



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**October 26, 2022**

### **TAMC Corridor Advisor Provides Presentation on Regional Highway Projects**

Tony Harris, Principal Partner with the consulting firm PointC, the Transportation Agency's Corridor Advisor, provided a presentation on the status of the Agency's efforts to deliver Measure X projects along US 101 South of Salinas, State Route 68, and State Route 156.

Mr. Harris and his team are tasked with assisting TAMC with the delivery of state highway improvement projects that use Measure X funds. This includes working with Caltrans and TAMC staff to evaluate project delivery schedules, facilitate project team meetings, and develop funding strategies.

His presentation to the TAMC Board of Directors included updates on the status of the State Route 68 Scenic Highway, US 101 South of Salinas, and State Route 156/ Castroville interchange projects, which have a total of \$110 million allocated from Measure X funds.

After providing an update on the status, opportunities, and challenges of each project, Mr. Harris concluded his presentation by stating that during future development of projects, the focus should be on the following:

- Opportunities to leverage Measure X funding to obtain state and federal funding;
- Identifying opportunities to align with emerging transportation values and policies;
- Exploring methods and opportunities to advance implementation; and
- Ongoing engagement with community and stakeholders throughout the process.

## **TAMC Board Receives an Update on the Quarterly Measure X Revenue Forecasts**

The TAMC Board of Directors received an update on the quarterly Measure X revenue forecasts that revealed revenues were 22% higher than during the same period in 2021. Excluding late payments and other reporting adjustments, receipts for the period were up 18%.

Prior to Monterey County voters adopting Measure X in November 2016, revenues were conservatively estimated to be \$20 million per year. Actual revenues have been significantly higher, with fiscal year 2018/19 receipts (the second full year of Measure X receipts) totaling \$30.5 million. Measure X revenues dropped to \$28 million in 2019/20, rose to \$30 million in 2020/21, and increased again to \$38 million in 2021/22.

Measure X sales tax revenues exceeded prior projections this past fiscal year and are forecast to remain steady in subsequent years. While the fluctuations in Measure X revenues as projected from the prior year presents challenges, the conservative approach taken by the Agency still provides full funding for near-term projects programmed in the 2022 Integrated Funding Plan, which include the Imjin Road Widening project, the State Route 218 segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, and the State Route 156/ Castroville Boulevard project.

[Measure X First Quarter 2022 Update](#)

[Measure X Local Road Maintenance Revenue Projections by Jurisdiction](#)

## **TAMC Seeks Nominations for 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence Awards**

The TAMC Board of Directors authorized the release for a call for nominations for the Transportation Agency 's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence Awards. The award honors individuals, businesses, groups, or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

Examples of potential awards include:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to improve our transportation system.
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network.
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of smart commute options as alternatives to driving alone.

The nomination form is available on the Transportation Agency website at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org). The form can be submitted online or downloaded and sent to the attention of Theresa Wright at 55 B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901, or [theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org). The deadline to submit a nomination is December 2, 2022. The Transportation Agency Executive Committee will select the awards recipients in early January and honorees will be recognized during the awards ceremony at the TAMC Board meeting on January 25, 2023.

▢ [Transportation Excellence Awards Nomination Form](#)

### **Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation from DKS Consultants on the Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy. The strategy, funded through a Caltrans sustainable transportation planning grant, will become a resource to accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) and identify gaps and opportunities to implement zero emission vehicle infrastructure along the Central Coast. The project study area is the California Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Venture counties.

The goal of this effort is to identify future charging infrastructure siting and technology needs to accommodate future travel demand specifically for interregional motorists, regional transit services, and freight. A key emphasis will be on addressing the region's electromobility needs for accommodating intercity travel within the less developed unincorporated areas of the Central Coast and underserved populations such as disadvantaged communities and residents of multi-family dwelling units.

Through the development of this plan, all Central Coast agencies will be better positioned to apply and/or compete for state and federal funding for electric vehicle infrastructure implementation.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide their thoughts or ideas on locations by using the [interactive mapping tool](#), which will remain live until the end of November. More information about the project is available on the project website at [www.centralcoastzevstrategy.com](http://www.centralcoastzevstrategy.com).

- [Interactive Mapping Tool](#)
- [Central Coast ZEV Strategy Website](#)
- [Central Coast ZEV Strategy Presentation](#)