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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

**\*\*6:00 PM\*\***

**MEETING LOCATION**

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901  
Transportation Agency Conference Room

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### **1. Quorum Check - Call to Order**

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at the time (13); the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

***If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.***

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

#### **COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO:**

Cualquier miembro del público podrá dirigirse a la Comité sobre cualquier punto no incluido en la agenda, pero que sea de su competencia. En este punto, cada miembro del público tendrá dos minutos para plantear sus inquietudes. Se podrán formular comentarios sobre los puntos de este agenda cuando se discuta dicho punto. Se anima a quienes deseen dirigirse a la Comité para recibir comentarios del público o sobre un punto de la agenda que envíen sus comentarios por escrito a Maria en [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes anterior a la reunión. Dichos comentarios se distribuirán a la Comité antes de la reunión.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

- 3.1. APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for February 4, 2026

**- Maria Montiel**

***The draft minutes of the February 4, 2026, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.***

- 3.2. **RECEIVE** update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707 and **VOTE** to enable the Committee to use the provisions for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies.

- Christina Watson

***Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California.***

4. **RECEIVE** update on projects funded by the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

- Janneke Strause

***Recipients of Competitive Grant program funding are required to submit an annual progress report describing the use of funds and delivery of their projects.***

5. **PROVIDE INPUT** on the 2026 Regional Surface Transportation Program guidelines.

- Janneke Strause

***The Transportation Agency programs Regional Surface Transportation Program funds in a three-year cycle through fair-share formulas and a competitive grants process. For 2026, TAMC refined its guidelines, added Quick-Build and Pilot Project categories, and updated scoring to emphasize safety, disadvantaged communities, and project readiness. Applications are due June 5, 2026, with final Board approval on August 25, 2026.***

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting will be held at

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, California 93955

Sand City Council Chambers

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Aaron Hernandez, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Coordinator

Aaron@tamcmonterey.org

Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. Documents distributed to the Committee at the meeting by staff will be available at the meeting; documents distributed to the Committee by members of the public shall be made available after the meeting.

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The Committee Agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon five (5) working days before the regular meeting. Any member may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any supporting papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Individuals requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may contact the Transportation Agency at 831-775-0903. Auxiliary aids or services include wheelchair accessible facilities, sign language interpreters, Spanish Language interpreters and printed materials, and printed materials in large print, Braille or on disk. These requests may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting, and should be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the request.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **Draft BPC Minutes**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Minutes for February 4, 2026

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the February 4, 2026, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. BPC Draft February 4 2025 MINUTES

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee**  
**Draft Minutes of February 4, 2026**  
Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>FEB 25</b>	<b>MAR 25</b>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>JUN 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>SEP 25</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>NOV 25</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>
Eric Petersen, District 1	P	P	P	P(VC)	C	P	C	P	E	P	P
Victor Tafoya– District 2 <i>(David Tavarez)</i>	P	P	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A
Mike Novo – District 3, <b>Chair</b> <i>(Nathalie Gomez)</i>	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wriedt, District 4 <i>(Frank Henderson)</i>	P	P	P	P	C	A	C	P	P	P	P
District 5 – vacant <i>(vacant)</i>	P	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea, <b>Vice Chair</b>	P	P	E	P	L	P	L	P	P	E	P
Del Rey Oaks – vacant	-	-	-	-	L	-	L	-	-	-	-
Gonzales – vacant	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	E	P	P	P	D	P	D	P	P	P	P
King City – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina	P	P	P	P		A		P	P	P	P
Gino Garcia, Monterey <i>(Abby Ostovar)</i>	E	P	P	E		A		E	A	A	A
Tim David, Pacific Grove <i>(Lester Brown)</i>	E	A	A	-		P		P	P	P	P
Chris Flescher, Salinas <i>(Brian McMinn)</i>	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City	P	P	P	E		A		P	A	A	A
Ralph Wege, Seaside <i>(Jan Valencia)</i>	P	P	P	E		P		P	P	P	P(A)
Ryan Hunzie, Soledad	-	-	-	-		-		P	A	P	E
Natalie Florez, Monterey Salinas Transit <i>(Michelle Overmeyer)</i>	P	P*	P	P		P		P	P	P	P
Mark Chaffey, Velo Club of Monterey <i>(Alex Capelli)</i>	P	P(A)	P	P		P		P	P	P	E
N. County Recreation & Park District – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Salinas Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Monterey County Public Works – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Caltrans - District 5 – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
AMBAG <i>(Will Condon)</i>	A	A	A	A		A		P	A	A	A
CSUMB – vacant	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-

