



2026 Competitive Grants Program

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Technical Advisory Committee

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Program Overview

Fund Source:

- Regional Surface Transportation Program
- Transportation Development Act 2%

Eligible Uses:

- Highways, local streets, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and limited transit

Fund Cycle:

- FY 26/27 – 28/29

Fund Estimate

Regional Surface Transportation Program Fiscal Years 2026/27/28	\$19,200,000
Reserve (10%)	\$1,920,000
Funds Available	\$17,280,000
Fair Share	\$3,600,000
Quick-Build / Pilot Projects	\$2,000,000
Balance of Funds for Competitive	\$11,680,000
Transportation Development Act 2%	\$1,050,000
Deprogrammed projects and competitive program balance	\$693,954
Estimated Competitive Grant Funding	\$13,423,954

Program Goals

Safety for All
Road Users

Improved access
for
Disadvantaged
Communities

Encourage
Bicycling and
Walking

Program Highlights

- All projects (competitive, quick-build, and pilot) must be consistent with a local or regional plan including, but not limited to:
 - Safe Routes to Schools Plan
 - Active Transportation Plan
 - Regional Transportation Plan
 - Vision Zero Action Plan
 - Local Roadway Safety Plan
 - Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook
 - NACTO Design Guides
- Timely Use of Funds
 - Competitive projects must be built within three years
 - Quick-build and Pilot projects must be built within 2 years

2026 Guidelines Development

- RSTP Guidelines Review Subcommittee formed in October 2025
- Subcommittee comprised of BPC and TAC members
- Met on November 4, 2025, to review proposed changes
- Comments have been incorporated into the draft proposed today

Program Changes

Quick-Build / Pilot Projects

- Competitive application
- Quickly address safety needs and improve comfort
- Two types of projects:
 - Quick-Build
 - Pilot



Quick-Build / Pilot Projects

	Quick-Build	Pilot
Design Type	Formal design	Conceptual design
Timeframe	Semi-permanent, maintain as needed	Installed for a minimum of 2 years
Materials	Semi-permanent (bollards, striping, etc.)	Semi-permanent (bollards, striping, etc.)
Community Support Difficulty	Easy, can be implemented during pavement maintenance	Difficult, testing a new concept
Pavement Condition	New pavement preferred, but not required	New pavement preferred, but not required
Data Collection	Not required	Before and after study, ongoing outreach with TAMC support

Example Quick-Build / Pilot Projects

	Quick-Build	Pilot
Project Type	Bulb-outs, high-visibility crosswalks, and bike lane recommended in a Safe Routes to Schools Plan	Lane conversion / road diet with new protected bike lanes and some parking removal
Timeframe	Installed in perpetuity, maintained as part of regular pavement maintenance	Installed for a minimum of 2 years
Materials	Bollards, striping, painted bike lanes	Bollards, striping, painted bike lanes
Community Support Difficulty	Project already vetted by the community	Testing a new, potentially controversial concept
Data Collection	Not required	Before and after study and ongoing outreach

Scoring Criteria

Quick-Build (100 points)

- There is a clear safety need - 20 points
- The project will improve comfort for people biking, walking, and/or using transit - 20 points
- The project will improve access to/for a disadvantaged community - 20 points
- The project will be implemented during pavement maintenance - 20 points
- There is a maintenance strategy in place - 20 points

Pilot Project (100 points)

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

Program Changes

Before-and-After Study Requirement

- Support future development of innovative treatments
- All projects EXCEPT Quick-Build
- Aligned with stated project benefits
- Before study prior to construction
- After study completed 12 months after construction
- TAMC staff can support with Pilot Project studies



Metz Road, Soledad

Program Changes

Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress Analysis

- Competitive application
- Analysis tool provided by the Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety
- Points given to projects that anticipate improved level of traffic stress



Fremont Street, Monterey

Program Changes

Vision Zero Implementation

- Projects are scored on whether they are on the High-Injury Network

Scope Change

- Minor scope changes require approval, major scope changes are not allowed

Coordination with MST?

- Screening criteria or scored on whether the designs have been reviewed by MST



Supporting Disadvantaged Communities

On-call Traffic Engineering Services

- Review striping plans to implement quick-build projects

Review Competitive Grant Applications

- Support with submitting grant applications to the RSTP Program

Geographically Diverse Distribution of Funds

- During review, TAMC staff ensure geographic diversity with funding recommendations

