



Regional Transportation Planning Agency - Local Transportation Commission
Monterey County Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways
Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency
Email: info@tamcmonterey.org

Board of Directors

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026
9:00 AM**

MEETING LOCATION

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum
or vote on any item on the agenda
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California
Cayenne Conference Room
Wi-Fi Network: MontereyCty-Guest (no password required)

Alternate Locations with Zoom Connection Open to the Public
168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's Office

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please dial *9 to raise your hand.*

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Please find Chapter 9, also known as the Ralph M. Brown Act:
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Consulte las instrucciones para la reunión especial al final de la agenda.

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1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Transportation Agency by-laws require a quorum of a minimum of 9 voting members, including a minimum of 7 city representatives and 1 county representative.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your alternate. Your courtesy to the other Transportation Agency Board members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Under this item, each member of the public is allowed two (2) 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 Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Maria at 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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COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO:

Cualquier miembro del público podrá dirigirse a la Junta sobre cualquier punto no incluido en la agenda, pero que sea de su competencia. En este punto, cada miembro del público tendrá dos minutos para plantear sus inquietudes. Se podrán formular comentarios sobre los puntos de este agenda cuando se discuta dicho punto. Se anima a quienes deseen dirigirse a la Junta para recibir comentarios del público o sobre un punto de la agenda que envíen sus

comentarios por escrito a Maria en maria@tamcmonterey.org antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes anterior a la reunión. Dichos comentarios se distribuirán a la Junta antes de la reunión.

Formato alternativo de la agenda y recursos auxiliares: Si se solicita, la agenda se pondrá a disposición de las personas con discapacidad en formatos alternativos apropiados, según lo exige la Sección 202 de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990 (42 USC Sec. 12132) y las normas y reglamentos federales adoptados en su aplicación. Las personas que soliciten una modificación o adaptación por discapacidad, incluyendo ayudas o servicios auxiliares, pueden comunicarse con el personal de la Agencia de Transporte al 831-775-0903. Las ayudas o servicios auxiliares incluyen instalaciones accesibles para sillas de ruedas, intérpretes de lengua de señas, intérpretes de español y materiales impresos en letra grande, braille o en disco. Estas solicitudes pueden ser presentadas por una persona con discapacidad que requiera una modificación o adaptación para participar en la reunión pública y deben hacerse al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión. Se hará todo lo posible para atender la solicitud.

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.

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

3.1.1. **APPROVE** the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of December 3, 2025.

- Elouise Rodriguez

3.1.2. **ACCEPT** the list of payments and deposits for November and December 2025 and the credit card statement for October and November 2025.

- Mi Ra Park

The list of payments and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the TAMC Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from TAMC's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about TAMC's financial transactions.

3.1.3. **RECEIVE** list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

- Jefferson Kise

The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.

3.1.4. **Contract with Office of County Counsel**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with the County Counsel's office and increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$160,000 for fiscal year 2025-26 and to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$66,000 to \$70,000 starting July 1, 2026;
2. **APPROVE** the use of reserves or project funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Jefferson Kise

The TAMC Board renewed the agency contract for legal services with the County on October 23, 2024 and amended it on March 26 and June 25, 2025 to increase the not-to-exceed budget to \$160,000 for fiscal year 2025-26. This amount is reflected in the new contract with County Counsel for the current fiscal year. The County Counsel's office has increased rates by 5%, so the annual not to exceed will increase from \$66,000 to \$70,000 beginning July 2026. The contract does not have a termination date; either party may terminate the contract under specified circumstances, as defined in paragraph 3 of the attached contract.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, and SOCIAL SERVICES- No items this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1. Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues;
2. **ADOPT** the 2026 Legislative Program;
3. **ADOPT** an "oppose" position on Senate Bill 667; and
4. **ADOPT** a "support" position on the Caltrans Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act.

- Christina Watson

The Legislative Program guides staff and consultants in their advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. The state bill list includes one, SB 667, that has been amended recently and could adversely impact TAMC's passenger rail projects. The Caltrans Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act show a statewide agreement on priorities for federal transportation funding.

3.3.2. Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis — Fehr & Peers Contract

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Fehr & Peers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$476,000 to prepare the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis for the period ending

December 2028;

2. **APPROVE** the use of Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant, Rural Planning Assistance, and local funds budgeted to this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Janneke Strause

TAMC released a Request for Proposals to provide planning services for the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis on October 22, 2025. Seven responsive proposals were received. The proposal review team and staff recommend Fehr & Peers for the contract.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING

3.4.1. Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (California Avenue Segment) - GHD Contract Amendment #2:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$13,085, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,285,593, for additional design work on Wayfinding Signage Design for the FORTAG California Avenue Segment;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Janneke Strause

Staff recommends approving a contract amendment with GHD to incorporate the updated FORTAG Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines into the California Avenue Segment final design. The amendment will allow GHD to prepare detailed signage schedule sheets and integrate final wayfinding elements into the project plans. This update ensures consistency in signage across current and future FORTAG segments.

3.4.2. FORTAG California Avenue - Construction Management Request for Proposals:

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for construction management for the California Avenue segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, subject to agency counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board

with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and

3. **APPROVE** the use of Regional Measure X funds allocated to the construction of the project, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

- Janneke Strause

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - California Avenue segment is at 100% design and will be seeking an allocation of construction funding at the March California Transportation Commission meeting. It is now time to seek a firm to perform construction management for the project.

3.4.3. Mark Thomas Consulting - Grant Assistance Contract Amendment #1 :

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #1 with Mark Thomas Consulting, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget by \$87,000 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$236,900, to provide grant assistance services for the agency's priority regional projects for the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted for regional projects;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Mark Thomas Consulting contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

- Janneke Strause

The Grant Assistance contract between TAMC and Mark Thomas Consulting is used to provide assistance in submitting grant proposals to deliver regionally significant projects in coordination with Caltrans.

3.4.4. Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor Agreements:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a three-party intergovernmental agreement with the City of Seaside and the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for the period ending December 31, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,019, to provide programming for the Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project, including an allocation to the County of Monterey, in an amount not to exceed \$569,726, to provide safe routes to schools and community programming for the project;
2. **ACCEPT** the Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the City of Seaside and the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director or their designee to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter

the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

- Ariana Green

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Seaside and Monterey County Health Departments on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project. The City of Seaside was awarded the grant in December 2019 and the Transportation Agency and Health Department programming for the project will start in Spring 2026.

3.4.5. Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project - California Avenue Non-Infrastructure Agreement:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$803,519, to provide programming for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project (FORTAG) California Avenue segment project, for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

- Ariana Green

The Transportation Agency partnered with the Monterey County Health Department on an Active Transportation Program grant for the FORTAG California Avenue segment project. The Transportation Agency was awarded the grant in December 2022. This agreement between the Monterey County Health Department and Transportation Agency will enable delivery of safe routes to schools and community programming starting in Spring 2026.

3.4.6. Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to School Agreements:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$1,039,378, to provide programming for the Harden Parkway Safe Routes to Schools project, for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the City of Salinas and the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or

amount.

- Ariana Green

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas and Monterey County Health Department on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Harden Parkway Safe Routes to Schools project. The City of Salinas was awarded the grant in December 2022 and entered into an agreement with the Transportation Agency in August 2023 to oversee delivery of the non-infrastructure programming for the project. This agreement between the Monterey County Health Department and the Transportation Agency will enable delivery of safe routes to schools and community programming starting in Spring 2026.

3.4.7. Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with Artists Ink, subject to approval by Agency Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to provide programming for the Alisal High Sidewalk Art project for the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funding for this project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source because of their unique qualifications to do this work; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

- Ariana Green

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Alisal Safe Routes to Schools project. The City of Salinas was awarded the grant in December 2022 and entered into an agreement with the Transportation Agency in May 2023 to oversee delivery of the non-infrastructure programming for the project. This agreement between the Transportation Agency and Artists Ink will enable enhanced delivery and permanent installation of a youth-driven sidewalk art project in East Salinas. Programming will start in Spring 2026.

3.4.8. Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals:

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for the request for proposals for Freeway Service Patrol, subject to legal counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the request for proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work;
3. **APPROVE** the use of State funds and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for Freeway Service Patrol; and

4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the program, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of work.

- Laurie Williamson

The Transportation Agency's Freeway Service Patrol contracts with the current tow operator expire June 30, 2026. This Request for Proposals is to seek tow operator(s) to provide service for the next three fiscal years.

RAIL PROGRAM

3.5.1. Coast Corridor Rail Project Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles; and
2. **APPOINT** Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre as TAMC's representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

- Christina Watson

The Transportation Agency Board previously appointed Dave Potter and Mayor Mike LeBarre (RPC Chair) to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. On January 12, 2026, the Rail Policy Committee voted to recommend the Board reappoint Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre for 2026 to maintain the continuity of leadership on the Council.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE - No items this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES and CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1. ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of January 12, 2026
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of January 7, 2026
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 14, 2026
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 8, 2026
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

- Elouise Rodriguez

3.7.2. RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for January 2026.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. **PRESENT** the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Matt Sheehan

- Todd Muck

It is hereby certified that Matt Sheehan, Accounting Assistant, has been selected by his colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October 1 – December 31, 2025.

5. **Election of Officers**

1. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027 Board meeting; and
2. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027 Board meeting.

- Elouise Rodriguez

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the beginning of the Agency's January meeting. The Nominating Committee, Board Members Askew and LeBarre, conferred and recommend advancing the 2025 officers to the next level and filling the 2nd Vice Chair vacancy with Board Member Jose Rios and the city representative vacancy with Board Member Dennis Donohue.

6. **Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Public Hearing:**

1. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan;
2. **OPEN** public hearing on the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan;
3. **RECEIVE** public comments; and
4. **CLOSE** public hearing.

- 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.

7. **Gas Tax Replacement Study Session:**

1. **RECEIVE** presentation on revenue alternatives to replace the Gas Tax; and
2. **PROVIDE INPUT** on proposed alternatives.

- Janneke Strause

Senate Bill (SB) 339 (Wiener, Statutes of 2021) required the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) develop design recommendations for the Road Usage Charge (RUC) pilot program that will test mileage-based revenue collection as an

alternative to the gas tax system. In December 2023, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report stating that the state's gas tax revenues are projected to drop by \$6 billion over the next decade. This item is an overview of the Legislative Analyst Report, proposed replacement alternatives, and the potential impact of proposed alternatives on Monterey County drivers.

8. **RECEIVE** update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707.

- Christina Watson, Shane Strong

Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California.

9. **RECEIVE** reports from Transportation Providers:
- Caltrans Director's Report and Project Update - Eades
 - Monterey Peninsula Airport - Miller
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit - Sedoryk
 - Monterey Bay Air Resources District - Stedman
10. **Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at Transportation Agency expense, as required by state law.**
11. **Executive Director's Report.**
12. **Announcements and/or comments from Transportation Agency members on matters that they wish to put on future Transportation Agency agendas.**
13. **CLOSED SESSION:**
Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section §54957 –
Position: Executive Director and Agency Counsel.

RECONVENE in open session and report any actions taken.

Enclosures are provided only to Board members.

- Jefferson Kise

14. **ADJOURN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Transportation Agency for Monterey County regular meeting will be on
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Monterey County Government Center
1441 Schilling Place, Cayenne Room

A quorum of voting members is required to be present to hold this meeting.

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:

Elouise Rodriguez

Clerk of the Board

elouise@tamcmonterey.org

Important Meeting Information

Agenda Packet and Documents: Any person who has a question concerning an item on this agenda may call or email the Agency office to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Complete agenda packets are on display online at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website. Documents relating to an item on the open session that are distributed to the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public review at the Agency website. Agency contact information is as follows:

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Agenda Items: The agenda will be prepared by Agency staff and will close at noon five (5) working days before the regular meeting. Any member of the Board may request in writing an item to appear on the agenda. The request shall be made by the agenda deadline and any support papers must be furnished by that time or be readily available.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **TAMC Draft Minutes of December 3, 2025**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board draft minutes of December 3, 2025.

SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TAMC Draft Minutes_December_3_2025

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2025, TAMC BOARD MEETING
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Supervisor Askew's Remote Location

TAMC BOARD MEMBERS	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	DEC 25
Luis Alejo, Supervisor District 1, 2nd Vice Chair (Linda Gonzales, Javier Gomez)	P	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Glenn Church, Supervisor District 2, County Representative (Marilyn Viera , Leonie Gray)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P	P	P	P(A)
Chris Lopez, Supervisor District 3, Past Chair (Priscilla Ramos)	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, Chair (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P	P	P	P(V)	P(A)	P	P	P	P(A)	P(V)
Kate Daniels, Supervisor District 5 (Kimbly Craig)	p*	P	P	P(A) (V)	E	P	P	P	P	P(A) (V)
Jeff Baron, Carmel-by-the-Sea (Robert Delves, Dale Byrne)	P(A)*	P(A)	p*	P	P	P	P(A)	P	A	P
Scott Donaldson, Del Rey Oaks (John Uy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jose Rios, Gonzales, City Representative (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P
Rachel Ortiz, Greenfield (Robert White)	P	P	E	P	P	E	A	P	P	P
Michael LeBarre, King City (Carlos DeLeon)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Bruce Delgado, Marina (Jenny McAdams, Liesbeth Visscher)	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
Edwin Smith, Monterey (Kim Barber, Marissa Garcia, Andrea Renny)	P	P	AB2	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Chaps Poduri, Pacific Grove, 1st Vice Chair (Joe Amelio)	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P(A)	P
Dennis Donohue, Salinas (Margaret D'Arrigo)	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	p*

Mary Ann Carbone, Sand City (Jerry Blackwelder)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ian Oglesby, Seaside (David Pacheco)	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P(A)	P
Anna Velazquez, Soledad (Fernando Ansaldo-Sanchez)	E	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Ex Officio Members:	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 24	OCT 25	DEC 25
Maura Twomey, AMBAG (Heather Adamson, Bhupendra Patel, Paul Hierling)	P (V)	P (V)	P	P	P(A)	A	P(A)	P	P(A)	P(A) (V)
Scott Eades, Caltrans, Dist. 5 (Orchid Monroy Ochoa, John Olejnik, Richard Rosales, Brandy Rider, Kyle Birch, Kelly McClendon)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P	P(A) (V)	P(A)
Richard Stedman, Monterey Bay Air Resources District (David Frisbey)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Carl Miller, Monterey Regional Airport District (Richard Searle)	P(V)	P(V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(V)	A	A	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit (Lisa Rheinheimer, Michelle Overmeyer)	P	P	P	P	P(A)	P(A)	P	P	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)
Eduardo Montesino, Watsonville	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Glen Nelson, CSUMB (Matthew McCluney)	A	A	P(A) (V)	A	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	P(A) (V)	A

*P = present; P(A) = alternate present; P(V) = videoconference; E = excused absence; AB2=AB 2449;
AB2a=AB 2449 alternate; A = absent; P*= New Representative*

TAMC STAFF	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	DEC 25
Ryan Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P	P
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
N. Gomez, TAMC Intern	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	E	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
A. Green, Principal Transp. Planner	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	E	E	E
A. Guther, Transportation Planner	P(V)	P	P	P(V)	P	P	E	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
J. Kise, Dir. Finance & Administration	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
E. Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Sambrano, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
M. Sheehan, Finance Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(V)	P	P
J. Strause, Assoc. Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P

S. Strong, Legal Counsel	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
C. Watson, Director of Planning	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	P	P(V)	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
B. Wilson, TAMC Intern	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	P(V)	P(V)	P(V)
T. Wright, Community Outreach	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Javier Gomez	Monterey County District 1	Barry Jones	Public
Jasmine Mejia Cortez	Monterey County District 1	Dwight Stump	Public
Tyler LeSage	Caltrans	Lorna Moffat	Public
Luiza Hatlestad	MST	Bryan Rosen	Public
Tony Harris	Point C Consulting	Heather Norton	Public
Monica Hale	Monterey County District 3	Evan Snider	Monterey County District 5

1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Poduri called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established. Board Member Donohue led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bryan Rosen, resident, thanked the Board for the project to bring trains to Salinas.

Lorna Moffat, resident, thanked the Board for working on the train project.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Delgado/Smith/unanimous

The Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

Items pulled by the Board:

3.1.7, 3.3.2 and 3.4.1

ADMINISTRATION and BUDGET

- 3.1.1** Approved the minutes of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, and the Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency for Monterey County meeting of October 22, 2025.
- 3.1.2** Accepted the list of payments and deposits for October 2025 and the credit card statements for September 2025.
- 3.1.3** Received report on conferences or trainings attended by agency staff.
- 3.1.4** Approved calendar year 2026 schedule of meetings for the Agency Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 3.1.5** Appointed Chair Askew and Board Member LeBarre as the Nominating Committee to meet and return to Board of Directors on January 28, 2026, with recommendations for Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Committee to serve one-year terms beginning upon their election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027, Board meeting.

3.1.6 Regarding Fiscal Year 23025-2026 Overall Work Program Amendment #4:

Approved Resolution 2025-14, pending legal counsel approval, providing:

1. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to transfer \$318,589.97 in state Rural Planning Assistance, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5304 Strategic Partnership, and State Highway Account (SHA) Climate Adaptation Planning carry-over funds into the Agency's fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 work program and budget;
2. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute work program and budget amendment No. 4 in accordance with this Resolution; and
3. Authority for the Executive Director or his designee to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

3.1.7 Regarding Agreement for Accounting Services:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute contract Amendment #4 with Oppidea, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 per year for an additional twenty-four months to provide accounting services through the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the contract if such changes do not increase the Agency's net cost, subject to approval by Agency counsel.

Board Member Velazquez pulled this item for comment, noting that this contract should follow the procurement policy and use a Request for Qualification process next time.

Director Muck noted that TAMC is updating accounting software and that it is important that our long-time accountant be a part of this process, and when this contract expires, we will put it out to bid.

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT and SOCIAL SERVICES**3.2.1** No report this month.

PLANNING

3.3.1 Regarding Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis - Monterey County Health Department Contract:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with the Monterey County Health Department, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 to provide community engagement support services for the period ending December 2028;
2. Approved the use of Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant funds budgeted to this project; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.3.2 Adopted the Fourth Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

Board Member Smith pulled this item for acknowledgement of the minor addendum.

3.3.3 Received update on state and federal issues.

3.3.4 Authorized staff to release the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan for public review.

PROJECT DELIVERY and PROGRAMMING**3.4.1** Regarding 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:

Approved Resolution 2025-15 for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program which:

- Finds that the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is consistent with State Improvement Program Guidelines adopted by the CTC in August 2025, the RTIP does not conflict with other RTIPs or with the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and the RTIP is consistent with the Congestion Management Program and the Regional Transportation Plan;
- Adopts the Monterey County 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the CTC by December 15, 2025;
- Directs TAMC staff to submit the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and
- Amends the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program into the Congestion Management Program Capital Improvement Program.

Board Member Delgado pulled this item for comment, noting that the Highway 68 corridor roundabout project is exciting, asking staff if \$22 million for the right of way phase will be spent by June 2026. Director Muck noted that these funds will not be spent by June 2026.

Public comment:

Dwight Stump, resident, commented that hybrid two-lane roundabouts are dangerous and were not reviewed in the draft environmental impact report.

