MEASURE X CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
**2:00 PM**

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other 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 three 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 by 5:00 pm the Friday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Committee before the meeting.
3. BEGINNING OF 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 draft minutes of the October 20, 2020 committee meeting.

- Wright

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CALL for nominations and ELECT a Chair and Vice Chair of the eXcellent Citizens Oversight Committee, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021.

- Wright

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee’s Chair and Vice Chair terms of service expire on December 31, 2020. This report calls for the nominations and election of a Chair and Vice Chair to serve effective January 2021 for a two-year term.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting:
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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There will be NO physical location of the meeting.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:
Theresa Wright
eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee Coordinator
theresa@tamcmonterey.org

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, AND REPORTS
Memorandum

To: Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee  
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator  
Meeting Date: November 10, 2020  
Subject: Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
APPROVE draft minutes of the October 20, 2020 committee meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

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1. **WELCOME**
Barbara Meister, Committee 1st Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. 1st Vice Chair Meister asked Maria Montiel, TMC’s Administrative Assistant, to take the roll.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**
M/S/C Groot/Rowley/unanimously
3.1 Approved draft minutes of the July 21, 2020 and May 5, 2020 committee meeting.
3.2 Received 2021 schedule of the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee meetings.
4. **IMJIN PARKWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on the Measure X-funded Imjin Parkway Improvement Project from the City of Marina.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, introduced Brian McMinn, Public Works Director, City of Marina and Edrie Delos Santos, Consultant Engineer, to do a presentation on the city’s Measure X-funded Imjin Parkway Improvement Project.

Imjin Parkway is a major roadway that provides access to and from SR 1 and serves both local and regional traffic. As a regional commuter route, it connects the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley, providing an alternative to Highway 68 and direct access between Salinas and Cal State Monterey Bay. Due to its importance in moving regional traffic, this project was included in the Measure X Transportation Safety and Improvement Program.

The Imjin Parkway Improvement Project would improve traffic operations and pedestrian and bicycle access and safety. In addition, Imjin Parkway accommodates regional traffic that uses Imjin Parkway as an alternative “bypass” facility when the other regional route State Route 68 is impacted.

Mr. McMinn noted that the City is currently finalizing its right-of-way acquisition, permits and bid documents. He also discussed the project’s environmental mitigation and the impacts that Covid-19 had on the project process. Mr. Delos Santos described improvements that will be made with the Measure X-funded Imjin Parkway Improvement Project which include:

- Widen the two-lane section of Imjin to four lanes
- Install four roundabouts
- Build a mixed-use path
- Stripe on-street buffered bike lanes
- Enhance storm water treatment areas
- Build retaining and sound walls
- Add landscaping and an irrigation system

Committee member Janet Brennan asked what the estimated emissions reduction were related to greenhouse gas for the project. She said she was surprised that it was not included in the report because greenhouse gas reductions are substantial with roundabouts. She suggested that the presenter should consider adding the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in future presentations.

Committee member Norm Groot asked questions about lane sizing and whether there was capacity to include wider lanes, particularly for trucking traffic that use this corridor. Mr. Delos Santos replied that the roundabout lanes are designed to widen to allow for safer turning radius for larger vehicles. In response to Mr. Groot’s question inquiring if “calming” were going to be implemented to address speeding, Public Works Director Brian McMinn described some of the methods that would be implemented to encourage slower speed.

Executive Director Debbie Hale noted that the EIR is completed and Transportation Agency staff Theresa Wright will be coordinating with the City of Marina on public outreach to provide traveler’s information about the project as construction phasing happens.
Committee member Tom Rowley expressed that it is encouraging to see the project moving forward. He noted that he has observed the traffic and said there are always a few “speed burners” that try to pass everybody where it currently narrows from two lanes to one lane. He questioned whether there was a demand for bike lanes on the project and expressed that he hoped to see more bikers on the route in the future and that this would not be wasted money. Mr. Rowley concluded that this was a critical project, and he was pleased to see it come to fruition. He also stressed that the alternate bypass to Highway 68 was still desperately needed.

Other committee member asked qualifying questions about the planning process, project design and funding, including the additional funding for the art that will be included in the center of the roundabouts. Committee Member Groot expressed his support for the art and noted it might calm the traffic.

5. FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL AND GREENWAY PROJECT UPDATE
The Committee received an update on the Fort Ord Regional Trail Greenway (FORTAG) Project.

Stefania Castillo, Transportation Planner, reported that the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project has reached several milestones including certification of the final environmental document, approval of a Master Agreement among the underlying jurisdictions, and completion of the preliminary engineering design. She noted that the Transportation Agency secured a $10.3 million state Active Transportation Program grant to fund the construction of the first segment of the trail, from Safeway at Canyon Del Rey Boulevard to Del Rey Woods School in Seaside.

The vision for the Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) is to create a multimodal route designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers.

The Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 28-mile paved trail was certified by the Transportation Agency Board on March 25, 2020. A Master Agreement was approved by the Transportation Agency and the underlying jurisdictions in June 2020. She noted that on August 2020, the California Transportation Commission approved the allocation of $1.198 million in Senate Bill 1 Active Transportation Program funds for right-of-way acquisition for Phase 1 of the SR 218 Canyon Del Rey Segment of the FORTAG.

The Commission also approved the allocation of $600,000 in Senate Bill 1 local Partnership Program funds for the preparation of final design plans, specifications and estimates for construction of this first trail segment.

In conclusion Ms. Castillo reported that a multi-agency review panel recommends that the TAMC Board select GHD, Inc. to perform the engineering and right-of-way work. Once the consultant team is brought on board, public workshops will be scheduled in coordination with Caltrans, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and the cities of Del Rey Oaks and Seaside to gather input on how the trail will ultimately look and feel. The Final design and right-of-way certification are anticipated to take approximately two years to complete, starting in Fall 2020 and scheduled for completion by
June 30, 2022. Construction is scheduled to start thereafter in 2022. Other segments of the FORTAG will proceed to design and construction as matching funds are obtained.

In response to a question about whether the North Fremont Street bike lane would connect to the FORTAG project, Ms. Castillo replied that Transportation Agency staff was working with the City of Marina to make the connection to the project.

Committee member Tom Rowley expressed that nearby projects are being put on hold due to the City of Monterey's budget crunch, which includes the missing gap on the North Fremont Street bike lane between Casanova and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard.

Committee member Scott Waltz noted that Transportation Agency staff has been doing a good job and moving the project forward successfully.

6. MEASURE X REGIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS UPDATE
The Committee received an update on the Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

Rich Deal, Principal Engineer, TMAC, reported on the progress of Measure X regional highway projects including: SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156 /Castroville Blvd. Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements, and the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.

SR 68 Scenic Corridor Safety and Operations Improvements
This project is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental phase. Caltrans is the lead agency and is preparing 35% design for Alternative 1, which proposes to replace the nine existing traffic signals with roundabouts. Alternative 2, which proposes to widen each intersection to four lanes and upgrade the existing traffic signals. The Transportation Agency is providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans is also preparing the technical studies and environmental impact report. The critical path for this phase is the archaeological assessment that leads to a final environmental impact report in September 2023. The next phase of the project is final engineering design that will follow certification of the environmental impact report by the California Transportation Commission.

Committee member Dan Limesand asked Mr. Deal to speak about archeological assessment and its risks to the project that could alter the project in any way. He also asked about the construction sequence for building the roundabouts. Rich Deal explained the importance of the assessment and its impacts. He also replied that building multiple roundabouts at one time is the same challenge to plan construction for one roundabout at time. So, the preference would be to build 3-4 roundabouts at one time, beginning with the roundabouts on the east end of Highway 68.

State Route 156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange
The SR 156 /Castroville Blvd interchange is on the first stage of the SR 156 West Corridor Project between Highway 1 and US 101. The overall project has completed the environmental phase. The SR 156 /Castroville Blvd Interchange is currently in the design and right-of-way phase. Caltrans is leading the design with the Transportation Agency providing project management and roundabout design support. Caltrans has completed 65% plans and is moving toward 90% plans on stage 1. The State Legislature recently passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1231, authorizing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a permit for the take of the Santa Cruz Long-toed...
Salamander habitat resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. The project is expected to be ready to list for construction bids in Summer 2022.

