



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

Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 5, 2026

****9:30 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Page Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at maria@tamcmonterey.org 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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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.

- 3.1. APPROVE** the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for October 1, 2026.

- Javier Hernandez

The draft minutes of the October 1, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

- 3.2. 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.

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- Javier Hernandez

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meetings are held in July and December. Locations will be announced in advance. Agencies should ensure attendance or send alternates.

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- Javier Hernandez

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5. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project activities.

- Alissa Guther

The Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project status is at the point of screening a list of draft alternatives using the evaluation screening criteria with the Steering Committee, Technical Working Group, the Advisory Group, and the public. There will be a public meeting on December 3, 2026 in Moss Landing.

6. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2027 Legislative Program.

- Christina Watson

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

7. **SELECT** members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2027 Chair and Vice-Chair and **RECOGNIZE** outgoing Chair David Jacobs for his service during 2026.

- Javier Hernandez

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions change each calendar year in January.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Thursday, January 14, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Javier Hernandez, Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator
Javier@tamcmonterey.org

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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 Committee 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: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Javier Hernandez, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: Draft TAC Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for October 1, 2026.

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the October 1, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

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

1. Draft TAC minutes October 1, 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Draft Minutes of Thursday, October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	SEP 26	OCT 26
Shari Carlet, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Culver)	A	A	P	P(A)	P	P(VC)	P	P	E	P(A)	A
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	A	A	A	E	E	E	E	E	E	A
Octavio Hurtado, Gonzales (vacant)	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield, (Doug Pike)	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	E	P(VC)	P(VC)	E	A
Jeff Vanden Eikof, King City (Geoff English Esmeralda Alvarez)	P	P	P	A	-	A	P(VC)	E	E	E	P(VC)
Ismael Hernandez, Marina (Scott Shepard, Lizandro Salazar)	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A	E	A	A
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	P	E	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
David Jacobs, Salinas Chair (Adrian Robles)	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	P	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)
Thomas Korman, Seaside Vice Chair (Leslie Lantero , Paul Ensley)	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Juan Huerta)	P	P	A	P(A)	P	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(AVC)	P(A)
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	A	P	A	P(A)	P	P	A	P	P	A	P(A)
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling , Heather Adamson)	P	P	P(AV)	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	P
Tyler LeSage, Caltrans (Kelly McClendon, Jill Leal)	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	P(VC)
Kyle Jordan CSUMB	A	-	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	A	-	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	P(VC)	P	P(AV)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)

P = Present

A = Absent

P(A) = Alternate Present

E = Excused

(VC) = Video conference

STAFF	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26	AUG 26	SEP 26	OCT 26
O. Barajas, Transportation Planner				P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
J. Hernandez, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
A.Cook, Asso. Transportation Planner						*P(VC)	A	A	A	A	A
A. Guther, Asso. Transportation Planner	P(VC)	A	E	A	P(VC)	A	P	A	P(VC)	A	P
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	A	A	A	A	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.	A	A	E	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A
S. Linnevers, Transportation Planner						*P(VC)	A	A	A	P	A
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	A	P	P	A	P(VC)	A	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer/Analyst							A	A	A	A	A
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board			P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
M. Sheehan, Accounting Assistance	A	P	E	A	A	A	A	P(VC)	A	A	A
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P	P	P	P	A
C. Watson, Director of Planning	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	A	A
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	P(VC)	A	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	P	A	A
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coord.	A	A	E	A	A	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	A	A
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Jacobs, City of Salinas, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Garcia /Hurtado / unanimous

- 3.1** Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for September 2, 2026 with a minor edit from committee member Daniel Gho, City of Pacific Grove, being present virtual.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (SHOPP) FOR DISTRICT 5

The Committee reviewed and provided input on the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for District 5.

Jimmy Ochoa, Caltrans District 5, reported that the Caltrans manages the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) that includes monitoring the condition and operational performance of the highways through periodic inspections, traffic studies, and system analysis. Mr. Ochoa went over the Bi-Annual SHOPP Package, including the ten-year workplan and three-year workplan. He asked committee members to submit any new regionally or locally funded projects planned on the state highway system. In conclusion, Mr. Ochoa noted that for projects to be incorporated into the non-SHOPP PID workplan, they must be included in TAMC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Caltrans 3-year workplan, and have an executed cooperative agreement. For any inquiries regarding non-SHOPP projects, please reach out to Jimmy Ochoa email at jimmy.ochoa@dot.ca.gov.

Vince Dang, Monterey Salinas-Transit noted that projects that would affect Monterey-Salinas Transit and requested that jurisdictions coordinate with MST early in the planning process.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Alex Ramos, City of Soledad, announced that Don Wilcox is retiring.

Alissa Guthrie, Associate Transportation Planner, announced that Transportation Agency staff is submitting a Caltrans planning grant application next week for Highway 1 climate resiliency on the Monterey Peninsula.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: November 5, 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 26, 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: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Javier Hernandez, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: **2027 Calendar of Meetings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the 2027 schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY:

2027 Technical Advisory Committee meetings will be held monthly on the first Thursday at 9:30 a.m., except January's meeting is moved to January 14 and no meetings are held in July and December. Locations will be announced in advance. Agencies should ensure attendance or send alternates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

The 2027 schedule for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings continues the established pattern of convening on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., except January's meeting is moved to the second Thursday of the month and no meetings are held in July and December. Meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or another location specified in advance on the agenda.