3.4.2 Regarding Freeway Service Patrol Services - Contract Amendments:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendments #2 with California Towing and Transport for the Freeway Service Patrol Beats 1, 2, and 3, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the term of service to June 30, 2026;
2. Authorized the use of \$215,000 in Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds and State Freeway Service Patrol funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. Found that these amendments are justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contracts with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under competitively awarded contracts; and
4. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contracts, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

RAIL PROGRAM**3.5.1** Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 - HDR Engineering Contract Amendment #5:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #5 with HDR Engineering Inc., subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the deadline on the contract from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, to continue the design work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.2 Regarding Salinas Rail Project Packages 2 & 3 Union Pacific Right of Way — Bender Rosenthal Incorporated Contract Amendment #1:

1. Approved and authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute amendment #1 with Bender Rosenthal Incorporated, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to extend the deadline on the contract from December 31, 2025, to June 30, 2027, to continue the right-of-way acquisition work for Package 2, Salinas layover facility, and Package 3, Gilroy track connections;
2. Found that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
3. Authorized the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

3.5.3 Approved the allocation of \$20,000 in Agency Reserve funding as a cost-share with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to develop a federal grant application for improvements on the coast rail corridor that would support an increase in passenger rail service between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

3.6.1 No report this month.

COMMITTEE MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.7.1 Accepted draft minutes from Transportation Agency committees:

- Executive Committee – draft minutes of November 5, 2025
- Rail Policy Committee – draft minutes of November 3, 2025
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 5, 2025
- Technical Advisory Committee – draft minutes of November 6, 2025
- Excellent Transportation Oversight Committee – No Meeting

3.7.2 Received Transportation Agency for Monterey County correspondence for November 2025.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Transportation Agency presented TAMC Employee of the quarter to Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner, for July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025. The Agency employees recognized Janneke for her professionalism, diligence, knowledge, and most notably for helping the US 101 and State Route 68 teams to prepare for upcoming grant opportunities, managing the Regional Surface Transportation Program Mid-Cycle grant program, assisting with the development of new quick-build and vision zero programs, and outstanding efforts to keep the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway California Avenue segment on track for construction.

5. ELECTRIC VEHICLE TAKEOFF AND LANDING INTEGRATED PILOT PROGRAM SUPPORT (EIPP)

M/S/C LeBarre/Carbone/unanimous

The Board of Directors authorized TAMC to participate in the American Air Advantage (A3) Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) Consortium and similar efforts to support local Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) based transportation innovation, economic growth, and job creation.

Executive Director Muck reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched the eIPP to accelerate safe deployment of Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) and AAM technologies across the United States. This three-year program will select several regions for real-world testing and operational demonstrations. Applications are due December 11, 2025.

Mr. Muck noted that the A3 eIPP Consortium includes a range of public and private partners working in Northern California on AAM, including University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC); Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP); Drones, Aviation, and Robotics Technology (DART); and the support of 14 corporate entities operating in the unmanned aircraft space. The Monterey Bay Tech Hub, which includes local public and private partners listed above, in addition to Cal State Monterey Bay, all the tri-county community colleges, and the airports of Salinas, Marina, and Hollister, will be an important part of implementing the A3 eIPP designation.

Board Member Smith noted that it is the right choice to participate and support Caltrans as the lead agency.

Board Member Oglesby concurred, noting TAMC should be a participant to keep member jurisdictions in the loop on progress.

Public comment:

Luiza Hatlestad, public resident, commented that resources should be spent on providing high impact mobility to benefit our community.

6. TAMC REAL PROPERTY POLICIES

M/S/C Smith/Velazquez/unanimous

The Board of Directors approved the Transportation Agency's draft Real Property Ownership Policies.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported TAMC's Real Property Ownership Policies, last updated in 2016, require revision to reflect changes in property status, funding restrictions, and administrative practices. The Real Property Ownership Policies were updated to modernize TAMC's approach to managing its land holdings, ensuring consistent terms, fair market compensation, and compliance with funding requirements. The revisions provide flexibility for interim uses while preserving TAMC's long-term transportation mission and future infrastructure needs.

Board Member Smith asked if we looked at other agencies to see how they handle their policies.

Mr. Zeller noted that the policies from other agencies were not directly reviewed, but that the Agency's counsel did review the revised policies and best practices from the County of Monterey were considered as part of this process.

Board Member Oglesby noted that he was comfortable with the revised policies but concerned about the consequences of moving too fast to revoke long-standing leases.

Executive Director Muck responded that the policies would not change current use agreements and that all new or renewed use agreements would come before the board for consideration.

7. HIGHWAY 1 ELKHORN SLOUGH CORRIDOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT**M/S/C** Oglesby/Poduri/unanimous

The Board of Directors received a presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project; received the draft outreach plan; and approved the draft project outreach schedule.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that this project focuses on an eight-mile stretch of Highway 1 through the disadvantaged community of Moss Landing and the parallel five miles of rail tracks traversing Elkhorn Slough. Providing multimodal options and integrating nature-based solutions are top priorities for this project. The corridor traverses Elkhorn Slough, a major estuary located in Monterey Bay, California, that provides valuable habitat area for hundreds of aquatic birds, fish, marine mammals, and invertebrate species.

The draft outreach plan provides a roadmap for the engagement process for the project and covers how the project will be aligned with the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study process, leverage concurrent planning processes and associated outreach, co-facilitate community engagement in disadvantaged communities, build partnerships and engage elected officials.

8. **REPORTS FROM TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

Caltrans District 5 – Kyle Birch announced the following:

- SR 68 adaptive signal control: Caltrans is working to get the system installed by end of 2025. Caltrans will begin testing in early spring and hopefully operations will begin in the spring.
- Caltrans will award approximately \$22 million for Sustainable Communities Competitive and Strategic Partnerships transportation planning grants; applications closed on November 21, 2025, awards to be announced in summer 2026.
- Happy Holidays and safe travels!

Monterey Salinas Transit District (MST) – Lisa Rheinheimer announced the following:

- MST installed and activated nine new electric bus chargers .
- MST received their first Low or No Emission Grant from the Federal Transit Administration Program for a microgrid resiliency project.
- On Monday, MST will be participating in the trail closures workshop for the SURF! project.
- MST is deploying the free Holly Trolley on some routes.

Monterey Regional Airport District — Carl Miller announced the following:

- The Monterey Regional Airport continues replacement of their passenger terminal complex.
- Monterey Regional Airport Interim Executive Director Chris Morello has been named Executive Director by the Monterey Peninsula Airport District Board.

Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) — David Frisbey announced the following:

- Electric Vehicle Incentive Program is almost out of funds and as of September 30, 2026, the funds for federal tax credit in no longer available.

Public comment:

Barry Jones, resident, commented on the Caltrans report regarding the evaluation timeline for the adaptive signal installation on SR 68.

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS AT AGENCY EXPENSE

Vice Chair Poduri attended the California Councils of Governments (CalCOG) meeting in Palm Desert on November 6, 2025.

Board Member LeBarre and Board Member Daniels attended a Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting and tour of the rail station hosted by King City on November 21, 2025.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Todd Muck wished all a happy holiday!

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

Board Member LeBarre expressed concerns about pedestrian, scooters and bicycle accidents, noting that we should remind people and drivers of their surroundings and consider providing funds for community outreach.

Board Member Donohue concurred with LeBarre, noting there have been too many incidents and fatalities and a serious strategic public education is needed.

Board Member Velazquez noted that the Vision Zero project is a perfect opportunity to be able to have the data to secure funds for the campaign.

Board Member Oglesby concurred, noting that it is our core mission and we are all spending a lot of money on traffic calming measures, and TAMC should lead a collaborative effort to improve safety.

Executive Director Muck noted that this is high priority within our current work program, and the Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero planning efforts are part of that and will be on multiple agendas next year as we work through this. He also asked if you have individual efforts in your communities that you coordinate with TAMC.

Board Member Carbone thanked Caltrans for the installation of the crosswalks on Highway 218 in Seaside where a fatality had occurred.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors held a Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

The Board of Directors held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Positions: Executive Director & Agency Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT on the Closed Session: None

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session and Agency Counsel Strong reported no actions were taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Poduri adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Mi Ra Park, Finance Officer/Analyst
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **TAMC Payments for the Month of November and December 2025**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT the list of payments and deposits for November and December 2025 and the credit card statement for October and November 2025.

SUMMARY:

The list of payments and copies of credit card statements are submitted to the TAMC Board each month in accordance with the recommendation from TAMC's independent Certified Public Accountant to keep the Board informed about TAMC's financial transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The checks processed and Automated Clearing House (ACH) transferred for this period total \$3,804,086.63 which included checks written for November and December 2025 and payment of the October and November 2025 credit card statement balances.

DISCUSSION:

During the month of November and October 2025, transactions in the operating account and credit card accounts are in Attachments 1 and 2. These reports show all expenditures paid by checks, electronics funds transfers, and credit card during this period. All expenditures, payments, and disbursements are consistent with the TAMC approved budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025-11 and 12 CC redacted_Redacted
2. 2025-11 and 12 Operating Account

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

October 05, 2025 - November 04, 2025

Cardholder Statement

Payment Information

New Balance Total \$679.88
Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **12/01/25**

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above. You may have to pay a fee based on the outstanding balance on the fee assessment date:
 \$0.00 for balance less than \$100.01
 \$29.00 for balance less than \$1,000.01
 \$39.00 for balance less than \$5,000.01
 \$49.00 for balance equal to or greater than \$5,000.01

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance.

Account Summary

Previous Balance \$2,228.46
 Payments and Other Credits -\$3,388.46
 Balance Transfer Activity \$0.00
 Cash Advance Activity \$0.00
 Purchases and Other Charges \$1,839.88
Fees Charged **\$0.00**
Finance Charge **\$0.00**

New Balance Total \$679.88
 Credit Limit \$20,000
 Credit Available \$19,320.12
 Statement Closing Date 11/04/25
 Days in Billing Cycle 31

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Amount
Payments and Other Credits			
10/17	10/15	GETMUNCH.COM 8336916814 DE	- 1,160.00
10/29	10/29	CA Financial Cntr Pymt - ID: 430524532 4	- 2,228.46
TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD			-\$3,388.46
Purchases and Other Charges			
10/07	10/06	DEVICEMAGIC 8559970800 NC	459.00
10/13	10/11	GETMUNCH.COM 8336916814 DE	1,160.00
10/20	10/19	TMOBILE*AUTO PAY 8009378997 WA	65.00
10/21	10/21	DREAMHOST FULLERTON CA	155.88
TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD			\$1,839.88

New Balance Total \$679.88
Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **12/01/25**

Enter payment amount

\$

: number, see reverse side.

check payable to:

CUSTOMER STATEMENT OF DISPUTED ITEM (You must use a separate form for each dispute. Please print.)

If you believe a transaction on your statement is an error, complete and sign a copy of this form using blue or black ink, or write a detailed letter on a separate sheet of paper. Then return it to: **PO BOX 53101, PHOENIX, AZ 85072-3101** no later than 60 days after we sent you the first bill on which the transaction or error appeared. If you prefer to speak with a representative about your dispute, please call **1.866.601.4410, 8am-8pm Est.** You do not have to pay any amount in question while we are investigating, but you are obligated to pay the parts of your bill that are not in question.

PLEASE DO NOT ALTER WORDING ON THIS FORM OR MAIL YOUR LETTER WITH YOUR PAYMENT. Provide copies of all documentation that will help us investigate your dispute (e.g. contracts, invoices, detailed letter, sales slips, return receipts, or second opinions).

Your Name: _____ Account Number: _____
Posting Date: _____ Transaction Date: _____ Reference Number: _____
Amount: _____ Disputed Amount: _____ Merchant Name: _____

Below tell us why you think the item noted above is in error. **Check one box only.**

- 1. I certify that I do not recognize the transaction. I have attempted to contact the merchant to verify this transaction.
- 2. I certify that the charge listed above was not made by me or a person authorized by me to use my card, nor were the goods or services represented by the transaction received by me or authorized by me.
- 3. Although I did engage in a transaction with this merchant, I was billed for _____ transaction(s) totaling \$ _____ that I did not engage in. I have my card in my possession. If available, enclose a copy of the sales slip for the valid charge.
- 4. I have not received the merchandise that was to be shipped to me on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY). I have asked the merchant to credit my account.
- 5. Merchandise shipped to me was not as described. Please explain in detail and if applicable provide proof of return.

- 6. Merchandise shipped to me arrived damaged and/or defective. I returned it on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) and asked the merchant to credit my account. Please provide proof of return and describe how the merchandise was damaged and/or defective.

- 7. Although I did engage in the above transaction, I dispute the entire charge or a portion in the amount of \$ _____. I have contacted the merchant, returned the merchandise on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) and requested a credit adjustment. I am disputing this charge because _____
Please supply proof of return or if unable to return merchandise please explain.

- 8. I notified the merchant on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) to cancel the preauthorized order or reservation. Please note cancellation # and if available, enclose a copy of your telephone bill showing date and time of cancellation. Reason for cancellation: _____

- 9. Although I did engage in the above transaction, I have contacted the merchant for credit. The services to be provided on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) were not received. Please describe the services to be received and explain the merchants failure to provide the services.

- 10. I was issued a credit slip that was not shown on my statement. A copy of my credit slip is enclosed. If the merchant has agreed to issue a credit, be advised the merchant has up to 30 days to supply this credit to your account.
- 11. The amount of the charge was increased from \$ _____ to \$ _____ or my sales slip was added incorrectly. Enclosed is a copy of the sales slip that shows the correct amount.
- 12. Other: Please explain _____

Merchants often provide telephone numbers with their names on your billing statement. If you do not recognize a transaction, attempt first to contact the merchant for transaction information.

Cardholder Signature (required): _____ Date: _____
Home Telephone: (____) _____ Business Telephone: (____) _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS STATEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS

PAYMENTS

We credit a payment as of the date we receive it if the payment is: 1) received by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday (except legal holidays). 2) received at the payment address indicated on the front of this statement. 3) paid with a check drawn in U.S. dollars on a U.S. financial institution or a U.S. dollar money order, and 4) sent in the return envelope with only the bottom portion of your statement accompanying it. Payments received after 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Friday, but that otherwise meet the above requirements, will be processed on the next business day, which is usually the following Monday. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are not business days. Credit for payments received in any other manner may be delayed up to five business days, during which time finance charges, if applicable will continue to accrue. We will reject any payments that are not drawn in U.S. dollars and those drawn on a financial institution located outside of the United States. Please do not send cash, credit cards, correspondence, staples or paper clips with your payment. Mail your payment at least 7 days in advance of the payment due date to ensure timely delivery.

CUSTOMER CORRESPONDENCE

If you prefer to send a written inquiry regarding your account, please send the request to: **BANK OF AMERICA, PO BOX 660441, DALLAS, TX, 75266-0441, USA.** This address should not be utilized to dispute merchant transactions appearing on your billing statement. Please see the paragraph above for instructions regarding dispute procedures.

For address/phone number changes on all accounts in your program, have the authorized contact make a request at WWW.BANKOFAMERICA.COM

Finance Charge Calculation

Your **Annual Percentage Rate (APR)** is the annual interest rate on your account.

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Finance Charges by Transaction Type
PURCHASES	17.99%	\$0.00	\$0.00
CASH	27.99% V	\$0.00	\$0.00

V = Variable Rate (rate may vary), Promotional Balance = APR for limited time on specified transactions.

Important Messages

We want to remind you of a few things you can do to help avoid late fees and finance charges:

- Schedule automatic payments to your corporate account, so they're not late.
- Create alerts to let you know when your payments are due or posted to your corporate account, and have them delivered to your phone or email.

Turn on automatic payments and alerts through Business Advantage 360 at Bankofamerica.com/SmallBusiness or our mobile app.



Trans Agency Monterey Cty
Statement Date : 11-25-2025

Corporate Account Summary		Payment Information	
Previous Balance	\$4,405.03	Amount Due	\$4,408.80
Purchases and Other Charges	\$4,408.80	Payment due in accordance with your agreement with U.S. Bank.	
Cash Advances	\$0.00		
Cash Advance Fees	\$0.00		
Late Payment Charges	\$0.00		
Credits	\$0.00 CR		
Payments	\$4,405.03 PY		
New Balance	\$4,408.80		
Disputed Amount	\$0.00		

Corporate Account Activity	
Trans Agency Monterey Cty	Total Corporate Activity \$4,405.03 CR

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
11-12	11-05	PAYMENT - THANK YOU 00000 C	4,405.03 PY

New Activity			
Purchases	\$4,408.80	Total Activity	\$4,408.80
Cash Advances	\$0.00		
Cash Advances Fees	\$0.00		
Credits	\$0.00 CR		

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
10-28	10-27	TRAINING LLC TRAINING.COM CA	399.00
10-28	10-27	CSMFO 916-2312137 WI	50.00
10-30	10-29	WEB*NETWORKSOLUTIONS 888-6429675 FL	61.18
11-03	10-31	FACEBK *GNRG75D6U2 650-5434800 DE	9.00
11-03	11-02	FACEBK *4C3DA5D5U2 650-5434800 DE	10.00
11-05	11-04	FACEBK *WSEPL5H5U2 650-5434800 DE	11.00
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69

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Amount Due: \$4,408.80

Amount Enclosed \$

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		New Activity cont	
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
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11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM CORAOPOLIS PA	43.69
11-06	11-06	DICKSPORTINGGOODS.COM 877-8469997 PA	0.01
11-06	11-04	LUCKY #747 SALINAS CA	13.74
11-06	11-05	TST*THE BAGEL CORNER 831-771-8670 CA	30.26
11-07	11-06	WALMART.COM 800-925-6278 AR	327.64
11-07	11-06	DEVICEMAGIC DEVICEMAGIC.C NC	459.00
11-07	11-06	RALEY'S ECART #905 800-925-9989 CA	141.89
11-07	11-06	TST*THE BAGEL CORNER 831-771-8670 CA	31.04
11-10	11-07	SPLASH CAR WASH SALINAS CA	15.00
11-10	11-06	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFF 312-5784406 IL	95.00
11-10	11-08	INTUIT *TSHEETS CL.INTUIT.COM CA	164.00
11-10	11-09	FACEBK *9GGTZ556U2 650-5434800 DE	4.84
11-11	11-10	APWA - WORK ZONE 816-595-5279 MO	375.00
11-11	11-10	NEOGOV NEOGOV.COM CA	199.00
11-11	11-10	CA NEWSPAPERS ADV S 888-454-9588 CA	110.91
11-12	11-10	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFF 312-5784406 IL	150.00
11-17	11-13	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 101135 800-463-3768 CA	264.36
11-17	11-13	ODP BUS SOL LLC # 101135 800-463-3768 CA	39.10
11-19	11-18	INDEED USI25-06595838 800-4625842 TX	516.00
11-20	11-19	SPLASH CAR WASH SALINAS CA	15.00
11-20	11-20	TMOBILE*AUTO PAY 800-937-8997 WA	65.00
11-20	11-20	IAP2 USA THORNTON CO	50.00
11-21	11-20	EB *CALTAP LEADERSHIP 801-413-7200 CA	240.00
11-21	11-19	GREEN PHOENIX SALINAS CA	5.00
11-21	11-21	AMAZON.COM*B01KU3BJ2 AMZN.COM/BILL WA	119.94
		Department: 00000	Total: \$4,408.80
		Division: 00000	Total: \$4,408.80

November 05, 2025 - December 04, 2025

Cardholder Statement

Payment Information

New Balance Total \$120.75
Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **12/31/25**

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above. You may have to pay a fee based on the outstanding balance on the fee assessment date:
 \$0.00 for balance less than \$100.01
 \$29.00 for balance less than \$1,000.01
 \$39.00 for balance less than \$5,000.01
 \$49.00 for balance equal to or greater than \$5,000.01

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance.

Account Summary

Previous Balance \$679.88
 Payments and Other Credits -\$679.88
 Balance Transfer Activity \$0.00
 Cash Advance Activity \$0.00
 Purchases and Other Charges \$120.75
Fees Charged **\$0.00**
Finance Charge **\$0.00**
 New Balance Total \$120.75

Credit Limit \$20,000
 Credit Available \$19,879.25
 Statement Closing Date 12/04/25
 Days in Billing Cycle 30

Transactions

Posting Date	Transaction Date	Description	Amount
Payments and Other Credits			
11/19	11/19	CA Financial Cntr Pymt - ID: 430510188 2	- 679.88
TOTAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER CREDITS FOR THIS PERIOD			-\$679.88
Purchases and Other Charges			
11/13	11/13	AMAZON MKTPL*BT6MA9I52 8662161072 WA	120.75
TOTAL PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THIS PERIOD			\$120.75

Account Number: 0474 0700 0200 0000
 November 05, 2025 - December 04, 2025

New Balance Total \$120.75
Minimum Payment Due **\$25.00**
Payment Due Date **12/31/25**

Enter payment amount

\$

For change of address/phone number, see reverse side.