E – Excused  
P(A) – Alternate  
A – Absent

VC – Video Conference  
TC – Teleconference  
\* – first meeting

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26	FEB 26
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts & Grants	-	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	P(VC)	A	A
Doug Bipse, Principal Engineer	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	P(VC)	A	P	N	A	N	A	A	P(VC)	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	P
Todd Muck, Executive Director	A	A	A	A	E	A	E	A	P	P	A
Janneke Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	P(VC)	A	A	A	L	A	L	P	P(VC)	A	A
Christina Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	A	E	A	E	P	P	P(VC)	A
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	P	A	A
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery										A	P(VC)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nathalie Gomez District 3 Alternate

- Chair Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Gallardo/Wriedt /unanimous  
 Abstained: D.L Johnson

- Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of January 14, 2026.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **NEW LAWS ENACTED IN 2026**

The Committee received an update on adopted state laws as of January 1, 2026.

Aaron Hernandez, transportation planner, summarized new state transportation laws for 2026:

- AB 382 (Berman – Pedestrian safety: school zones: speed limits
- AB 1014 (Rogers) -Traffic safety: speed limits
- SB 671 (Cervantes) – Pedestrian crossing signals
- AB 544 (Davis) – Electric bicycles: required equipment
- AB 875 (Murasutchi) – Vehicle removal
- SB 71 (Wiener) – California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects

#### 5. **BROWN ACT UPDATE**

**M/S/C** Johnson / Visscher/ unanimous

The Committee received an update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707 and advised staff that the Committee wishes to ask the Board to adopt a resolution allowing it to use the new videoconferencing provisions.

Aaron Hernandez, transportation planner, reported that if the Committee wishes to change the way it holds its meetings and use the provisions of the amended Brown Act for videoconferencing, the Board must adopt a resolution to that effect every six months.

The requirements are generally:

- The Committee must designate one physical location where the public can attend; and
- Teleconferencing Members should appear using audio and visual technology during the meeting. If the Committee Members turn off their camera, they must announce the reason (e.g., internet connectivity issues).

The Committee expressed general interest in pursuing the amended Brown Act provisions for videoconferencing. Mr. Hernandez reported that the TAMC Board of Directors may adopt the resolution as early as their February Board meeting and in turn, the Committee may vote to accept the resolution as early as the Committee's March meeting. If approved, the Committee can participate using the new videoconferencing provisions as early as their April meeting.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee Member Petersen noted that the Mayors of City of Soledad and City of Salinas are working towards bicycle safety education for the community and youth.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **Brown Act Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707 and **VOTE** to enable the Committee to use the provisions for Eligible Subsidiary Bodies.

**SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No financial impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Attached** is a memo describing the impacts of the Brown Act revisions in SB 707 on TAMC and its Committees. Please note that this memo is specific to TAMC, and if you sit on another body, you should refer to your legal counsel.

Key new provisions include:

- One aspect of the law took immediate effect, and TAMC is now providing a link to the Brown Act on all agendas.
- New video and teleconferencing provisions took effect on January 1, 2026, changing how the agendas and minutes for the TAMC Board and its Committees are prepared, and expanding the options for Board and Committee members to use videoconferencing.
- The Board must adopt a resolution to enable the Board and its Committees to use these provisions.

