

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)
FINAL minutes of February 18, 2020 Meeting**

Held at the Agricultural Center Conference Room
1428 Abbott Street. Salinas, CA

Voting Members	JAN 2019	APR 2019	JUL 2019	OCT 2019	FEB 2020	APR 2020	JUL 2020	OCT 2020
Kevin Dayton Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P	P	P	P	P			
Cesar Lara Transit Users <i>(Monica Gurmilan)</i>	-	A	A	A	P			
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P	P	A	P	P			
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	A	P	P	P	P			
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	P	P	P	P	P			
Victoria Beach Bicycling Advocate <i>(Claire Rygg)</i>	P	E	E	P	-			
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P	P	P	P	P			
Cliff Fasnacht Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>	-	A	A		-			
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(John Bailey)</i>	P	P	E		-			
Dan Limesand Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(vacant)</i>	A	A	A		-			
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Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	-	-	-		-			
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Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	E	P	E	P	-			

Barbara Meister Hospitality (<i>Sam Teel</i>)	P A	P A	P A	- -	P P			
Norm Groot Agriculture (<i>Bill Lipe</i>)	P A	E E	P A	P	P -			
Joshua Jorn Education (<i>Jarrett Garife, Patrick Deberdt</i>)	P - P	A P -	A A P	P	- -			
Paula Getzelman, Chair South County (<i>Carol Kenyon</i>)	P P	P P	P A	P P	P -			
Chris Barrera Latino Organization (<i>Manuel Valencia</i>)	P -	E E	E P	- P	P -			
Ron Rader North County (<i>Scott Freeman</i>)	P -	E A	P A	P	P -			
Daniel Hernandez Pedestrian (vacant)	- -	P -	A -	P	P			
Alexis Garcia-Arrazola Youth/College (<i>Vacant</i>)	A -	P -	P -	P	P			
Sean Hebard Construction (<i>Keith Severson</i>)	P P	P P	A P	P P	P P			
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF								
Debbie Hale Executive Director	-	-	P	P	P			
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	P	-	P	P	E			
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P			
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	P	P	-	P	E			
Kay Reimann, Transportation Agency Legal Counsel	-	P	P	E	P			
Rich Deal, Principal Transportation Engineer	-	-	-	E	P			
Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner	-	-	P	P	-			
Rita Goel, Deputy for Admin & Finance	-	P	-	-	-			

4. MEASURE X FY 2018/19 ANNUAL AUDIT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the results of the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2018/19.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director reported that the purpose of the Measure X annual audit is to confirm that the funding recipients, TAMC, the County of Monterey and the twelve incorporated cities have complied with the voter-approved requirements specified in Ordinance 2016-01 for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. She noted that each jurisdiction entered into a tax sharing agreement with the Transportation Agency in order to receive their share of Measure X Local Streets & Roads revenues. In exchange, these agreements require the jurisdictions to submit audit reports annually to the Transportation Agency detailing the steps taken to comply with the implementation ordinance. One of the responsibilities of the Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee is to review the independent audits of the jurisdictions and prepare and present an annual report regarding the administration of the program. In conclusion Ms. Hale reported that second year of Measure X reporting, for fiscal year 2018/19, was due on December 31, 2019.

For this year's independent audits, there has been a marked improvement in compliance by the jurisdictions from the previous reporting period. She noted that all of the jurisdictions, with the exception of Greenfield, submitted their complete reports by the December 31, 2019 deadline. For Pacific Grove, due to unanticipated project delays, the City did not make enough project expenditures to count towards their Maintenance of Effort requirement. For the City of Salinas their annual report indicated Measure X funds were spent on a project that the City had been informed by the Transportation Agency was ineligible. In both instances, the cities have repaid the funds to their Measure X accounts from non-Measure X sources as remediation, which staff is proposing would bring them into compliance. For the City of Greenfield, staff was proposing to withhold future Measure X distribution funds, but TAMC received the required audit reports from Greenfield last week.

M/S/C

Lara/ Meister/ unanimously

After extensive discussion, Committee member Lara motioned to direct TAMC staff to explore options to better encourage compliance for the future and explore penalty options. He also motioned to direct TAMC staff to find out why the City of Pacific Grove wasn't able to aim for compliance, and to bring back the item in April 2020. The motion was seconded by Committee member Meister.

Chair Getzelman noted that this year was a better compliance reporting then last year. She noted that TAMC staff should work with the cities and ask what the agency could do to help the cities in the future. She also noted that after penalties for the City of Pacific Grove and City of Salinas were imposed, they will receive their funds.

5. **BROWN ACT PUBLIC MEETINGS TRAINING**

The Committee received a training on the Brown Act, which sets the rules for the noticing and conduct of public meetings.

Kay Reimann, Counsel for the Transportation Agency, presented on the Ralph M. Brown Act. She noted that it is intended to provide public access to meetings of California local government agencies. She said that in order to achieve this objective, governmental bodies subject to the requirements of the Brown Act must provide public notice of their meetings, post agendas of the subjects to be discussed at those meetings and provide public access to those meetings.

Public notice of every meeting subject to the Brown Act is required, and access is mandatory unless the meeting is held in closed session under a specific exception contained in the Act. The agenda must be posted at least 72 hours in advance of a regular meeting and written in a way that informs people of what business will be discussed. Many local agencies are required to post agendas on their website. She noted that Special meetings require a 24-hour notice. She also noted that members of the public are not required to sign in on the meeting attendance sheet. In conclusion Ms. Reimann went over the attachment to the report “The ABC’s of Open Government Laws” brochure.

6. **STATE ROUTE 156/CASTROVILLE BOULEVARD PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange project and a presentation on the current project design.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, noted that the State Route 156 is one of the major thoroughfares used by residents, commuters, tourists, and commercial trucks travelling to and from Monterey Peninsula. He said more than 32,000 vehicles travel along this route each weekday. In fact, there were 378 collisions on SR 156 during the five-year period from January 2005 to December 2010 20% higher than the state average for highways of this type. He noted the full corridor project in the 2013 Environmental Impact Report, envisions not only the Castroville Boulevard interchange, but also a new 4-lane corridor to the south of the existing highway and a new interchange at US 101 with improved connections to San Miguel Canyon Road. Due to funding constraints, the project was split into three usable segments:

- Segment 1 is the new interchange at Castroville Boulevard
- Segment 2 is a new four-lane road between Castroville Boulevard and US 101
- Segment 3 is a new SR 156/US 101 interchange

In conclusion Mr. Deal said that the complete SR 156 /Castroville Boulevard Interchange will have full independent utility and will accommodate future segments of the State Route 156 Widening project, as a future connection to the nearby Castroville Industrial park via Blackie Road (a County of Monterey project). The project team is currently conducting right-of-way acquisitions, permit applications and engineering design work. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2022 and be completed in July 2024.

He further explained that in an effort to qualify for Solutions for Congested Corridor SB 1 grant funds, TAMC staff is preparing a “hybrid” multi-modal corridor plan built from prior planning efforts on State Route 156. He also noted that TAMC is sponsoring a State legislation to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation

measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.

Committee member Smalley noted the importance of this safety project and expressed his concern for the high school students who travel this corridor to and from school.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Chair Getzelman announced that the April meeting will be on April 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Center Conference Room, 1128 Abbott Street Salinas.

Committee member Rowley asked why the postponed Measure X Safe Routes to School presentation from October's meeting was not included on the agenda. Theresa Wright explained that the Ariana Green, the Measure X Safe Routes to School project manager was unavailable for today's meeting and that the presentation would be at the next meeting in April.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Getzelman adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.