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**Technical Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

**\*\*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**

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two minutes to address concerns. Comments in items on this agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed. Persons who wish to address the Committee for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at [maria@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:maria@tamcmonterey.org) by 5:00 pm the Monday before the meeting, and such comments will be distributed to the Board before the meeting.

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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 November 6, 2025.

- Maria Montiel

*The draft minutes of the November 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.*

4. **RECEIVE** a presentation on the Active Transportation Support Program and **PROVIDE** feedback on potential vendors for active transportation equipment and resources.

- Ariadne Sambrano

*The Active Transportation Support Program assists local jurisdictions, schools, nonprofits, and businesses across Monterey County in acquiring active transportation equipment and resources. The program provides free or low-cost bicycle racks, repair kits, safety materials, and training resources to encourage safe and sustainable travel. Staff will present program updates and seek committee feedback on potential vendors for upcoming equipment procurement.*

5. **RECEIVE** presentations on the Draft 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

- Michael Zeller

*The Draft 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) sets the framework for future transportation investments and policies, aligning local projects with regional goals for safety, sustainability, and multimodal access.*

6. **SELECT** a member of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2026 Vice Chair.

- Doug Bilse

*The Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair positions change each calendar year in January.*

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

8. **ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting:

**Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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](mailto:Doug@tamcmonterey.org)

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2026  
**Subject:** **Draft TAC Minutes**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for November 6, 2025.

**SUMMARY:**

The draft minutes of the November 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee meeting are attached for review.

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

1. Draft TAC minutes November 6, 2025

**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, November 6, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25
Ken Wysocki, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Shari Carlet, Robert Culver)	C	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	A	A
John Guertin, Del Rey Oaks	A	A	-	A	A	A	O	A	A	A	A
Patrick Dobbins Gonzales (vacant)	N	E	E	P	E	P	M	E	E	E	E
Jamie Tugel, Greenfield, <b>Chair</b> (Doug Pike)	C	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
Octavio Hurtado, King City (Steve Adams)	E	P	P	A	E	P	E	P	P	P	P
Nourdin Khayata, Marina (Edrie Delos Santos)	L	A	A	A	A	A	T	A	A	A	A
Marissa Garcia, Monterey (Andrea Renny, Fernanda Roveri)	L	E	P	P	P	P	I	P	P	P	P
Daniel Gho, Pacific Grove (Joyce Halabi)	E	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	A	N	A	P	P	E
David Jacobs, Salinas <b>Vice Chair</b> (Adrian Robles)	D	P	P	P	A	P	G	P	P	A	E
Leon Gomez, Sand City (Vibeke Norgaard)	M	P	P	P(VC)	P	P		P	P	P	P
Paul Ensley, Seaside (Leslie Llantero, Thomas Korman)	E	A	P(A)	E	A	A		P	P(A)	P	P
Don Wilcox, Soledad (Alex Ramos, Kao Nou Yang)	E	E	P	P	P	A		A	P(A)	P	P
Chad Alinio, MCPW (Enrique Saavedra)	T	P(A)	P	A	A	A		P(A)	P	A	P
Chris Duymich, AMBAG (Paul Hierling, Heather Adamson)	I	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Tyler LeSage, Caltrans (Kelly McClendon, Jill Leal)	N	P(A)	P	P	P	P(VC)		P	P	P	P
Kyle Jordan CSUMB	G	-	-	A	A	A		A	A	A	-
Tyrone Bell, MBARD		E	-	A	A	A		A	A	A	-
Vince Dang, MST (Michelle Overmeyer)		P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P		P(A)	P(A)	P(VC)	P