The TAMC Board of Directors is scheduled to consider approval of a resolution authorizing Eligible Subsidiary Bodies to use the new provisions at their February 2026 meeting. If approved by the Board, the Committee must then proactively vote to enact the provisions of the revised Brown Act to enable the Committee to utilize certain teleconferencing provisions. Other provisions, such as the ADA accommodations, are in effect regardless of whether the Committee takes action. The Committee can also choose not to take action, thus reverting to the usual way of doing business and posting the locations of all remotely participating Committee members on the agenda and keeping those locations open to the public.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. SB 707 Memo

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

## **Brown Act Update**

### **How SB 707 Impacts the Transportation Agency for Monterey County**

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Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California. SB 707 can generally be broken down into three parts:

1. The “Eligible Legislative Body” requirements, which do not apply to TAMC.
2. The new teleconferencing rules under Section 54953.8 (there are now nine teleconferencing options, but not all apply to TAMC).
3. The remaining changes to the Brown Act.

One aspect of the law took immediate effect, and TAMC is now providing a link to the Brown Act on all agendas.

#### **Teleconferencing Rules under Section 54953.8**

As amended by SB 707, the Brown Act has new sections relating to teleconferencing, Government Code sections 54953.8.1 through 54953.8.7. All these requirements are effective January 1, 2026. Below is a section-by-section description of the key changes:

#### **Section 54953.8.2 – State of Emergency (AB 361)**

The teleconferencing requirements under this Section reflect COVID-19 pandemic era Assembly Bill (AB) 361, except with one new twist, that local agencies may now declare local emergencies. State-of-Emergency teleconferencing requires a body to find that an emergency exists that creates a risk or danger if meeting in person. This finding must be revisited at least every 45 days.

#### **Section 54953.8.3 – Just Cause (AB 2449)**

SB 707 maintains the “Just Cause” reason for using teleconferencing to attend meetings as established under AB 2449. (SB 707 omitted the very similar “Emergency Circumstances” teleconferencing rules.) The rules for “Just Cause” require:

- A) A quorum of the body must attend from one physical location.

- B) The Member requesting the “Just Cause” exemption must report the general need for teleconferencing by the start of the meeting, citing one of seven definitions of Just Cause:
- 1) Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely.
  - 2) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
  - 3) A need related to a physical or mental condition.
  - 4) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.
  - 5) An immune-compromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely.
  - 6) A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
  - 7) Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.
- C) The Member must use both audio and visual technology during the meeting.
- D) Limited uses per calendar year – for TAMC, Members are limited to using this clause no more than twice per year.
- E) TAMC must note the usage of Just Cause in the meeting minutes, citing which definition of Just Cause the Member claimed. For example, the minutes could cite “JC4”.

### **Section 54953.8.6 – Eligible Subsidiary Bodies**

Eligible Subsidiary Body (“ESB”) teleconferencing is the headliner of SB 707. Generally, the ESB has been billed as a way for committees to meet remotely, but the application of this option is more complex than what may have been initially assessed. This section expires on January 1, 2030.

An ESB is defined as a Brown Act Legislative Body which serves exclusively in an advisory capacity, lacks authority to take final action, and lacks primary subject matter jurisdiction on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, public library material access, or taxes or related spending proposals. Legal counsel has determined that all of TAMC’s Committees, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC), the Executive Committee, the Rail Policy Committee (RPC), and the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, known as the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (XTOC), qualify as ESBs.

ESB teleconferencing entails a two-entity approval process. First, the Parent Legislative Body (i.e., the TAMC Board of Directors) must approve the ESB using teleconferencing every six months. Second, after the Parent Legislative Body approves the use, but before the ESB can use teleconferencing, the ESB must approve teleconferencing. TAMC staff will prepare agenda items for all relevant meetings to that effect.

The requirements are generally:

- The Committee must designate one physical location where the public can attend, and
- Teleconferencing Members should appear using audio and visual technology during the meeting. If the Committee Member turns off their camera, they must announce the reason (e.g., internet connectivity issues).

There are two additional elements of this section of import. First, elected officials who sit on a Committee by virtue of their elected office cannot teleconference under this Code section (unless they can claim “Just Cause”). Second, a Committee may request to present recommendations to the Board, which then must appear on the regular agenda of the next Board meeting for discussion, with action on the issue on the following Board meeting agenda.

