

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Citizens Oversight Committee Appointed for Measure X

Sixteen individuals and their alternates were appointed to serve on the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee. The appointees nominated by a diverse group of organizations and representing various interests will serve on the committee, which will be known as the “eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee.” The committee will be responsible for ensuring that taxpayers’ safeguards in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are met as projects and programs are implemented.

The committee duties will include:

- conducting independent audits
- reviewing and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the plan
- reviewing and commenting on project delivery schedules represented in the Strategic Expenditure Plan and make recommendations to the Transportation Agency on any proposals for changing project delivery priorities
- preparing annual reports regarding the administration of the program and presenting them to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and making them available for public review.

The nominees and alternates appointed to serve on the “eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee are:

Category	Organization	Representative	Alternate
League of Women Voters	League of Women Voters	Janet Brennan	Howard Fosler
A bonafide taxpayers association from the Salinas Valley	Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association	Kevin Dayton	Rick Giffin
A bonafide taxpayers association from the Monterey Peninsula	Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Assn	Tom Rowley	Jack Jensen
Senior or disabled services agency	Community Voice for Aging	Kalah Bumba	Teresa Sullivan
Bicycling Advocate	n/a	Victoria Beach	Claire Rygg
Transit users	Building Healthy Communities	Cesar Lara, Boardmember	Soon-to-be hired Land Use Coordinator
Labor organization	Monterey Bay Central Labor Council	Rod Smalley	Glen Schaller
Central Coast Builders Exchange	Central Coast Builders Exchange	Christie Cromeenes	Cliff Fasnacht
Chamber of Commerce of the Salinas Valley	Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce	John Haupt, Blach Construction	John Bailey
Chamber of Commerce of the Monterey Peninsula	Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	Dan Limesand, Community Hospital	Jody Hansen

Habitat Preservation	Sierra Club, Ventana Chapter	Scott Waltz	Rita Dalessio
Hospitality	Monterey Peninsula Hospitality Assn	Barbara Meister, Monterey Bay Aquarium	Pending
Agriculture	Monterey County Farm Bureau	Norm Groot	Kurt Gollnick
Education	Monterey County Office of Education	Joshua Jorn, Traffic Safety Officer	Ruben Parra Patrick Deberdt
Additional rep: South County	Southern Monterey County Rural Community Coalition	Paula Getzelman	Pending
Additional rep: Latino Organization	LULAC Salinas Council #2055	Chris Barrera	Pending

In addition to appointing these nominees, the Board voted to further diversify the committee by adding three additional members who would represent pedestrian, youth/college and North Monterey County interests. The first “eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee” meeting will be held on April 19th.

The Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot is anticipated to generate an estimated \$600 million over thirty years through a retail transaction and use tax of a three-eighths’ of one-percent (3/8%). This funding will make a significant dent in the billions of dollars in unmet road repair needs and regional road safety and mobility project needs; which are further exacerbated by recent storms.

TAMC Board Approves Fair Share & Competitive Grants Funds

The TAMC Board of Directors approved \$3.6 million for three years of programming of the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds split between the cities and County using a formula based on population and road lane miles. The TAMC Board of Directors also issued a “call for projects” for a new cycle of competitive grants funded with \$6.95 million from the Regional Surface Transportation Program over the next three years.

The Board also seized the opportunity to make one of the Agency’s regional safety, mobility and walkability projects in the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan more competitive for federal and state funding, by approving programming three years of the Transportation Development Act 2% for Bicycle and Pedestrian projects funding to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project (FORTAG). The funding approval is contingent upon the Agency’s ability to receive a Federal Lands Act Program grant (FLAP) for FORTAG. The federal grant would design and construct a segment of the FORTAG project. If the Transportation Agency is not successful in securing a FLAP grant, the Transportation Development 2% funding would be made available for projects in the competitive grants program.

The Surface Transportation Program is a federal program that provides states and local cities and counties with funding for a wide range of transportation projects.