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

STAFF	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25
T. Muck, Executive Director	C	P	E	P	P	P	N	P	P	A	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	A	A	P(VC)	P(VC)	E	P(VC)	O	A	E	A	P(VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	N	P	P(VC)	A	P(A)	P(VC)	M	A	P(VC)	P	P
D. Bilsse, Principal Engineer	C	P	P	P(VC)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	L	A	A	P	P(VC)	P	T	A	E	P	A
T. Wright, Community Outreach Coord.	L	A	A	A	E	E	I	A	E	A	A
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	E	A	P(VC)	A	A	P(VC)	N	A	E	A	A
A. Hernandez, Transportation Planner	D	P	A	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	G	A	E	A	P(VC)
A. Guther, Transportation Planner		A	A	P(VC)	A	E		A	E	P(VC)	A
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin.		A	A	A	A	E		A	P(VC)	A	A
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner		A	P(VC)	A	A	A		A	E	P(VC)	A
M. Sheehan, Accounting Assistance		A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	P
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants		-	-	-	-	-		-	-	A	P

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Gerardo Rodriguez, City of Salinas

Dwight Stump, Public

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jamie Tugel, City of Greenfield, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**M / S / C:** Gomez / Hurtado/ unanimous

**3.1** Approved the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes for October 2, 2025.

**3.2** Received the 2026 schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

**3.3** Received the call for nominations for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4 DRAFT 2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed and provided comments on the draft 2026 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted the draft legislative program items of interest to the Committee; she noted that the program notifies state representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the Agency.

Committee Member Alinio commented about item 14S, supporting "legislation allowing Caltrans or local or regional agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects", stating that new elements are currently not reimbursed with disaster funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Caltrans.

Committee Member Garcia asked whether TAMC might add an item related to federal funding agreements containing provisions unrelated to the transportation infrastructure project, such as a requirement that the City cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. Ms. Watson replied that item 6F, "preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs", may apply. Ms. Watson will meet with Ms. Garcia to discuss further.

#### **5. QUICK-BUILD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT DISCUSSION**

The committee reviewed and discussed the State Route 1/ Pacific Coast Highway Quick-Build Roundabouts in the City of Malibu, designed by Kimley-Horn.

Frederick Venter and Sean Hauck with Kimley-Horn presented on their experience developing a quick-build roundabout project withing Caltrans right-of-way in Malibu. Mr. Hauck noted that the Malibu roundabout project included two quick-built roundabouts along Pacific Coast Highway, one at El Matador State Beach and another at Encinal Canyon Road. These intersections were identified in the 2015 Pacific Coast Highway Safety Study as high-conflict zones for vehicles and pedestrians. Construction is expected to begin in January 2026, with completion anticipated by March 2026. He noted that the roundabouts will transition from two travel lanes into a single-lane roundabout and back to two lanes.

The following Committee had the following comments and input on the Quick-Build Roundabouts in the City of Malibu project:

- Consider flashing beacons on roundabout
- Consider crossings and roundabout flexibility
- Plan for increase enforcement duration (late night speeders)
- Consider installing new speeding signage
- Consider "sharrows"
- Consider drones for modeling simulation

## **6. 2026 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**M / S / C:** Garcia/ Hurtado /unanimous

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer, opened the discussion with the Committee on selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026. Mr. Bilse commented that the Committee bylaws state that the chairmanship changes each calendar year in January. The new Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for the 2026 calendar year.

Committee Member Garcia nominated Committee Member Jacobs as Chair for 2026, and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Hurtado.

The Committee will bring back the selection of the 2026 Vice Chair at the next meeting.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tyler LeSage announced that an email with information on Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant was distributed to the Committee and the grant application deadline is on November 21, 2025.

Doug Bilse announced that everyone should respond to the Pavement Management Program email.

Mr. Bilse announced the Vision Zero draft recommendations for workshops and task force are going to the city's councils.