### **Section 54953.8.7 – Multijurisdictional Body**

A “Multijurisdictional Body” is defined as either a legislative body which includes representatives from more than one county, city, city/county, or special district, or a legislative body formed as a Joint Powers Entity. This definition applies to the TAMC Board and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, among others. The rules for “Multijurisdictional Body” require:

- The body must adopt a resolution in open session to allow teleconferencing.
- At least a quorum of the members of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from one or more locations within the jurisdiction open to the public.
- Compensated Members cannot use teleconference (“compensation” excludes reimbursement of expenses).
- Teleconferencing Members must be named in agenda.
- Teleconferencing Members must use audio and visual technology.
- Teleconferencing location is more than 20 miles away from in-person locations.
- Limited to using twice per year if the body meets once per month or less.

### **Section 54953.8 – General Requirements**

For each of the above teleconference rules, the legislative body must comply with the following rules:

- Use two-way video or teleconference technology.
- Place the link on the agenda.
- No action if there is an internet disruption.
- Allow public comment.
- Allow the public time to unmute themselves and raise hands during public comment.
- In the minutes, include the name of any teleconferencing Member and the code section they used to appear remotely.
- Implement a procedure for receiving and resolving reasonable accommodation requests and adhere to civil rights and non-discrimination laws.
- Announce anyone over 18 and relationship at remote location.

### **Other Brown Act Changes**

Below is a quick summary of some other Brown Act changes, though three items deserve some additional comments. First, the Traditional Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules are unchanged. Second, there is a new teleconferencing statute for use with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and this statute allows teleconferencing as a reasonable accommodation – the only requirements are that the member use audio and visual technology if possible (very loose requirement) and that the teleconferencing member report if anyone over the age of 18 is appearing at the location and their relationship. Finally, there is a complex statute which allows a Brown Act body not to take public comment, but use of this statute is not advisable. Below are other changes to the Brown Act:

- TAMC is required to give members a copy of Brown Act.
- Social Media is only considered a meeting if members interact with each other.
- Emergency situations notice requirements include an email option.
- Special meetings notice and waivers include a telephone option.
- Reporting out for department head closed sessions.
- No special meetings for salary extended to legislative body.
- “Zoom-bombing” called out as disruptive.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **Regional Surface Transportation Program - Annual Project Update**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on projects funded by the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

**SUMMARY:**

Recipients of Competitive Grant program funding are required to submit an annual progress report describing the use of funds and delivery of their projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

RSTP and TDA 2% funds are distributed on a three-year cycle with the last distribution in 2023. Funds are distributed through a Fair Share allocation and Competitive Grant program. Each cycle, the TAMC Board approves 10% of the total funds to the TAMC Reserves for special projects. In 2025, there were eight active projects from the 2023 RSTP Competitive Grant program totaling \$10.538 million, of which three projects were completed, totaling \$868,380. Five active projects from previous cycles that were either completed, fully expended, or deprogrammed totaled \$9.34 million. Three jurisdictions have Unprogrammed Fair Share Funds totaling \$346,517. Four jurisdictions received funding for Safe Routes to Schools Participatory Budgeting projects from the RSTP Reserve, totaling \$1 million.

**DISCUSSION:**

Under TAMC's 2023 RSTP Competitive Grant Guidelines, all grant recipients must submit an annual progress report explaining how their funds were used. The summaries below cover currently active projects from past competitive cycles, including five that also received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant program, as well as Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting projects funded with RSTP Reserve funds. Projects that only received 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant funding are not included as these are considered new projects to the program and have additional time to submit their reports. The following section summarizes the progress reports submitted as of December 2025.

**Competitive Grants:****Greenfield - Walnut Avenue Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvements**

This project will construct Class II bike lanes, Class III shared lanes, and pedestrian sidewalks on Walnut Avenue from El Camino Real across US 101 to 3rd Street, including a new mid-block crosswalk connecting Mary Chapa Elementary School to the Santa Lucia shopping center. Construction started in January 2025 with all work completed except work on the Caltrans right-of-way. The new construction completion target is March 2026. This project received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant Program approved by the TAMC Board in August 2025 to cover costs associated with working with Caltrans on an unexpected redesign in the Caltrans right-of-way.

