

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**June 23, 2021**



**Preliminary Concept Design Options for the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Study Presented to the TAMC Board of Directors**

TAMC staff presented the preliminary concepts of the US 101- South of Salinas corridor study to the TAMC Board of Directors. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board authorized staff to conduct public outreach on the project.

Public input for the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Study will play an important part of the selection of a preferred alternative and the phasing of future construction projects. Community members will be able to review the traffic circulation analysis and preliminary project concepts. They will also be able to ask questions, provide comments and share thoughts on the project. Following public outreach, a revised report will be presented to the TAMC Board of Directors in September. The results of the study will be a set of project improvements that meet the safety goals of the corridor while minimizing the impacts to local businesses and residents.

The US 101 South of Salinas study is funded with \$440,000 of Measure X funds. As a regional Measure X priority project, a total of \$30 million of measure funds are allocated to the corridor. These funds will be used to leverage state and federal funds to construct project improvements.

[US 101 South of Salinas Project Website - Transportation Agency for Monterey County \(tamcmonterey.org\)](http://tamcmonterey.org)

**Board Reviews Proposed TAMC Racial Equity Program**

TAMC staff presented a proposed draft racial equity program to the Agency's Board of Directors for their review and comments. While the Transportation Agency includes equity as a policy goal in its Regional Transportation Plan and several of its funding

programs, in these instances, equity is evaluated primarily in terms of geographic equity.

The draft proposal integrates specific racial equity-based activities into three agency areas: funding, public outreach and hiring with a developed a set of issues, potential solutions, action items and a racial equity goal for each area.

Utilizing a racial equity toolkit provided by the County of Monterey's Civils Rights Office to help agencies to look at various programs to determine how to improve outcomes for diverse racial groups, TAMC staff evaluated how the Agency can better improve the transportation system in communities that have experienced historical underinvestment.

Data provided by the County of Monterey's Civil Rights Office shows that race is the leading determinant of negative economic outcomes in a community, often due to underinvestment or historical bias. A report issued by the Monterey County Health Department details some of the correlations between racially diverse populations and poor health outcomes (including reduced biking and walking) that exist in communities across Monterey County.

- [Draft Racial Equity Program](#)

### **Federal Legislative Update on Transportation & Infrastructure Funding**

TAMC's federal legislative analyst Paul Schlesinger, Alcalde & Fay, presented an update on federal legislative activities to the TAMC Board of Directors. His presentation included an update on federal activities during the past two months highlighting the negotiations over infrastructure funding and the fluid nature of the situation.

[Alcalde & Fay federal legislative update](#)

[March 31, 2021 White House news release, "Fact Sheet: The American Jobs Plan"](#)

[Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 \(STRA-21\) fact sheet](#)

[June 7, 2021 article in Mass Transit, "House T&I Committee intros \\$547 billion](#)

[INVEST in America Act"](#)

[INVEST in America Act fact sheet](#)

[House T&I Committee "Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to HR 3684](#)