Janneke Strause announced that she sent an email on the Regional Surface Transportation Program funded projects annual templates.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Chair Tugel adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

## Memorandum

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2026  
**Subject:** **Active Transportation Support Program**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** a presentation on the Active Transportation Support Program and **PROVIDE** feedback on potential vendors for active transportation equipment and resources.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Active Transportation Support Program assists local jurisdictions, schools, nonprofits, and businesses across Monterey County in acquiring active transportation equipment and resources. The program provides free or low-cost bicycle racks, repair kits, safety materials, and training resources to encourage safe and sustainable travel. Staff will present program updates and seek committee feedback on potential vendors for upcoming equipment procurement.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The program is funded with Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. Approximately \$30,000 is allocated annually as part of the Agency's adopted budget and distributed to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until the yearly allocation is fully expended.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Active Transportation Support Program (ATSP) was established in July 2020 to improve access to safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation options throughout Monterey County. **Web attachment 1** includes links to the program description, guidelines, and application. The program operates as a rolling grant program, accepting applications year-round and providing resources that support active modes of transportation such as biking, walking, and scootering.

Through this program, TAMC helps private businesses, public agencies, schools, and nonprofits acquire essential equipment and tools to encourage active commuting and recreation. Eligible applicants can receive bicycle racks and lockers, skateboard and scooter support kits, repair stations, and safety education materials. The program also offers training resources to help organizations manage their own bicycle repair or bike safety programs.

The Active Transportation Support Program complements TAMC's broader efforts under the Safe Routes to School and Go831 programs by expanding infrastructure and education that promotes mode shift away from single-occupancy vehicles. It also supports the Agency's Vision Zero and Climate Action goals by improving accessibility and safety for people who walk, bike, or roll. Since 2024, the program has supported four local organizations in receiving bicycle racks and safety equipment.

Key Goals of the program include:

- Increasing the amount of secure bicycle parking in areas without existing facilities.
- Ensuring equitable distribution of amenities across Monterey County.
- Encouraging creative, context-sensitive designs that enhance visibility and community character.
- Expanding access to active transportation in schools, workplaces, and community centers.
- Promoting education on the safe use and maintenance of bicycles, scooters, and skateboards.

TAMC staff invite committee members to share potential vendor suggestions to help expand and strengthen the program's reach.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Active Transportation Support Program](#)

## Memorandum

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee

**From:** Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery

**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2026

**Subject:** **2026 Regional Transportation Plan & 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy**

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**RECEIVE** presentations on the Draft 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

### SUMMARY:

The Draft 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) sets the framework for future transportation investments and policies, aligning local projects with regional goals for safety, sustainability, and multimodal access.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan's financial estimate identified a total of approximately \$7.9 billion in projected funding for transportation projects in Monterey County through the 2050 horizon year of the plan, in current year dollars.

### DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency prepares a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years, in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), which prepares a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the three-county Monterey Bay region. These plans outline the region's priorities for meeting future transportation and mobility needs, consistent with the policy goals and objectives adopted by the Board, within the constraints of a transportation revenue forecast over the planning horizon of the documents.

The RTP includes three main components:

- **Policy Element** communicates the goals and measurable objectives for improving the transportation system.
- **Financial Element** includes a forecast of revenues over the life of the plan.
- **Action Element** includes a list of projects to be funded within the capacity of the funding forecast and meet the goals and objectives identified in the document.

The RTP does not approve any particular project, but does review the environmental impacts of all proposed projects on a "program level." **Attachment 1** is the Executive Summary from the draft 2026

RTP. The full draft RTP is available as a **web attachment**.

The RTP establishes a regional framework that influences transportation planning and investment decisions at the local level. Key implications for cities and the County include:

### **1. Consistency with Regional Goals**

Local transportation plans and projects should align with RTP goals, such as improving safety, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supporting multimodal travel options, and maintaining the existing transportation system. This alignment is beneficial for competing for state and federal funding.

### **2. Integration with Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**

Under Senate Bill (SB) 375, local land use and transportation decisions must support the regional SCS, which promotes compact development patterns and reduced vehicle miles traveled. Cities and the County may need to consider zoning and development policies that complement these objectives.

### **3. Funding Prioritization**

The RTP's Financial Element identifies constrained and unconstrained funding scenarios. Projects typically need to be included in the RTP to be eligible for competitive grant programs. Local jurisdictions should ensure their priority projects are included to maximize funding opportunities.

### **4. Performance Monitoring**

The RTP includes measurable objectives and performance indicators. Local jurisdictions may be asked to provide data to help track progress toward regional targets.

