

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Releases Draft Monterey County Active Transportation Plan for Public Comment

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors released an ambitious county-wide active transportation plan for public comment. The goal of the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan is to increase biking & walking countywide, make high-priority projects more competitive for grant funding and incorporate innovated design guidelines.

The development of the Plan started a year ago with mapping activities to identify bicycle and pedestrian improvements needed throughout Monterey County. Extensive public outreach on the project included participation from the agency's bike & pedestrian advisory committee, the technical advisory committee, a workshop in South County and more than 400 public comments from people who participated in the Wikimapping tool.

Working collaboratively with the cities/county, Agency staff identified potential projects that could be submitted as candidates for the competitive State Active Transportation Program in each of the jurisdictions.

Following the release of the draft Active Transportation Plan, TAMC staff will conduct additional outreach to promote the draft Plan and coordinate with community members on the conceptual design development for the 15 high-priority projects identified in the Plan.

To review the list of projects or to provide public comment on the Plan, visit the TAMC website at <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/bike-pedestrian/bike-ped-plan/>. Public comment will be accepted until May 31, 2018. The Monterey County Active Transportation Plan will be presented to the TAMC Board of Directors for adoption in June.

TAMC Board Approves Measure X Funds for School Safety Education Program



The TAMC Board of Directors approved and authorized the Agency to execute a contract with Ecology Action to expand bicycle and pedestrian safety education in Monterey County. All 2nd graders and 5th graders in the Salinas Valley, Seaside and Marina will receive pedestrian and bicycle safety education within the next two years through this contract.

The focused outreach in each of these communities compliments the Monterey County Health Department's Via Salinas Valley education and the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School planning grant. As a result, educators will be able to present safety training in over 107 classrooms per year plus additional outreach to parents and the surrounding community.

Measure X was the 3/8 of a cent sales tax approved by voters in November 2016. 60% of the funds are dedicated to local streets and roads projects. 40% is dedicated to regional projects. The Safe Routes to School Program is funded through the "Mobility for All" program in the regional projects.

TAMC Board Recognizes Retiring Senior Transportation Engineer, Hank Myers

The TAMC Board of Directors presented a Resolution of Appreciation to retiring Senior Transportation Engineer Hank Myers. After a total of 43 years as a professional engineer and ten years at the Transportation Agency, Mr. Myers is retiring on April 30, 2018. His experience and skills as a professional engineer has contributed to the success of many of the Agency's projects and efforts.

He has served as the Agency's lead staff for the Technical Advisory Committee and interagency liaison with Caltrans and local jurisdictions. He has helped to keep lines of communication open between agencies and has assisted numerous local projects navigate the state and federal process from design through the construction phase of projects.