### King City - U.S. Highway 101/Broadway Street at San Antonio Drive Roundabout Improvement Project

This project will construct a roundabout at the intersections of San Antonio Drive/San Lorenzo Park Road/Broadway Street and San Antonio Drive/US 101 Northbound Off Ramp/US 101 Northbound On Ramp. This project is currently at 100% designs and is processing an encroachment permit with Caltrans. The project is expected to begin construction in May 2026. This project received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant Program approved by the TAMC Board in August 2025 to cover costs associated with ongoing Caltrans encroachment permit processing.

### Marina - Reservation Road Roundabouts

This project will construct roundabouts on Reservation Road at Beach Road and Cardoza Avenue as part of the Marina Station Subdivision. The project is currently on hold and TAMC staff will recommend deprogramming the remaining balance at the March TAMC Board meeting.

### Marina - Del Monte Boulevard and Reservation Road Intersection Improvements

The original application for this project included a "protected intersection" design by relocating and shortening the crosswalks, reconstructing existing curb ramps to meet accessibility standards, and constructing curb extensions and bike transition ramps at the intersection corners. Marina City Council directed staff to develop a conceptual design of a roundabout and conduct outreach to the community about the proposed project. The concepts of the protected intersection and the roundabout option was presented to the public on February 19, 2026. The new construction completion target is Summer 2027.

### Monterey - Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades Citywide

This project is to install critical upgrades to the City's traffic signal system, including ADA improvements such as accessible Pedestrian Push Buttons and supporting the critical infrastructure components to support the installation of the Adaptive Signal System. This project expended all of its RSTP Competitive grant funds in September 2025, but the City of Monterey has programmed RSTP Fair Share funds to complete the project.

### MST - Countywide Bus Stop Project

This project installed new bus stops countywide at locations identified through a combination of MST's Comprehensive Operational Analysis, South County Planning Study, and extensive community engagement. This project was completed in October 2025.

### Salinas - Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project

This project will construct a road diet on Harden Parkway with a 2-way separated and protected multiuse path, stormwater improvements, accessible sidewalks, crosswalks, and a roundabout at Harden Parkway and McKinnon Street. This project is currently in the environmental phase with expected construction to begin in FY2026-2027. The City hosted a community meeting on October 30, 2025 to introduce the project to the public and received feedback on initial concepts for cross-sections and a roundabout study.

### Salinas - Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project - Phase 1

This project expended all of its RSTP Competitive grant funds in October 2025, but has programmed RSTP Fair Share funds to complete the project. This project also received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant Program approved by the TAMC Board in August 2025 to cover cost overruns.

### Salinas - Downtown Salinas Complete Streets Improvements

This project reconfigured Lincoln Avenue between Market Street and Alisal Street, constructed a

pedestrian scramble at the intersection of Alisal Street and Salinas Street, installed a traffic signal at the intersection of Alisal Street and Capitol Street, and modified the signal equipment at intersections along Alisal Street and Lincoln Avenue to include rapid transit enhancements. The remaining competitive funds are being used for final costs to complete the project. This project was completed in December 2025.

#### Soledad - West Street Road Diet and Complete Street Project

This project will reconstruct West St and implement a road diet, reducing the number of vehicle travel lanes from four to two, install bike lane buffers, a two-way left turn lane south of North St and a median with tree plantings north of North St., a pedestrian crossing at North St (with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon and pedestrian refuge island), and a marked crosswalk at Sundew St. This project is currently in the design phase with a construction completion target in Winter 2026. This project received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant Program approved by the TAMC Board in August 2025 to cover cost overruns and fully realize the complete streets vision.

#### **Quick-Build Grants:**

##### King City - Division Street Bike Lanes and SRTS Crosswalk Upgrades

This project provided new thermoplastic striping, adding the design and implementation of new separated bike lanes along the entire stretch of Division Street from Canal Street to S First Street as well as a Rapid Flashing Beacon at the intersection of Pearl Street and Russ Street, Pearl Street and S First Street and N Mildred Avenue and Ellis Street. This project was completed in December 2025.

##### Monterey - Madison/Herrmann/Larkin Traffic Circle

This project will install a stop control traffic circle at an existing 5-leg all-way stop control intersection with paint and temporary vertical elements on intersection approaches to narrow the travel lanes. This project received additional funding through the 2025 Mid-Cycle Grant Program approved by the TAMC Board in August 2025 to cover the escalating cost of construction. The City anticipates bidding for construction in February 2026 with no construction completion target at this time.