Since the passage of SB 375, state law requires that Regional Transportation Plans be consistent with local Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). Collaborating with AMBAG on a coordinated RTP/MTP/SCS update allows for one Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be prepared for all three documents. To align the review process for these coordinated documents, the Transportation Agency Board authorized the release of the Draft Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan in December for a public review period closing January 31, 2026, concurrent with AMBAG's review period. As part of this process, staff scheduled a public hearing on the draft plan at the January 28, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

The document is posted to the Agency website and was distributed to member jurisdictions, state and federal resource agencies, citizen advisory committees and other public stakeholders. Any public testimony or written comments received by the Agency and AMBAG on the draft plan for Monterey County will be addressed in the final document, which staff expects to present to the Board for adoption no later than June 28, 2026. AMBAG adoption of the final Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Draft EIR is also scheduled for June 2026.

**Attachment 2** is an AMBAG staff report with more information on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, and **Attachment 3** is a flyer with dates for public outreach. Transportation Agency and AMBAG staff will present the draft documents and receive comments at the January Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan - Executive Summary - DRAFT
2. AMBAG Staff Report - MTP/SCS and EIR Update
3. 2050 MTP-SCS Public Meeting Flyer - January 2026

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Draft 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan](#)

## Executive Summary

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is designated by the State of California to serve as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the County. The mission of the Agency is to proactively plan and fund a transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environmental quality, and economic activities by investing in regional transportation projects serving the needs of Monterey County residents, businesses, and visitors. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's 2026 Monterey County *Regional Transportation Plan* (or "Plan") is a road map to meeting our transportation challenges and achieving these goals.

The Transportation Agency is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors representing the five-county Supervisorial Districts, each of Monterey County's 12 incorporated cities, and ex-officio members representing the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD), the Monterey Regional Airport, the City of Watsonville, and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB).

The Transportation Agency prepares the *Regional Transportation Plan* every four years, which provides a basis for actions to allocate state and federal funding to transportation projects. The Agency prepares its plan in coordination with AMBAG, which prepares a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the tri-county Monterey Bay Area in its role as the federal Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. These plans outline the Agency's priorities for meeting future transportation and mobility needs, consistent with the policy goals and objectives adopted by the Agency, as well as within the constraints of transportation revenue forecast over the 24-year planning horizon of the document.

### Goals and Policies

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's 2026 *Regional Transportation Plan's* adopted policy element includes a framework of goals and policy objectives used to guide the development of the 2026 Plan. Chapter 2 presents the goals, policy objectives, and performance metrics for the Plan. Goal areas include:

- Access & Mobility;
- Safety & Health;
- Sustainability and Environment
- Equity; and
- Economic Benefit.

Dozens of performance metrics were established to measure how well the 2026 Plan performs relative to these performance metrics. Investments in the 2026 Plan are expected to result in significant benefits to the region concerning transportation mobility, economic activity and job creation, sustainability, and equity. The *2026 Regional Transportation Plan* addresses a strategic expansion of the transportation network, supportive of mobility improvements to bus transit, rail, highway safety, active transportation, and local streets and roads projects.

### **Financial Element**

For years, the primary transportation funding challenge was decreasing revenues contrasted with increasing needs. However, with the passage of Measure X, a 3/8% sales tax dedicated to improving Monterey County’s transportation network, and the passage of Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Monterey County has received significantly more funding to meet its transportation needs. Measure X is expected to raise an estimated \$20 million annually, or a total of \$600 million over 30 years. Sixty percent (60%) of the funds are distributed to local cities and the county for road maintenance and safety projects, and the remaining 40% is designated for regional mobility and safety improvements. Similarly, Senate Bill 1 will provide as much as double that amount for both local and regional projects in Monterey County, through a combination of increased formula-based funds and competitive grant opportunities.

The *2026 Regional Transportation Plan* includes a revenue forecast of \$7.9 billion in state, federal, and local funding that is reasonably expected to be available through the 2050 horizon year of the Plan.

