Our Newest Busway & Rapid Transit Project

SURF!
Express

Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project

TAMC BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2020

MST
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT

Kimley-Horn
SURF! PROJECT TEAM

Monterey-Salinas Transit
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Kimley-Horn & Associates
  Peter Meyerhofer, Project Lead/Managing Engineer
  Tad Stearn, Environmental Project Manager
1990s
Passenger rail feasibility studies

2003
TAMC purchased Monterey Branch Line

2009
Light rail selected as locally preferred alternative by TAMC Board

2014
TAMC Board supports Bus Rapid Transit as interim solution

2016
Approval of Measure X with Highway 1 Traffic Relief – Busway identified on the ballot

2018
MST concludes Feasibility Study of Bus on Shoulder Operations on State Route 1 / Monterey Branch Line

2019
MST initiates SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project
Current estimated cost: $52 M

Secured funding
- TAMC Measure X - $15 M
- Local Partnership - $100,000
- Federal $69,000

Other Potential Fund Sources
- State TIRCP - $25 M
- US DOT Capital Investment Grant - $26 M
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

MOBILITY AT THE SPEED OF LIFE

- Improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase transit use, reduce traffic on HWY 1
- Enhance mobility, improve bicycle trail connections
- Improve travel time reliability for transit users
- Improve transit connections
SURF! Project Progress

Preliminary Engineering/Design (currently at 15%)

- Preserve railroad tracks for future use
- Palm/Del Monte in Marina
- 5th Street Station in Marina
- California/Monterey/Fremont in Seaside and Sand City
Environmental Documentation

- CEQA – Notice of Preparation (NOP) released August 13, closed September 14, 2020
- NEPA (federal) – initiated coordination with FTA
Coordination with Partners

- US DOT and Federal Transit Administration – consultation with US Fish and Wildlife, access to Capital Investment Grants ($$$)

- Caltrans – small slivers of right-of-way inside Caltrans property, requires coordination and approvals

- California Coastal Commission – Coastal permit needed

- County of Monterey, Marina, Sand City, California State Parks and Seaside
Environmental Next Steps

- Public Review Draft EIR – Spring 2021
- Final EIR – Summer 2021
- MST and TAMC Board Approvals/Meetings
  - Summer of 2021
- NEPA Review/Approval – Fall 2021/Winter 2022
SURF Busway & Rapid Transit Project Schedule

2019
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2020
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2021
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2022
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2023
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2024
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2027
- Spring

Steps:
- Data Collection
- Preliminary Engineering & Design
- Environmental Compliance
- Final Engineering & Design
- Construction
- Operation

Public Outreach