



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 2, 2023

****9:30 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

Alternate Location with Zoom Connection Open to the Public

*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933
Supervisor Askew's Office*

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Page Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the

Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. 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 the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for October 5, 2023

- Maria Montiel

The draft minutes of the October 5, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review

3.2. RECEIVE the call for nominations for the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

- Theresa Wright

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and

employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards

- 3.3. **ADOPT** 2024 schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

- Doug Bilse

The proposed schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings for 2024 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. except January, when it will be on the second Thursday to avoid conflicts with extended New Years holidays and in July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to holidays.

4. **REVIEW** and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2024 Legislative Program.

- Christina Watson

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

5. **RECEIVE** update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the upcoming development of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Complete Streets Policies.

- Doug Bilse, (Presented by Regina Valentine - AMBAG)

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the upcoming development of a Complete Streets Policies for committee member feedback.

6. **SELECT** members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair and **RECOGNIZE** outgoing Chair Marissa Garcia for her service during 2023.

- Doug Bilse

The Technical Advisory Committee chairmanship changes each calendar year in January.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** and/or **COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Doug Bilse, Technical Advisory Committee Coordinator

Doug@tamcmonterey.org

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Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Maria Montiel
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **Draft TAC Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for October 5, 2023

SUMMARY:

The draft minutes of the October 5, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**DISCUSSION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft TAC minutes October 5, 2023

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Office

55-B Plaza Cir., Salinas CA 93901

Alternate Location: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office

Draft Minutes of Thursday, October 5, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	OCT 22	NOV 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23
Robert Harary, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Culver)	P	P	E	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	E	C	P
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	-	A	A
Patrick Dobbins Gonzales, Vice Chair (vacant)	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	N	P
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield (Tony Nisich)	A	P	A	P(A)	P	P	E	E	E	C	P
Octavio Hurtado, King City (Steve Adams)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Brian McMin, Marina (Edrie Delos Santos)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Marissa Garcia, Monterey Chair (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P		P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P		P
David Jacobs, Salinas (Adrian Robles)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P		P
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		E
Nisha Patel, Seaside (Patrick Grogan, Leslie Llantero, Carolyn Burke)	P	P	A	A	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)		P
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Bryan Swanson)	A	A	P	E	P(A)	P(VC)	E	E	P		P
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	P	E	E	P	E	P	P	E	P(A)		P(A)
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	-		P(A)
Orchid Monroy, Caltrans (K. McClendon)	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	A	P	P	-		A
CSUMB (Vacant)	P	E	P	P	P	A	A	-	-		-
Tyrone Bell, MBARD	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	-	P		P
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	A	P(A)	E	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	P		P

P = Present A = Absent P(A) = Alternate Present E = Excused (VC) = Video conference

STAFF	OCT 22	NOV 22	JAN 23	FEB 23	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E		E
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	A	P	E	A	P	E	E		E
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P		P(VC)
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	PV	P	P	P	P		P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	P	P		P
J. Strause, Transportation Planner	A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P(VC)	P		P
T. Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	-	-		-
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	-	-		-
A. Hernandez, Asst. Transportation Planner	A	P	A	A	P	A	A	P(VC)	P		-
A. Guther, Asst. Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P(VC)	P		P
A.Sambrano, Transportation Planner											P(VC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Leon Gomez City of Sand Zane Public

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Garcia, City of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M / S / C: Garcia /Wilcox /unanimous
Abstained: Patrick Dobbins, Jamie Tugel

3.1 **APPROVED** the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for August 3, 2023 with a minor correction.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY UPDATE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) reported that AMBAG adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) in June 2022. She noted that the Federal and State law requires that AMBAG prepare a long-range transportation plan every four years. She noted that the next step in updating the growth forecast is establishing the regional numbers. The preliminary draft tri-county regional employment, population and housing figures have been prepared. In conclusion, Ms. Adamson noted that AMBAG Board will be asked to accept the regional numbers in late 2023 or early 2024. The AMBAG Board will also be asked to approve the vision and goals in late 2023. AMBAG is currently developing a new transportation project database to track all MTP/SCS projects. She noted that they will soon begin work with RTPA's transit operators, Caltrans and local jurisdictions to update the transportation project list for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Please contact Heather Adamson for any comments email her at hadamson@ambag.org.