### **Public Outreach**

The *2026 Regional Transportation Plan* was informed by a combination of past and present, in-person and virtual public engagement activities and outreach opportunities. Outreach included a public survey on defining regional transportation priorities for Monterey County, presented in both Spanish & English, and a series of public meetings and workshops intended to inform the development of the Plan. Outreach activities are detailed in Appendix A.

The 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan represents a comprehensive, forward-looking strategy to meet the evolving transportation needs of our region. Grounded in community input, guided by clear policy goals, and supported by a robust financial framework, the Plan positions Monterey County to make meaningful progress in mobility, safety, sustainability, equity, and economic vitality. Through strategic investments and collaborative partnerships, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is committed to delivering a transportation system that serves all residents, businesses, and visitors, now and into the future.



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** TAMC Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report

**MEETING DATE:** January 8, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

AMBAG staff will provide an overview on the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Both documents were released for public review and comment on November 17, 2025.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:**

The 2050 MTP/SCS is the blueprint for a regional transportation system that further enhances our quality of life, promotes sustainability, and offers more mobility options for people and goods. The MTP/SCS is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050.

The 2050 MTP/SCS contains a robust transportation network, with a diversity of projects that will provide residents and visitors with a variety of travel choices. The transportation network, in conjunction with how local jurisdictions develop land, will provide additional opportunities for walking, biking, getting to work, going to school, shopping and playing.

Passed in 2008, Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) encourages planning practices that create sustainable communities. SB 375 also charged the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with setting regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. AMBAG must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the MTP. The SCS must demonstrate how the region will meet its target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The 2050 MTP/SCS demonstrates that our region meets the regional GHG target.

The following sections present a brief overview of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS. The 2050 MTP/SCS adoption process section describes the process to obtain public input on the 2050 MTP/SCS and major milestones leading to the Board considering adoption of the 2050 MTP/SCS in June 2026.

## **Vision**

AMBAG adopted a framework of goals and policy objectives to guide the development of the MTP/SCS. The five goal areas are:

- *Mobility – Build and maintain a safe and robust multimodal transportation network.*
- *Environment – Create a sustainable and healthy region for all.*
- *Communities – Develop, engage, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.*
- *Economic – Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.*
- *Equitable – Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.*

## **Transportation Investments**

The Draft 2050 MTP/SCS contains a number of improvements to our multimodal transportation system. The MTP sets forth an integrated approach to transportation investments that maximizes the benefits of the existing transportation system by investing in system preservation and maintenance, along with strategic system expansion and management strategies. The transportation investments will provide more travel choices for our region’s residents and visitors.

## **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The SCS demonstrates the region’s ability to meet the GHG emission reduction target set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCS outlines the region’s plan for integrating the transportation network within an overall land use pattern that responds to projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and transportation demands while reducing GHG emissions. The overall SCS land use development pattern complements the proposed transportation network which emphasizes multimodal system enhancements, system preservation, and improved access to high quality transit.

## **Financial Plan**

The Financial Plan includes a revenue forecast of local, state and federal sources that are reasonably expected to be available through 2050. Total revenues estimated for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS are approximately \$16 billion.

## **Performance Measures**

In support of the goals and policies established through public participation efforts and stakeholder involvement, more than a dozen performance measures were established to measure how well the MTP/SCS performs. The performance measures quantify the transportation, environmental, economic and equity benefits of the MTP/SCS. Detailed information regarding the performance measures can be found in Chapter 5 and Appendix G of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS.

## **Public Participation**

AMBAG engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, community groups, and the general public through a series of meetings and workshops. The input received through this process has shaped the 2050 MTP/SCS in a meaningful way. AMBAG will continue to involve and engage the stakeholders and the public in the process of refining and finalizing the 2050 MTP/SCS.

