Valley Road Overcrossing. (MON-101-R30.6/R36.9	Isolated slab replacement over 23.996 LM of Class 1 pavement and grind and replace AC shoulders. Replace 1 culvert at PM 26.28.	Spring 2030 - Spring 2031	\$38.6 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project to be combined with 1K490; team working towards 95% constructability in Spring 2027.
	US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project (0H330)	On US 101 between Main Street in Chualar and Airport Blvd in Salinas (MON-101-77/85.6)	Upgrade existing expressway to freeway, relocate two interchanges and create frontage road system for corridor.	Summer 2031-Summer 2034	TBD	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PA&ED	Environmental studies ongoing. Hydraulics study ongoing. Advanced Planning Studies for preliminary structural design was prepared for Chualar bridges and Abbott bridges. Five SOQs were received in response to the CMGC RFQ advertisement. Target for CMGC candidate interviews is Oct 14. Efforts continue on SB1 cycle 5 application rounds.
D14	SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange (31601)	Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 (MON-156-R1.6/1.4)	Construct a new interchange	Spring 2027 – Summer 2029	\$54.5 million	STIP, Measure X, Federal Demo	Chad Stoehr	PS&E/RW	Project has reached RTL, preparing for advertisement for construction bids early Fall of 2026.

PILOT PROJECT								
Project		Location & Post Mile (PM)	Description	Pilot Period	Fund Source	Amount	Project Manager	Comments
P1	SR 68 Adaptive Traffic Signal Control Pilot Project	On State Route 68 from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road. (MON-68-4.87-13.7)	Convert nine signals to adaptive traffic signal control and study effectiveness	May 2026 – May 2031	Measure X	\$1.2 million	Ryan Caldera	The ATSC system is fully operational as of May 2026. The project team continues to evaluate the system and respond to customer service requests.

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ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act	PR/ED	Project Report and Environmental Document
ATSC	Adaptive Traffic Signal Control	PDT	Project Development Team
CCC	California Coastal Commission	PID	Project Initiation Document
CCO	Contract Change Order	PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
CCSD	Castroville Community Service District	SB1	Senate Bill, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
CDP	Costal Development Permit	SCL	Santa Clara County Line
CMGC	Construction Manager/General Contractor	SHOPP	Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program
CTC	California Transportation Commission	SR	State Route
CT	Caltrans	RFQ	Request for Qualifications
DED	Draft Environmental Document	RTL	Ready To List
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	R/W or ROW	Right of Way
EP	Encroachment Permit	TCE	Temporary Construction Easement
FED	Final Environmental Document	TMS	Traffic Management System
OE	Office of Engineering	TSA	Traffic Safety Alliance
MASH	Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware	UC	Under Crossing
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document		

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