



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 22, 2023**

### **TAMC Board of Directors Hosts Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors held a public hearing to receive comments to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County.

In its role as the Transportation Development Act fund administrator, the Agency holds this hearing annually to seek public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County. The unmet needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act.

The Agency solicits public input on unmet transit needs and places comments into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

In addition to public testimony provided at the hearing, the Transportation Agency accepts comments throughout the year in writing, by email, through a questionnaire posted on the Agency website and through the Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee.

The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process

is April 30, 2023. Comments can be submitted at:  
<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/unmet-transit-needs>.

Staff will present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board, prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June.

### **TAMC Board Selects Pajaro to Prunedale (G12) Project for Federal Appropriations Funding**

The TAMC Board of Directors provided Agency staff direction to nominate a segment of the Pajaro to Prunedale G12 project for federal appropriations funding. The Community Project Funding program is a source of funding for public transportation projects whose recipients and purposes are specifically identified by Congress in an appropriations act, the annual process of funding transportation programs and projects. Project nominations are expected to be due in March to Senators and in April to House Representatives. The funding must be for federally eligible projects that can obligate the funding by 2027 and spend it by 2031.

The G12 corridor is 10.5 miles in length and extends south along Porter Drive and Salinas Road from the Santa Cruz County/City of Watsonville limits, then east on Elkhorn Road and Hall Road, then south again on San Miguel Canyon Road, terminating at US 101 in Prunedale. TAMC and the County of Monterey prepared a corridor study to evaluate improvements to address safety and congested traffic conditions experienced along the generally north-south travel corridor in north Monterey County. Of the six project areas evaluated in the study, TAMC staff identified segment 6, Salinas Road and Pajaro, as the best fit for this funding. The project is located adjacent to the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station project site.

### **MST Seeks Public Input on Transit Oriented Development Survey**

Monterey-Salinas Transit announced their SURF! Transit Oriented Development Planning Survey is open for public input. Public input through the survey will help inform MST as they are studying programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements that could increase access to active and public transportation and support future development along MST's SURF! project in collaboration with local cities. Community members are encouraged to help shape the future of transportation in Monterey County by taking the 5-minute survey at this link: <https://bit.ly/SURF-TOD>