

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)

Meeting held at the Monterey County Government Center at Schilling Place

Saffron Conference Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas

Final minutes of April 15, 2025

Voting Members	APR 23	AUG 23	OCT 23	FEB 24	APR 24	AUG 24	NOV 24	FEB 25	MAR 25
Kevin Dayton, Chair Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P - -	P - -	P - -	P - -	P - -	P - -	P A	P - -	P A
Maria Vera Transit Users <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	E - -	A - -	A - -	A - -	A - -	A - -	P A	P A	P A
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A)	E P(A)	P A	P A
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P - -	P P(A) (VC)	P - -	P(VC) P(A) (VC)	P - -	P - -	P E	P A	P A
John McPherson Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Brielle Bumba)</i>	E - -	A - -	A - -	A P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A)	P A	P A	P A
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate <i>(vacant)</i>	P - -	P - -	A - -	P - -	P - -	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	A
Tony Garcia Labor Organization <i>(vacant)</i>	P - -	A - -	A - -	A - -	P - -	P P	A -	P -	A
Christie Cromeenes Central Coast Builders Association <i>(vacant)</i>	E - -	A - -	P - -	P - -	P - -	A	E	P	E
Greg Hamer Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(vacant)</i>	E - -	P - -	P - -	P - -	A - -	P	P	P	P
Monica Lal Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Bradley Leavang)</i>	E P(A) (VC)	A - -	A P(A) (VC)	A - -	A - -	A	P P(A)	P	P A

Dale Agron Habitat Preservation <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	E P(A)	P -	P -	P -	P -	P -	A -	E -	E A
Martine Watkins Hospitality <i>(Gary Cursio)</i>	P -	V -	V -	A -	P -	P -	A P(A)	P A	P A
Norm Groot, Past Chair Agriculture <i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>	P P(A) (VC)	A -	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A) (VC)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P	P E	P P(A)
Darren Fort Education <i>(Ralph Porras)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	A P(A)	A P(A)	P -	P -	P A	E A
Paula Getzelman South County <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	E P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P -	A P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P A	P(VC) A
Chris Barrera Latino Organization <i>(Diana Jimenez)</i>	P -	P P(A)	P -	A -	P -	P P(A)	E P(A)	P E	P A
Rosemarie Barnard North County <i>vacant</i>	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P(VC) P(A)	P P(A)	E P(A)	P P(A)	P P
Robin Lee Pedestrian <i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>	E -	P -	P -	P -	A P(A)	A -	P -	P -	P A
Andromeda Davila Youth/College <i>(vacant)</i>	E -	V -	V -	P -	P -	E -	A -	A -	A -
Sean Hebard, Vice Chair Construction <i>(Martin Canning)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	A P(A)	E P(A)
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	APR 23	AUG 23	OCT 23	FEB 24	APR 24	AUG 24	NOV 24	FEB 25	APR 25
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P(VC)	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	P
Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Admin	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	E	E	A
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P(VC)	P	A		-	E	E	A

Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P(VC)	A	P(VC)	A	P	E	P	P
Alissa Guther, Transp. Planner	A	A	A	A	A	-	E	E	A
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Transp. Planner	P	A	A	E	E	P	P	P	P
P = present P(A)= present (alternate) (VC)= Zoom Video Conference E = excused absence A = unnoticed absence - = alternate absent V = vacant position									
OTHERS PRESENT									
Randi Ishii	Monterey County Public Works								

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Dayton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C McPherson / Groot /unanimous

3.1 Approved the draft minutes of February 18, 2025, meeting with a minor edit on Mr. Hamer’s last name.

END CONSENT AGENDA

4 COUNTY OF MONTEREY MEASURE X PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation on local Measure X projects from the County of Monterey.

Randy Ishii, Director of Public Works Facilities and Parks, County of Monterey presented on the County projects funded by Measure X. He noted that the County has more than 1,263 center-lane miles of maintained roads, 175 County maintained bridges and an estimated deferred maintenance of over \$1.5 billion in roads, bridges and road appurtenances, such as signage and signals; and has received \$9,798,989 in new Measure X funding.

