

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

**October 27, 2010 Meeting**

#### **CARMEL HILL AND RIVER TRAIL PROJECT COMPLETED**

The Transportation Agency and its construction partners held an opening ceremony on September 23 to celebrate the completion of the Carmel Hill and River Bicycle Trail Project. Approximately 30 people representing over a dozen organizations who helped make the project a reality attended—including: Monterey County, California State Parks, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Crossroads Shopping Village, and Big Sur Land Trust.

The trail provides a safe pedestrian crossing under Carmel Valley road and a 12-foot wide paved pedestrian and bicycle trail south to Rio Road. The project connects Carmel High School and the neighboring residential areas around Hatton Canyon with the Crossroads and Barnyard shopping centers. Eventually, the trail will link with other trails in the Big Sur Land Trust's Carmel River pathways plan, including a trail to Garland Ranch Park along the Carmel River.

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#### **BEACH RANGE ROAD, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**

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A celebration will be held, Thursday, October 28, 2010 to memorialize the beginning of construction on a new bicycle and pedestrian path along Beach Range Road in the Fort Ord Dunes State Park. This major project in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Master Plan will improve the existing four-mile paved Beach Range Road so that it can be used as a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path. Beach Range Road is a former military access road within the Fort Ord Dunes State Park that runs parallel to and west of the existing recreation trail. The new trail offers users a greater separation from traffic on Highway 1 than the existing Caltrans path and will provide connection to the future Monterey Branch Line station at 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Areas of interest along the path will be highlighted with interpretive panels and picnic tables. The project also includes signs directing travelers onto and off of the trail, and bicycle racks for safe vehicle storage.

After road improvements are made, users will enjoy six-foot bike lanes, and six feet pedestrian paths in areas where the width of the road is 20 feet. Bicyclists and pedestrians will share the facility in areas where the road width is only twelve feet.

Earthworks Paving Contractors, Inc. will begin work on the \$212,500 project in November with completion expected in February 2011.

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### **ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Is there an individual, group, business or program in Monterey County that has significantly contributed to the way we get around in 2010? Do they deserve to be recognized? Nominate this individual, group, business or program for a Transportation Excellence Award. The Transportation Agency would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees. Nomination forms can be found at: <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/excelaward/index.html> and are due by December 6, 2010. The awards ceremony will take place before the regular January 26, 2011 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to promote the most efficient use of the transportation system.
- Innovative activities that promote 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 alternatives to driving alone.

### **CITY OF GREENFIELD RECEIVES** **STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

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The Transportation Agency allocated more than \$315,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Funds to the City of Greenfield for a public works & transit facility paving project and an El Camino Real storm drain project. The funding comes from federal monies that are allocated by the Transportation Agency to cities and the County based on population and lane miles.

**COUNTY OF MONTEREY RECEIVES**  
**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

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The Transportation Agency allocated more than \$245,000 in Local Transportation Funds to the County of Monterey for street and highway construction, maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian projects and local transportation planning. Local Transportation Funds are used to support public transit, rail projects, planning and administrative costs, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The funds can also be used for local street and road improvements, congestion management contributions, local transportation planning costs and other minor eligible claims, but only after funds are allocated for any reasonable unmet transit needs that are identified by the Agency each fiscal year.