##### Salinas - East Market Street Cycle Track Quick Build

This project upgraded the existing parking separated bike lanes on East Market Street to cycle tracks with a raised curb and parking buffer. This project was completed in 2024.

#### **Salinas Valley Safe Routes to Schools - Participatory Budgeting Projects:**

##### Gonzales - Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Projects

This project includes pedestrian improvements at the US 101/Fifth Street Southbound on/off ramps and at the 5th Street/Rincon Road intersection. The City is currently in contract with a consultant to prepare conceptual plans with no construction completion target at this time.

##### Greenfield - Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Projects

This project includes a sidewalk on 12th Street between Oak Avenue and Elm Avenue, a crosswalk and signage on Heidi Drive, and new school signage at all city campuses. The sidewalk on 12th Street was completed in August 2024. The crosswalk and signage on Heidi Drive was completed in July 2025. New school signage at all city campuses will be installed with a construction completion target by March 2026.

##### King City - Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Projects

This project includes pedestrian improvements at seven intersections across the City and construction will be incorporated into the 2026 King City Street Project. The construction completion target is September 2026.

##### Soledad - Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Participatory Budgeting Projects

This project includes pedestrian improvements at three intersections on Gabilan Drive and along Orchard Lane. The City is in contract with a consultant to develop plans and complete design by late summer 2026 with no construction completion target at this time.

### **RSTP Fair Share Unprogrammed Funds**

TAMC's RSTP Fair Share policy requires jurisdictions to request programming of their available funds, but several still have unprogrammed balances. A template for submitting programming requests is provided in the web attachments, and the list of jurisdictions with remaining unprogrammed funds is included in the "2025 RSTP Annual Progress Reports – All Active Projects" document linked below.

### **Submitting a Claim**

To submit a claim for reimbursement, please complete the "Claim Form", linked in the web attachments. The Claim Form serves as a cover sheet for the reimbursement request. Claims for reimbursement must include documentation (receipts, vendor invoices, and progress reports) to be deemed valid. Invoiced costs must comply with state and federal regulations. In addition to the Claim Form, submit a summary list of the backup documentation that amounts to the claim total.

### **Project Reporting Requirements**

The following is required for all recipients of RSTP Competitive and Quick-Build grants:

- Annual Reporting: Recipients of RSTP funding will be required to submit an annual report to TAMC describing the use of funds.
- Project Completion Report: Recipients of RSTP competitive and Quick-Build Project funding will be required to submit a Project Completion Report, which includes before and after photos of the project, within sixty (60) days of the project being accepted as complete by the sponsor.
- Before-and-After Study: Additionally, recipients of RSTP funding will be required to submit a Before-and-After Study that assesses the impact of the project after it's built. The Before Study is required prior to construction and the After Study shall be completed twelve (12) months after construction. Further details can be found on page 5 of the "2023 RSTP Guidelines & Grant Application" linked in the web attachments.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [2025 RSTP Annual Progress Reports - All Active Projects](#)
2. [2023 RSTP Guidelines & Grant Application](#)
3. [2023 RSTP Competitive Grant Funding Recommendations](#)
4. [RSTP Fair Share Allocation Template](#)
5. [RSTP Extension Request Template](#)
6. [RSTP Claim Form](#)

## Memorandum

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee  
**From:** Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2026  
**Subject:** **2026 Programming Guidelines & Competitive Grants**

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**PROVIDE INPUT** on the 2026 Regional Surface Transportation Program guidelines.

### SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency programs Regional Surface Transportation Program funds in a three-year cycle through fair-share formulas and a competitive grants process. For 2026, TAMC refined its guidelines, added Quick-Build and Pilot Project categories, and updated scoring to emphasize safety, disadvantaged communities, and project readiness. Applications are due June 5, 2026, with final Board approval on August 25, 2026.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The three-year estimated funding of the Regional Surface Transportation Program is \$3.6 million for fair share and up to \$13.4 million for the competitive program (**Attachment 1**). A subset of the competitive program is \$2,000,000 allocated to a Quick-build and Pilot Project grant. The \$13.4 million includes \$11.68 million of new Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, \$1.05 million of new Transportation Development Act 2% for bicycle and pedestrian project funds, and \$693,954 available from deprogrammed competitive projects and the balance remaining from the 2023 competitive program cycle.

