

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Approves Contract Agreement to Hire Todd Muck as Executive Director

The TAMC Board of Directors approved an agreement to hire Deputy Director Todd Muck as the Agency's new Executive Director effective September 25, 2021. Mr. Muck will lead the agency as its new Executive Director effective September 25, during a transition period with current Executive Director, Debbie Hale, who is retiring on October 8, 2021.

The agreement will be in effect from September 25, 2021, through September 24, 2024. Mr. Muck was hired by the Board of Directors after successfully competing in a national search conducted by an independent recruitment firm.

Quarterly Measure X Revenue Forecasts and Status of Regional Projects



The TAMC Board of Directors received an update on the quarterly Measure X Revenue forecasts and the status of regional Measure X projects at their monthly meeting. Staff reported that Measure X revenues from January through March 2021 were 37.1% above the first sales period of 2020.

However, significant adjustments for delayed payments, and other reporting modifications resulted in actual revenues that increased by only 8.6%.

The net effect is that despite the pandemic, Measure X sales tax revenues exceeded prior projections this past fiscal year and are forecast to remain steady in subsequent years. The existing Measure X program fund balance along with new revenues will allow the Measure X program of projects to stay on track to meet programmed local match requirements for the next five years.

The Measure X regional projects that are expected to start construction during the five-year time frame include the Imjin Road Widening project, which uses \$18.1 million of Measure X funds as match to a \$19 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program grant, the Highway 218 Segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, which uses \$1.0 million of Measure X

funds as a match to a \$9.2 million Active Transportation Program grant, and the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard project, which received a \$20 million Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridors grant that is matched with \$389,000 of Measure X and \$5 million of developer fees.

- ▣ [Measure X First Quarter 2021 Update](#)
- ▣ [Measure X Local Road Maintenance Revenue Projections by Jurisdiction](#)

Freeway Service Patrol Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2018-2019



The TAMC Board of Directors received the Freeway Service Patrol Annual report which summarized the program's performance and compares it with the previous two fiscal years. This annual report is based on the latest year of complete data available from the State, which is 2018-19. In 2018-19, the tow truck program provided an average benefit of \$6.00 for every \$1.00 invested in the program, or an annual savings of 66,550 vehicle hours of delay, 114,399 gallons of fuel savings, and a reduction of 1,006,713 kilograms per year in carbon dioxide.

In the last three fiscal years, there were a total of 9,846 assists. The Freeway Service Patrol operators provided a high level of service, as demonstrated by user surveys, were most respondents rate the service they received as excellent.

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) is responsible for clearing the freeway of stalled or broken-down automobiles, motorcycles, small trucks, and small debris. The Freeway Service Patrol operators contracting with the Transportation Agency provide "quick fix" items to motorists, e.g., furnishing one gallon of gasoline, changing flat tires, providing a "jump" start, taping or repairing cooling system hoses, refilling radiators, or similar minor repairs. They also provide towing needs for minor collisions.

If the disabled vehicle cannot be repaired in any of the manners mentioned, it is towed to a California Highway Patrol designated drop location. In that case, the motorist can request the vehicle operator to contact the California Highway Patrol Communication center to call for a tow truck or a friend/relative to assist them.

The Freeway Service Patrol program is managed by a partnership of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the California Department of Transportation, and the California Highway Patrol.

[FSP Annual Report 2018-19](#)



Debbie Hale Gives Final Executive Director's Report to the TAMC Board

After 20 years of service as a TAMC employee, Debbie Hale gave her final executive director's report to the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. This was her final report and presentation to the Board before her pending retirement on October 8, 2021.

Ms. Hale took a moment to reflect on the TAMC tagline, "plan, fund and build," by acknowledging the people behind the meaning of that tagline, from past and present Board members to staff members. Individually and collectively through their efforts, TAMC has transitioned over the past 20 years, from newly separating from the County, to being a successful agency on its own.

During her tenure the agency has built a slew of safety and cutting-edge projects, become a self-help county with a successful track record of leveraging additional funds for Monterey County projects, and established leadership with state legislators and other state agencies. Other agency achievements include a robust Safe Routes to School Program, the advancement of the rail project and helping a visionary regional trail project get one step closer to reality.

In Debbie's words, "It's been a great run."