## **Environmental Impact Report**

AMBAG, in consultation with the RTPAs and the consulting team, is preparing an EIR for the 2050 MTP/SCS. Prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the 2050 MTP/SCS on the physical environment at the program level. The Program EIR also serves as the EIR for each of the RTPA's 2050 Regional Transportation Plans. The Program EIR analyzes a range of impacts resulting from future development consistent with the regional growth projections and from improvements to the regional transportation network. It also analyzes three alternatives to the proposed 2050 MTP/SCS. The EIR provides the framework for subsequent project level environmental analysis of specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project features are defined.

## **2050 MTP/SCS and EIR Adoption Process**

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues have been and will be utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. A major goal of this public involvement effort is to reach out to both nontraditional and traditional audiences, to include them in the transportation planning process.

AMBAG will hold public workings and public hearings, in January 2026, to allow for public comment on the 2050 MTP/SCS and the EIR. The public workshops/hearings schedule and format will provide opportunities for information to be shared and public comments to be submitted. More information about these public meetings can be found in Attachment 1.

The public comment period for the 2050 MTP/SCS and DEIR is from November 17, 2025 to January 30, 2026.

Upcoming major milestones include:

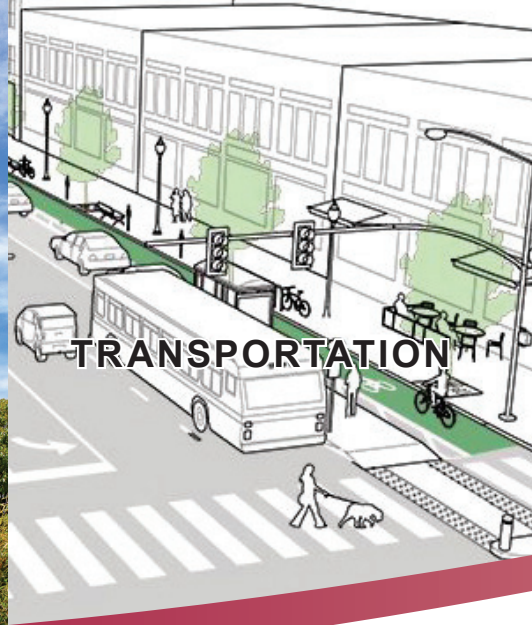
- **January 2026** – Public workshops/hearings on Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **January 30, 2026** – Close of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR
- **February/March 2026** – Review and response to comments and consider proposed changes to the 2050 MTP/SCS
- **June 2026** – AMBAG Board considers certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Final 2050 MTP/SCS

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft 2050 MTP/SCS/EIR Public Workshops/Hearings Flyer



**HOUSING**



**TRANSPORTATION**



**RESILIENCY**



# **PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING on the Draft 2050 MTP/SCS and Draft EIR**

Attend a virtual workshop and public hearing on AMBAG’s Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan and EIR will occur during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Can’t attend the workshop? Send comments by email, [hadamson@ambag.org](mailto:hadamson@ambag.org), or by mail, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. The public comment period closes on January 30, 2026. Copies of the Draft Plan and EIR are available for download at [www.AMBAG.org](http://www.AMBAG.org).

## **Meeting Schedule**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026** at 12pm

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026** at 6pm (as part of the regularly scheduled AMBAG Board meeting)

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026** at 12pm

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026** at 6pm, San Benito County focused

**Thursday, January 22, 2026** at 6pm, Monterey County focused

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026** at 6pm, Santa Cruz County focused



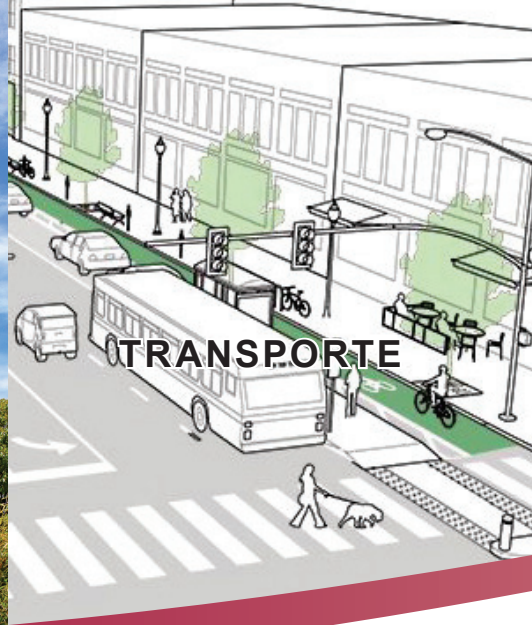
To register for these virtual meetings, please visit [www.AMBAG.org](http://www.AMBAG.org) or use the QR code.

