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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Receives Presentation on Potential Gas Tax Replacement Mechanisms

Transportation Agency state legislative analyst, Gus Khouri, Principal, Khouri Consulting, presented an update on state legislative activities to the TAMC Board of Directors. His presentation (available online [here](#)) included information on the complexities of state negotiations related to potential replacement mechanisms for the gas tax to ensure reliable funding for transportation in the future.

Today, the main source of funding for transportation is the gas tax. Mr. Khouri explained that the purchasing power of the gas tax is waning in the face of increasing adoption of electric vehicles and increased fuel efficiency. Potential replacement mechanisms include a mileage-based user fee (also known as a vehicle miles traveled fee or a road user charge) or a vehicle registration fee. Mr. Khouri discussed the issues of equity and regressive vs. progressive fees.

Following an engaging and inquisitive conversation with Board members, the Board will continue to discuss this issue at future meetings to reach a consensus on a position on gas tax replacement options that best serves the residents and businesses of Monterey County.

TAMC Board Takes a Support Position On To Reduce Speeds in School Zones

The TAMC Board of Directors took a “support” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 382 (Berman) to support pedestrian safety in school zones. The bill reduces the speed limit in a school zone when children are present, from 25 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph. With proper enforcement, this bill will enhance safety for school children, pedestrians, and cyclists on local arterials near schools.