

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Honors Senator Monning

The Transportation Agency and its Board of Directors celebrated State Senator Bill Monning and thanked him for the work that he has done on behalf of transportation in Monterey County, including his recent authorship of the successful Senate Bill 1231.

Senate Bill 1231 authored by Senator Monning this year, and sponsored by the Transportation Agency allows for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue an incidental take permit for the Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander for the purpose of completing critical public safety improvements along State Route 156 in Monterey County.

In heartfelt statements to Mr. Monning TAMC Board members thanked him for his dedicated service, mentorship and advocacy, and for being, as Board Chair Alejo said, “a good friend, fierce advocate for Monterey County,” and “one of the best public servants we’ve had in Monterey County.” Mr. Alejo noted that Senator Monning has worked with “a lot of dignity and compassion for the least amongst us in our community.”

Bill Monning served two terms as State Senator, and two terms as Assembly Member, representing Monterey County in Sacramento. His current term of service ended on November 30, 2020.

During his tenure, he has been an advocate for increased funding for transportation and other infrastructure improvements, including public transit and much needed road repairs to local streets and roads and highway systems. In his role of Senate Majority Leader, he advocated for and ensured passage of Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which invests \$5.4 billion annually to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety.

[Declaration of Appreciation](#)

Departing Members Recognized by TAMC Board of Directors

The TAMC Board took a moment to thank outgoing Board members Pacific Grove City Councilmember Robert Huitt, Supervisor Jane Parker, Gonzales Mayor Maria Orozco, and Salinas Councilmember Scott Davis.

Members were thanked for their services in support of regional transportation safety projects and programs over the years, and their specific roles as committee members or as Board Chair. In her comments, Supervisor Parker described serving on the TAMC Board as an opportunity to gain a regional view on transportation safety projects and programs recognizing as Supervisor Parker described it, as “the recognition that’s what’s good for one is good for all.”

Board Member Davis served for two years, Supervisor Parker for 12 years, Mayor Orozco for 13 years, and Board member Huitt served two terms from 1995-2002 and 2013-2020.

Here are the certificates of appreciation recognizing each of their contributions:

- ▢ [Certificate for Board Member Jane Parker](#)
- ▢ [Certificate for Board Member Maria Orozco](#)
- ▢ [Certificate for Board Member Robert Huitt](#)
- ▢ [Certificate for Board Member Scott Davis](#)



CALTRANS Presents US 101 Business Plan

Staff members from Caltrans District 5 provided an overview of the US 101 Business Plan, which is being created in collaboration with the US 101 Central Coast Coalition. The Plan was initiated by an action item proposed by Central Coast Coalition members following the California Transportation Commission Workshop in Gonzales. The US 101 Business Plan follows the model of the Central Valley’s State Route 99 Business Plan, which received \$1 billion in bonds in 2006.

The purpose of the US 101 Business Plan is to provide the data, strategy, and community support needed to secure financial investment in the US 101 corridor. Once developed it will provide a medium to communicate with policy makers, partners, and the public; essentially providing a roadmap to achieve safety and road improvements along the highway, identify funding sources to meet those needs and be competitive to compete for Senate Bill 1 funding

The US 101 Central Coast Coalition was formed to raise awareness of the US 101 Corridor through three counties within the boundaries of Caltrans District 5. Members of the coalition are Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Council of San Benito County Governments, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and Caltrans District 5.

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/us-101-business-plan>