### DISCUSSION:

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (formerly "Regional Surface Transportation Program") is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation, and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. Because Monterey County did not have an urbanized area with a population greater than 200,000 in the 1990 census, it qualified for the state exchange program, whereby Caltrans keeps the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program apportionments for a region and gives the regional agency an equivalent amount of state cash.

The Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair share and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair share funds based on a formula of 50% population and 50% centerline miles. The total fair share allocation over the next three years is proposed in the fund estimate at \$3.6 million (**Attachment 1**).

The Transportation Agency distributes the remaining portion of the Regional Surface Transportation Program funding on a competitive basis to transportation projects based on a variety of criteria,

including regional significance, benefits to disadvantaged communities, complete street elements, and project readiness. The competitive grants process starts with a call for projects and the release of grant application materials. Then the TAMC Board establishes an ad hoc committee to review and rank proposals comprised of members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee as well as TAMC staff. In addition to the traditional competitive grant program, the 2026 cycle includes funding for Quick-Build and Pilot Projects. The Quick-Build and Pilot Project applications are also evaluated by the TAMC ad hoc review committee.

In October 2025, TAMC staff formed a subcommittee comprised of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee members to review and provide feedback on the Draft 2026 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines. The subcommittee met on November 4, 2025, reviewed the draft guidelines, and provided critical commentary on proposed changes. Those changes have been incorporated into the Draft 2026 Competitive Grant Guidelines linked below (**Web Attachment 1**).

Project Proposals for the **Competitive Program** will be evaluated based on the following scoring rubric for a total of 100 points:

Screening Criteria - (Projects must meet all screening criteria to be eligible for funding)

1. The project will be implemented within 3 years.
2. The project is consistent with local and regional plans.
3. For intersection projects, an Intersection Safety and Operational Assessment Process has been or will be completed.
4. A pre-construction baseline Before Study has been or will be completed.

Section A - Project Information and Regional Significance (25 points total)

1. The project is on a high volume corridor - 5 points
2. The project is on the High-Injury Network or will mitigate safety hazards - 5 points
3. The project serves regional travel or provides an alternative route - 5 points
4. The project benefits disadvantaged communities - 5 points
5. The project benefits people with disabilities - 5 points

Section B - Complete Streets Elements (25 points total)

1. Stakeholder outreach was conducted - 5 points
2. The project is expected to reduce bicycle and/or pedestrian level of traffic stress - 5 points
3. The project incorporates complete streets elements - 5 points
4. The project is being implemented during pavement maintenance - 5 points
5. The project improves access to and/or closes a gap for transportation disadvantaged communities - 5 points

Section C - Project Readiness & Cost Effectiveness (25 points total)

1. The project will start construction within three years - 5 points
2. The request for funding will fully fund the project - 5 points
3. The project has completed the environmental phase - 5 points
4. The project has completed the design / right-of-way phase - 5 points
5. The project has a positive benefit / cost ratio - 5 points

Section D - Prior Project Delivery Performance

1. The jurisdiction is maximizing the use of RSTP fair share funds - 10 points
2. The jurisdiction has delivered previously-awarded competitive projects on time - 10 points
3. The funding request does not fund a cost-overrun - 5 points

**Quick-Build and Pilot Project** grants are provided for projects constructed with semi-permanent materials and within 2 years. Quick-Build projects are non-controversial and can be implemented immediately, while Pilot Projects are testing a new design concept and may be controversial. Before and After studies and ongoing community outreach are only required for Pilot Projects. Project proposals for the Quick-Build and Pilot Project grant program will be evaluated based on the following scoring rubric for a total of 100 points:

Screening Criteria - (Projects must meet all screening criteria to be eligible for funding)

1. The project will be implemented within 2 years.
2. The project is consistent with local and regional plans or design guide.
3. Pilot Projects Only - a pre-installation baseline Before Study has been or will be completed.