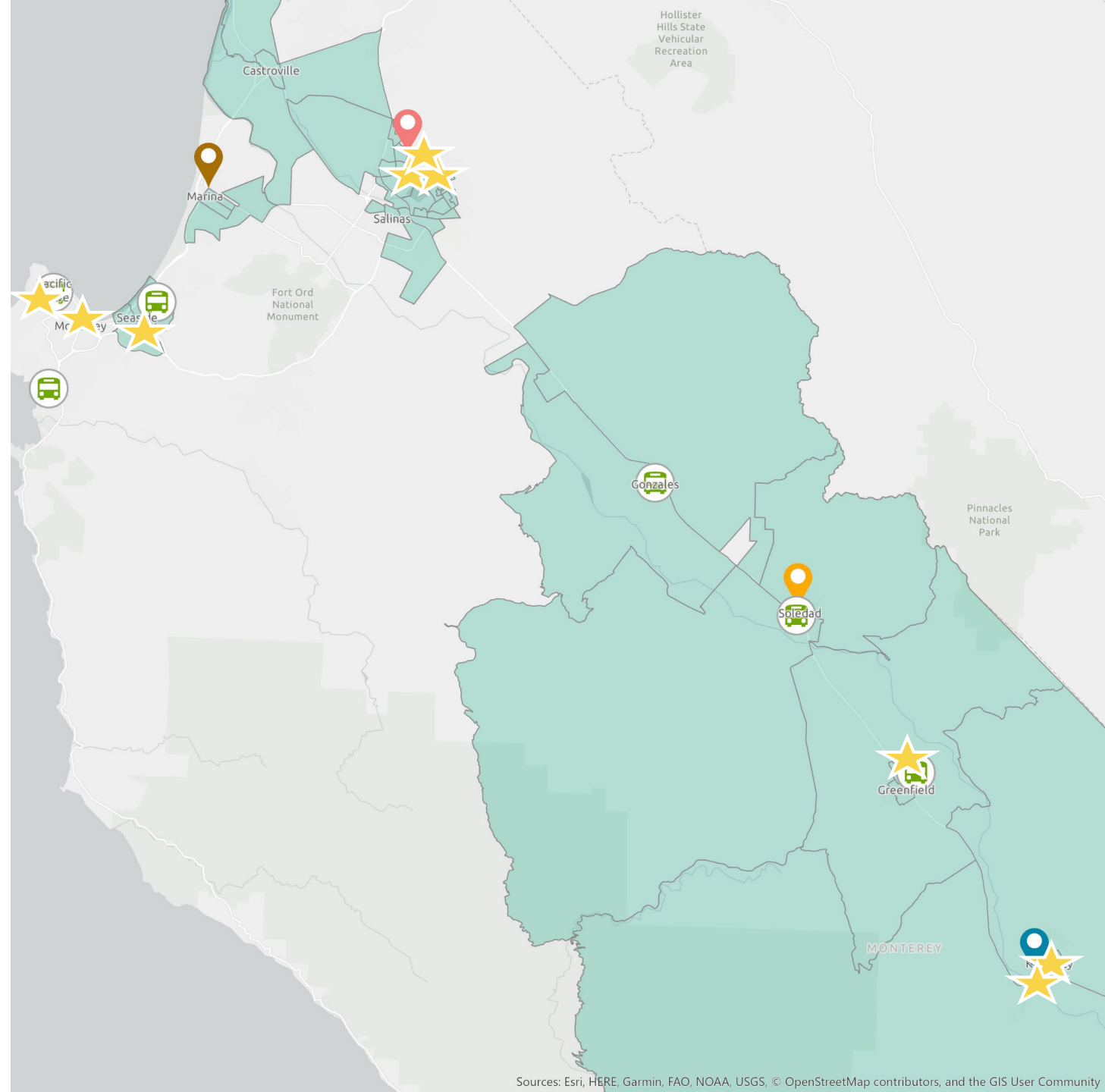
Location of funded projects:

2020 Fund Cycle

- (3) Salinas
- (1) King City
- (1) Monterey
- (1) Pacific Grove
- (1) Greenfield
- (1) Seaside

2023 Fund Cycle

- (2) King City
- (1) Marina
- (1) MST – Pacific Grove, Carmel, Seaside, Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City
- (1) Soledad
- (1) Monterey
- (2) Salinas



Timeline

Tasks	Deadline
<u>TAMC Board Action:</u> Approve Guidelines & Policies Call for Projects	March 25, 2026
Establish Review Committee	May 6, 2026 (BPC nominations) May 7, 2026 (TAC nominations)
Grant Applications Due	June 5, 2026
Committee Application Review Finalized	June 26, 2026
Review Committee Scores	August 5, 2026 (BPC) August 6, 2026 (TAC)
<u>TAMC Board Action:</u> Approve Project Nominations via resolution	August 26, 2026

Next Steps

- TAMC Board approval of guidelines in March
- Establish a review committee in May
- Applications due in June
 - TAMC Staff available to provide application support
- Local agencies need to enter into new 3-year funding agreements by August



Downtown Salinas Complete Streets Project

Thank you

Comments or questions?

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