The County performed a variety of repairs, reconstruction, and replacement projects. Some of these include the Alisal Road Pavement Reconstruction, Elkhorn Road/Warner Road/Salinas Road Intersection Safety Improvements Project, Carmel Valley Road Paving, Old Stage Road Rehabilitation, Castroville Community Street Repair, Boronda Road Bridge, the Chualar River Road Storm Damage Repair, the Las Lomas Drive Drainage and Street Improvements Projects, the Nacimiento Lake Drive Bridge Replacement Project and Bicycle/ Pedestrian Safety Improvements on the G-12 Corridor project.

The Committee had the following input and questions on the local Measure X projects from the County of Monterey:

- Will there be a traffic plan during the construction of roundabouts on San Miguel Canyon and Carmel Valley Road to manage traffic and minimize backups
- Consider working with nearby businesses and the hospitality industry for partnership on communicating for special events or construction updates
- Consider edge bike lanes for not heavily travelled corridors
- Expressed disappointment with the missed opportunity to add better bike facility infrastructure on Davis Road and Blanco
- Is there any future mitigation with the Salinas Amazon project for future growth
- Closely monitor new housing development project areas for traffic impact and traffic impact fees
- Does the County coordinate with other local partner agencies and cities on prioritizing multiple projects occurring at the same times to avoid unintended impacts
- Consider developing a graphic to show PCI road condition map prior to the passage of Measure X in 2016 and the new PCI road condition map of projects done as a result of Measure X funding.

5. **STATE ROUTE 68 CORRIDOR UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation update on the work being conducted on the State Route 68 Corridor which included an interim solution to implement a pilot project for adaptive traffic signals and a long-term solution that includes the construction of roundabouts at the nine intersections that are currently signalized

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, reported that the Scenic Route 68 Corridor is an approximately nine-mile stretch of State Route 68 that links the Salinas Valley to the Monterey Peninsula. He stated that TAMC staff are working closely with Caltrans and County staff to identify and design interim and long-term solutions to address mobility concerns along this corridor to improve traffic operations, address safety concerns and reduce collisions with wildlife

Mr. Bilse stated that the four components of his presentation on the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project include:

1. Long-Term Project Report (Roundabouts)
2. Pilot Project for Adaptive (AI) Signal Operations
3. Completed Pilot Project for Toro Park
4. Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Study.

Mr. Bilse noted that the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Project draft Environmental Document was done in Fall 2024 with the recommendation of hybrid designed roundabouts as the preferred alternative. The Final Environmental Report is due this summer and the Final Design of the first phase of the project which includes roundabouts at San Benancio, Corral de Tierra and Laureles Grade, wildlife crossings & bike facility along shoulders and Toro Park improvement is anticipated to be done by Summer 2026 for the next grant cycle.

After presenting on each of the components for the project including the near-term project to install adaptive signals that adjust signal timing in real-time to ease congestion, the completion of the Pilot Project for Toro Park identifying long-term improvements to address “cut-through” traffic congestion, Mr. Bilse noted that the interim solution to install the adaptive signal operations, aiming to reduce congestion and collisions rates is likely to be implemented in early Fall.

In conclusion, Mr. Bilse noted that adaptive traffic signal operations will become the baseline when evaluating alternatives, including the construction of the proposed roundabouts. TAMC and Caltrans are updating their Scenic Route 68 Corridor Study to meet new guidelines and support a Senate Bill 1 grant application.

The Committee had the following input and questions on the State Route 68 Corridor:

- Consider long term implementation on the corridor approach
- Consider travel time device monitoring
- Upgrade shoulders to meet needs on shoulder width
- Consider up-to-date traffic counts and future trips
- Consider growth and new housing development
- Consider backup system like generator gas powered equipment
- Benefit of adaptive to fix the 10-minute delay
- Monitor the pilot project to compare the roundabout project
- Future development will not have much parking, and public transit will be needed

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Committee member Tom Rowley thanked Randi Ishii and the County team for the completed and accomplished projects. He noted that he recalled about 15 years ago many projects were backed up from the Monterey County project list.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.