



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Receives Measure X Revenues and Annual Inflation Adjustment Information

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the Measure X revenues and the annual adjustment to the Regional Projects and Programs. The presentation noted that prior to Monterey County voters adopting Measure X in November 2016, revenues were conservatively estimated to be \$20 million per year. Actual revenues have been significantly higher, with the fiscal year 2021/22 revenues exceeding \$38 million.

The Measure X program's existing fund balance, along with new revenues, will allow the Measure X program of projects to meet programmed local match requirements for the next five years. Since 60% of the Measure X funds are allocated to the cities and County, these increased revenues will primarily accrue for local road and street projects.

Priority regional projects that are expected to start construction during the five-year timeframe include the following projects:

- Imjin Road Widening project, which uses \$18 million in Measure X funds as match to a \$19 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program grant;
- Highway 218 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, which used \$1 million in Measure X as a match to a \$10 million Active Transportation Program grant;
- State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard project, which received a \$20 million Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridors grant that is matched with \$10 million in Measure X and \$5 million in development impact fees; and
- SURF! Rapid Bus Corridor, which used \$15 million in Measure X funds as a match to \$1.4 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds, \$24.7 million Federal grants, and a \$25 million Transit and Intercity Rail capital Program grant.

During a review of the Policies and Projects Description for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (Measure X), Agency staff identified an approved policy for addressing inflation and increased

projects costs that had not previously been implemented. Since Measure X revenues have been consistently higher than expected, and project costs have risen dramatically in recent years, Agency staff proposed to enact the annual inflation adjustment going forward for regional programs and projects using the same construction cost index from the Engineering News Record that is used to index the Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement.

TAMC Seeks Nominations for 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards

The TAMC Board of Directors authorized the release for a call for nominations for the Transportation Agency 's 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The award honors individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

Examples of potential awards include:

- 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 smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone; and/or
- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.

The nomination form is available on the Transportation Agency website at www.tamcmonterey.org. The form can be submitted online or downloaded and sent to the attention of Theresa Wright at 55 B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, or theresa@tamcmonterey.org. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January 2024 meeting, and the awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 24, 2024, Transportation Agency Board meeting.

TAMC Appoints Two New Members to Serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee

The TAMC Board of Directors approved the appointment of Christie Cromeenes to serve as the Central Coast Builders Exchange representative on the Measure X Oversight Committee. With the retirement of the Alliance on Aging Executive Director, Teresa Sullivan, the Board approved the appointment of the Alliance's new Executive Director, John McPherson, to serve as the alternate representative for the senior and disabled services agency on the Oversight Committee.