Alissa Guther reported that the Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County is a long range (20 year) plan, that is updated every four years. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan forms the basis for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for the Monterey Bay Area pursuant to Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans transportation planning requirements.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer announced the Annual Monterey Bay APWA Training Conference on Wednesday November 1, 2023, at the Raceway Laguna Secca.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer announced the TAMC Excellence Awards call for nominations. He noted that nomination form is available on the Transportation Agency website at www.tamcmonterey.org. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2023.

Committee Member Patrick Dobbins asked for a Wayfinding update at a future meeting date.

Committee Member Tyrone Bell announced that Monterey Bay Air Resources District is reviewing the applications that were received and will be taking their recommendation to the Board for approval.

Committee Member David Jacobs announced the Salinas Airshow event will be this weekend on October 6- 8.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **Transportation Excellence Awards**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE the call for nominations for the 22nd Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County would like to encourage and appreciate the efforts made by Monterey County residents, businesses and employees to improve transportation in the county by awarding Transportation Excellence Awards

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

With the Transportation Excellence Awards, the Transportation Agency shows its appreciation to the local community for its outstanding efforts to improve transportation in Monterey County. The program has award categories for individuals, businesses/groups, and programs or projects.

Examples of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Projects that exemplify TAMC's mission to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities in Monterey County.
- Innovative activities that promote safer or more efficient use of the local transportation network
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone.
- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.

The nomination form is attached to this staff report and is also available on the Transportation Agency website. Board members are encouraged to distribute nomination forms and submit nominations. The form can be submitted online, mailed to Transportation Agency offices or emailed to Theresa Wright at theresa@tamcmonterey.org. The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2023. The

Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients at its January 2024 meeting, and the awards ceremony will take place during the regular January 24, 2024 Transportation Agency Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Transportation Excellence Awards Nomination Form 2023

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



Transportation Excellence Awards

Awards Program Nomination form (Please fill out form completely)

1. Name of Nominee

Give name and address of individual (provide title), firm, group, or organization.

Nominee: _____

Category: (circle one) **Individual** **Business/Group** **Program** **Project**

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

If Nominee is a firm, group or organization, provide contact name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

2. Description:

Describe the individual, business, group, program or project that is being nominated. Include any specific information that may apply, such as the number of people who worked on the project, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, and annual cost of operation. Indicate whether the nominee is a volunteer or paid. Enclose any photographs or other materials that will contribute additional information to the nomination. Use extra pages as needed.

3. Date or duration of program:

When did this program take place? When was it completed? If ongoing, when did it start?

4. Significance/Result:

State how this person, group or project has contributed to improving transportation in Monterey County in current calendar year. Describe the impact on those served and value created by this activity, as well as any savings provided to users, taxpayers or providers by the nominee. Use extra pages as needed.

5. Person Submitting Nomination:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Please return by **noon, December 1, 2023** via online, fax: 831-775-0897; email: Theresa@tamcmonterey.org; or mail to: Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Attn: Theresa Wright, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA, 93901. For additional information, please call 831-775-4403.

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **2024 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ADOPT 2024 schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY:

The proposed schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings for 2024 follows the existing pattern of meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. except January, when it will be on the second Thursday to avoid conflicts with extended New Years holidays and in July and December, when all committee meetings are cancelled due to holidays.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

Below are the dates for the 2024 meeting schedule; please mark your calendars accordingly. The meetings will be held at the TAMC conference room at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or other location to be determined in advance of each meeting (the agenda will specify). Meeting time will remain the same: 9:30 a.m. The January meeting has been moved to the second Thursday to avoid conflicts with extended holidays. There are no meetings in July or December.