Mail this coupon along with your check payable to:
 BUSINESS CARD,
 or make your payment online at
www.bankofamerica.com

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM OR MAIL YOUR LETTER WITH YOUR PAYMENT. Provide copies of all documentation that will help us investigate your dispute (e.g. contracts, invoices, detailed letter, sales slips, return receipts, or second opinions).

Your Name: _____ Account Number: _____
 Posting Date: _____ Transaction Date: _____ Reference Number: _____
 Amount: _____ Disputed Amount: _____ Merchant Name: _____

Below tell us why you think the item noted above is in error. **Check one box only.**

- 1. I certify that I do not recognize the transaction. I have attempted to contact the merchant to verify this transaction.
- 2. I certify that the charge listed above was not made by me or a person authorized by me to use my card, nor were the goods or services represented by the transaction received by me or authorized by me.
- 3. Although I did engage in a transaction with this merchant, I was billed for _____ transaction(s) totaling \$ _____ that I did not engage in. I have my card in my possession. If available, enclose a copy of the sales slip for the valid charge.
- 4. I have not received the merchandise that was to be shipped to me on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY). I have asked the merchant to credit my account.
- 5. Merchandise shipped to me was not as described. Please explain in detail and if applicable provide proof of return.

- 6. Merchandise shipped to me arrived damaged and/or defective. I returned it on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) and asked the merchant to credit my account. Please provide proof of return and describe how the merchandise was damaged and/or defective.

- 7. Although I did engage in the above transaction, I dispute the entire charge or a portion in the amount of \$ _____. I have contacted the merchant, returned the merchandise on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) and requested a credit adjustment. I am disputing this charge because _____
 Please supply proof of return or if unable to return merchandise please explain.

- 8. I notified the merchant on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) to cancel the preauthorized order or reservation. Please note cancellation # and if available, enclose a copy of your telephone bill showing date and time of cancellation. Reason for cancellation: _____

- 9. Although I did engage in the above transaction, I have contacted the merchant for credit. The services to be provided on ___/___/___ (MM/DD/YY) were not received. Please describe the services to be received and explain the merchants failure to provide the services.

- 10. I was issued a credit slip that was not shown on my statement. A copy of my credit slip is enclosed. If the merchant has agreed to issue a credit, be advised the merchant has up to 30 days to supply this credit to your account.
- 11. The amount of the charge was increased from \$ _____ to \$ _____ or my sales slip was added incorrectly. Enclosed is a copy of the sales slip that shows the correct amount.
- 12. Other: Please explain _____

Merchants often provide telephone numbers with their names on your billing statement. If you do not recognize a transaction, attempt first to contact the merchant for transaction information.

Cardholder Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Business Telephone: (____) _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF BOTH SIDES OF THIS STATEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS

PAYMENTS

We credit a payment as of the date we receive it if the payment is: 1) received by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday (except legal holidays). 2) received at the payment address indicated on the front of this statement. 3) paid with a check drawn in U.S. dollars on a U.S. financial institution or a U.S. dollar money order, and 4) sent in the return envelope with only the bottom portion of your statement accompanying it. Payments received after 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Friday, but that otherwise meet the above requirements, will be processed on the next business day, which is usually the following Monday. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are not business days. Credit for payments received in any other manner may be delayed up to five business days, during which time finance charges, if applicable will continue to accrue. We will reject any payments that are not drawn in U.S. dollars and those drawn on a financial institution located outside of the United States. Please do not send cash, credit cards, correspondence, staples or paper clips with your payment. Mail your payment at least 7 days in advance of the payment due date to ensure timely delivery.

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Corporate Account Summary		Payment Information	
Previous Balance	\$4,408.80	Amount Due	\$1,325.08
Purchases and Other Charges	\$1,325.08	Payment due in accordance with your agreement with U.S. Bank	
Cash Advances	\$0.00		
Cash Advance Fees	\$0.00		
Late Payment Charges	\$0.00		
Credits	\$0.00 CR		
Payments	\$4,408.80 PY		
New Balance	\$1,325.08		
Disputed Amount	\$0.00		

Corporate Account Activity	
Trans Agency Monterey Cty	Total Corporate Activity \$4,408.80 CR

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
12-10	12-07	PAYMENT - THANK YOU 00000 C	4,408.80 PY

New Activity			
Purchases	\$1,325.08	Total Activity	\$1,325.08
Cash Advances	\$0.00		
Cash Advance Fees	\$0.00		
Credits	\$0.00 CR		

Post Date	Tran Date	Transaction Description	Amount
12-02	12-02	INDEED US125-06958822 800-4625842 TX	43.00
12-03	12-02	COSTCO WHSE #0472 SALINAS CA	199.99
12-04	12-02	STARBUCKS STORE 06629 SALINAS CA	44.00
12-08	12-06	DEVICEMAGIC DEVICEMAGIC.C NC	459.00
12-08	12-04	STAR MARKET SALINAS CA	46.80
12-09	12-08	INTUIT *TSHEETS CL.INTUIT.COM CA	164.00
12-15	12-12	USPS PO 0567050323 SALINAS CA	11.90

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Amount Due: \$1,325.08

Amount Enclosed \$

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12-18	12-17
12-18	12-17
12-18	12-17
12-19	12-18
12-22	12-19
12-22	12-19
12-22	12-20

New Activity cont		
SMART AND FINAL 431 SALINAS CA		48.49
VALLEY TROPHIES INC. SALINAS CA		140.93
BESTBUYCOM807124263553 888BESTBUY MN		27.30
AMAZON MKTPL*OJ19L1T53 AMZN.COM/BILL WA		7.64
NOB HILL FOODS #607 SALINAS CA		39.73
BESTBUYCOM807124263553 888BESTBUY MN		27.30
TMOBILE*AUTO PAY 800-937-8997 WA		65.00
Department:	00000	Total: \$1,325.08
Division:	00000	Total: \$1,325.08

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
11/04/2025	EFT	Kise, Jefferson (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$ 1,259.92	
11/04/2025	EFT	Muck, Todd (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$ 486.14	
11/04/2025	EFT	Williamson, Laurie (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$ 60.99	
11/04/2025	DEP	Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits		\$ 68.10
11/05/2025	ACH	AM Signal, LLC	AI Adaptive Hardware/Software	\$ 235,591.67	
11/05/2025	DEP	Federal Highway Administration	Grant Reimbursement		\$ 333,547.26
11/05/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$ 6,499.33	
11/05/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$ 15,025.72	
11/06/2025	DEP	City of Marina	Regional Development Impact Fee		\$ 526,656.60
11/06/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease		\$ 17,810.32
11/07/2025	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits	\$ 11,959.19	
11/07/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits	\$ 9,906.68	
11/07/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits	\$ 6,773.02	
11/07/2025	ACH	Payroll	Payroll	\$ 66,575.36	
11/10/2025	EFT	CalPers Health Benefits	Employee Benefits	\$ 21,899.55	
11/13/2025	22257	CAPIO	Membership and Dues	\$ 300.00	
11/13/2025	22258	Comcast	Utilities	\$ 388.45	
11/13/2025	22259	Ecology Action	Direct Program Expense	\$ 119,013.35	
11/13/2025	22260	Fedex (Postage)	Delivery Service	\$ 26.73	
11/13/2025	22261	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and RC	\$ 38,610.30	
11/13/2025	22262	Khoury Consulting LLC	Legislative Consultant	\$ 7,000.00	
11/13/2025	22263	Monterey County Tax Collector	Property Taxes	\$ 1,856.94	
11/13/2025	22264	Monterey County Weekly	Bike Week Advertising	\$ 148.75	
11/13/2025	22265	Oppidea, LLC	Accounting Services	\$ 2,685.00	
11/13/2025	22266	Pacific Gas and Electric Company - Program	Direct Program Expense - Construction	\$ 2,500.00	
11/13/2025	22267	Allied Delta Dental	Employee Benefits	\$ 1,020.69	
11/13/2025	22268	Fedex (Postage)	Delivery Service	\$ 51.38	
11/13/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease		\$ 7,163.55
11/19/2025	22269	Bank of America - Business Card	Various: Materials, Supplies, Travel	\$ 679.88	
11/20/2025	Transfer	County of Monterey	City of Marina Regional Development Impact Fee	\$ 526,656.60	
11/20/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease		\$ 9,318.82
11/20/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement		\$ 34,122.53
11/21/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease		\$ 1,000.00
11/21/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement		\$ 13,690.90
11/21/2025	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits	\$ 12,496.39	
11/21/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits	\$ 9,906.68	
11/21/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits	\$ 5,379.46	
11/21/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$ 6,139.06	
11/21/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$ 14,077.16	
11/21/2025	ACH	Payroll	Payroll	\$ 63,058.98	
11/25/2025	EFT	Ameriflex (V)	Employee Benefits	\$ 1,295.41	
11/25/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement		\$ 325,717.37
11/30/2025	DEP	Interest	Interest		\$ 99.71
12/01/2025	22256	Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	TAMC Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 9,264.38	
12/01/2025	EFT	Ameriflex (V)	Employee Benefits	\$ 15.75	
12/02/2025	EFT	CalPers Health Benefits	Employee Benefits	\$ 18,004.17	
12/04/2025	22270	AAMCOM LLC	Call Box - Phone Services	\$ 1,570.00	
12/04/2025	22271	Ausonio Inc.	Construction Management (New Office)	\$ 5,461.25	
12/04/2025	22272	California Towing and Transport	Freeway Service Patrol	\$ 91,733.21	
12/04/2025	22273	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and RC	\$ 46,727.95	
12/04/2025	22274	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	Regional Impact Fee Consultants	\$ 42,142.95	
12/04/2025	22275	Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.	Employee Benefits	\$ 885.23	
12/04/2025	22276	Mark Thomas, Inc.	FORTAG Grant Consultant	\$ 23,419.03	
12/04/2025	22277	Office of the County Counsel	Legal Services	\$ -	
12/04/2025	22278	Principal Life Insurance Company	Life Insurance Company	\$ 712.56	
12/04/2025	22279	Shell	Auto Expense - Gasoline	\$ 30.31	
12/04/2025	22280	Smile Business Products Inc.	Office Copier Expenses	\$ 228.12	

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12/04/2025	22281	State Water Resource Control Board (V)	Permits for FORTAG	\$	835.00	
12/04/2025	22282	Stericycle	Office Supplies and Services	\$	425.28	
12/04/2025	22283	VSP	Employee Benefits	\$	197.56	
12/04/2025	22284	Office of the County Counsel	Legal Services	\$	19,052.40	
12/04/2025	22285	Fedex (Postage)	Delivery Service	\$	8.01	
12/04/2025	22286	Smith & Enright Landscaping Inc.	Weed Abatement/Property Clean-Up	\$	10,075.00	
12/04/2025	22287	Allied Delta Dental	Employee Benefits	\$	1,071.57	
12/04/2025	22288	Daniels, Kate	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	556.94	
12/04/2025	22289	Econolite Control Products, Inc.	Direct Program Expense	\$	10,276.88	
12/04/2025	22290	U.S. Bank CAL-Card	Credit Card	\$	4,408.80	
12/04/2025	22291	Verizon Wireless	Call Box-Phone Service	\$	47.90	
12/04/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease			\$ 10,017.26
12/04/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement			\$ 1,104,485.35
12/04/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement			\$ 733,618.50
12/05/2025	EFT	Bigelow, Ryan (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	53.55	
12/05/2025	EFT	Guther, Alissa (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	697.00	
12/05/2025	EFT	Montiel, Maria (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	20.55	
12/05/2025	EFT	Muck, Todd (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	1,919.71	
12/05/2025	EFT	Park, Mi Ra (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	128.09	
12/05/2025	EFT	Strause, Janneke (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	179.20	
12/05/2025	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits	\$	12,546.33	
12/05/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits	\$	9,906.68	
12/05/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits	\$	5,990.01	
12/05/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	6,253.61	
12/05/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	14,286.97	
12/05/2025	ACH	Payroll	Payroll	\$	63,746.42	
12/09/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	14,971.47	
12/11/2025	22292	AMBAG	Central Coast Newsletter	\$	37,500.00	
12/11/2025	22293	Associated Right of Way Services Inc. (V)	Rail Relocation Services	\$	860.48	
12/11/2025	22294	Comcast	Utilities	\$	396.73	
12/11/2025	22295	Eaton & Associates	Computer Support	\$	4,559.27	
12/11/2025	22296	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and RC	\$	15,192.16	
12/11/2025	22297	Granite Rock Company	Direct Program Expense - Construction	\$	1,425,548.87	
12/11/2025	22298	Khouri Consulting LLC	Legislative Consultant	\$	7,000.00	
12/11/2025	22299	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	Regional Impact Fee Consultants	\$	63,776.78	
12/11/2025	22300	Oppidea, LLC	Accounting Services	\$	2,685.00	
12/11/2025	22301	Rincon Consultants Inc.	Direct Program Expense - Consultant	\$	20,063.30	
12/11/2025	22302	Waltz Creative LLC	Graphic Design	\$	9,450.00	
12/11/2025	22303	Community Bridges (V)	Transportation Services	\$	2,190.31	
12/11/2025	22304	Union Pacific Railroad Company	Design Engineering	\$	3,579.50	
12/12/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease			\$ 2,803.21
12/12/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement			\$ 250,000.00
12/12/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement			\$ 93,010.17
12/12/2025	DEP	State of California	Grant Reimbursement			\$ 33,505.62
12/12/2025	DEP	County of Monterey	Pavement Management Plan Reimbursement			\$ 307,385.97
12/17/2025	22305	Mari Lynch	Image Usage	\$	500.00	
12/17/2025	22306	Baron, Jeff	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	64.40	
12/17/2025	22307	Carbone, Mary Ann (V)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	106.40	
12/17/2025	22308	Delgado, Bruce	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	50.40	
12/17/2025	22309	Donaldson, Scott (V)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	95.20	
12/17/2025	22310	LeBarre, Mike	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	252.00	
12/17/2025	22311	Ortiz, Rachel (V)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	142.80	
12/17/2025	22312	Poduri, Venkata (Chaps)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	64.40	
12/17/2025	22313	Rios, Jose (V)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	63.00	
12/17/2025	22314	Sandoval, Jose	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	27.30	
12/17/2025	22315	Smith, Ed	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	89.08	
12/17/2025	22316	Bruce C Delgado	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	227.87	
12/17/2025	22317	Edwin (Ed) D Smith	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	273.45	

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12/17/2025	22318	Jeffrey S Baron	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	91.15	
12/17/2025	22319	Jose (Andrew) A Sandoval	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	273.45	
12/17/2025	22320	Jose Rios	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	319.03	
12/17/2025	22321	Mary Ann Carbone	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	273.45	
12/17/2025	22322	Michael R LeBarre	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	364.60	
12/17/2025	22323	Rachel Ortiz	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	136.72	
12/17/2025	22324	Scott Donaldson	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	182.30	
12/17/2025	22325	Venkata (Chaps) C Poduri	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	273.45	
12/18/2025	EFT	Watson, Christine (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	7.00	
12/18/2025	EFT	Williamson, Laurie (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	500.00	
12/19/2025	E-pay	CalPERS 457	Employee Benefits	\$	12,560.21	
12/19/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement	Employee Benefits	\$	9,906.68	
12/19/2025	E-pay	CalPers Retirement PEPRA	Employee Benefits	\$	5,896.49	
12/19/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	6,260.01	
12/19/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	14,435.82	
12/19/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	60.95	
12/19/2025	E-pay	EDD	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	31.80	
12/19/2025	E-pay	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	\$	405.46	
12/19/2025	ACH	Payroll	Payroll	\$	63,670.88	
12/20/2025	DEP	Railroad Right of Way Lease	Railroad Right of Way Lease	\$		4,740.00
12/23/2025	22326	AT&T - Calnet	Telephone Expense	\$	1,140.63	
12/23/2025	22327	Bank of America - Business Card	Various: Materials, Supplies, Travel	\$	120.75	
12/23/2025	22328	Bender Rosenthal Inc.	Direct Program Consultants	\$	328.19	
12/23/2025	22329	ClientFirst Consulting Group, LLC	ERP Consulting	\$	5,752.50	
12/23/2025	22330	Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas	TAMC Office Rent/Utilities	\$	9,264.38	
12/23/2025	22331	De Lage Landen Financial Services	Office Copier Lease	\$	638.04	
12/23/2025	22332	DKS Associates Inc.	Direct Program Expense - Vision Zero	\$	27,707.07	
12/23/2025	22333	Eaton & Associates	Computer Support	\$	4,619.06	
12/23/2025	22334	Fedex (Postage)	Delivery Service	\$	22.62	
12/23/2025	22335	GHD Inc. (formerly Omni Means)	Direct Program Expense - FORTAG Design and RC	\$	53,336.60	
12/23/2025	22336	HDR Engineering Inc.	Direct Program Expense	\$	11,019.39	
12/23/2025	22337	Knightscope Inc.	HW Callboxes	\$	5,326.08	
12/23/2025	22338	Monterey County Weekly	Bike Week Advertising	\$	148.75	
12/23/2025	22339	Pathways Climate Institute	Community Climate Resilience Consultants	\$	43,472.28	
12/23/2025	22340	Poduri, Venkata (Chaps)	Board Member Stipend/Reimbursement	\$	686.62	
12/23/2025	22341	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	Meetings	\$	172.64	
12/23/2025	22342	Shell	Auto Expense - Gasoline	\$	133.96	
12/23/2025	22343	Smile Business Products Inc.	Office Copier Expenses	\$	144.71	
12/23/2025	22344	Waltz Creative LLC	Graphic Design	\$	7,097.08	
12/23/2025	22345	Whitson Engineers Inc.	Project Development Services Carmel Hil & River B	\$	6,400.50	
12/29/2025	Transfer	County of Monterey	County of Monterey Reimbursement to Measure X	\$	307,385.97	
12/30/2025	EFT	Green, Ariana (V)	Expense Reimbursement	\$	622.46	
12/31/2025	EFT	Ameriflex (V)	Employee Benefits	\$	959.58	
12/31/2025	DEP	Interest	Interest	\$		128.95

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Contracts Awarded under \$50,000**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE list of contracts awarded under \$50,000.

SUMMARY:

The list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month in accordance with the Agency's Procurement Policies to keep the Board informed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The revenue source for each specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or has been approved by a specific Agency Board action.

DISCUSSION:

The Procurement Policies of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County state that contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action. The policies also require the Executive Director to submit a report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.

The attached list of contracts awarded by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for services under \$50,000 approved by the Executive Director is submitted each month to keep the Board informed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Contracts under \$50,000 Jan 2026 Board

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Contracts for services and annual extensions of such contracts for \$50,000 or less may be approved by the Executive Director, if the revenue source for the specific contract is in the approved Agency budget or is approved by a specific Agency Board action. The Executive Director shall include a quarterly report to the Board identifying any contracts valued at \$50,000 and under, entered into in the preceding quarter.

