

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

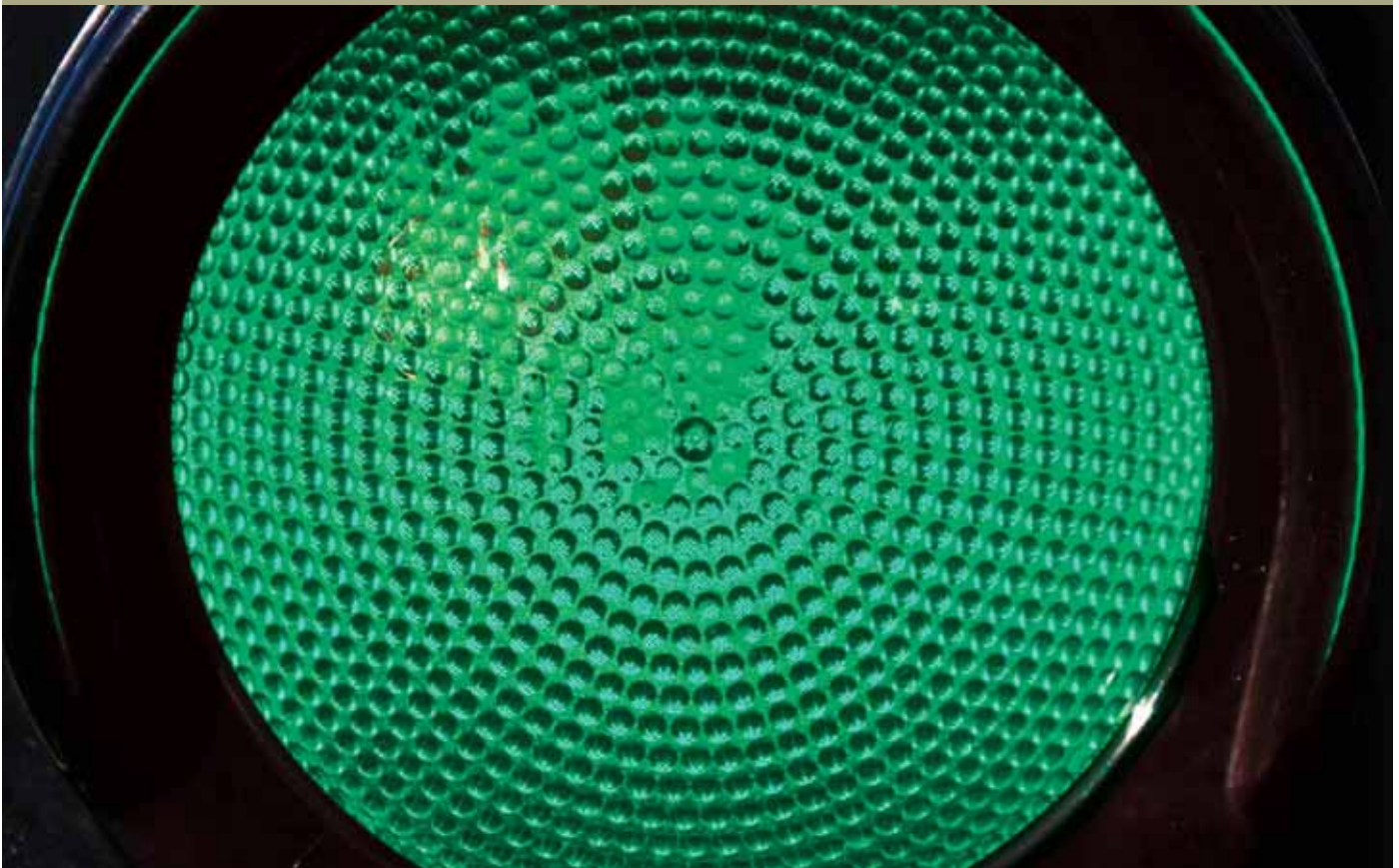


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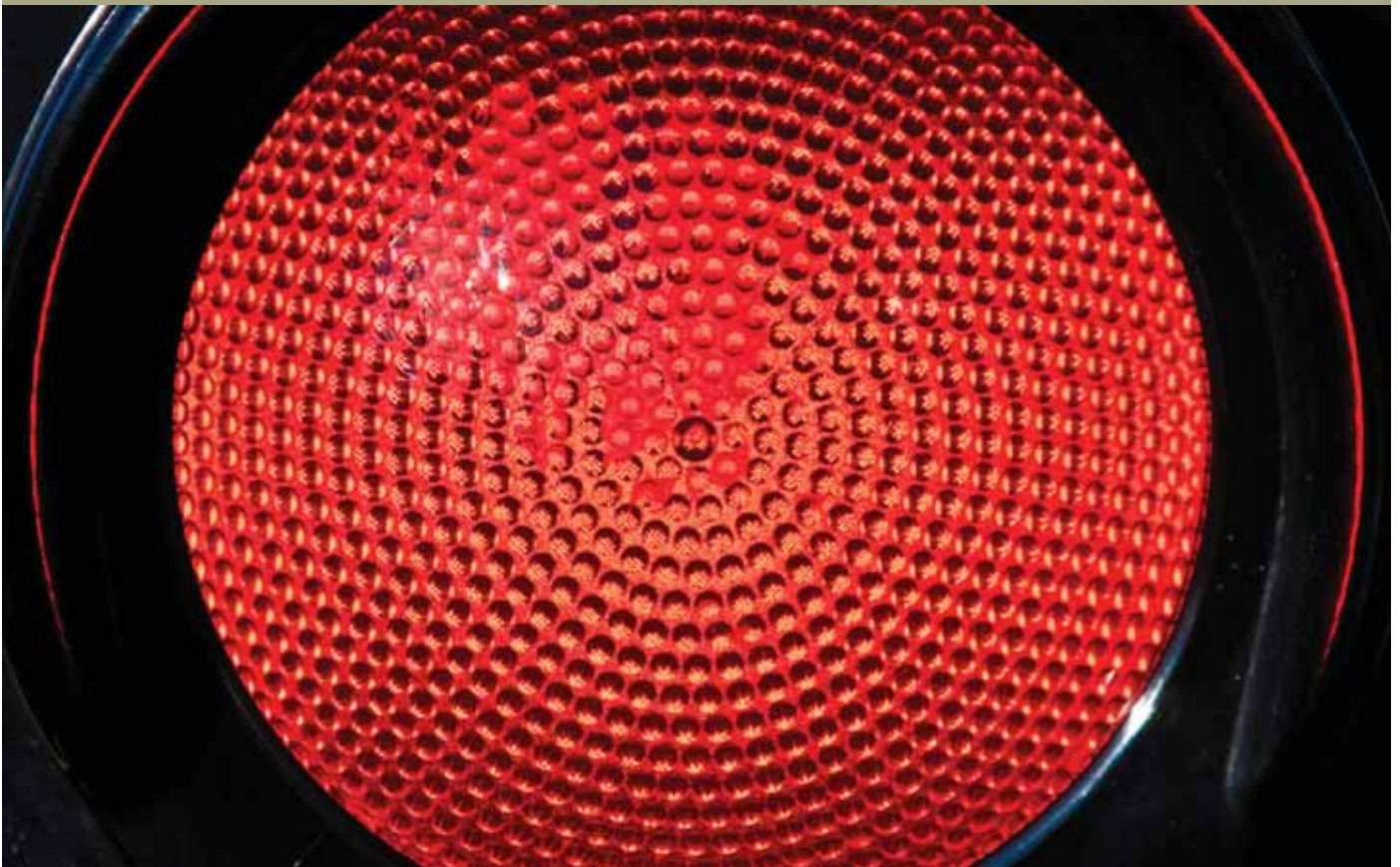
The mission of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is to proactively fund and plan a transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality and economic activities by investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors.

In 2008, the Transportation Agency successfully distributed over \$69 million dollars in federal, state and local funds to the County and cities for highways, streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail, and transit projects.



