

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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PRUNEDALE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

Major structural work for the Prunedale Improvement Project (PIP), which began in spring of 2011, is now complete! To celebrate, the completion of this \$209 million project, which has been described as the largest project in District 5, a PIP ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on **Monday, October 27th at 11:30 a.m.** on Schoch Road, near the Sala Road Interchange in Salinas.

By eliminating dangerous left turns across Highway 101, improving road conditions, accessibility and traffic flow, the Prunedale Improvement Project provides safer passage for approximately 100,000 travelers and local residents every day.

So come out and help us celebrate this major achievement! To reach Schoch Road, take the Sala Road Interchange exit off Highway 101. Turn left onto Harrison Road, left onto Martines Road, and left again, onto Schoch Road. Parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged.

TAMC BOARD ADOPTS “GUIDING PRINCIPLES” FOR SR156 WEST CORRIDOR PROJECT

Clearly, the most anticipated item on the TAMC Board Agenda was the “Guiding Principles” for the Highway 156 West Corridor Improvement Project. As directed by the Board, the Hwy 156 Ad Hoc Committee met and developed a set of guiding principles for the project. They reported that they held public meetings in which they accurately captured public comments, questions or concerns. Based upon an evaluation of that input and the project’s objectives to improve safety and relieve congestion along the current highway, the committee recommended a set of guiding principles to the Board.

After reviewing the Hwy 156 Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations, the Chair opened the floor for comments. After considerable public comments and discussion by Board members, the TAMC Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt a set of guiding principles for the Highway 156 West Corridor Project. These principles will be used as tools to evaluate proposals and documents for a potential public-private partnership to develop a new four-lane express toll road for Highway 156 and make the current Highway 156 a frontage road for locals.

For more information about the guiding principles, the Highway 156 West Corridor Project, public-private partnerships in California and nationally, visit <http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/hwyproj/hwy156.html>.

BOARD ADOPTS “EMERGENCY RIDE HOME PROGRAM” FOR COMMUTERS

Commuters can now breathe a “sigh of relief” knowing that the TAMC Board of Directors adopted the “Emergency Ride Home Program.” The program is for commuters, who like to leave their cars at home by using alternative transportation but worry about being stranded if there is a family emergency or if they are asked to work late unexpectedly. The Emergency Ride Home Program now offers commuters “peace of mind” by providing reimbursement for a taxi cab or rental car in an emergency situation.

Commuters, who live, work or go to school in Monterey County and use alternative mode of transportation at least once a week are eligible to participate in this program. They are also eligible if they are signed up in a 511 Ridematch system.

Participants can register for the Emergency Ride Home Program by picking up an application at the TAMC office located at 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, or by picking up an application from their employer or transportation coordinator.

For more information, call 831.422.POOL or email Theresa@tamcmonterey.org