**Contracts Under \$50,000
(but greater than \$5,000)
Board Report date: January 2026**

Staff	Consulting Firm/ Agency	Contract Activity	Start Date	End Date	Contract amount	Work Element	Fund Source
Christina	Taber Drilling	Geotechnical drilling in Gilroy and Salinas to support the rail extension project	12/15/25	6/30/26	\$44,493	6803.4	TCRP #7.3

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Jefferson Kise, Director of Finance & Administration
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: Updated County Counsel contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Contract with Office of County Counsel**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with the County Counsel's office and increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$160,000 for fiscal year 2025-26 and to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$66,000 to \$70,000 starting July 1, 2026;
2. **APPROVE** the use of reserves or project funds budgeted for this purpose; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approval of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The TAMC Board renewed the agency contract for legal services with the County on October 23, 2024 and amended it on March 26 and June 25, 2025 to increase the not-to-exceed budget to \$160,000 for fiscal year 2025-26. This amount is reflected in the new contract with County Counsel for the current fiscal year. The County Counsel's office has increased rates by 5%, so the annual not to exceed will increase from \$66,000 to \$70,000 beginning July 2026. The contract does not have a termination date; either party may terminate the contract under specified circumstances, as defined in paragraph 3 of the attached contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Legal costs are charged to projects or reserves depending on the nature of the matter being considered.

DISCUSSION:

The agency counsel contract covers a range of subjects, as summarized by the scope of work:

- Serve as the Agency's legal counsel related to the California Open Meeting law, California Government Code section 54950 ("Brown Act"), except where special counsel is required.
- Provide conflict of interest advice to the extent legally permissible; individuals may be directed to consult with their own counsel or seek advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission.
- Provide advice regarding California Public Records Act requests.
- Attend regular and special meetings when requested.

- Attend in-person meetings with Agency's officers and employees when requested, and maintain frequent telephone and e-mail contact.
- Provide general advice to the Agency's Board members, officers and employees related to the Brown Act, the conduct of meetings, and the authority of the Boards to act or refrain from acting, as requested.
- Review monthly agenda items and assist in preparation of agenda documents as requested (staff reports, resolutions, administrative items, etc.).
- Prepare legal opinions as necessary.
- Prepare occasional reports, trainings, and present information at public hearings as requested and agreed upon.
- Review and approve contracts as to legal form and provide legal opinions on issues presented in those contracts.
- This Agreement does not cover litigation, and, as such, a separate agreement shall be required for each instance the Office of County Counsel would represent the Agency in litigation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COUNTY COUNSEL

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

between the

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

and the

COUNTY COUNSEL’S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY

This Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY**, a local transportation agency (“Agency”) and the Office of the County Counsel, County of Monterey (“Attorney”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement the Parties agree as follows:

1. **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.** Agency hereby engages Attorney, and Attorney hereby agrees to perform the services described in Exhibit B in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. These services are generally described as the provision of Brown Act, conflict of interest, Public Records Act requests, and related legal services for Agency. The primary attorney assigned shall be Deputy County Counsel Shane Eben Strong, although other attorneys may be assigned or utilized from time-to-time as may be necessary or appropriate.

2. **PAYMENTS BY AGENCY.** Agency shall pay Attorney in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in Exhibit A (Standard Provisions). Compensation shall be payable at an hourly rate as specified in Exhibit C. The hourly rate may be adjusted annually by Attorney by providing written notice to Agency as detailed in Exhibit C.

2.01 Not to Exceed Amount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total amount payable by Agency to Attorney pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed **\$160,000** for Agency Fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total amount payable by Agency to Attorney pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed **\$70,000** per subsequent Agency fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

3. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.** The term of this Agreement is from **February 1, 2026**, until terminated as set forth herein.

4. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/EXHIBITS.** The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement.

Exhibit A	Standard Provisions
Exhibit B	Scope of Services
Exhibit C	Hourly rates

5. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATORS.

FOR AGENCY:

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MONTEREY COUNTY**
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Agency and Attorney have executed this Agreement as of the last date opposite the respective signatures below.

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR
MONTEREY COUNTY**

**OFFICE OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY
COUNSEL**

By: _____
Todd Muck, Agency Executive Director

By: _____
Susan K. Blich, County Counsel

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Shane Eben Strong, Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT A
STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Attorney warrants that Attorney and Attorney's employees performing services hereunder are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this Agreement.

Attorney and its employees shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.

Attorney shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. Attorney shall not use Agency premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

2. PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Attorney shall submit to Agency's Contract Administrator an invoice on a form acceptable to Agency. Such invoice shall be submitted monthly. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by Attorney for the previous month, together with an itemized basis for the amounts claimed, and such other information pertinent to the invoice as Agency may require. The Contract Administrator or designee shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as Agency approved in conformity with this Agreement. A check shall be issued in the certified amount, within 30 days of receiving the invoice, to Attorney.

Attorney shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses unless set forth in Exhibit C.

3. TERMINATION

3.01. During the term of this Agreement, either party may terminate the Agreement by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination, Agency shall pay to Attorney all sums due for services rendered prior to the date of termination.

3.02. Agency may cancel and terminate this Agreement for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to Attorney. "Good cause" includes but is not limited to the failure of Attorney to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided herein. If Agency terminates this Agreement for good

cause, Agency shall pay to Attorney all sums due for services rendered prior to the date of termination.

4. INDEMNIFICATION

4.01 Attorney shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency and its officers, agents, and employees from and against the following: any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (together with any expenses related thereto, including but not limited to damages, court costs, and attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any person, firm or corporation for damage, injury or death, to the extent that such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of, are alleged to arise of, or connected with the wrongful, willful, or negligent act or omission of Attorney, its officers, employees or agents in the performance of this Agreement.

5. INSURANCE

5.01. Agency recognizes that Attorney is a constituent part of a public entity, the County of Monterey. The County maintains general liability coverage that will also provide coverage for professional negligence, with a self-insured retention of \$2.5 million per occurrence.

6. RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

6.01. Agency Confidentiality. Attorney and its officers, employees and agents shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. Attorney shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from Agency or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless Agency specifically permits Attorney to disclose such records or information. Attorney shall promptly transmit to Agency any and all requests for disclosure of any such confidential records or information. Attorney shall not use any confidential information gained by Attorney in the performance of this Agreement except for the sole purpose of carrying out Attorney's obligations under this Agreement.

6.02. Agency Records. When this Agreement expires or terminates, Attorney shall return to Agency any records which Attorney utilized or received from Agency to perform services under this Agreement.

6.03. Maintenance of Records. Attorney shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, state, county and Agency rules and regulations related to services performed under this Agreement. Attorney shall maintain such records for a period of at least three-years after receipt of final payment under this Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action relating to this Agreement is pending at the end of the three-year period, then Attorney shall retain said records until such action is resolved.

6.04. Access to and Audit of Records. Agency shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of the Attorney related to services provided under this Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7, if this Agreement involved the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000, the parties to this Agreement may be subject, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of Agency, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining to matters connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement.

7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, Attorney is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee of Agency. No offer or obligation on permanent employment with Agency is intended in any manner, and Attorney shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from Agency any form of employee benefits including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation coverage, insurance or disability benefits. Attorney shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including but not limited to federal and state income taxes and social security, arising out of Attorney's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, Attorney shall defend, indemnify, and hold Agency harmless from any and all liability which Agency may incur because of Attorney's failure to pay such taxes.

10. NOTICES

Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage pre-paid mail to Agency's and Attorney's Contract Administrators at the addresses listed at page 2 of this Agreement.

11. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.01. Conflict of Interest. Attorney covenants that he or she presently has no financial interest and shall not acquire any financial interest during the term of this Agreement which would directly or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance of the professional services required to be rendered under this Agreement.

Agency acknowledges that Attorney represents other clients, including, but not limited to: the County of Monterey, LAFCO of Monterey County, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainability Agency, and the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, which representation may, from time-to-time, present a conflict of interest with the representation of Agency. Attorney shall promptly inform Agency of any situation giving rise to a conflict of interest in the representation of Agency, and the parties shall confer in good faith

regarding a potential waiver of any conflict. Should any conflict not be waived, Agency shall seek legal services from a different attorney of its choice regarding that matter.

- 11.02. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by all the parties hereto.
- 11.03. Waiver. Any waiver of any terms and conditions hereof must be in writing and signed by the parties hereto. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions in this Agreement.
- 11.04. The term “Attorney” as used in this Agreement includes Attorney’s officers, agents, and employees acting on Attorney’s behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
- 11.05. Assignment and Subcontracting. Attorney shall not assign, sell, mortgage, hypothecate or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of Agency. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of Agency. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, Attorney shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.
- 11.06. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of the parties hereunder, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, and heirs.
- 11.07. Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
- 11.08. Headings. The section and paragraph headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 11.09. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 11.10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 11.11. Non-exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is non-Exclusive and both parties expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 11.12 Construction of Agreement. The parties agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of

construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendment hereto.

- 11.13 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. This Agreement may be executed using an electronic signature service such as DocuSign or Adobe.
- 11.14. Authority. Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of an entity represents and warrants hereby that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such entity and bind the entity to the terms and conditions of the same.
- 11.15. Integration. This Agreement, including the exhibits hereto, shall represent the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements either written or oral, between the parties as of the effective date hereof.

END OF EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Serve as Agency's legal counsel related to the California Open Meeting law, California Government Code section 54950 ("Brown Act"), except where special counsel is required.
- Provide conflict of interest advice to the extent legally permissible; individuals may be directed to consult with their own counsel or seek advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission.
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END OF EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

HOURLY RATES

The hourly rates for all services provided pursuant to this Agreement are as follows:

Legal Advisor	Rate
Deputy County Counsel	\$340.00
Chief Deputy County Counsel	\$390.00
Assistant County Counsel	\$464.00
Chief Assistant County Counsel	\$467.00
County Counsel	\$530.00

It is anticipated that most services pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by a Deputy County Counsel. Rates may increase only upon written amendment pursuant to Section 11.02 above.

TRAVEL

If travel is required pursuant to any request for services by Agency travel costs will be billed pursuant to the travel policy of Agency.

END OF EXHIBIT C

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Legislative Update & 2026 Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on state and federal legislative issues;
2. **ADOPT** the 2026 Legislative Program;
3. **ADOPT** an "oppose" position on Senate Bill 667; and
4. **ADOPT** a "support" position on the Caltrans Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act.

SUMMARY:

The Legislative Program guides staff and consultants in their advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. The state bill list includes one, SB 667, that has been amended recently and could adversely impact TAMC's passenger rail projects. The Caltrans Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act show a statewide agreement on priorities for federal transportation funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Proposed legislation could impact transportation funding availability.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) adopts an annual Legislative Program to guide its advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. This program outlines TAMC's priorities to secure funding, influence policy, and support legislation that advances safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation in Monterey County. Key goals include:

- **Funding Stability and Flexibility:** Advocate for continued and increased investment in transportation infrastructure, including transit, rail, and active transportation projects.
- **Safety Enhancements:** Support measures that improve roadway safety for all users, particularly vulnerable populations such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Climate and Sustainability:** Promote policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and advance transit-oriented development.
- **Local Control and Revenue Options:** Back legislation that enables local agencies to raise transportation revenues through voter-approved measures.
- **Streamlined Project Delivery:** Endorse efforts to simplify environmental review and accelerate

project implementation.

The final draft 2026 TAMC Legislative Program (**attachment 1**) emphasizes these priorities while monitoring bills that could impact transportation funding and operations. The adopted 2025 TAMC legislative program is online as **web attachment 1**, and the final draft 2026 program showing changes from the version approved for circulation by the TAMC Board in October 2025 is online as **web attachment 2**. The Executive Committee voted on January 7 to recommend the Board adopt the final 2026 legislative program.

Agency state legislative analysts Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss prepared an update on state legislative activities (**attachment 2**), including an analysis of the draft budget proposed by Governor Newsom. **Attachment 3** is a draft bill list showing the status of bills moving forward in the second year of the two-year session. Staff recommends the Board adopt an "oppose" position on Senate Bill (SB) 667 (Archuleta): Railroads: safety: wayside detectors: train length: emergency vehicle crossing, which would require a railroad to operate a network of wayside detector systems on or adjacent to any track used by a freight train. By mandating comprehensive detection coverage and communication protocols, it attempts to enhance California's ability to detect potential equipment failures before they result in catastrophic incidents. As amended on January 5, the bill would cap train speed based on whether they fit into one of three classes. While this bill is intended to enhance safety, it may have an adverse impact on freight operations and, ultimately, scheduling slots for passenger rail service and ridership. While safety should be the highest priority, positive train control is being installed along the Central Coast. TAMC staff is recommending an oppose position because this bill is an unfunded mandate whereby the host railroad would pass the cost of this detection system on to TAMC at a time when transit agencies statewide are struggling to maintain existing service, or it would defer the installation and require slow train speeds that would delay passenger trains.

Staff prepared an update on federal legislative activities (**attachment 4**), and the Caltrans Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles are online as **Web Attachment 3**.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FINAL TAMC 2026 Leg Program
2. State Legislative Update-January
3. State Bill List-January
4. Federal Legislative Board Update - January 2026

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [TAMC 2025 Legislative Program](#)
2. [TAMC 2026 Legislative Program final draft, showing changes from the Board-approved draft in October 2025](#)
3. [Draft Caltrans Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles](#)



2026 Legislative Program

State Priorities

- 1S.** Preserve funding for all modes of transportation projects, including the extension of grant programs, maximize formula funding to regions, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs, particularly safety projects, and the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects.
- 2S.** Support the fair application of vehicle miles traveled metrics in rural and suburban areas that seek to complete multi-modal corridors or highway safety projects in underserved communities and address the jobs housing imbalance.
- 3S.** Leverage Measure X funds and partner with state agencies to pursue competitive grant or bond funding for highway safety, traffic congestion relief, trade corridors, passenger rail, public transportation, infrastructure resiliency, and bicycle and pedestrian routes for Monterey County projects.
- 4S.** Promote jobs-housing balance and clean transportation modes as ways to reduce vehicles miles traveled, such as via funding reduced transit fares, rail expansion, and frequent bus service, while maintaining statewide equity between urban and rural areas.
- 5S.** Support funding for zero-emission fuel initiatives that enhance mobility and accessibility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, electrical grid reliability, hydrogen hubs, and incentives for electric bike and vehicle purchases.
- 6S.** Support replacement funding mechanisms to the gas and diesel tax for transportation investments, such as a pay-by-the-mile user fee, full conversion to a vehicle registration fee, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas and take climate impacts into account.
- 7S.** Support the promotion of telecommuting to reduce vehicle miles traveled via broadband investments in rural areas and disadvantaged communities, support the inclusion of local

government representation in the administration of broadband infrastructure funding, and support new server farms in rural areas.

- 8S.** Support an increase in State rail funding to implement new state-supported passenger rail service on the Coast Route to help the State meet transportation and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
- 9S.** Support legislation that increases roadway safety on state highways and local roads by implementing Vision Zero strategies such as speed limit reductions, improving driver safety training, and Caltrans policies related to complete streets, especially where state highways serve as main streets and major connectors.
- 10S.** Support sustainable funding for the oversubscribed Active Transportation Program.
- 11S.** Support streamlining project delivery, including early engagement of oversight agencies, simplifying grant program applications, raising encroachment permit thresholds, and accelerating project permit approvals.
- 12S.** Coordinate with the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to participate in the implementation of recommendations from the transit transformation task force as it relates to Transportation Development Act (TDA) reform and augment state transit funding programs to provide ongoing operational support.
- 13S.** Support MST efforts to seek funding to implement the infrastructure needed to meet the deadlines of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040.
- 14S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, clean commutes, multi-modal transportation, bikes on board trains and buses, and active transportation projects, such as Safe Routes to Schools programs, and:
 - a. Support legislation allowing Caltrans or local or regional agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects.
 - b. Support legislation requiring Caltrans to prioritize coordination with local jurisdictions to include complete streets and the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users in state highway projects.
- 15S.** Support legislation enabling Caltrans to fund and maintain improvements on the State highway system and related infrastructure within State-owned Right-of-Way, including road

signage, pavement markings, and drainage infrastructure; and allowing Caltrans to acquire needed equipment for this purpose without requiring reductions in existing inventory.

- 16S.** Support legislation and investments in critical infrastructure and airspace access to support carbon neutral advanced air mobility solutions (e.g., air taxis and autonomous aerial cargo) that enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of our transportation system.
- 17S.** Support member agencies' requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



2026 Legislative Program

Federal Priorities

- 1F.** Support congressionally directed federal funding for Agency transportation priorities.
- 2F.** Support adequate funding for the following transportation priorities:
 1. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) District capital projects, vehicles, and operations.
 2. Amtrak and state-supported passenger rail, including a fair share allocation to California for capital improvements and vehicle acquisition.
 3. Zero-emission vehicle infrastructure for transit and personal vehicles manufactured in the United States.
 4. Active transportation projects, including Vision Zero.
- 3F.** Support reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill, to include the following priorities:
 1. Stabilizing and increasing transportation infrastructure funding sources to avoid the bankruptcy of the federal highway and transit trust funds.
 2. Reauthorize programs that support transportation infrastructure projects, including the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI), Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), Highway Bridge, and Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant programs and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.
 3. Explore innovative funding mechanisms, such as a vehicle registration fee, pay-by-the-mile user fee, public private partnerships, or wholesale energy taxes, that are equitable to disadvantaged and rural areas.
- 4F.** Coordinate with regional military installations to seek funding for transportation projects with a nexus to operations at those installations.

- 5F.** Support applications for Department of Transportation discretionary grant and resiliency, climate resiliency, and adaptation grant programs for projects on the California Central Coast.
- 6F.** Preserve regional discretion and priority-setting for infrastructure needs.
- 7F.** Support programmatic flexibility in federal funding for infrastructure.
- 8F.** Allow the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to substitute for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and expand the definition of Categorical Exclusions, while retaining environmental protections.
- 9F.** Support availability of funding for enhanced broadband and advocate for the Federal Communications Commission to regulate broadband/internet access as a utility to enable the increase of broadband infrastructure capacity to help bridge the digital divide and to encourage telecommuting.
- 10F.** Support streamlining of federal rail funding and removal of funding barriers between commuter and intercity rail programs, with the goal of increasing integrated passenger rail service for the traveling public.
- 11F.** Support the use of Federal rail funding to implement new passenger rail service on the Coast Route.
- 12F.** Encourage Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to coordinate with the local jurisdiction (e.g., the County of Monterey's Coalition of Homeless Service Providers) when cleaning up encampments on UPRR-owned Right-of-Way.
- 13F.** Support legislation and investments in critical infrastructure and airspace access to support carbon neutral advanced air mobility solutions (e.g., air taxis and autonomous aerial cargo) that enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of our transportation system.
- 14F.** Support legislation allowing agencies to integrate complete streets elements into disaster repair projects.
- 15F.** Support member agencies' requests for federal funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.



January 20, 2026

TO: Board Members, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FROM: Gus Khouri, President, Khouri Consulting LLC
Mitch Weiss, Legislative Advocate

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY**

2026 Outlook

The legislature reconvened on January 5, 2026 from the Winter Recess. While the legislature helped resolve the uncertainty of the continuation of the Cap and Trade, now rebranded as the Cap and Invest Program, the legislature will face complex challenges in 2026. Senator Monique Limón, who was sworn in on November 17 to be the next Senate President pro Tempore of the Senate, is working with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Governor Newsom, who is in his final year, to address a myriad of issues.

State Budget Forecast

On November 19, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its 2026-27 [Fiscal Outlook](#), which estimates an \$18 billion General Fund shortfall. While revenues are projected to be up by \$11 billion between FY 24-25 and FY 26-27, constitutional requirements to fulfill education spending, which has a higher floor each year, and debt service, nearly wipe out the gain (\$10 billion). Increased costs for pensions, Medi-Cal, and Corrections have added \$6 billion.

The state's reliance on volatile revenue sources such as capital gains, corporate, and personal income taxes results in wild swings. In the past three years, the legislature has had to solve deficits of \$27 billion in FY 23-24, \$55 billion in FY 24-25, and \$43 billion in FY 25-26. This

contrasts with a \$97.5 billion surplus in FY 22-23 and \$76 billion surplus in FY 21-22. The LAO estimates a \$15 billion to \$25 billion structural deficit through FY 28-29.