The full list of meeting dates are:

- January 14
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3
- (no July Meeting)
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- (no December meeting)

We are encouraging participation and attendance by member agencies to make the TAC a more effective group. Please contact the Transportation Agency if you cannot attend the Committee meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting, it is highly recommended that you send your alternate in your place. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated. If the

designated TAC member or alternate member for your agency needs to be changed or updated, please send a letter to the Transportation Agency to make the change.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Javier Hernandez, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: **MST Designing for Transit Guidelines and ADA Analysis Project**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation about Monterey-Salinas Transit's (MST) Designing for Transit Guidelines and ADA Analysis Project.

SUMMARY:

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is developing updated Designing for Transit Guidelines and conducting a systemwide ADA analysis of its bus stop network. Staff from MST and the project team will provide an overview of the project, key findings to date, and upcoming opportunities for agency coordination and public input.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is not financial impact associated with this presentation.

DISCUSSION:

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) has initiated a project to update its Designing for Transit Guidelines and evaluate accessibility throughout its transit system. The effort is intended to support improved bus stop accessibility, safety, passenger comfort, multimodal connectivity, and consistency in transit facility design across Monterey County. The project encompasses more than 900 bus stops, four transit hubs, and 37 fixed-route transit services.

Key project elements include a comprehensive inventory and assessment of existing bus stops, development of updated transit design standards and guidelines, evaluation of ADA accessibility needs, and creation of standardized bus stop signage. The resulting guidelines will help MST and partner agencies plan, design, and prioritize future transit improvements, including accessibility upgrades and transit priority treatments.

At this meeting, MST and the project team will present an update on project progress, including findings from the bus stop inventory and existing conditions assessment, the approach for identifying and prioritizing improvements, and feedback received through the first round of stakeholder outreach and agency engagement. The presentation will also describe the process for updating the Designing for Transit Guidelines and outline upcoming project milestones and opportunities for continued coordination with local jurisdictions and transportation partners.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project activities.

SUMMARY:

The Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project status is at the point of screening a list of draft alternatives using the evaluation screening criteria with the Steering Committee, Technical Working Group, the Advisory Group, and the public. There will be a public meeting on December 3, 2026 in Moss Landing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TAMC received \$2,250,000 from a Caltrans Climate Adaption program grant to prepare a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study and related documents, expanding on existing feasibility studies on nature-based and multimodal solutions to climate change impacts on the corridor. This money will be used to pay the project team - TAMC, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (ESNERR) - and consultant expenses. The local match funds are from California Legislature member designated funding.

DISCUSSION:

TAMC, TNC, and ESNERR are evaluating the risk of sea level rise impacting a key transportation corridor in north Monterey County to develop recommendations for multimodal and nature-based transportation adaptation solutions to address this vulnerability. This project focuses on an eight-mile stretch of Highway 1 through the disadvantaged community of Moss Landing and the parallel five miles of rail tracks traversing Elkhorn Slough. The PEL study includes technical analysis of existing data, creates new models, expands and adds to alternatives, gathers input, and builds consensus among internal and external stakeholders to shape the proposed corridor transportation vision.

The project team has regular meetings with the Steering Committee to discuss project updates, policy and technical issues, and the consultant team held individual meetings with Monterey Salinas Transit, Caltrans, and the Coastal Commission, to discuss alternative development and coordination of planned improvements from all partners. These meetings resulted in a deeper understanding of the goals of the partner agencies, and provided more details about the alternatives. The next milestone will be the open house where alternatives will be presented to the public on December 3. TAMC staff will continue to meet on a one-on-one basis with partners as needed to gain insight and receive resources needed to further the alternatives development and selection. Staff will present a verbal update at the meeting.

The project website is online as a **web attachment**.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Elkhorn Slough project website](#)

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: **Draft 2027 Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2027 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The draft 2027 legislative program (**attached**) continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2027 legislative session.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Federal:

- 2F. Support adequate funding for the following transportation priorities (4) Active transportation projects, including Vision Zero.
- 12F. Support legislation allowing agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program on October 7, 2026, and on October 28, 2026, the Board approved releasing it to Committees for input. The Rail Policy Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee will review the draft in November. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. Following the Executive Committee's review of the draft program in January, the final program will come back to the Board on January 27, 2027, for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT TAMC 2027 Leg Program

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT 2027 Legislative Program

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: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Javier Hernandez, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 5, 2026
Subject: **2027 Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SELECT members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2027 Chair and Vice-Chair and **RECOGNIZE** outgoing Chair David Jacobs for his service during 2026.

SUMMARY:

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions change each calendar year in January.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee bylaws state that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are changed during the first quarter of every year. The new Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for the 2027 calendar year. The current Chair is David Jacobs from the City of Salinas. The current vice-chair is Thomas Korman from the City of Seaside. A list of past Chairs and Vice-Chairs is attached for reference.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TAC_Past_Chair___Vice_Chair_Summary-2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TAC Past Chair & Vice Chair Summary

Year	Chair	Vice Chair
2026	David Jacobs (Salinas)	Thomas Korman (Seaside)
2025	Jamie Tugel (Greenfield)	David Jacobs (Salinas)
2024	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)	Jamie Tugel (Greenfield)
2023	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
2022	Chad Alinio (County)	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)
2021	Octavio Hurtado (King City)	Chad Alinio (County)
2020	Andrew Easterling (Salinas)	Octavio Hurtado (King City)
2019	Brian McMinn (Marina)	James Serrano (Salinas)
2018	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)	Brian McMinn (Marina)
2017	Enrique Saavedra (County)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
2016	Rich Deal (Monterey)	Ryan Chapman*/ Enrique Saavedra (County) *Resigned
2015	James Serrano (Salinas)	Rich Deal (Monterey)
2014	Don Wilcox (Soledad)	James Serrano (Salinas)
2013	Trish Lopez (County)	Don Wilcox (Soledad)

2012	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)	Trish Lopez (County)
2011	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)
2010	Trish Lopez (County)	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)