

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Presents Public Works Week Proclamation

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopted a proclamation to declare that the week of May 17 through 23 as National Public Works Week. The Board joined others from around California and the United States to pay tribute to public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and recognize the substantial contributions they make to our community's health, safety, and quality of life. Celebrating Public Works Week allows TAMC the opportunity to thank the men and woman who provide these valuable services to our community.

Caltrans Presented Big Sur Traffic Management Plan to TAMC Board of Directors

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from John Olejnik, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 5, on the Big Sur Highway 1 Sustainable Transportation Demand Management Plan.

The Plan addresses issues associated with the Highway 1 corridor, including limited off-highway parking, visitors walking along the highway, increased travel times, guidelines for potential electric vehicle charging stations, and other operational concerns. Also addressed are the physical and environmental constraints which limit the ability and appropriateness of expanding the footprint of roads, parking areas, and other transportation infrastructure.

The Plan developed with input from a Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which included the Transportation Agency and other stakeholders from different regions along the corridor as well as interested residents, provides a collaborative and comprehensive framework to address the increasing visitor demand along the Big Sur Coast in an efficient and environmentally sustainable way.

[Big Sur Highway 1 Sustainable Transportation Demand Management Plan](#)

Measure X Senior & Disabled Cycle Two Grant Awards Approved

The TAMC Board of Director approved \$1.5 million of Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation funds to Cycle 2 Award Grants to ITN Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, and Partnership for Children, and the option to fund Kernes Memorial Pool if there are sufficient funds leftover from Cycle 1.

The Cycle Two Grant Funds, covering fiscal years 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 will be used to increase transportation services for seniors and those with disabilities in communities from Big Sur to North County and the Salinas Valley.

With the grant, ITN Monterey County will continue to provide 24 hours/7days-a-week, arm-through-arm, door-through-door transportation service for seniors and adults with visual impairments throughout the county and implement their Rural Pilot Expansion program.

Alliance on Aging will use their funding to provide information/referral to existing transportation providers, one-on-one travel trainings, distribute bus passes, and advocacy efforts in South and North County.

Partnership for Children will use their funds to provide transportation services for Monterey County children living with serious illnesses who must travel to children's hospitals in the Bay Area for medical care.

Kernes Memorial Pool request is to fund their wheelchair accessible taxi subsidy program to provide low and very low-income senior and disabled residents with transport to the pool for therapeutic aquatic services.

Measure X Funding Agreement with MST Authorized for South County Facility

In a move, which would provide jobs, increased transit service to South County and lower greenhouse gas emissions, the TAMC Board authorized a Measure X funding agreement with Monterey Salinas Transit in an amount not to exceed \$10,359,695, to support the construction of the South County Maintenance and Operations Facility in King City. Upon the approval of the agreement, MST immediately used this funding as leverage and applied for an \$8 million low-interest federal loan for the remaining funding needed to finance this Measure X project.