Of key importance in 2008 was the introduction of a countywide traffic impact fee for new developments. As a major source of new vehicle traffic, growth will pay its fair share towards regional transportation with the passage of this Regional Development Impact Fee. This program will generate \$328 million in revenues out to 2030 and will help fund new roadway capacity for a portion of many projects throughout the county.

With the defeat of Measure Z, a ½ percent sales tax on the November 2008 ballot, fluctuations in the state budget and the constant increase in construction costs, funding transportation projects in the coming years will be a considerable challenge. In fact, a number of vitally needed projects will be significantly delayed or indefinitely delayed until other sources of funding can be found. Meanwhile, the Transportation Agency will be shifting funds to assure completion of the most critical highway, local road, rail and transit projects.



The Transportation Agency has also begun working with Monterey County cities and the County to evaluate and reduce the greenhouse gas emission impacts of our transportation system.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2008



Turn Lanes on Highway 68 at Hospital

Elkhorn Slough Early Mitigation Project

Local Road Repairs

Regional Transportation Projects Completed in 2008:

Highway 68—Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula: Completed construction of hospital entryway improvements to accommodate new traffic into the hospital due to its expansion. Project features include new turning lanes out of and into the hospital as well as widening Holman Highway 68 leading to and from the hospital to accommodate the additional lanes through the intersection.

Elkhorn Slough Early Mitigation Project: Participated in the Elkhorn Slough Pilot project funded by Caltrans. The pilot project is an interagency effort to provide early habitat mitigation and environmental preservation for transportation improvement projects within the Elkhorn Slough Watershed. This project will ensure that this valued Monterey County natural resource and the homes of hundreds of species of plants and animals remain protected. This project also allowed the Highway 1–Salinas Road Interchange project to purchase and protect important habitat in Elkhorn Slough.

Rail service to Salinas, Pajaro, Castroville: Completed the ridership validation report for the extension of Caltrain passenger service to Salinas as well as the capacity model study. Continued to work with the Federal Transit Administration on environmental and other work with the goal of obtaining federal funding. Secured \$580,000 in state rail bond funds.

Freeway Service Patrol: The Transportation Agency contracted for roving tow trucks to assist 2,601 motorists on Highway 1 and US 101 during peak travel times by quickly clearing accidents, towing stalled vehicles, and removing roadway hazards.

Monterey Branch Line: Completed aerial photography and topographic surveying for the planned rapid bus or light rail service along the Monterey Branch Line between Monterey, Marina and Castroville, with connections to Salinas, San Jose, and San Francisco. Continued to evaluate the impacts of and design options for initiating service. Secured \$3.375 million in state transportation funds for the completion of state and federal environmental documents.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County contributed to projects throughout the County in 2008:

County

- Abbott Street, Salinas—Route 101 Rehabilitation
- Arroyo Seco Road Bridge Replacement
- Blackie Road Safety Improvement
- Espinosa Road Pavement Rehabilitation/Overlay
- San Miguel Canyon & Hall Road improvements

Carmel

- Mission Street Improvements

Marina

- Citywide pavement repair and street overlays



Planning of Caltrain to Monterey County

Design Options for Future Mass Transit

King City

- Division Street Improvements between South Vanderhurst & San Lorenzo
- First Street Reconstruction

Monterey

- New Monterey—Cannery Row Maintenance
- Pacific Street Intersection Improvement

Pacific Grove

- Pacific Grove Recreation Trail Repair

Salinas

- North Sanborn Road Improvements
- Sherwood Drive Improvement
- Tynan Village pedestrian enhancements
- Citywide street rehabilitation

Seaside

- Fremont Boulevard Improvements

Soledad

- Citywide street construction and resurfacing
- US 101/146 Bypass Study

Regional Transportation Projects Underway in 2008:

The Transportation Agency coordinated efforts with Caltrans on these projects:

US 101—Airport Boulevard: Proceeded into final design phase for the construction of a new interchange, which will help relieve traffic congestion and improve traffic flow on local roads for users of the airport and nearby businesses.

US 101—San Juan Road Interchange: Secured over \$60 million in state funds toward this \$90.6 million project, to construct a new interchange and related improvements on US 101 in the vicinity of San Juan Road, near the Red Barn.