- January 11
- February 1
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- (no July Meeting)
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- (no December meeting)

We are encouraging participation and attendance by member agencies to make the TAC a more effective group. Please contact the Transportation Agency if you cannot attend the Committee meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting, it is highly recommended that you send your alternate in

your place. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated. If the designated TAC member or alternate member for your agency needs to be changed or updated, please send a letter to the Transportation Agency to make the change.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **Draft 2024 Legislative Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

REVIEW and **PROVIDE COMMENTS** on the draft 2024 Legislative Program.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to legislative or budgetary proposals. The program also notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The draft 2024 legislative program (**attached**) continues to focus on transportation funding and is limited to priorities that are likely to come up in the 2024 legislative session.

Items of particular interest to this Committee include:

State:

- 3S. Leverage Measure X funding for projects in Monterey County.
- 5S. Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives.
- 10S. Support Vision Zero strategies and driver safety training.
- 11S. Support sustainable funding for the Active Transportation Program.
- 15S. Support transit-oriented development, complete streets, and active transportation projects.

Federal:

- 2F. Support funding for zero-emission infrastructure and active transportation and vision zero projects.
- 6F. Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure.

The Executive Committee discussed this draft legislative program on October 4, 2023, and on October 25, 2023, the Board approved releasing it to Committees for input. The Rail Policy Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee will review the draft in November. Staff will also meet with partner agencies locally and statewide to discuss common issues. Following the Executive Committee's review of the draft program in January, the final program will come back to the Board on January 24, 2024 for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT TAMC 2024 Leg Program

WEB ATTACHMENTS:



2024 Legislative Program

DRAFT State Priorities

- 1S.** Preserve funding for all modes of transportation projects, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs, particularly safety projects, and the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects.
- 2S.** Advocate for proportionality on the application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in comparison to larger metro areas in the state, particularly for completing multi-modal corridors or highway projects in less densely populated or disadvantaged areas of the county, to increase safety for commuters, enhance routes needed for evacuation from climate events, goods movement, and tourism travel.
- 3S.** Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
- 4S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and clean transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, such as via funding reduced transit fares, rail expansion, and frequent bus service, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 5S.** Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives that enhance mobility and accessibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, electrical grid reliability, hydrogen hubs, and incentives for electric bike and vehicle purchases.
- 6S.** Explore replacement funding mechanisms to the gas and diesel tax for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, full conversion to a vehicle registration fee, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.
- 7S.** Support the promotion of telecommuting to reduce vehicle miles traveled via broadband investments in rural areas and disadvantaged communities, support the inclusion of local

government representation in the administration of broadband infrastructure funding, and support new server farms in rural areas.

- 8S.** Support an increase in State rail funding, such as the State Rail Assistance program, Public Transportation Account, or any successor or supplemental source, or redistribution of cap-and-trade proceeds, to implement new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route to help the State meet transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
- 9S.** Support efforts to reauthorize Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.
- 10S.** Support legislation that increases roadway safety by implementing Vision Zero strategies and improving driver safety training.
- 11S.** Support sustainable funding for the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 12S.** Support streamlining project delivery, including simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.
- 13S.** Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to augment state transit funding programs to provide ongoing operational support.
- 14S.** Support MST efforts to seek funding to implement the infrastructure needed to meet the deadlines of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040.
- 15S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development (such as via redevelopment or opportunity zones), complete streets, clean commutes, multi-modal transportation, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects.
- 16S.** Modernize the Brown Act to enhance transparency and wider public access to allow the use of remote access to public meetings without requiring noticing of all remote Board or committee member locations, provided the public can participate via remote access software or in-person.
- 17S.** Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



2024 Legislative Program

DRAFT Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds.
- 2F.** Support adequate funding for the following transportation priorities:
 1. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) District capital projects, vehicles, and operations.
 2. Amtrak and state-supported passenger rail, including a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
 3. Zero-emission vehicle infrastructure for transit and personal vehicles.
 4. Active transportation projects, including Vision Zero.
- 3F.** Support congressionally directed federal funding for Agency transportation priorities.
- 4F.** Coordinate with regional military installations to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to operations at those installations.
- 5F.** Support applications for Department of Transportation discretionary grant and climate resiliency/ adaptation grant programs for projects on the California Central Coast.
- 6F.** Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs.
- 7F.** Support programmatic flexibility in federal funding for infrastructure.
- 8F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 9F.** Support availability of funding for enhanced broadband and advocate for the Federal Communications Commission to regulate broadband/internet access as a utility to enable the increase of broadband infrastructure capacity to help bridge the digital divide and to encourage telecommuting.