On January 9, Governor Newsom released his proposed FY 2026-27 State Budget. The 2026-27 Budget, which includes \$348.9 billion in General Fund spending and \$23 billion in reserves, is projected to result in a \$2.9 billion deficit. This is in stark contrast to the LAO's 2026-27 [Fiscal Outlook](#), which estimates an \$18 billion General Fund shortfall. The difference is the Governor's Budget forecast reflects General Fund revenues that are more than \$42 billion higher over the budget window (\$31 billion more than the LAO projected due), from 2024-25 through 2026-27, than projected at the 2025 Budget Act—an increase driven by higher cash receipts, higher stock market levels, and an improved economic outlook rather than the LAO's conservative approach that capital gains revenues will regress by 20 percent, which the Governor does not factor. The Governor estimates a deficit of roughly \$22 billion in the 2027-28 fiscal year and shortfalls in the two years following.

State Budget Impact on Transportation

The Governor is not proposing changes to funding for transportation programs, which are predominantly reliant on special funds such as the gas tax, vehicle registration fees, or cap-and-invest auction proceeds. It remains to be seen if the legislature can fulfill its obligation to fully allocate the remaining balance of SB 125 funding for transit capital and operations. That will be contingent upon the accrual of Cap and Invest auction proceeds, which have come in more than \$350 million below expectations through the past two auctions. There is not much, if any, capacity within the \$1 billion legislative appropriation bucket, due to \$250 million in various commitments. The budget act also requires the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to absorb Cal Fire expenses that were borne by the General Fund, including \$1.25 billion in FY 26-27, \$500 million in FY 27-28, and \$500 million in FY 28-29.

Cap and Invest Program Allocations – Complexity in Keeping Commitments to Transit

On September 13, 2025, the legislature approved Assembly Bill (AB) 1207 and Senate Bill (SB) 840, which comprise the package to extend and fund the Cap-and-Trade Program, now rebranded as Cap and Invest.

[AB 1207 \(Irwin\)](#) extends the Cap and Invest program through 2045 and reforms the use and accountability of auction credits. It provides greater oversight on the California Air Resources Board (CARB), which would have to appear before the legislature to discuss the administration of the program.

[SB 840 \(Limón\)](#) establishes a new structure for allocating the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year, including \$1 billion for high-speed rail, \$1 billion reserved for discretionary appropriation, \$1.85 billion in commitments to other major categories consistent with previous appropriations, \$125 million in new funding for free transit passes, and \$250 million in financial incentives for local air districts to fund community emissions reduction programs. Legislative or regulatory direction will be needed to administer the \$125 million in funding made available for a new free transit pass program. It is uncertain whether funds will be available on a formulaic or competitive basis.

There is not much, if any, capacity within the \$1 billion legislative appropriation bucket, due to \$250 million in various commitments. The budget act requires the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to absorb Cal Fire expenses that were borne by the General Fund, including \$1.25 billion in FY 26-27, \$500 million in FY 27-28, and \$500 million in FY 28-29. The GGRF contribution would be reduced to \$500 million if the General Fund were not in deficit, but as a \$2.9 billion deficit is expected, the full amounts are expected to be paid to Cal Fire.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) are provided with a ceiling of funding (\$400 million and \$200 million, respectively), which is approximately equivalent to the 10% and 5% each program receives through the prior continuous appropriation. By having line items instead of percentages, TIRCP and LCTOP have a ceiling, but no floor, based on available revenue.

Cap and Invest Impact on TAMC

The TIRCP has an outstanding balance of prior commitments that are not itemized, but can be honored through legislative appropriation or through the excess balance of funds that materialize through auctions. Those commitments include \$690 million for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program and \$388 million for SB 125 formula-based TIRCP and competitive funds. TAMC has not yet received its full share of the \$52.4 million earmarked under SB 125, Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023. As of the date of this report, TAMC has received approximately 70% of the total, with the remainder anticipated to be distributed in future years.

In September, the Department of Finance (DOF) estimated that auction proceeds should generate \$4.2 billion for FY 26-27, down from \$4.4 billion in FY 24-25. With all the prescriptive line items, if the DOF estimate holds, it would leave around \$107 million available to pay down the previous SB 125 and TIRCP Cycle 6 and 7 commitments. If revenue exceeds \$4.2 billion, the legislature can augment any program or accelerate payment of the SB 125 and TIRCP Cycle 6 and 7 competitive grant commitments.

As the legislature deliberated on the Cap and Invest extension, there was a prevailing view that higher-than-projected revenues could materialize with an extension and market stability, providing an opportunity to supplement funding for transit capital and operations, including passenger rail. That expectation has not yet been realized.

Furthermore, the FY 25-26 Budget Act appropriates \$368 million from GGRF for the TIRCP competitive program (partial funding comes from SB 1), and \$100 million for implementation of the Community Air Protection program created by AB 617 (Garcia), Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017. As a result, the legislative appropriation authority pot is oversubscribed and desperately needs stronger auctions that would yield excess revenues to honor commitments. If the market does not rebound, it will be difficult for the State to meet current obligations for transit capital and operations, let alone one-time SB 125 funding.

Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Funding

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to be eligible for state grant funding. The SCS is a document that details how a region intends to create livable communities by addressing housing needs, reducing miles traveled, and greenhouse gas emissions. The California Air Resources Board (CARB), which approves the plans, has become more stringent in its approval process due to ever-changing greenhouse gas reduction targets that do not correlate with a region's density, demographics, or travel patterns. TAMC has been a recipient of SB 1 competitive grant funding and must continue to have access to it to address multimodal needs and safety projects on the state highway system, as well as for multimodal investments.

The Central Coast Coalition has been advocating for greater flexibility and the elimination of duplicative processes in complying with state air quality standards, so that solutions regarding population density, vehicle miles traveled, and housing reflect a region's geography, demographics, travel patterns, and availability of alternative modes.

CalSTA Transformative Task Force Recommendation Released

On December 9, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released the [Transit Transformative Task Force Report](#). The report is intended to reimagine public transit funding and service delivery. Suggested funding solutions include reprogramming existing revenue to flex capital expenses for operational costs, selling air rights, tax increment financing, and raising revenue through taxes and fees.

TAMC Bill Matrix – January 2026

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
AB 12 (Wallis) Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations	2/18/25 Assembly Natural Resources	This bill would void amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board on November 8, 2024, which would prevent the increase to gas prices. This bill must be approved out of the Assembly by January 31 for this or any purpose to remain live.	Watch Priority 1S
AB 954 (Bennett) Interregional transportation strategic plan: bicycle highways	8/29/25 Senate Inactive File	This bill requires Caltrans to the extent feasible and consistent with the California Transportation Plan, to assess incorporating bicycle highways into strategic interregional corridors within the interregional transportation strategic plan (ITSP). Since this bill is in the second house, it can be taken up for this purpose or be amended for another purpose, until August 21.	Watch Priority 14S
AB 1058 (Gonzalez) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax: suspension of tax	3/10/25 Assembly Transportation	This bill would suspend the imposition of the tax on motor vehicle fuels for one year. This bill would direct the Controller to transfer an amount equal to the amount collected in the 2023-24 fiscal year, adjusted for inflation, from the General Fund to the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account in the Transportation Tax Fund. This bill must be approved out of the Assembly by January 31 for this or any purpose to remain live.	OPPOSE Priority 1S Letter sent 4/24/25
AB 1421 (Wilson) Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee	1/16/26 Assembly Appropriations	The bill was amended on January 5 to require the California Transportation Commission (CTC), in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), to consolidate and prepare research and recommendations related to a road user charge or a mileage-based fee system. The bill would require the CTC to submit a report on the research and recommendations described above to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2027.	Watch Priority 1S

TAMC Bill Matrix – January 2026

Measure	Status	Bill Summary	Recommended Position
<p>SB 667 (Archuleta) Railroads: safety: wayside detectors: train length: emergency vehicle crossing</p>	<p>1/20/26 Senate Appropriations</p>	<p>This bill requires a railroad to operate a network of wayside detector systems on or adjacent to any track used by a freight train. By mandating comprehensive detection coverage and communication protocols, it attempts to enhance California's ability to detect potential equipment failures before they result in catastrophic incidents. As amended on January 5, the bill would cap train speed based on whether they fit into one of three classes. While this bill is intended to enhance safety, it may have an adverse impact on freight operations and, ultimately, scheduling slots for passenger rail service and ridership. While safety should be the highest priority, positive train control is being installed along the Central Coast. TAMC staff is recommending an oppose position because this bill is an unfunded mandate whereby the host railroad would pass the cost of this detection system on to TAMC at a time when transit agencies statewide are struggling to maintain existing service, or it would defer the installation and require slow train speeds that would delay passenger trains.</p>	<p>Watch <u>OPPOSE</u> Priority 8S</p>
<p>SB 741 (Blakespear) Coastal resources: coastal development permit: exemption: LOSSAN Rail Corridor</p>	<p>7/3/25 Assembly Natural Resources</p>	<p>Existing law exempts from that coastal development permitting process certain emergency projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore existing highways. This bill would exempt the need to have a coastal permit for specific emergency projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore existing railroad track along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor. This bill must be approved out of the Senate by January 31 for this or any purpose to remain live.</p>	<p>Watch Priority 11S</p>



Memorandum

To: TAMC Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: Federal Legislative Update

FY 2026 Transportation Appropriations Update

After a 43-day shutdown, Congress passed a short-term funding bill on November 13, 2025, to reopen the federal government. This Continuing Resolution (CR) extends most federal funding through January 30, 2026.

On January 19, the House advanced a [four-bill “minibus” package](#) of fiscal year (FY) 2026 funding bills covering Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; Defense; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD); and Homeland Security. It is expected to be voted on in the House sometime this week. When the Senate returns next week, it will need to expeditiously pass the final four-bill package, assuming it gets through the House this week.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Congress passes multi-year Surface Transportation Acts to fund America's public works, including roads, bridges, transit, and rail, providing states with long-term certainty for infrastructure planning and project delivery. The current version, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, expires on September 30, 2026. TAMC continues monitoring federal discussions on the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

To stay informed and ensure regional needs are represented, TAMC staff participated in the [Caltrans’ IJA Reauthorization Sub-Working Group webinars](#). These sessions prepared stakeholders for the upcoming federal reauthorization process and engaged regional agencies, local and tribal governments, industry partners, and advocacy groups to help shape California’s statewide priorities. This collaborative approach positions California to advocate effectively for funding and programs that advance both state and national transportation goals. TAMC recommends the Board support the “Caltrans Consensus Principles for Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act”, a list of shared priorities to guide California’s position in the next federal transportation bill.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis - Fehr & Peers Contract**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis — Fehr & Peers Contract**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with Fehr & Peers, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$476,000 to prepare the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis for the period ending December 2028;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant, Rural Planning Assistance, and local funds budgeted to this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

TAMC released a Request for Proposals to provide planning services for the Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis on October 22, 2025. Seven responsive proposals were received. The proposal review team and staff recommend Fehr & Peers for the contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated budget for the total project is \$798,500 with \$676,000 funded with Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and \$122,500 of local match funded from Rural Planning Assistance and Regional Surface Transportation Program Reserve. The not-to-exceed amount for this proposed planning services contract with Fehr & Peers is \$476,000.

DISCUSSION:

The 2026 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis (the Plan) will establish a comprehensive strategy to expand safe walking, biking, and other non-motorized travel options for vulnerable and underserved communities throughout Monterey County. As an update to the previous Active Transportation Plan, this effort will include a Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) analysis to evaluate the comfort and safety of non-automotive road users and produce an interactive map identifying key gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network. This tool will help TAMC

and local jurisdictions prioritize high-benefit projects and support low-stress route planning for the public. The two-and-a-half-year planning process will be led by TAMC in partnership with member agencies, the Monterey County Health Department, and Caltrans District 5.

During consultant procurement, proposals were reviewed by a panel consisting of TAMC staff, the Monterey County Health Department, and staff from the Cities of Monterey and Soledad. Seven complete proposals were received from Fehr & Peers, Alta Planning + Design, GHD, Kimley-Horn, Nelson\Nygaard, Ecology Action, and LLG. Fehr & Peers, Alta, and GHD were shortlisted for interviews, with Fehr & Peers ultimately selected based on their experience delivering regional Active Transportation Plans with LTS analyses, their Spanish-first community engagement approach, their history of collaborating with public health agencies, and their strong focus on producing an implementable plan aligned with TAMC's role in regional project delivery.

The draft agreement, including the scope of work and budget, is provided as a web attachment. The project is anticipated to begin in February 2026 and be completed by June 2028.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

[Draft Monterey County Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis Contract — Feer & Peers](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **FORTAG California Avenue — GHD Contract Amendment #2**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (California Avenue Segment) - GHD Contract Amendment #2:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #2 with GHD, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$13,085, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$2,285,593, for additional design work on Wayfinding Signage Design for the FORTAG California Avenue Segment;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted to this project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support extending the contract with the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the contract, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends approving a contract amendment with GHD to incorporate the updated FORTAG Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines into the California Avenue Segment final design. The amendment will allow GHD to prepare detailed signage schedule sheets and integrate final wayfinding elements into the project plans. This update ensures consistency in signage across current and future FORTAG segments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

On August 23, 2023, the Agency approved a contract with GHD, Inc. to provide professional services to develop the FORTAG California Avenue Segment Final Design and Right of Way. The original contract had a budget of \$2,272,508. An additional \$13,085 is being requested to complete tasks needed to develop wayfinding signage design for the FORTAG California Avenue segment. This brings the total budget of the contract to \$2,285,593. Measure X funds are available for this work related to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

DISCUSSION:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is a planned 28-mile active transportation

corridor that will connect communities in and around the former Fort Ord, linking Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, and CSU Monterey Bay to parks, open space, schools, and major regional destinations. As part of this broader vision, the California Avenue Segment advances a key north-south connection through Marina, serving as one of the project's early phases in design and right-of-way development.

On August 23, 2023, the Agency entered into a competitively procured professional services agreement with GHD to lead the final design and right-of-way work for the California Avenue Segment. Under this contract, GHD is responsible for engineering design, community and stakeholder engagement, land surveying, utility coordination, right-of-way services, permitting, and support through bidding and construction. As work has progressed towards the 100% final design milestone, the contract is now approaching its spending limit.

To ensure consistency across the regional trail system, staff recommends amending the agreement to incorporate the updated FORTAG Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines completed by GHD in June 2025. This amendment will allow GHD to prepare detailed signage schedule sheets, including text, layout, fabrication specifications, and installation requirements, for integration into the segment's final plans. These finalized details will also be added to the Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines for use on future FORTAG segments.

The current contract budget is \$2,272,508. Staff recommends increasing the spending limit by \$13,085, bringing the total to \$2,285,593. This additional funding is necessary to complete the wayfinding signage design work specific to the California Avenue Segment. A draft of Contract Amendment #2 is provided as Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FORTAG CA Ave Amendment 2 - 1.28.26

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

AMENDMENT #2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
AND
GHD INC.

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 2 to the agreement dated August 23, 2023, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as “TAMC,” and GHD Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Consultant,” is hereby entered into between TAMC and Consultant.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant entered into an agreement for professional services on August 23, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement;” and
- B. **WHEREAS**, the Agreement relates to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway California Avenue Segment Final Design (the “Project”), for which Consultant is to provide final design, right-of-way, and design support during construction; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, the Agreement contains a not-to-exceed amount, which may be amended only by the written agreement of the parties, and which establishes the maximum amount of costs which may be incurred under the Agreement, including a 10% contingency; and
- D. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and Consultant desire to amend the Agreement for professional services to add new tasks to the project scope of work funded partially within the existing contingency amount for wayfinding signage design;
- E. **WHEREAS**, the total budget required for the additional scope of work is \$29,723.00 and the Agreement limit has \$16,638.00 remaining in contingency funds;
- F. **WHEREAS**, Amendment #1 was executed by the TAMC Executive Director on November 18, 2024 amending the Agreement to add new tasks to the project scope of work within the existing contingency amount for environmental permitting and additional design work for trail realignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The Scope of Work attached to the Agreement as Exhibit A is hereby appended with the Task 13.1 Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A-2 and shall be effective upon execution.

2. PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANT; MAXIMUM LIABILITY

Paragraph 2 of the Agreement is amended as follows: Payments to Consultant; maximum liability. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, TAMC shall pay to Consultant the amounts provided in Exhibit B: Budget, upon receipt and acceptance of deliverables listed therein. Each payment by TAMC shall be for a specific deliverable or services outlined in Exhibit A: Scope of Work. The maximum amount payable to the Consultant under this Agreement is set forth in Exhibit B: Budget and shall not exceed the amount of two million two hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred Dollars (\$2,285,593.00). If there is any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of either Exhibit A (Scope of Services) or Exhibit B (Budget), the terms of this Agreement shall prevail. TAMC does not guarantee any minimum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.

3. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 2 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with GHD Inc.

GHD Inc.

TAMC

By: _____
Kamesh Vedula
Vice President

By: _____
Todd A. Muck
Executive Director

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: If Consultant is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers. If Consultant is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If Consultant is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

Approved as to form:

TAMC Counsel

Dated: _____

Our ref: 12603415

3 November 2025

Janneke Strauss | Associate Transportation Planner
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FORTAG California Avenue Segment – Wayfinding Guidance Document & Design Implementation – Task Order 5

Dear Janneke,

As requested, and previously discussed, enclosed please find our proposal to provide Wayfinding Guidance Document & Design Implementation services associated with the FORTAG Project. Our request for scope and budget amendment are broken down into three subtasks as outlined below.

Task 13.1: Wayfinding Signage Design for FORTAG California Avenue Segment

GHD will provide wayfinding design details to incorporate the recently updated FORTAG Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines by GHD in June of 2025 into the California Avenue Segment plans. GHD will provide schedule sheets that will provide text, layout, and other details and information needed to fabricate and install project wayfinding signage.

Final details will be incorporated into the Wayfinding Signage Design Guidelines for use on other segments.

Wayfinding General Plan

GHD will develop an overall plan sheet depicting the location for all wayfinding and branding signage.

Directional Sign Detail – NO ADDITIONAL FEE

The details for the directional signs will be provided from the Wayfinding Guidelines. A schedule of each individual sign information will be developed to supplement the Wayfinding General Plan. A single sign detail will be provided on the plans, and will be available to the Contractor as a vector file for development of sign proofs. Detail design will not include full breakdown of size, dimensions, or other information that can be pulled from vector files.

Post Marker Details

Post Markers will include branding, location markers, and directional information. Details for the construction of the posts will be added to the plans. Sign panel details will be developed for up to ten (10) post markers with one (1) panel each. Sign Panel graphics will be produced in Illustrator as vector graphics which can be used by the sign manufacturer to produce signage proofs. Locations of the posts will be determined during the first review meeting, and this information will be used to produce specific sign details.

Kiosk Design and Details

Kiosks provide regional and local maps, destinations, rules of use, and safety information. A detailed map should show the local district or trail, indicating “you are here”, highlight major/minor access points, and marks restrooms and other trail and on-street bikeway networks. The kiosk can provide additional information on local destinations within a 5 minute ride or 10 minute walk from the current location. The

kiosk is also an opportunity to illustrate ecological, historical or cultural interpretive information about the local area.

This scope includes the design of one kiosk panel for the Future Network Map, with a QR Code for users to view and map updates. This panel may be used on the California Avenue segment, Jerry Smith trailhead (FLAP) segment, and the Canyon Del Rey Segment 1.

This scope includes design of two (2) panels for the California Avenue Segment with the trail alignment map, and details for two separate locations, Patton Parkway and Cal Ave and 8th Street. The segment map and regional information will be the same on both panels, with variation only for current location (“you are here”).

Details for the kiosk construction will be incorporated into the plan sheets and added to the Wayfinding Guidelines.

In addition to drawings, GHD will provide TAMC with an engineer construction cost estimate and special provisions as needed.

