

## **Debra L. Hale**

Debbie Hale is currently the Executive Director for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, a regional transportation planning, funding and delivery agency representing the cities and County of Monterey. Ms. Hale has been with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County since 2001, working her way up from Planning Manager, to Deputy Executive Director, to her current role as Executive Director, which she assumed in June, 2006.

At the Transportation Agency, Ms. Hale leads the agency's mission to make roads safer, relieve traffic congestion, improve bus transit, bring new rail service to Monterey County and build projects that facilitate bicycle and pedestrian travel. Her top priorities are to raise local funding for transportation, assure that Monterey County receives its fair share of state and federal monies, and focus existing money on constructing projects.

Ms. Hale has over 16 years of experience in transportation planning and financing, including work for the San Joaquin and Santa Cruz County regional transportation planning agencies. Prior to entering the transportation field, Ms. Hale worked four years with the California State Assembly's Revenue and Taxation Committee.

She received her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and her Bachelor's Degree in Political Economy from the University of California at Berkeley.

She currently resides with her husband Andy Ward in Capitola.