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# TALLER Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

## sobre el Borrador del MTP/SCS 2050 y el Borrador del EIR

Asista a un taller y una audiencia pública virtual sobre el Borrador del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP) y su Estrategia de Comunidades Sostenibles (Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCS) de 2050 y el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental (Environmental Impact Report, EIR). Durante la porción de la audiencia pública de la reunión, tendrá la oportunidad de hacer comentarios sobre el borrador del Plan y del EIR.

¿No puede asistir al taller? Envíe sus comentarios por correo electrónico: [hadamson@ambag.org](mailto:hadamson@ambag.org), o por correo postal: 24580 Silver Cloud Ct, Monterey, CA 93940. El período de comentarios públicos finaliza el 30 de enero de 2026. Puede descargar copias del borrador del Plan y del EIR en [www.AMBAG.org](http://www.AMBAG.org).

### Calendario de Reuniones

**Martes, 13 de enero de 2026** a las 12 pm

**Miércoles, 14 de enero de 2026** a las 6 pm (como parte de la reunión regular de la junta de AMBAG)

**Martes, 20 de enero de 2026** a las 12 pm

**Miércoles, 21 de enero de 2026** a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de San Benito

**Jueves, 22 de enero de 2026** a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Monterey

**Martes, 27 de enero de 2026** a las 6 pm, enfocado en el Condado de Santa Cruz



Para inscribirse para estas reuniones virtuales, visite [www.AMBAG.org](http://www.AMBAG.org) o use el código QR.

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**From:** Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer  
**Meeting Date:** January 8, 2026  
**Subject:** **2026 Committee Vice Chair**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**SELECT** a member of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as the 2026 Vice Chair.

**SUMMARY:**

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair positions change each calendar year in January.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Committee bylaws state that the Chair and Vice Chair positions are selected during the first quarter of every year. The new Chair and Vice Chair will serve for the 2026 calendar year. The 2025 Vice Chair was David Jacobs from the City of Salinas, who was elected to serve as 2026 Chair at the November 2025 meeting. The Committee must now select a new Vice Chair for 2026. A list of previous chairs and vice chairs is attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2025 Past Chair and Vice-Chair List

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

## TAC Past Chair & Vice Chair Summary

Year	Chair	Vice Chair
<b>2025</b>	Jamie Tugel (Greenfield)	David Jacobs (Salinas)
<b>2024</b>	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)	Jamie Tugel (Greenfield)
<b>2023</b>	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
<b>2022</b>	Chad Alinio (County)	Marissa Garcia (Monterey)
<b>2021</b>	Octavio Hurtado (King City)	Chad Alinio (County)
<b>2020</b>	Andrew Easterling (Salinas)	Octavio Hurtado (King City)
<b>2019</b>	Brian McMinn (Marina)	James Serrano (Salinas)
<b>2018</b>	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)	Brian McMinn (Marina)
<b>2017</b>	Enrique Saavedra (County)	Patrick Dobbins (Gonzales)
<b>2016</b>	Rich Deal (Monterey)	Ryan Chapman*/ Enrique Saavedra (County) *Resigned
<b>2015</b>	James Serrano (Salinas)	Rich Deal (Monterey)
<b>2014</b>	Don Wilcox (Soledad)	James Serrano (Salinas)
<b>2013</b>	Trish Lopez (County)	Don Wilcox (Soledad)
<b>2012</b>	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)	Trish Lopez (County)

<b>2011</b>	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)	Dale Lipp (Greenfield)
<b>2010</b>	Trish Lopez (County)	Nourdin Khayata (Marina)