GHD has allotted time for up to three (3) PDT meetings for the following objectives:

1. Review and confirm sign locations, types, and information included on the signs
2. Review content and detail of various signs
3. Review draft submittal comments

Assumptions:

- Up to three (3) 1/2-hour long virtual meetings at key design checkpoints. It's assumed this review will take place during the regularly scheduled Project Team meetings on Fridays.
- Design of up to 10 post markers and 2 information kiosk signs

Deliverables

- Meeting agenda and post-meeting written summary
- Draft and final estimate and specifications to be incorporated into Bid Documents
- Draft and final plan sheets to be incorporated into Bid Documents.
- Updated Wayfinding Guidelines with construction details

Re-Allocated Fee

The total amendment for Task 13 requested by GHD is \$29,723.00 based on the costs detailed below. Budget will be shifted from Contingency for this task.

FORTAG California Ave. Task Order 5

		GHD COSTS										
	Loaded Rate	Project Manager \$ 334 (Lindsey V.)	Deputy Project Manager \$ 315 (Steve G.)	Landscape Team Manager \$ 226 (Lucas P.)	Landscape Design Manager \$ 211 (Tom H.)	Landscape Architect (Nate O. / Lesly L.) \$ 183	Landscape Design Staff (Tyler B. / Laura G.) \$ 152	Civil Engineering (Chenin) \$ 246	Structural Review \$ 226	GHD Cost	Total Cost	
Task Order 05										\$ -		
13.1	Wayfinding Signage Design Cal Ave	1	4	4	10	65	40	18	12	\$ 29,723	\$ 29,723	
TO 05 Total		1	4	4	10	65	40	18	12	\$ 29,723	\$ 29,723	

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards



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Copy to: Todd Muck, TAMC
 Lindsey Van Parys, GHD

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **FORTAG California Avenue — Construction Management Request for Proposals**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**FORTAG California Avenue - Construction Management Request for Proposals:**

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for a Request for Proposals for construction management for the California Avenue segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project, subject to agency counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the Request of Proposals and return to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work; and
3. **APPROVE** the use of Regional Measure X funds allocated to the construction of the project, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

SUMMARY:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway - California Avenue segment is at 100% design and will be seeking an allocation of construction funding at the March California Transportation Commission meeting. It is now time to seek a firm to perform construction management for the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total estimated cost of the construction phase is \$8.26 million, funded with a \$6.921 million State Active Transportation Program grant and Regional Measure X funds. The independent cost estimate for this Construction Management request for proposals is \$1.4 million, and would be funded from Measure X.

DISCUSSION:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is a 28-mile paved active transportation corridor that connects Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, CSU Monterey Bay, and the Fort Ord National Monument. Designed for walkers, bicyclists, and wheelchair users of all ages and abilities, it links neighborhoods to parks, schools, and major destinations while providing safe, continuous access to open space and regional trail systems.

Transportation Agency staff are planning for the construction of the second segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway, which includes the construction of the trail through the City Marina from Patton Parkway to 8th Street, adjacent to California Avenue, and through open space, connecting to the future Jerry Smith Trailhead segment at Imjin Road. Approval of this action will allow TAMC staff to request proposals from qualified consultants for the construction management of the project.

Contracting with a construction management firm to serve as the resident engineer provides a project with dedicated, on-site technical expertise that helps keep work on schedule and within budget. A resident engineer brings specialized knowledge in contract administration, change order management, and quality assurance, ensuring the construction contractor’s work meets plans, specifications, and safety standards. They also serve as a neutral third party who can quickly resolve field issues, improve communication among stakeholders, and reduce the risk of costly delays or disputes. The Transportation Agency has successfully used construction management services on other recent projects, such as Package 1 of the Monterey County Rail Extension and the Canyon Del Rey segment of FORTAG that is currently in construction.

Attached is the draft scope of work for the Request for Proposals, subject to review and approval by Agency counsel. The tasks under this contract include the review of the bid documents and assistance with selecting a construction contractor, oversight of utility relocations, public outreach, and finally, construction oversight.

The RFP schedule is proposed as follows:

Date/ Timeframe	Task
January 14, 2026	Issue Notice of Intent to publish Request for Proposals
January 28, 2026	Distribute RFP
February 27, 2026	Deadline for questions and/or requests for clarification or exceptions by 12:00 pm noon PST
March 12, 2026	Proposals due by 12:00 pm noon PST
March 16-20, 2026	Review and rank proposals
March 23, 2026	Hold interviews (if necessary)
March 27, 2026	Determine top ranked consultant, send Tentative Award letter, negotiate contract
April 22, 2026	Bring contract to TAMC Board for approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FORTAG California Avenue - Construction Management RFP Scope of Work

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A SCOPE OF WORK

I. PROPOSED PROJECT

The vision for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) project is to create a multimodal route designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities that connects communities in and around the former Fort Ord to each other and to education, employment, community and recreation centers. It will serve as a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting the cities of Seaside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey and unincorporated community residents to California State University Monterey Bay, the Fort Ord National Monument, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. The Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 28-mile paved trail was certified by the Transportation Agency Board on March 25, 2020. A Master Agreement was approved by the Transportation Agency and the underlying jurisdictions in June 2020.

The California Avenue segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (“Project”) involves construction of a new 12 foot wide multi use and accessible trail through the City of Marina. The trail is adjacent to California Avenue from Patton Parkway to 8th Street. Between Patton Parkway and Imjin Parkway, the trail is on the west side of California Avenue. Between Imjin Parkway and 8th Street the trail is on the east side of California Avenue. From 8th Street, the trail traverses northeast through open space and connects to 9th Street and Imjin Road.

The California Avenue segment (“Project”) is at 100% design, and TAMC is now seeking a firm to perform construction management for the Project. The 100% plans can be viewed online at:

[FORTAG California Avenue Final Design and Right of Way - 100% Plan Set](#)

Construction of the Project is estimated to cost approximately \$8.26 million, and TAMC has secured a State Active Transportation Program grant along with local Measure X funding for that purpose. More information about the project is available online at:

- <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/fort-ord-regional-trail-greenway>
- <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/fort-ord-regional-trail-greenway-california-avenue>

II. TAMC PROVIDED ITEMS AND SERVICES

TAMC shall provide the selected Consultant with:

1. Project Report
2. Environmental documentation
3. 100% percent designs and bid documents
4. Geotechnical investigations and reports

5. Utility information
6. Timely review of submittals

III. ITEMS AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

Consultant shall furnish construction management services, including:

1. Project Management
2. Design review: bid documents
3. Utility relocation oversight
4. Construction oversight

IV. EXPECTED TASKS

Consultant shall provide all professional services consistent with the industry-accepted roles of Construction Manager for the construction of the Project. This shall include providing all services necessary to administer the construction contract in accordance with Caltrans Construction Manual and Construction Procedure Directives. Construction management and construction support work shall be performed in accordance with the tasks as described in the Caltrans Work Breakdown Structure.

Consultant shall generally provide resources fully equipped to ensure the project is constructed in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates and in compliance with laws, funding requirements, and other project constraints. Anticipated resources include Resident Engineer, Assistant Resident Engineer, Office Engineer, Qualified Inspectors (e.g.: Materials, Electrical, Structural, Roadway), Scheduler, Outreach Communication Coordinator, Construction Staking, Materials Testing, and Claims Expert to effectively administer the project through completion.

Construction Management Services may include but are not limited to:

PHASE 1: PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

1. **Constructability Review:** review the contract documents, the technical bid specifications and 100% designs, and make recommendations related to constructability and consistency between them.
2. **Pre-Bid Assistance:** provide assistance to TAMC prior to the Notice to Proceed for construction, review bids, bid bonds, insurance certificates, and related submittals, prepare addendum as needed to implement changes prior to bid opening, and assist TAMC in selecting a qualified bidder.
3. **Construction Contract:** verify that necessary documents, including but not limited to permits, agreements, easements, temporary construction easements, and/or property rights have been secured and/or in place prior to construction contract award, and are accurately included and described in the contract documents.

4. **Pre-Construction Conference:** conduct the pre-construction conference, including scheduling the meeting, preparing an agenda, leading the meeting, and recording notes of the meeting.
5. **Public Relations:** develop a public information plan to address community and public relations issues necessary to mitigate business and public concerns. Identify stakeholders and affected parties, conduct public information meetings, create news releases that TAMC will review and issue, and organize ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Assist TAMC in design of a web site and/or establishment of an informational phone line for use by the community to obtain information about the project such as schedules, detours, etc. Coordinate with contractor on development and erection of project sponsor signage.
6. **Utility Coordination:** collaborate with the project design team to establish contact with utility owners to coordinate project-related relocation.

PHASE 2: CONSTRUCTION:

1. Monitoring contractor's performance and enforce all requirements of applicable codes, specifications and contract drawings.
2. Performing field inspection and other quality control activities including necessary materials testing.
3. Monitoring construction schedules throughout the course of construction.
4. Provide construction staking services.
5. Prepare and maintain resident engineer's file in an audit-ready state.
6. Reviewing working days, contract time and documenting time extensions. Documentation similar to the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Exhibit 16-A, "Weekly Statement of Working Days" will be required in the project file.
7. Maintaining a daily inspector's report system that records the hours worked by person and equipment. Detail must be sufficient to permit the review of the contractor's costs of the work in a manner similar to force account. Equipment must be identified sufficiently to enable determination of the applicable rental rates and operator's minimum wage. The narrative portion of the report shall include a description of the contractor's operation and location of work and any other pertinent information. An example of the daily report forms can be found in the Caltrans *Construction Manual*.
8. Tracking subcontractor's work. Ensuring contractor submits written request prior to substituting a contractor.
9. Maintaining well-organized photographic/video records.
10. Ensuring contractor properly provides for the safety of the workers.
11. Managing change orders and obtaining required local agency approval. This includes keeping track of contingency money and notifying local agency when 80% of contingency money has been used. If using federal funds a Request of Authorization for additional construction funds will be needed if change orders will exceed authorized amount. This must be done prior to the approval of change order.
12. Managing submittals and monitor designer's review activities.
13. Managing claims.
14. Managing contractor's Request for Information (RFI).

15. Reviewing and recommending progress payments.
16. Determining materials sampling, testing requirements and provide acceptance testing services in compliance with local agency's Quality Assurance Program.
17. Enforcing Labor Compliance by preparing daily reports with required information, monitoring Certified Payrolls and doing spot check labor surveys and interviews; assisting TAMC with any requests for information or Public Records Requests related to labor.
18. Supervising contractor's detours, lane closures, and staging plans.
19. Convene and host regular coordination meetings of an inter-agency task force.
20. Providing final inspection and coordinate road openings for each stage.
21. Establishing a punch list system.
22. Establishing a record file which supports: 1) adequacy of field control, 2) conformance to contract specifications, 3) payments to contractor. The file must be complete, organized and maintained in a manner that permits inspection by the local agency, Caltrans or FHWA. Example of project filing system can be found in the LAPM, Chapter 16.

PHASE 3: POST-CONSTRUCTION:

1. Completing all project documentation including, but not limited to, change order summary, final detail estimate, project acceptance documentation, and claims management/resolution.
2. Preparing a final construction project report per Chapter 17 of the LAPM.
3. Preparing final "As-Built" record drawings at the completion of the project.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Mark Thomas Consulting — Grant Assistance Contract Amendment #1**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mark Thomas Consulting - Grant Assistance Contract Amendment #1 :

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute contract amendment #1 with Mark Thomas Consulting, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, to increase the budget by \$87,000 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$236,900, to provide grant assistance services for the agency's priority regional projects for the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X funds budgeted for regional projects;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source due to the efficiencies that support award to the existing consultant as a logical follow-on to work already in progress under a competitively awarded contract; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the Mark Thomas Consulting contract amendment, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved contract term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Grant Assistance contract between TAMC and Mark Thomas Consulting is used to provide assistance in submitting grant proposals to deliver regionally significant projects in coordination with Caltrans.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

On February 28, 2024, the Agency approved a contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. to provide grant application services. The original contract had a budget of \$149,900. An additional \$87,000 is being requested to complete tasks needed to maintain the current project schedule and grant application cycle. This brings the total budget of the contract to \$236,900. Measure X funds are available for this work related to the Scenic Highway 68 Corridor Project and US 101 South of Salinas Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Agency entered into a competitively procured agreement with Mark Thomas & Company to provide grant application assistance. The contract is now nearing its spending limit, and an amendment is recommended to maintain continuity as staff prepares major state and federal grant applications for both the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project - Phase 1 and the US 101

South of Salinas Project - Chualar Segment. For State Route 68, staff is pursuing the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and the Local Partnership Program; for US 101, efforts focus on the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, the Local Partnership Program, and the federal BUILD Program. Measure X would serve as the local match for both projects.

The need to retain Mark Thomas is heightened by upcoming deadlines and ongoing coordination with Caltrans. USDOT's FY 2026 BUILD Program requires applications to be submitted by February 24, 2026. Meanwhile, the California Transportation Commission is currently developing Cycle 5 guidelines for Senate Bill 1 competitive programs (SCCP, TCEP, and LPP), with final guidelines anticipated for adoption in August 2026, after which the call for projects is expected. In advance of the call for projects, Caltrans is evaluating which projects it will co-sponsor statewide for grant funding, and TAMC is actively coordinating with the Department on both the SR 68 and US 101 proposals to gain their support.

As part of this coordination, Mark Thomas has been supporting TAMC and Caltrans by developing technical information and performance metrics, updating funding plans, and preparing project fact sheets; materials that will be essential for both state and federal applications and for Caltrans' internal prioritization process. The Grant Application Assistance contract covers grant strategy development, technical analysis, data assembly, mapping and visuals, and preparation and submittal of grant applications.

The current contract budget is \$149,900. Staff recommends increasing the spending limit by \$87,000, for a new total of \$236,900, to complete the FY 2026 BUILD application and position both projects for SB 1 Cycle 5 once the call opens. The original contract was procured through a competitive request for qualifications in February 2024, and Draft Contract Amendment #1 is provided as Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mark Thomas Contract Amendment #1 - 1.28.26

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

**AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY AND
MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the agreement (hereinafter, "AGREEMENT") dated February 28, 2024, between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, hereinafter referred to as "TAMC," and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," is hereby entered into between TAMC and Consultant.

RECITALS:

- A. **WHEREAS**, the parties had previously entered into an agreement on February 28, 2024, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"; and
- B. **WHEREAS**, TAMC and the Consultant desire to amend the Agreement to increase the budget to complete the Senate Bill 1 Cycle 5 and federal BUILD grant applications for the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvements – Phase 1 and the US 101 South of Salinas – Chualar Segment projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANT; MAXIMUM LIABILITY

Paragraph 2 of the Agreement is amended as follows: Payments to Consultant; maximum liability. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, TAMC shall pay to Consultant the amounts provided in Exhibit B: Budget, upon receipt and acceptance of deliverables listed therein. Each payment by TAMC shall be for a specific deliverable or services outlined in Exhibit A: Scope of Work and Schedule. The maximum amount payable to the Consultant under this Agreement is set forth in Exhibit B: Budget and shall not exceed the amount of two hundred and thirty-six thousand and nine hundred Dollars (\$236,900.00). If there is any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of either Exhibit A (Scope of Services) or Exhibit B (Budget), the terms of this Agreement shall prevail. TAMC does not guarantee any minimum amount of dollars to be spent under this Agreement.

2. REMAINDER OF TERMS UNCHANGED

All other terms of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full effect.

An executed copy of this Amendment No. 1 shall be attached to the Agreement and shall be incorporated as if fully set forth therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment to the Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.

Mark Thomas & Company

TAMC

By: _____

Name: Russell Burgess

Title: Chief Operating Officer

By: _____

Todd A. Muck

Executive Director

Dated:

Dated:

By: _____

Name: Robert M. Brogan

Title: Principal

Dated:

INSTRUCTIONS: If Consultant is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers. If Consultant is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If Consultant is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

Approved as to form:

TAMC Counsel

Dated: _____

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Broadway Ave Complete Street Agreements**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor Agreements:

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute a three-party intergovernmental agreement with the City of Seaside and the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, for the period ending December 31, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,019, to provide programming for the Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project, including an allocation to the County of Monterey, in an amount not to exceed \$569,726, to provide safe routes to schools and community programming for the project;
2. **ACCEPT** the Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the City of Seaside and the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director or their designee to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Seaside and Monterey County Health Departments on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project. The City of Seaside was awarded the grant in December 2019 and the Transportation Agency and Health Department programming for the project will start in Spring 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor project is fully-funded by an Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 grant from the State. The non-infrastructure work on the project, will be awarded a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,015,019. The Monterey County Health Department's budget for the project is not-to-exceed \$569,726. No matching funds are required for this project.

DISCUSSION:

The Broadway Ave Complete Street Corridor Project will create the only continuous citywide east-west bicycle facility in Seaside which will serve as a strong backbone for future safe bicycling and walking infrastructure projects throughout the city. Broadway Ave connects low income neighborhoods and senior living facilities to schools, jobs, shopping, churches, health services and high-quality transit. The project includes the design and construction of a 1.3-mile road diet on

Broadway Avenue from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard and safe routes to school improvements on Yosemite Ave from San Pablo Ave to Wanda Ave. The road diet will transform a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway with curb extensions, buffered and protected bike facilities, roundabouts, and Safe Routes to School improvements including offset crosswalk, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and accessible design. Improvements on Yosemite Ave will include bicycle pavement markings, signage, curb extensions and high-visibility crosswalks. The redesign of Broadway Avenue will address the serious safety concerns of speeding, sideswipes and broadside collisions that plague the corridor frequently used by children and seniors. The project will include non-infrastructure programming designed to increase the shift to active transportation modes and long-lasting behavior change through a suite of programming for elementary school children, low-income families, seniors and businesses along the corridor.

TAMC, the Monterey County Health Department and other safe routes to schools partners will provide education and encouragement programming to encourage and increase safe bicycling and walking and prevent unsafe behaviors. This programming will help ensure that students, parents, and seniors are provided with the opportunity to learn and practice safe walking and biking skills, reduce the amount of traffic surrounding schools, increase the number of students walking and biking to school, and improve the health of children and seniors in Seaside. Programming will also involve traffic gardens, "health in all policies" civic engagement, senior walking presentations, and community rides.

TAMC partnered with the City of Seaside and Monterey County Health Department on the grant application and thus did not need a competitive procurement process. The three-party intergovernmental agreement is online as a **web attachment**. The project is expected to kick off in Spring 2026 and conclude in Summer 2030.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Draft ATP C5 Broadway Ave Agreement](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **FORTAG (CA Ave segment) Non-Infrastructure Agreement**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project - California Avenue Non-Infrastructure Agreement:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$803,519, to provide programming for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project (FORTAG) California Avenue segment project, for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency partnered with the Monterey County Health Department on an Active Transportation Program grant for the FORTAG California Avenue segment project. The Transportation Agency was awarded the grant in December 2022. This agreement between the Monterey County Health Department and Transportation Agency will enable delivery of safe routes to schools and community programming starting in Spring 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The non-infrastructure component of the FORTAG California Avenue segment project is funded by a \$980,244.98 Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant from the State and \$541,176.62 in Measure X funds. For the Monterey County Health Department's work on the project, they will be awarded a not-to-exceed amount of \$803,519.

DISCUSSION:

The FORTAG California Avenue segment project will provide a safe network of paths for youth, seniors and inexperienced riders separated from high-speed vehicles. The project will install a pedestrian and bicycle path along California Ave comfortably separated from vehicle traffic.

TAMC, the Monterey County Health Department, and safe routes to schools partners will provide

education and encouragement programming to encourage and increase safe bicycling and walking and prevent unsafe behaviors. This programming will help ensure that students, parents, and seniors are provided with the opportunity to learn and practice safe walking and biking skills, reduce the amount of traffic surrounding schools, increase the number of students walking and biking to school, and improve the health of children and seniors in Marina. Programming will also involve a sidewalk art project marking safe routes to schools, traffic garden, "health in all policies" civic engagement, and senior walking presentations.

