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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Receives Update on Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project



The TAMC Board of Directors received an update on the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project, which proposes to make safety and traffic flow improvements at each of the nine signalized intersections on the highway between Josselyn Canyon Road and San Benancio road. The plan also proposes to create wildlife crossings on some segments to reduce wildlife crashes.

Caltrans as the lead agency, is in the environmental phase of the project and has begun preparing the technical studies, survey work, and preliminary engineering to evaluate two alternative sets of improvements; to either modify each signalized intersection or install roundabouts at each intersection. It's anticipated that construction could start in 2026.

The Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan has allocated \$50 million towards the construction of the project. Matching state and federal funds will be sought to cover the remaining cost of the project.



TAMC Staff Presents the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan

During a presentation on the process and timeline for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan, TAMC staff used an interactive polling session to engage Board members in identifying transportation needs to be included in the development of the plan's goals and policies.

Updated every four years, TAMC's Regional Transportation Plan is a twenty-year road map for improvements to Monterey County's transportation system. The long-range plan is developed pursuant to federal and state transportation planning requirements. It's anticipated that the draft Regional Plan will be released to the public for review and comment in December 2021. The final Plan is expected to go to the Board of Directors for approval in June 2022.



Staff Provides Progress Report on Go831 Program Activities

TAMC staff provided a progress report on the Agency's Go831 Program activities. Go831 is a transportation demand management program that seeks to reduce traffic, increase healthy behaviors and improve air quality by encouraging smart commute alternatives to driving alone to work, school or for recreational purposes in Monterey County.

The presentation included an overview of the following resources provided to community members free of charge:

- Employee Commute Survey & Trip Reduction Planning
- Access to the Go831 smart commute program management platform and mobile app (go831.rideamigos.com)
- TAMC's Emergency Ride Home Program
- Go831 Challenges (Bike/Walk in May; Commute Challenge in October)
- Smart Commute Workshops (pilot phase)
- Information on local transportation resources
- Smart Commute program networking events

It also included an overview of the Agency's Commute Challenges and engagement to support employers and academic institutions who want to reduce traffic and parking demand by developing or enhancing an existing smart commute program for employees and/or students. Anyone interested in learning more on how to enhance or implement a Go831 smart commute program at an employment site or academic institution, contact Justine Ramirez at Justine@tamcmonterey.org or 831-775-4404.