Quick-Build Projects Information & Narrative (100 points)

1. There is a clear safety need - 25 points
2. The project will improve comfort for people biking, walking, and/or using transit - 25 points
3. The project will improve access to/for a disadvantaged community - 25 points
4. The project will be implemented during pavement maintenance - 25 points
5. There is a maintenance strategy in place - 25 points

Pilot Project Information & Narrative (100 points)

1. There is a clear safety need - 15 points
2. The project will improve comfort for people biking, walking, and/or using transit - 15 points
3. The project will improve access to/for a disadvantaged community - 15 points
4. The community was engaged in the identification and initial planning of the project - 10 points
5. The pilot project provides a foundation for permanent infrastructure - 15 points
6. There is a maintenance strategy in place - 10 points
7. The project includes continuous community engagement - 10 points
8. The project's performance will be measured - 10 points

Transportation Agency staff have updated its policies and procedures related to the Regional Surface Transportation Program, which will require each local jurisdiction to enter into a new three-year master funding agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to be eligible to receive funds. Transportation Agency staff will provide an update at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meetings on the guidelines and competitive and quick-build and pilot project applications. In the 2026 Competitive Grants Schedule (**Attachment 2**), grant applications are due on June 5, 2026, and final approval of the proposed program of projects at the August 25, 2026 TAMC Board meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026 Fund Estimate
2. 2026 Competitive Grants Schedule

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Draft 2026 RSTP Guidelines & Grant Application](#)



**Transportation Agency for Monterey County**  
**Regional Surface Transportation Program**  
**2026 Fund Estimate**

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**Fund Estimate:**

FY 26/27	\$	6,400,000
FY 27/28	\$	6,400,000
FY 28/29	\$	6,400,000
<b>Total Fund Estimate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,200,000</b>

**Fund Distribution:**

RSTP Reserve (10% of total)	\$	1,920,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b>\$17,280,000</b>

Jurisdiction	2023 Population	2023 Centerline Miles	3-Year Fair Share Funding
Carmel-by-the Sea	3,122	27.00	\$ 38,537.32
Del Rey Oaks	1,569	9.60	\$ 15,589.97
Gonzales	8,466	20.40	\$ 54,237.52
Greenfield	20,561	36.10	\$ 118,929.19
King City	14,216	30.70	\$ 87,691.30
Marina	22,695	75.28	\$ 164,994.19
Monterey	27,106	102.92	\$ 209,442.61
Pacific Grove	14,966	65.18	\$ 123,590.57
Salinas	162,037	292.09	\$ 944,482.96
Sand City	372	5.10	\$ 6,383.76
Seaside	30,197	79.86	\$ 200,210.76
Soledad	26,966	38.14	\$ 147,216.20
County of Monterey	105,334	1,109.00	\$ 1,488,693.64
<b>Fair-Share Total:</b>	<b>437,607</b>	<b>1,891.37</b>	<b>\$ 3,600,000</b>

<b>Quick-Build Program</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
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Balance of RSTP for Competitive	\$	11,680,000
Transportation Development Act 2%	\$	1,050,000
Estimated amount available from deprogrammed competitive projects	\$	693,954
<b>Estimated Competitive Grant Funding</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,423,954</b>

\* Centerline miles and population from 2023/2024 Measure X Audits

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County**  
**Regional Surface Transportation Program**  
**2026 Competitive Grant Schedule**

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<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>TAMC Board Action</b>	
Grant application approval	March 25, 2026
Call for projects	March 25, 2026
<b>Establish Review Committee</b>	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee nominates committee members	May 6, 2026
Technical Advisory Committee nominates members	May 7, 2026
<b>Grant Applications Due</b>	
Applications due to TAMC	June 5, 2026
<b>Review Committee Scores Applications</b>	
Review committee members complete scoring of applications	June 26, 2026
<b>Review of Committee Recommendations by Standing Committees</b>	
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will review the committee recommendations and provide input to the Technical Advisory Committee	August 5, 2026
Technical Advisory Committee will recommend approval of projects for funding to the Board	August 6, 2026
<b>TAMC Board Approval</b>	
Board approves projects for Competitive Grants via resolution	August 26, 2026