

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
2022 Monterey County Unmet Transit Needs**

**Unmet transit needs are placed into the following categories:**

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

**Transit Needs Timeline**

- **Short term transit improvements** are those that can be implemented in the current service year within MST’s funding limits and without negatively impacting existing services.
- **Long-term transit improvements** are those that would require additional funding beyond MST’s current funding limits. Long-term improvement comments remain on the unmet transit needs comment list until additional funding becomes available.

| <b>Unmet Need Comment</b>                                  | <b>Year Identified</b> | <b>Category</b>                           | <b>Timeline</b>        | <b>Status in 2022</b>  |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| Service to San Juan Grade Road and Russell Road in Salinas | 2014                   | Category #2: new service, fills a gap     | Long-term improvement. | Line 49 will resume service through this area by the end of 2022 with implementation of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.  |
| Increased frequency on Line 18                             | 2014                   | Category #1: improves an existing service | Long-term improvement. | CSUMB launched their shuttle service in January 2022 which covers a segment of Line 18. Line 18 currently operates every hour and is planned to continue hourly services with the implementation of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.  |
| More frequent service to Gonzales and Soledad              | 2014                   | Category #1: improves an existing service | Long-term improvement. | The King City bus yard was completed in Fall of 2021. MST has implemented an express service in 2022, Line 23X, which stops at selected bus stops throughout the route. Under the Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Line 23 operates every hour with multiple busses running less than an hour during rush hour periods. |

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| Shuttle service between Pinnacles National Park and Fort Hunter Liggett and King City            | 2014/2019                  | Category #2: new service, fills a gap   | Long-term improvement. | This shuttle service is cost prohibitive and would require resources being reallocated from other services/areas. Current road conditions are also a safety concern. The City of Soledad is currently studying improvements for the Pinnacles Parkway project, which may consider a park shuttle service. The National Park Service currently offers Day-Use shuttle service to visitors utilizing their parking lots. The on-site shuttle service connects to the east and west sides of the park. |
| Service to San Juan Bautista and Los Baños   | 2015/2018                  | Category #2: new service, fills a gap   | Long-term improvement. | This need is not listed as a priority in the Comprehensive Operational Analysis. However, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority is working to bring a new bus route from Merced to San Jose which will include stops in Los Banos and Gilroy.  |
| Improve the connection between Castroville and Prunedale for access to Gavilan College in Gilroy | 2018                       | Category #1: improves an existing service;<br>Category #2: new service, fills a gap | Long-term improvement  | MST will work with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to secure funds to re-establish service to Gilroy.   |

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**Resolved Transit Needs**

| Unmet Need Comment   | Year Identified | Year Resolved  | Resolution  |
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| More out of county medical trips that cost less  | 2014            | 2017   | MST increased the frequency and lowered the cost of out of county medical trips using Measure Q funds in July 2017. An analysis of the enhanced service was conducted fall of 2018.   |
| CSUMB enhanced paratransit service on campus; more accessible vehicles are needed for student mobility on-campus | 2015/2016       | Not yet resolved; however MST and CSUMB continue to discuss ways to address this need. | Federal ADA requirements and operational constraints of the RIDES service make it challenging for MST to provide this type of paratransit service as CSUMB students have a very narrow window of time to get from one class to another. In Spring 2021, CSUMB released a Request for Proposals for campus shuttle services. |
| Improved service between South County and the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey in Monterey       | 2017            | 2019   | MST conducted a Salinas Valley Transit Planning Study to identify transit improvements along the US 101 corridor. While temporarily paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MST provides service and a connection can be made via Line 14 and Line 70.   |