

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Presents Independent Audit Results

Kevin Dayton, Former Chair of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, and member of the Measure X audit sub-committee presented the Measure X Second Year Audit results and the Measure X Annual Report to the TAMC Board of Directors. In keeping with their responsibilities, the committee conducted audits of the revenues and expenditure of Measure X funds earlier this year and prepared an annual report regarding the administration of the program.

The audit results revealed that most jurisdictions were in compliance. The three exceptions were the Cities of Greenfield, Pacific Grove and Salinas. The City of Greenfield was late in submitting all of the required documents. The City of Pacific Grove had unanticipated project delays, which resulted in the city not making enough project expenditures to count towards their Maintenance of Effort requirement. The City of Salinas spent Measure X funds on a project that was determined to be ineligible. The Cities of Pacific Grove and Salinas have repaid the funds to their Measure X accounts from non-Measure X sources as remediation and are currently in compliance.

Mr. Dayton stressed that the Oversight Committee's goal is to have full compliance from the jurisdictions. He reminded the Board that it took five attempts to pass the sales tax measure. He also stated that the Oversight Committee was committed to making sure that residents would never have cause to say Measure X funds were used inappropriately.

The results of the Measure X Second Year Audit and the Measure X Annual Report are included in the Transportation Agency's 2019 Annual Report. The TAMC Annual Report will be mailed to Monterey County residents and posted on the TAMC website.

Measure X is estimated to generate \$600 million over 30 years. 60% of that amount (\$360 million) will be distributed to the cities and the County for local projects, while the remaining 40% (\$240 million) is programmed for regional safety and mobility projects.

Shelter-in-Place Impacts TAMC Activities and Measure X Revenues

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from Todd Muck, TAMC's Deputy Director on the Agency's activities related to the shelter-in-place orders to contain the transmission of COVID-19 and the Transportation estimated impacts on Measure X revenue.

Mr. Muck reported that Agency staff has been largely working remotely on Agency projects and programs since March 16, 2020; with a focus on coordinating with local and state partners to limit delays to regional infrastructure projects.

Agency's activities during this time include:

- one of the first government agencies to hold a video public meeting and has provided advice and assistance to others, including Monterey-Salinas Transit and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.
- providing Go831 program clients sample telecommuting policies to support local businesses whose employees are now working at home; publishing tips and techniques supporting employers and employees in implementing home-based work; developing a Telework webinar series with members of the Central Coast for employers and employees
- working on creative ways to continue to deliver its Safe Routes to School program.
- working closely with project sponsors and state regulatory agencies to address potential project delays due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The impacts of the shelter-in-place are:

- While Measure X monies are forecast to be significantly less over the next three years, the program's existing fund balance along with new revenues will allow the Measure X program of projects to stay on track to meet programmed local match requirements for the next four years. That said, the anticipated loss of gas tax revenues will have a definite impact on the ability to deliver Measure X projects, unless the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the various SB 1 programs are back-filled with a state or federal stimulus package.
- The Salinas Rail Station project will halt after Stage 1, when the work on public streets will be completed. The remaining work within the rail station project area (Stage 2) will be delayed until the construction restrictions are lifted.
- The Salinas Safe Routes to School project and Every Child safety education projects are impacted by County of Monterey Health Department staff being transferred to address the County's COVID-19 response. Staff is working out which components of these programs can proceed within the shelter-in-place guidelines.
- External risks to project schedules, such as the possibility that the shortened state legislative session could delay consideration of SB 1231 (Monning). This TAMC-sponsored legislation will allow the mitigation of potential impacts to the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander habitat resulting from the State Route 156-Castroville Boulevard Interchange project.
- The US 101 - South of Salinas project study was in the middle of a broad public outreach effort, which is now being reframed. Traffic counts for the study's technical analysis are postponed until traffic returns to normal conditions, hopefully in the fall.
- The California Transportation Commission has relaxed some of its timely use of funds requirements to take into account any project delays caused by the shelter-in-place order. They are also considering delaying the due dates for applications to SB1 competitive grant programs and the Active Transportation Program grant program.