- 10F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing integrated passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 11F.** Support the use of Federal rail funding to implement new passenger rail service on the Coast Route.
- 12F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, (Presented by Regina Valentine - AMBAG)
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **AMBAG Complete Streets Policies**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the upcoming development of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Complete Streets Policies.

SUMMARY:

AMBAG staff will provide an overview of the upcoming development of a Complete Streets Policies for committee member feedback.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No direct financial impact. Projects that incorporate Complete Streets fundamentals are better candidates for grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

With the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL) of 2021, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay region, is required to set aside a portion of the agency's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL funds) allocation to conduct complete streets planning. Complete streets prioritize the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

As identified in AMBAG's Overall Work Program, staff will begin developing Complete Streets Policies in coordination with AMBAG's member agencies, including the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC). Although this is a new federal requirement, complete streets planning has been a priority historically for AMBAG and the jurisdictions in the Monterey Bay region. As an example, AMBAG prepared a *Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook* in August 2013. For this reason, these Complete Streets Policies will serve more to memorialize the transportation planning work already being conducted in the region.

For committee feedback, a draft outline and anticipated timeline is provided below:

Draft Outline

- Introduction
- Purpose and Need

- Complete Streets Definition
- Complete Streets Vision
- Complete Streets Goals
- Principles of Complete Streets
- Complete Streets Policies
- Consistency with Regulations
- Scope of Complete Streets Policies
- Exceptions
- Design Guidance
- Context Sensitivity
- Evaluation and Performance Measures
- Implementation and Reporting
- References

Anticipated Timeline

- **November 2023:** Present an overview of the development of AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **December 2023 – January 2024:** Prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **February 2024:** Present Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024:** Public Comment Period
- **March 2024:** Prepare the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies
- **April 2024:** Present Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies to regional Advisory Committees and Planning Directors Forum
- **May 8, 2024:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final AMBAG Complete Streets Policies

Next Steps

AMBAG staff will incorporate committee feedback and prepare the Draft AMBAG Complete Streets Policies in coordination with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions. The Final Complete Streets Policies will be incorporated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer
Meeting Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: **2024 Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SELECT members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair and **RECOGNIZE** outgoing Chair Marissa Garcia for her service during 2023.

SUMMARY:

The Technical Advisory Committee chairmanship changes each calendar year in January.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee bylaws state that the chairmanship is changed during the first quarter of every year. The new Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for the 2024 calendar year. The current Vice-Chair is Patrick Dobbins of the City of Gonzales.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Committe Past Chair and Vice-Chair Summary

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TAC Past Chair & Vice Chair Summary

Year	Chair	Vice Chair
2023	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
2022	Chad Alinio (County)	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)
2021	Octavio Hurtado (King City)	Chad Alinio (County)
2020	Andrew Easterling (Salinas)	Octavio Hurtado (King City)
2019	Brian McMinn (Marina)	James Serrano (Salinas)
2018	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)	Brian McMinn (Marina)
2017	Enrique Saavedra (County)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
2016	Rich Deal (Monterey)	Ryan Chapman*/ Enrique Saavedra (County) *Resigned
2015	James Serrano (Salinas)	Rich Deal (Monterey)
2014	Don Wilcox (Soledad)	James Serrano (Salinas)
2013	Trish Lopez (County)	Don Wilcox (Soledad)
2012	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)	Trish Lopez (County)
2011	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)
2010	Trish Lopez (County)	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)