

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

June 22, 2011 Meeting

**MONTEREY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
PRIORITY PROJECTS**

The Transportation Agency adopted the top regional transportation priorities for the next five to ten years. The top tier projects include:

- **U.S. 101 – San Juan Road Interchange**
- **S.R. 156 Widening**
- **U.S. 101 – South County Frontage Roads**
- **Local Street and Road Maintenance**
- **Monterey Peninsula Fixed Guideway**
- **Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County**

These projects were ranked highest by the Board of Directors and/or rank high in safety improvements, level of service, multimodal travel options, economic impact, ability to assist the County in meeting Sustainable Communities Strategy Goals, and project readiness.

Other projects that will be delivered as funding becomes available include:

- **US 101 South County Cities Interchanges**
- **Westside Bypass/Marina-Salinas Corridor**
- **SR-68 Commuter Improvements**
- **Del Monte – Lighthouse Corridor**
- **SR-1 – Widening (Seaside-Sand City)**

**FREE BICYCLE RACKS AND LOCKERS FOR
MONTEREY COUNTY BUSINESSES**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is now accepting applications for the Bicycle Protection Program. The program provides free bicycle racks and lockers to businesses and agencies that agree to install the equipment and monitor its use. The program is intended to encourage bicycle use for commuting purposes. Applications are due to the Agency office by July 11, 2011.

The Transportation Agency modeled the Bicycle Protection Program after the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission's Bike Secure Program. The program was previously awarded with Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District grant funding during the 2002, 2006, and 2007 grant cycles, making available a total of 185 bicycle racks and lockers and providing secured bicycle parking facilities for 506 bicycles. With new funding awarded to the Transportation Agency from the Air District, this program has been extended.

The grant program guidelines and application for bike racks and lockers are available for download on the Agency website:

<http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/bikeped/protection.html>.

DESCUSSIONS BEGIN ON REALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCIES

The Transportation Agency Board requested that staff continue to evaluate the feasibility of having the Transportation Agency take on the federal transportation responsibilities that are currently performed at the three-county level by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, in order to improve efficiencies and save taxpayer dollars.

MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESIGNATED AS THE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

The Transportation Agency designating the Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee as the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for Monterey County. The Transportation Agency designated Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for Monterey County in 2006. This designation was intended to enable MST to be more competitive in seeking grant funding for services and programs and also to serve as a one-stop-shop for coordinating specialized transportation programs and information.

MST recently established a "Mobility Advisory Committee" to serve as an advisory body for the CTSA given the expanded scope of MST's coordinated transportation activities. Both the new Mobility Advisory Committee and the Transportation Agency's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council have overlapping membership and consider the same agenda topics with the exception of the Council's statutory responsibility to annually recommend a finding on unmet transit needs for adoption by the Board of Directors. In order to eliminate redundancy these respective committees will be merged and the MST Mobility

Advisory Committee will be designated as the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for Monterey County for purposes of taking action on unmet transit needs findings to comply with the Transportation Development Act.

CITY OF SAND CITY RECEIVES
STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

The Transportation Agency allocated more than \$35,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Funds to the City of Sand City for the Sand Dunes Drive Coastal Bike Path Interconnect Project. The purpose of the project is to allow safe travel of bicycles and pedestrians from the north end of Sand Dunes Drive at Tioga Ave across Highway 1. Currently there is no designated crossing or travel lane for non-Motorized vehicles or pedestrians.

Projects eligible for Regional Surface Transportation Program funding include local street and roadway rehabilitation, local match for federal transportation funds, bike lanes, pedestrian facilities, public transit capital, and signal coordination.