TAMC partnered with the County of Monterey on the grant application and thus did not need a competitive procurement process. The safe routes to schools and community programming is expected to kick off in Spring 2026 and conclude by Fall 2030.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Draft FORTAG \(CA Ave Segment\) NI Agreement](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Harden Pkwy & Safe Routes to School Agreement**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Harden Parkway & Safe Routes to School Agreements:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Monterey, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$1,039,378, to provide programming for the Harden Parkway Safe Routes to Schools project, for the period ending December 31, 2030;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Active Transportation Program grant funds awarded to the City of Salinas and the Transportation Agency for this project; and
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas and Monterey County Health Department on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Harden Parkway Safe Routes to Schools project. The City of Salinas was awarded the grant in December 2022 and entered into an agreement with the Transportation Agency in August 2023 to oversee delivery of the non-infrastructure programming for the project. This agreement between the Monterey County Health Department and the Transportation Agency will enable delivery of safe routes to schools and community programming starting in Spring 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Harden Parkway Safe Routes to Schools project is fully-funded by an Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant from the State. For the Monterey County Health Department's work on the project, they will be awarded a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,039,378. No matching funds are required for this project.

DISCUSSION:

The Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to Schools Project will provide a safe network of paths for youth, seniors, and inexperienced riders separated from high-speed vehicles. The project will install a pedestrian and bicycle path along Harden Parkway comfortably separated from vehicle traffic by landscaping and street trees, and intersection improvements on McKinnon Street and Westminster Drive, connecting the proposed Harden Parkway Path to Natividad Elementary, Harden Middle

School, North Salinas High School, Vista Harden Ranch Senior Living, El Dorado Park, McKinnon Park, and transit stops.

TAMC and safe routes to schools partners will provide education and encouragement programming to encourage and increase safe bicycling and walking and prevent unsafe behaviors. This programming will help ensure that students, parents, and seniors are provided with the opportunity to learn and practice safe walking and biking skills, reduce the amount of traffic surrounding schools, increase the number of students walking and biking to school, and improve the health of children and seniors in Salinas. Programming will also involve a sidewalk art project marking safe routes to schools, traffic garden, "health in all policies" civic engagement, senior walking presentations, and a safety campaign for motorists.

TAMC partnered with the County of Monterey on the grant application and thus did not need a competitive procurement process. The safe routes to schools and community programming is expected to kick off in Spring 2026 and conclude in Fall 2030.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [DRAFT Harden Pkwy Path & SRTS MCHD Agreement](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to execute an agreement with Artists Ink, subject to approval by Agency Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to provide programming for the Alisal High Sidewalk Art project for the period ending December 31, 2027;
2. **APPROVE** the use of Measure X Safe Routes to School Program funding for this project;
3. **FIND** that this amendment is justified as a sole source because of their unique qualifications to do this work; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director, or their designee, to take such other further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the agreement, including approvals of future modifications or amendments that do not significantly alter the scope of work, or change the approved agreement term or amount.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Alisal Safe Routes to Schools project. The City of Salinas was awarded the grant in December 2022 and entered into an agreement with the Transportation Agency in May 2023 to oversee delivery of the non-infrastructure programming for the project. This agreement between the Transportation Agency and Artists Ink will enable enhanced delivery and permanent installation of a youth-driven sidewalk art project in East Salinas. Programming will start in Spring 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Alisal High Sidewalk Art contract is fully-funded by Measure X Safe Routes to School Program. For Artists Ink's work on the project, they will be awarded a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency partnered with the City of Salinas as a sub-applicant on an Active Transportation Program grant for the Alisal Safe Routes to Schools project. The City was awarded the grant in December 2022 and for their portion of the project, they installed a safe pedestrian crossing across Williams Road in front of Alisal High School. For their role in the project, the Transportation Agency and safe routes to school program partners have provided education and encouragement programming to increase safe bicycling and walking and prevent unsafe behaviors, including in-class safety presentations and Walk to School Day events at Alisal Community School.

The final piece of the project is to work with Alisal High youth to develop sidewalk art marking safe routes to schools in the area. Transportation Agency staff is recommending partnerships with the Salinas Youth Council, Salinas Union High School District and Artists Ink to maximize student engagement. A contract with Artists Ink would enable their staff to coordinate with the Salinas Youth Council to develop a call for art, conduct a series of art workshops with Alisal High students to prepare and submit designs and then install the winning student artwork on the sidewalks around the school.

One of the goals of the Project is to engage with youth and expose them to career opportunities in Transportation Planning, Engineering and Public Art. To have success with this project TAMC will need to work with an organization that is trusted in the community who can provide bilingual training and support to artists. Artists Ink has a goal to provide racially equitable art opportunities. Their staff reflect the local community, including Alisal High School Alumni, and have built trust in East Salinas for years. Furthermore, they successfully delivered the Salinas Sidewalk Art project in 2024-2025 on-time and within budget and worked with an Alisal High School art teacher to install some of the artwork. For these reasons Artists Ink is uniquely qualified to partner with TAMC on the project and justify a sole source procurement.

Artists Ink will provide the following services through the Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract (**web attachment**):

- Project Administration & Partner Coordination
- Alisal High Art Workshops
- Art Installation
- Documentation & Evaluation

Transportation Agency staff recommends contracting with Artists Ink to ensure Alisal High School students have an opportunity to not only learn about Transportation Planning, Engineering and Public Art, but will get hands-on experience creating positive change in their community.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [DRAFT Alisal High Sidewalk Art Contract Scope of Work, Schedule & Budget](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals:**

1. **APPROVE** the scope of work for the request for proposals for Freeway Service Patrol, subject to legal counsel approval;
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to publish the request for proposals and return to the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval of a consultant, including the final scope of work;
3. **APPROVE** the use of State funds and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways funds for Freeway Service Patrol; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Executive Director to take such further actions as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the program, including modifications that do not significantly alter the scope of work.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency's Freeway Service Patrol contracts with the current tow operator expire June 30, 2026. This Request for Proposals is to seek tow operator(s) to provide service for the next three fiscal years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of the Freeway Service Patrol program is estimated at approximately \$481,000 annually over the contract period for a total of \$1,443,000 over three years, and is funded by the California Department of Transportation, with a 25% local match from the Transportation Agency. The local match will come from a \$1 vehicle registration fee collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the motorist aid/call box program.

DISCUSSION:

The Freeway Service Patrol is responsible for clearing the freeway of automobiles, motorcycles, small trucks (vehicles with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less) and small debris. The Freeway Service Patrol vehicle 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 this manner, 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 a rotational tow, specified tow 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.

The Freeway Service Patrol operates on two road segments with three Beats: US 101 from the San Benito County Line to Gould Road (Beat 1), State Route 1 from Rio Road to State Route 156/183 Road (Beat 2) and US 101 from Gould Road to Arroyo Seco Road (Beat 3). Freeway Service Patrol drivers patrol these three Beats during times of peak traffic congestion weekdays from 7-9 am and 3-7 pm. A modified Beat 1 operates on US 101 from the San Benito County Line to Arroyo Seco Road on Sundays during the summer months to accommodate the increase in traffic due to tourists visiting the Monterey County area, while the regular Beat 2 operates on Saturdays during the summer months to accommodate increased tourist traffic.

The current service contract cycle will expire on June 30, 2026, ending a five-year contract period. The new contract cycle will be from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 with the option to renew for one additional two-year period.

The proposal review process will evaluate responsive tow companies on several criteria, including: 1) cost per truck, 2) towing experience, 3) management ability, and 4) proposal quality. In addition, at the time of proposal submission, all Proposers must maintain a staffed local office or have a proposed staging/parking satellite location located within 20 minutes driving time of the beat(s) for which the Proposer has submitted a proposal. Completed and responsive proposals will be screened and rated by an evaluation committee. The selected tow companies are expected to begin service in July 2026 after the completion of the previous contracts, resulting in no gap in service. The draft scope of work is online as a **web attachment**.

The proposed schedule for the Request for Proposals is as follows:

Dates	Milestones
January 30, 2026	Distribute RFP
February 13 2026	Deadline for requests for clarification or exceptions
March 12, 2026	Proposals due
March 13-April 3, 2026	Proposal review, interviews, site visit and contract negotiation
April 22, 2026	Present consultant contracts to TAMC Board for approval
July 1, 2026	Begin new service contracts.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [Freeway Service Patrol Request for Proposals Scope of Work](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Coast Rail Coordinating Council Appointments**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Coast Corridor Rail Project Update:

1. **RECEIVE** update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles; and
2. **APPOINT** Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre as TAMC's representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency Board previously appointed Dave Potter and Mayor Mike LeBarre (RPC Chair) to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council. On January 12, 2026, the Rail Policy Committee voted to recommend the Board reappoint Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre for 2026 to maintain the continuity of leadership on the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Coast Rail project capital and operation costs are under evaluation. The cost of attending meetings is accommodated in the adopted Agency budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is a multi-agency advisory and planning organization focused on improving the rail corridor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area along the California Central Coast. Members of the Council include Regional Transportation Planning Agencies along the Central Coast – all of which have a strong interest in improving rail service and the rail infrastructure along the Central Coast's portion of the California Coast Passenger Rail Corridor.

The CRCC Policy Committee met on November 21, 2025 in King City and discussed the potential application for Federal Railroad Administration funding for projects supporting passenger rail service on the coast rail corridor. The team is currently gathering support letters from Caltrans, Union Pacific, and Amtrak for the application, which is now due February 6, 2026. The agenda for the meeting is available on the CRCC website (**web attachment 1**).

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) held hearings in October and November 2025 on the draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), which includes \$10.712 million for construction of the King City platform. (See **web attachment 2**.)

In January 2025, the TAMC Board approved the appointment of Dave Potter as the TAMC representative and Mike LeBarre as the TAMC alternate for a one-year term, and the CRCC Policy Committee selected Mr. Potter as the Chair. The Board is now asked to recommend appointments to the CRCC Policy Committee for the period ending January 2027. The appointment involves attending up to four meetings of the CRCC Policy Committee and potentially representing the group at a legislative day in Sacramento and/or the California Passenger Rail Summit, scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2026 (**web attachment 3**). The next CRCC Policy Committee meeting is planned for February 20, 2026, in San Luis Obispo. On January 12, 2026, the Rail Policy Committee unanimously recommended reappointing Dave Potter and Mike LeBarre as TAMC's representatives to the CRCC. Staff recommends the Board approve the reappointments.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Coast Rail Coordinating Council](#)
2. [Draft 2026 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program](#)
3. [California Passenger Rail Summit 2026](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ACCEPT draft minutes of the Transportation Agency Committees:

- Rail Policy Committee - draft minutes of January 12, 2026
- Executive Committee - draft minutes of January 7, 2026
- [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 14, 2026
- [Technical Advisory Committee](#) - draft minutes of January 8, 2026
- [Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee](#) - No Meeting

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

1. Executive draft minutes of January 7, 2026
2. Draft_RPC_Minutes_January_2026_Meeting

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

DRAFT MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EMERGENCIES AND MONTEREY COUNTY
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Members: Wendy Root Askew (Chair), Chaps Poduri (1st Vice Chair),
Luis Alejo (2nd Vice Chair), Chris Lopez (Past Chair),
Glenn Church (County representative), Jose Rios (City representative)*

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

*** 9:00 a.m. ***

Transportation Agency Conference Room, 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA

Alternate locations:

2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933

1011 Broadway Street, Suite C, King City, California 93930

168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901

147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26
Wendy Root Askew, Chair Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)							
Chaps Poduri, 1 st Vice Chair Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)							
Luis Alejo, 2 nd Vice Chair Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P	P(A) (VC)	P
Chris Lopez, Past Chair Supervisor District 3 (Priscilla Ramos)	P (VC)	E	P (VC)							
Glenn Church, County Representative Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	*P(A) (VC)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)	P	P (VC)	P(A)
Jose Rios, City Representative, Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	*P (VC)	P (VC)								

P = Present	A = Absent
P(A) = Alternate present	E = Excused
* = New Representative	(VC) Video Conference
TC = Teleconference	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Askew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Staff present: Bigelow, Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Sheehan, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting; Linda Gonzales, Jasmine Mejia-Cortez & Javier Gomez, Monterey County District 1; Priscilla Ramos & Monica Hale, Monterey County District 3, Yuri Anderson, Monterey County District 4.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of November 5, 2025.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DRAFT 2026 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

On a motion by Committee Member Poduri and seconded by Committee Member Rios, the Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the Board adopt the 2026 Legislative Program.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, highlighted the minor changes of the 2026 Legislative Program since the Board approved the draft for distribution to committees.

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that State legislators returned from recess on January 5, 2026. He noted while the legislature helped resolve the uncertainty of the continuation of the Cap and Invest Program, the legislature will face complex challenges in 2026, including the potential replacement funding mechanism to the gas tax. He noted the Governor would be releasing his draft budget proposal on Friday and that he would prepare a summary for the Board.

Ariadne Sambrano, TAMC staff, reported on the federal legislative program, noting that Congress passes multi-year Surface Transportation Acts to fund America's public works, including roads, bridges, transit and rail providing states with long-term uncertainty for infrastructure planning and project delivery. She noted that the Surface Transportation Act expires on September 30, 2026.

5. BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

The Committee provided direction and guidance to staff on assumptions for the three-year budget for fiscal years 26/27, 27/28, and 28/29.

Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Administration, reported that the budget reflects the financial impact of ongoing and committed projects and programs, as well as staff recommendations for operating expenditures. In addition to meeting the planning and programming commitments of the agency, staff seeks to ensure the agency has the operating capacity to meet its needs for the future. These goals are pursued while balancing direct and operating revenue with their associated expenses, and planning for any strategic use of reserves.

Director Kise highlighted the next steps are for staff to bring the draft budget and Overall Work Program (OWP) to the Executive Committee in March for a recommendation to the Board; upon Board approval, staff will send the draft OWP to Caltrans for review; and staff will bring the final budget back to the Executive Committee and Board in May for adoption.

6. BROWN ACT

The Committee received an update from Agency Counsel Strong on the new updated changes to the Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707.

Agency Counsel Strong will give a full updated report highlighting how it will affect the TAMC Board and Committees to the TAMC Board on January 28, 2026.

7. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of January 28, 2026. After discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Employee of the Quarter
- Election of 2026 Officers
- Gas Tax Replacement Study Session
- Brown Act Update

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Askew noted that she had an incredible time on her family trip riding on trains for two weeks in Japan.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee held a closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Positions: Executive Director & Agency Council.

The Committee reconvened and reported that no actions were taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

RAIL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes of January 12, 2026

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901 - Transportation Agency Conference Room
 Alternate locations: 2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933, Supervisor Askew's Office
 11140 Speegle Street, Castroville CA, 95012, Supervisor Church's Office
 168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, Supervisor Alejo's Office
 248 Main St., Soledad, CA 93960, Mayor Velazquez's Office
 1200 Aguajito Rd. Suite 1, Monterey, CA 93940 Supervisor Daniels' Office

	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26
L. Alejo, Dist. 1 (L. Gonzalez, J. Gomez)	P(A) (VC)	E	P(A) (VC)	C	P(A) (VC)	P	N	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P
G. Church, Dist. 2 (M. Vierra , L. Gray)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A	P(VC)	P(A) (VC)	O	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
W. Askew, Dist. 4 (Y. Anderson, E. Mora)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	N	P(VC)	P(A) (VC)	M	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
K. Daniels, Dist. 5, (K. Craig)	A*	P	E	C	P(VC)	P(VC)	E	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
M. LeBarre, King City, Chair (C. DeLeon)	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
B. Delgado, Marina (J. McAdams L. Visscher)	A	P (VC)	P (VC)	L	P(VC)	A	T	P	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	A	P(A) (VC)
E. Smith, Monterey (K. Barber, M. Garcia, A. Renny)	P	A	P	L	P	P	I	P	P	P	A	P
D. Donohue, Salinas, (M. D'Arrigo)	A	A	P	E	P	A	N	P	P	P	A	P
M. Carbone, Sand City (J. Blackwelder)	P	P	P	D	P	P	G	P	E	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	E
I. Oglesby, Seaside (D. Pacheco)	A	A	P		P	P		P	P	P	A	P
A. Velazquez, Soledad (F. Ansaldo-Sanchez)	A*	P (VC)	P (VC)		P(VC)	A		P	P (VC)	E	A	P (VC)
M. Twomey, AMBAG (H. Adamson , P. Hierling)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	A		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)		A	P(A)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)
A. Lopez, Caltrans District 5	A	P(VC)	P (VC)		A	A		P (VC)	A	A	A	A
C. Sedoryk, MST (L. Rheinheimer/ M. Overmeyer)	A	A	P(A) (VC)		P(A) (VC)	A		P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)

STAFF	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	JAN 26
R. Bigelow, Contracts and Grants	-	-	-		-	-		-	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A
D. Bilse, Principal Engineer	P (VC)	P	A	L	P (VC)	P (VC)	T	A	A	P (VC)	A	A
A. Guther, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	L	P	P (VC)	I	P	A	P	P	P
A. Hernandez, Transp. Planner	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	A	A	P (VC)
J. Kise, Director of Finance and Admin	A	A	A		A	A		A	P (VC)	P (VC)	A	A
M. Montiel Admin Assistant	P	P	P	C	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P
T. Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	C	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
M. Park, Finance Officer/Analyst	A	P (VC)	A		A	P (VC)		P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	A
J. Strause, Senior Transp. Planner	A	A	A	D	P (VC)	A	G	P (VC)	A	A	P (VC)	P (VC)
C. Watson, Director of Planning	P	P	P	A	P	P	O	P (VC)	P	P	P	P
L. Williamson, Senior Engineer	A	A	A	E	A	P	E	P	P	E	P	P (VC)
M. Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	N	P (VC)	P (VC)	M	P	P	P	P	P (VC)

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1. QUORUM CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair LeBarre called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established.

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Gonzalez	District 1 office	Kimbley Craig	District 5 office
Javier Gomez	District 1 office	Roland LeBrun	Public
Adam Cuellar	Caltrans		

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Smith / Oglesby / unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of November 3, 2025, Rail Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Received correspondence.

3.3 Received media clippings attached online.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. COAST CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

M/S/C Smith/ Alejo / unanimous

Committee Member Smith nominated Dave Potter as the TAMC representative to the CRCC Policy Committee and Chair LeBarre as his alternate, and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Alejo.

The Committee received an update on the planned increase in passenger rail service along the coast corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles; and recommended the Board of Directors appoint representatives to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council Policy Committee.

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported that the CRCC Policy Committee met on November 21, 2025, in King City and discussed a potential application for Federal Railroad Administration funding for projects supporting passenger rail service on the coast rail corridor. She noted that the application is due February 6, 2026. Ms. Watson noted that the next CRCC Policy Committee meeting is planned for February 20, 2026, in San Luis Obispo.

Committee Member Daniels expressed her interest in attending CRCC meetings. She noted that should Mr. Potter choose to step down, she would be very interested in serving in this role for TAMC.

Committee Member Velazquez noted that she wants to keep the City of Soledad in the CRCC vision for a station in the future, and that she is interested in taking on a role on the CRCC.

Chair LeBarre mentioned that if Board members want to attend meetings they can be reimbursed for their travel, even if they are not an official representative.

Committee Member Daniels mentioned the Salinas train station needs train arrival information at the station. Executive Director Todd Muck replied that Agency staff will work with the City of Salinas and bring back this issue at a future meeting.

Committee Member Alejo noted that the County/ Salinas ad-hoc committee is working on signage and it does not seem like it would be expensive to upgrade.

Committee Member Donohue noted that the train station has risen in strategic importance to the city and mentioned that Monterey-Salinas Transit is involved.

