



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

April 22, 2026

TAMC Board Receives Measure X Seventh Year Audit Results & Measure X Annual Report

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) received a presentation on the Measure X Seventh Year Audit Results and the Measure X Annual Report. The Measure X Oversight Committee Chair Kevin Dayton presented the report.

On October 7, 2025, the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee unanimously appointed Committee members Norm Groot, Monica Lal, and Robin Lee to serve on the audit subcommittee with Chair Kevin Dayton and Vice Chair Christie Cromeenes to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2024/2025 and to prepare the annual audit report.

The duties of the subcommittee are to conduct the audit, report their findings to the full oversight committee, prepare the Measure X Annual Report, present their findings and the Measure X Annual Report to the TAMC Board of Directors, and make their report available to the public.

The Measure X Audit Subcommittee conducted the independent audit and prepared the Measure X Annual Report in January 2026. The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee received the results of the audit and the annual report on April 21, 2026, and the TAMC Board of Directors received them on April 22, 2026. The Measure X Annual Report is included in the TAMC Annual Report, which will be mailed to Monterey County residents in May 2026.

- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee 2025 Annual Audit Report](#)

Highway 101 South of Salinas Project Status Report

TAMC's Board of Directors received an update on the status of the US 101 South of Salinas corridor. Caltrans, the lead agency, provided an update on recent progress, coordination with partner agencies, and upcoming milestones related to environmental, design, and funding activities for two projects along the US 101 South of Salinas corridor.

The *"South of Salinas Access Management Project"* is a short-term measure to address safety concerns. The project will prohibit left-turn and U-turn movements at eleven (11) uncontrolled intersections between Salinas and Chualar via implementation of full median closures. The Caltrans team will begin placement of the temporary barriers in November 2026 and complete work by March 2027.

To preserve local connectivity and emergency response capability, two emergency access points will remain open. A detour on Alisal and Old Stage Road will include all-way stop control at four intersections along Old Stage Road, improving safety and operational clarity for residents. Caltrans will make targeted improvements at the southbound exit ramp at the existing Chualar interchange to enhance safety and traffic flow.

Caltrans will complete construction of the permanent barriers in fall 2027. Caltrans secured \$3 million through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for this project.

The *"US 101 South Of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project"* ("US 101 SOS") will address long-term issues including safety, freight movement, and congestion. This project has entered the environmental review phase with \$9.9 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

Phase I of the US 101 SOS project will construct a new, relocated interchange north of Chualar, including a grade-separated crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad and the addition of new frontage roads with bicycle facilities to improve safety and connectivity for people traveling by bike and accessing transit. By improving access, circulation, and safety, the project will enhance transit reliability and support increased transit ridership along this corridor.

The US 101 SOS project directly addresses transportation impacts experienced by the small, rural, and disadvantaged community of Chualar. The new interchange and frontage roads will reduce cut-through traffic, improve access to regional destinations, and mitigate safety and environmental impacts that disproportionately affect the community today.

Caltrans will seek construction funding for Phase I through a Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program grant application in November 2026; the award decision will be made in June 2027.