▼ **MONTEREY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES, 2008**

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| Bike & Pedestrian | \$0.850 Million | ■ |
| Bus | \$35.295 Million | ■ |
| Rail | \$4.052 Million | ■ |
| Highway | \$17.482 Million | ■ |
| Streets & Roads | \$8.850 Million | ■ |
| Operations | \$2.537 Million | ■ |
| TOTAL | \$69.066 Million | ■ |

Excludes Caltrans-funded projects. For more budget details go to: www.tamcmonterey.org/information/budget/index.html

PROJECTS PERMANENTLY DELAYED WITHOUT LOCAL FUNDING



Widening of Highway 156



Widening of Highway 1 in Seaside/Sand City



Holman Ave./Hwy 68-H

Highway 1—Salinas Road Interchange: Secured voter-approved state transportation bond funds for construction of a new interchange at Salinas Road and Highway 1. This project will reduce traffic congestion and improve travel north of Moss Landing near the Santa Cruz county line, and is scheduled to begin construction in 2009.

US 101—Prunedale Improvement Project: Secured a \$9 million federal allocation toward the project, which will provide new interchanges and major safety improvements along an 8-mile corridor north of Salinas along US 101. This critical project, extending from Espinosa Road to Crazy Horse Canyon Road, is slated to start construction in 2010.

A number of transportation projects will be delayed significantly. The Transportation Agency is looking to find other sources of funding.

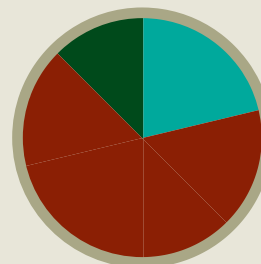
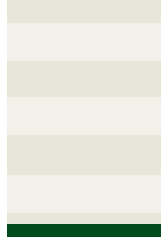
Projects Significantly Delayed:

Highway 68—Holman Highway Widening: Widen Highway 68 from two to four lanes from east of the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula to Highway 1 and improve the intersection at Highway 1 and Highway 68.

Rapid Bus Corridors: Establish rapid bus corridors along the key commute corridors, such as:

- Lighthouse Avenue—Pacific Grove to Monterey
- 8th Street—Intergarrison Road—Marina
- Westside Salinas Connector
- East Salinas Corridor

MONTEREY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SOURCES, 2008 ▼



- Federal**
\$14.679 Million
- State**
\$45.755 Million
- Local**
\$8.632 Million

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Highway 1 Intersection

Del Monte/Lighthouse Ave. Improvements

Highway 101 South County Improvements

IMPLICATIONS OF MEASURE Z

Significantly or delayed indefinitely due to Measure Z, a ½ percent sales tax on the November 2008 ballot, not passing. Losses of funding for projects included in Measure Z, however delays are inevitable.

Del Monte/Lighthouse Avenue Improvements:

Make safety and operational improvements along Del Monte and Lighthouse Avenues, including improved pedestrian access.

Highway 68 Commuter Improvements: Make safety and operational improvements on Highway 68 between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, such as auxiliary lanes and intersection improvements to remove choke points.

Projects Delayed without Local Funding:

Highway 156 Widening and US 101/156 Interchange Improvements: Widen Highway 156 from two to four lanes between Castroville and US 101. Includes construction of a new interchange on Highway 156 near Castroville Boulevard and access improvements to the Oak Hills community as well as interchange modifications at US 101 and Highway 156.

Highway 1—Seaside/Sand City Widening: Widen and upgrade Highway 1 from a four- to a six-lane freeway in the vicinity of Fremont Avenue in Sand City/Seaside to at least Canyon Del Rey in Seaside. Includes interchange and related local road improvements in the vicinity of Canyon Del Rey and Fremont Avenues.

Highway 101—South County Improvements: Full construction of frontage roads and interchange improvements in Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City.

Westside Salinas Connector: Construct a new roadway, widen existing roads and provide a rapid bus transit corridor along various segments from near Boronda Road along the west side of Salinas south to and including Reservation Road in the vicinity of Marina to create a new Westside Connector. Includes widening of Davis Road and construction of a new bridge over the Salinas River.

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