Committee member Barbara Meister inquired how Oak Hills residents would enter and exit their home with the proposed project. Mr. Deal demonstrated on the interchange simulation map. Deputy Executive Director Todd Muck replied that Oak Hills and Prunedale residents will have access to a frontage road from either end.

Member Smalley asked about the third roundabout near the high school. Mr. Deal explained the importance to the roundabout for bike and pedestrian safety and access for Monte Del Lago and the future CHISPA housing planned for the area.

**US 101 South of Salinas Improvements**

The US 101 South of Salinas Improvement project has a previously completed corridor study and project study report; however, the range of possible alternatives is so large that the environmental work would be cost and time prohibitive. For this reason, the Transportation Agency is undertaking a study with extensive outreach to narrow down the range of reasonable alternatives, as a bridge to the environmental phase. The completed study alternatives will reflect the results of the robust outreach campaign, leading to an efficient environmental review process and a more focused preliminary engineering effort. While some study elements have been delayed due to COVID19 impacts, the initial online outreach process proved successful. The study is moving toward identifying various options for reducing fatal and injury crashes occurring in at-grade highway intersections and improving safety along the US 101 corridor from Abbott Street in Salinas to Main Street in Chualar.

Committee member Rod Smalley asked who made the drone footage. Deputy Director Todd Muck replied that the drone was to collect traffic data, not survey work.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Theresa Wright Community Outreach Coordinator announced that a meeting will be held on November 10, 2020 at 2 p.m. for the election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair and Audit Sub-committee. She reminded the committee that the deadline for jurisdictions to submit their Measure X Annual Compliance Reports was December 31, 2020; and that the Measure X Audit Sub-Committee would begin review the reports for their annual audit in January 2021.

She also announced the Transportation Agency’s has partnered with Blue Zones and the City of Salinas to promote the October Go831 Smart Commute Challenge. She noted that the Transportation Agency’s Go831 program encourages activities that reduce congestion in Monterey County. She noted that it has been hard for a lot of businesses during COVID-19.

8. **ADJOURMENT**

Vice Chair Meister adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.
To: eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: November 10, 2020
Subject: Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

CALL for nominations and ELECT a Chair and Vice Chair of the eXcellent Citizens Oversight Committee, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021.

**SUMMARY:**
The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee's Chair and Vice Chair terms of service expire on December 31, 2020. This report calls for the nominations and election of a Chair and Vice Chair to serve effective January 2021 for a two-year term.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
None.

**DISCUSSION:**
In accordance with the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, a Citizens Oversight Committee representing a diverse range of community interests was formed within 6 months of voter approval of Measure X in November 2016. Members of the committee were appointed to serve by the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors on March 22, 2017 and the following month the Board approved the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws which govern the committee. The Committee meets about four times per year to receive project and program updates and review the audit of the agencies receiving Measure X funds.

On January 15, 2019, members of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee members elected Paula Getzelman as Chair and Barbara Meister as Vice Chair of the oversight committee for a one-year term. After reviewing the bylaws with Agency counsel and consulting with the Committee Chair and Vice Chair, staff drafted modifications to the bylaws in April 2019 to change the committee's Chair and Vice Chair terms of office from one year to two years. Other proposed bylaws changes created a new Audit Subcommittee and Subcommittee Chair and clarified the rules for attendance, voting, communication and conflicts of interest.

The modified Committee Bylaws were supported by the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee and approved by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors in August 2019. As a result, the terms of service for the Chair and Vice Chair expire on December 31, 2020. This action item calls for the nomination and the election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee to serve effective January 2021 for a two-year term.

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee was formed in order to facilitate the Transportation Agency's
Transportation Safety and Investment Plan and Retail Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance 2016-01. The Oversight Committee's purpose is to be an additional layer of accountability so that the public is assured that the Transportation Agency, the County of Monterey and the participating cities are operating consistent with the terms of the Ordinance.

The Committee's duties as defined in the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are as follows:

- Conduct independent audits to assure that funds are being expended in accordance with requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan;
- Review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the plan, prior to the Transportation Agency Board consideration;
- Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and available for public review.