5. PAJARO/ WATSONVILLE MULTIMODAL STATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Pajaro/ Watsonville Multimodal Station Project.

Alissa Guther, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Pajaro/ Watsonville station will be the connection point for Santa Cruz County to new passenger rail service on the Coast mainline tracks between Salinas and the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as a hub for future round-the-bay service. She reported that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) accepted the Zero-Emission Passenger Rail Trail (ZEPRT) Project Concept Report and pledged their support for passenger rail as a long-term improvement, while directing staff to pursue the interim trail configuration between San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz and State Park Drive in Aptos. The next phase of the ZEPRT rail project is to secure funds to complete preliminary engineering and environmental analysis. Ms. Guther noted that Agency staff are coordinating with SCCRTC staff on a potential joint meeting with the Rail Policy Committee.

Committee Member Alejo recommended continued advocacy for rail funding. He noted that Senator Laird is budget chair and there is an opportunity to request funds. Ms. Watson replied that she is working with TAMC's legislative analyst, Gus Khori, to consider putting in an ask for an eligible project.

Committee Member Church noted that Pajaro needs investments in advance of the train station project. He noted that the County is trying to get Union Pacific Railroad assistance in abating illegal activities on their property.

6. SALINAS RAIL KICK START PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Salinas Rail Kick Start project

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, reported on the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Ms. Watson noted that Union Pacific Railroad responded with comments on Gilroy plans in December 2025 and requested a resubmittal. She noted that the team anticipates submitting 30% plans for the Salinas layover facility in early 2026. Ms. Watson noted that TAMC, Caltrans, HDR, and UPRR are discussing the potential for a siding in vicinity of the Watsonville yard as a near-term improvement to support freight service and passenger rail on-time performance.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that staff is working on installing fencing and a gate on New Street.

Roland LeBrun, member of public noted that an opportunity to reach out to Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) about extending their trains southward.

7. HIGHWAY 1 ELKHORN SLOUGH CORRIDOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT

The Committee received an update on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency project activities.

Alissa Guther, Transportation Planner reported that the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study will focus on an eight-mile stretch of Highway 1 and the parallel five miles of rail tracks traversing Elkhorn Slough. She noted that the team held a site visit to observe the overtopping of the tracks during King Tides in December. She reported that the team would be initiating outreach efforts in March, including in-person meetings and an online survey.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christina Watson, Director of Planning, announced that the Agency is considering cancelling the February 2 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2026.

9. ADJOURN

Chair LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **CORRESPONDENCE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE TAMC Correspondence for January 2026.

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

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [January 16, 2026, letter to the Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation regarding: Coast Rail Coordinating Council application for Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program – SUPPORT from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)
- [January 16, 2026, letter to the Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation regarding: Coast Rail Coordinating Council application for Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program - SUPPORT from King City Mayor Mike LeBarre.](#)
- [January 14, 2026, letter to the Honorable Sabrina Cervantes, Chair, Transportation Committee regarding: SB 667 \(Archuleta\) – Railroads: Wayside Detector Systems- OPPOSE from Robert Padgette, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority.](#)
- [January 14, 2026, letter to the Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation regarding: Coast Rail Coordinating Council application for Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program - SUPPORT from AMBAG Executive Director Maura Twomey.](#)
- [January 8, 2026, letter to the County of Monterey Sustainability Department Attn: Cora Panturad regarding: Comments on Draft Monterey County Zero Emissions Shared Mobility Study from TAMC Executive Director Todd Muck.](#)

- [December 17, 2025, letter to the TAMC Board of Directors regarding: re: Comments on TAMC Zero Vision Plan for City of Marina from Peter Le.](#)

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Muck, Executive Director
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Employee of the Quarter**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PRESENT the Transportation Agency Employee of the Quarter to Matt Sheehan

SUMMARY:

It is hereby certified that Matt Sheehan, Accounting Assistant, has been selected by his colleagues at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County as the Employee of the Quarter for October 1 – December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Agency employees recognize Matt for his professionalism, tenacity, steady and trusted presence, and positive, service-oriented approach in supporting staff. Most notably, he strengthened the Finance Department's electronic document management system by advancing standardization, and he contributes to special projects by applying thorough and thoughtful research.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Employee of the Qtr Oct - Dec - Matt Sheehan mpv2

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Matt Sheehan

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, it is our great pleasure to recognize Matt Sheehan for his exemplary service.

Recognized By

Acknowledged By

TAMC Chair
Wendy Root Askew

Executive Director
Todd Muck

Date: January 28, 2026

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: Election of 2026 Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**Election of Officers**

1. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair of the Board, for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027 Board meeting; and
2. **RECEIVE** report from the Nominating Committee and **ELECT** members of the Executive Committee for the term beginning upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 27, 2027 Board meeting.

SUMMARY:

Agency bylaws require the election of officers at the beginning of the Agency's January meeting. The Nominating Committee, Board Members Askew and LeBarre, conferred and recommend advancing the 2025 officers to the next level and filling the 2nd Vice Chair vacancy with Board Member Jose Rios and the city representative vacancy with Board Member Dennis Donohue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

At its December 3, 2025 meeting, the Board appointed Chair Askew and Board member LeBarre to the Nominating Committee. After considering geographic balance, city vs. county representation, and interest in serving, the nominating committee recommends the following officers and Executive Committee members:

- Chaps Poduri, Chair
- Luis Alejo, 1st Vice Chair
- Jose Rios, 2nd Vice Chair
- Wendy Root Askew, Past Chair
- Glenn Church, County Representative
- Dennis Donohue, City Representative

There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. Staff recommends that the Board to elect the officers and members of the Executive Committee for the Transportation Agency for

Monterey County for 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **2026 Regional Transportation Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Public Hearing:

1. **RECEIVE** presentation on the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan;
2. **OPEN** public hearing on the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan;
3. **RECEIVE** public comments; and
4. **CLOSE** public hearing.

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.

As part of the Financial Element, the Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan identifies the total projected revenues available to Monterey County over the 24-year planning horizon, including federal, state, and local sources. These revenues fall into two broad categories: dedicated funds and discretionary funds. Dedicated funds are legally restricted to specific purposes; for example, transit operating and capital revenues may only be used for public transit services and cannot be redirected to highway or roadway projects. In contrast, discretionary funds, such as certain competitive state and federal grants, may be applied to a wider range of transportation needs but are not guaranteed to the region. This distinction is important because the large share of revenues that are dedicated limits flexibility in project programming; most funding can only support the specific modes or activities for which it was collected. As a result, the RTP must align project expectations with the types of funding expected to be available rather than the full universe of potential transportation improvements.

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.

To meet SB 375 requirements, TAMC is coordinating its RTP update with AMBAG's MTP/SCS and preparing a single EIR for all three documents. The Board released the Draft 2026 Monterey County RTP for public review through January 31, 2026, concurrent with AMBAG's schedule, and set a public hearing for January 28. **Attachment 1** includes the Executive Summary, with the full draft posted online, and **Attachment 2** lists outreach dates. The draft has been distributed to local jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholders. All comments received by TAMC and AMBAG will be addressed in the final plan, expected for Board adoption by June 28, 2026, alongside AMBAG's June 2026 adoption of the MTP/SCS and EIR.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan - Executive Summary - DRAFT
2. 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.

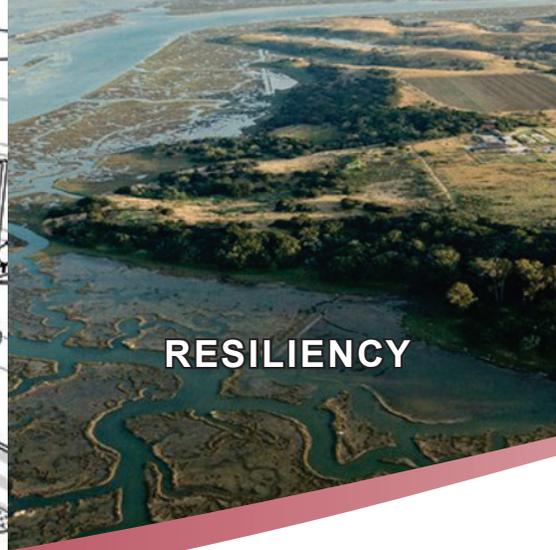
The 2026 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan represents a comprehensive, forward-looking strategy to meet the evolving transportation needs of our region. Grounded in community input, guided by clear policy goals, and supported by a robust financial framework, the Plan positions Monterey County 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.



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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, 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.

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



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VIVIENDA



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RESILIENCIA



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, 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.

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



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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Janneke Strause, Senior Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Gas Tax Replacement Study Session**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Gas Tax Replacement Study Session:

1. **RECEIVE** presentation on revenue alternatives to replace the Gas Tax; and
2. **PROVIDE INPUT** on proposed alternatives.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 339 (Wiener, Statutes of 2021) required the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) develop design recommendations for the Road Usage Charge (RUC) pilot program that will test mileage-based revenue collection as an alternative to the gas tax system. In December 2023, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report stating that the state's gas tax revenues are projected to drop by \$6 billion over the next decade. This item is an overview of the Legislative Analyst Report, proposed replacement alternatives, and the potential impact of proposed alternatives on Monterey County drivers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Declining statewide gas tax revenues will reduce the long-term funding available for transportation projects in Monterey County. Any future changes to the gas tax system, including a shift to a road user charge or higher vehicle registration fees, would directly influence the county's ability to maintain stable revenue for roadway maintenance and improvements. At a high level, choosing a sustainable replacement mechanism will be essential to offset the projected statewide funding shortfall.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2023, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report (**web attachment 1**) stating that the state's gas tax revenues are projected to drop by \$6 billion over the next decade. In June 2025, the Transportation Agency Board received a report from Gus Khouri, TAMC's legislative analyst, on scenarios to generate new funding sources, including increasing existing funding mechanisms such as the Vehicle Registration Fee. In September 2025, Lauren Prehoda, from the Caltrans Road User Charge Program, gave a presentation to the Board about another alternative funding mechanism that allows drivers to pay a per-mile fee for how much they use the road, regardless of what kind of car they drive. At the September 2025 meeting, the Board requested an in-depth study session on the topic to discuss how the alternatives would impact Monterey County residents.

The Current Transportation Funding System

Transportation in California is financed through a blend of federal, state, regional, and local sources. Federal contributions include formula funds as well as grants targeting multimodal transportation infrastructure, goods movement and freight, and climate-resilient infrastructure improvements. State contributions include excise taxes, sales tax, vehicle taxes and fees, cap-and-invest revenues, and general fund transfers. Regional and local sources include sales tax, transit fare revenues, property taxes and developer fees, and toll road revenue.

State excise taxes on gasoline and diesel represent the largest share of state transportation revenue. These revenues are declining due to increased vehicle fuel economy and the shift toward improved vehicle technologies, which do not rely on traditional fuel sources and whose drivers therefore pay no fuel tax.

In the "State and Local Transportation Full Needs Assessment - May 2025" (**web attachment 2**), California's 10-year transportation funding needs total \$756.8 billion, based on Regional Transportation Plans, fiscal needs surveys, and assessments of transit, climate adaptation, and tribal transportation. Projected 10-year revenues are \$541 billion after accounting for a \$31 billion decline from reduced fuel consumption. This results in an estimated \$215.7 billion shortfall.

Considerations to Guide Deliberations

Various gas tax replacement mechanisms are being considered by the State Legislature. Research on the various mechanisms suggests there's no perfect replacement and the State will need to consider trade-offs when selecting the preferred alternative. The December 2023 LAO report recommends key criteria the Legislature could use in considering alternative transportation funding approaches to address declining state transportation revenues:

1. **"User-Pays" Principle.** Are the costs of maintaining and improving the state's transportation system paid by those who use and benefit the system?
2. **Equity.** How are the impacts distributed amongst various groups, such as by income level and/or geography?
3. **Ease of Implementation.** Are there significant state costs associated with implementation? How complicated would the option be to implement for the state and the public?
4. **Revenue Stability and Sustainability.** Are the additional revenues sustainable over the long run? Does this option address the structural fuel tax funding shortfall resulting from increasing fuel efficiency and zero emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption?

In addition to the LAO report's recommended key considerations, other considerations may include rural fairness, income fairness, privacy and trust, and administrative cost.

- **Rural fairness:** Outcomes depend on vehicle efficiency and rate design, not just miles driven.
- **Income fairness:** Program design should take income levels into account and ensure that any new pricing structure is not regressive.
- **Privacy and trust:** Programs that offer non-location mileage reporting options tend to generate greater public acceptance.
- **Administrative cost:** Leveraging existing systems, such as FasTrak technology, can reduce overhead.

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Funding Solutions

The LAO report identified four broad categories of potential transportation infrastructure funding solutions, including (1) reducing and reprioritizing spending for transportation programs, (2) shifting transportation costs to other fund sources, (3) increasing existing fuel taxes and vehicle fees, and (4)

generating revenues from new transportation-related charges. Each category of funding options was analyzed using the key considerations above and are summarized below:

1. **Reduce and Reprioritize Transportation Spending** — This option would not require the state to increase taxes and fees or redirect funding from other sources, but would likely have a negative impact on the condition and performance of the state's transportation system.
2. **Shift Transportation Costs to Other Fund Sources** — This option is not linked to road usage and therefore non-drivers would contribute to transportation costs. Sources would include using the general fund or existing special funds for transportation and would be weighed against other, non-transportation state expenditure priorities.
3. **Increase Existing Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees** — Increasing existing fuel taxes would have a larger relative impact on lower-income households who tend to drive less fuel-efficient vehicles and any additional revenue raised would decline over time due to continued increases in fuel efficiency and ZEV adoption. Increasing existing vehicle fees is not linked to road usage, but it does target vehicle owners. The impact of increased vehicle fees on lower-income households could be mitigated depending on how increases are implemented.
4. **Adopt New Transportation-Related Charges** — This option would include implementing a road charge, directly related to road usage. A road charge would have a larger relative impact on lower-income households who tend to drive further distances for work, and it would have significant implementation and administrative costs. Implementing new taxes on alternative fuels is also generally linked to road usage, but it would only address revenue declines from the shift to ZEVs, and not declines from increases in fuel efficiency.

The first two options, reducing and reprioritizing transportation spending and shifting transportation costs to other fund sources, would be politically challenging. The cost of these two options to the aging transportation network, low-income residents, and the state's expenditure priorities outweigh the benefits. Other pricing strategies are considered in the research, including weight-based charges for trucks, EV / high-MPG annual fees, tolling, managed lanes, and congestion pricing, sales tax, carbon-based charges, and electricity excise fee for public charging, but they are all special use cases and do not provide a revenue-stable long-term solution. Staff finds two of the options listed above have the greatest potential based on the key considerations: (1) A New Road User Charge and (2) Increasing Vehicle Registration Fees.

How Would it Work?

The Agency board received a presentation on increasing vehicle registration fees in June 2025 and a presentation on a new road user charge in September 2025. A summary of how each mechanism might work in practice follows.

1. **A New Road User Charge** — A road user charge is a fee based on the number of miles traveled, regardless of vehicle fuel source. Because the road charge will not diminish as drivers shift to zero-emission vehicles, it is regarded as a sustainable revenue source. The proposed road user charge would replace the gas tax with a goal of replacing the gas tax revenue, indexed for inflation. The road user charge would require road users to report the number of miles they drive. This could be implemented in several ways, including a plug-in device inserted into the vehicle's dash using GPS location information, vehicle telematics, requiring a connected vehicle account from the automaker, or odometer entry, a photograph of the odometer submitted each month. Road users would use an account to report miles and pay the charge like they would a bill or invoice. The road user charge rate proposal is 0.028 cents per mile. Based on average vehicle miles traveled per licensed driver, the estimated annual cost is \$317 for the typical California driver and \$386 for the typical Monterey County driver. The estimated cost per licensed driver calculation is provided in **Attachment 1**.

- 2. Increasing Vehicle Registration Fees** — An increase in the vehicle registration fee is a fee based on a vehicle's value and is agnostic to fuel source, fuel economy, and travel patterns. This source of revenue is also regarded as sustainable because it would not diminish as drivers shift to zero-emission vehicles. The proposed increase in vehicle registration fee would also replace the gas tax revenue, indexed for inflation. An increase in vehicle registration fee would be administered and paid via the existing DMV vehicle registration fee process with no new implementation infrastructure or concerns for privacy because the DMV already collects vehicle value information. The increased vehicle registration fee would range from \$205/vehicle to \$505/vehicle depending on the vehicle's value. A potential fee structure is included as **Attachment 1**.

Impacts to Monterey County Residents

The primary question for the Agency Board to consider is the impact of each funding mechanism on Monterey County residents. Staff have created driver profiles to support the Board's discussion. The driver profiles created by staff are not all-inclusive, but are meant to provide context and a starting point for discussion. The driver profiles include a CSUMB student, retiree, Salinas resident, agricultural worker, South County commuter, North County commuter, Peninsula EV owner, and small business owner. Assumptions are made within each profile, including the commute pattern, annual miles, vehicle efficiency (MPG), and vehicle value. Three pricing mechanisms were considered as part of this exercise: estimated cost of the existing Gas Tax, estimated cost of a Road User Charge (RUC), and estimated cost of a new Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF).

Overall, the gas tax and EV fee structure most benefits people who drive fewer miles, have higher-MPG vehicles, or own electric cars. Because gas taxes are tied to fuel consumption rather than mileage alone, low-mileage and efficient vehicles generate less revenue per year, and EVs currently pay only a modest flat fee. In contrast, a per-mile road charge loosens the relationship between fuel economy and the cost of using the system; it advantages drivers with older or less-efficient vehicles who currently pay more under the gas tax because each gallon taxed takes them fewer miles. However, because the road charge increases strictly with mileage, it still results in higher costs for long-distance commuters and commercial drivers compared with a flat annual fee. A value-based vehicle registration fee shifts the system even further by disconnecting user payments from both fuel use and miles traveled. This structure overwhelmingly benefits high-mileage drivers, such as long-distance commuters, agricultural workers, and small businesses, because their annual charge stays fixed no matter how much they drive. At the same time, this flat-fee model is least favorable to low-mileage residents and EV owners, who would pay more than they do today simply because their vehicles fall into higher value tiers, not because they place greater wear on the roadway system. The summary of driver profiles is included in this report as **Attachment 2**.

Timing of New Legislation

Senate Bill (SB) 339 (Wiener, Statutes of 2021) required a Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop design recommendations for the Road Usage Charge (RUC) pilot program testing mileage-based revenue collection as an alternative to the gas tax system. In 2023, the Road Usage TAC developed a Road Charge Pilot Design Recommendation Report and in January 2025, the live stage of the Road Charge Collection Pilot was completed. Analysis is now underway with a final report to be released in 2026.

Assembly Member Lori Wilson is advancing AB 1421, a spot bill for a possible gas tax successor source solution. This bill must be approved out of the Assembly by January 31 to remain active. The author anticipates amending this bill to be the carrier for a gas tax replacement mechanism and has suggested her amendments would include a Road User Charge for ZEV owners to start.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Board Study Session - Metrics and Data
2. Board Study Session - Driver Profiles

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

1. [LAO report: Assessing California's Climate Policies - Implications for State Transportation Funding and Programs](#)
2. [Senate Bill 1121 State and Local Transportation Full Needs Assessment - May 2025](#)

Revenue Generated by Existing Gas Tax				
	Rate		State	Monterey County
Gas Tax (2024-25)	0.596	\$	7,948,518,240	\$ 96,552,000
Gas Tax (2025-26)	0.612	\$	8,161,901,280	\$ 99,144,000
Per Licensed Driver		\$	292	\$ 343

Revenue Generated by Proposed Road User Charge				
Road User Charge	Rate		State	Monterey County
2023	0.025	\$	7,915,300,000	
2023	0.028	\$	8,865,136,000	\$ 111,278,588
2024	0.028	\$	9,102,059,960	\$ 114,252,548
Per Licensed Driver		\$	317	\$ 386

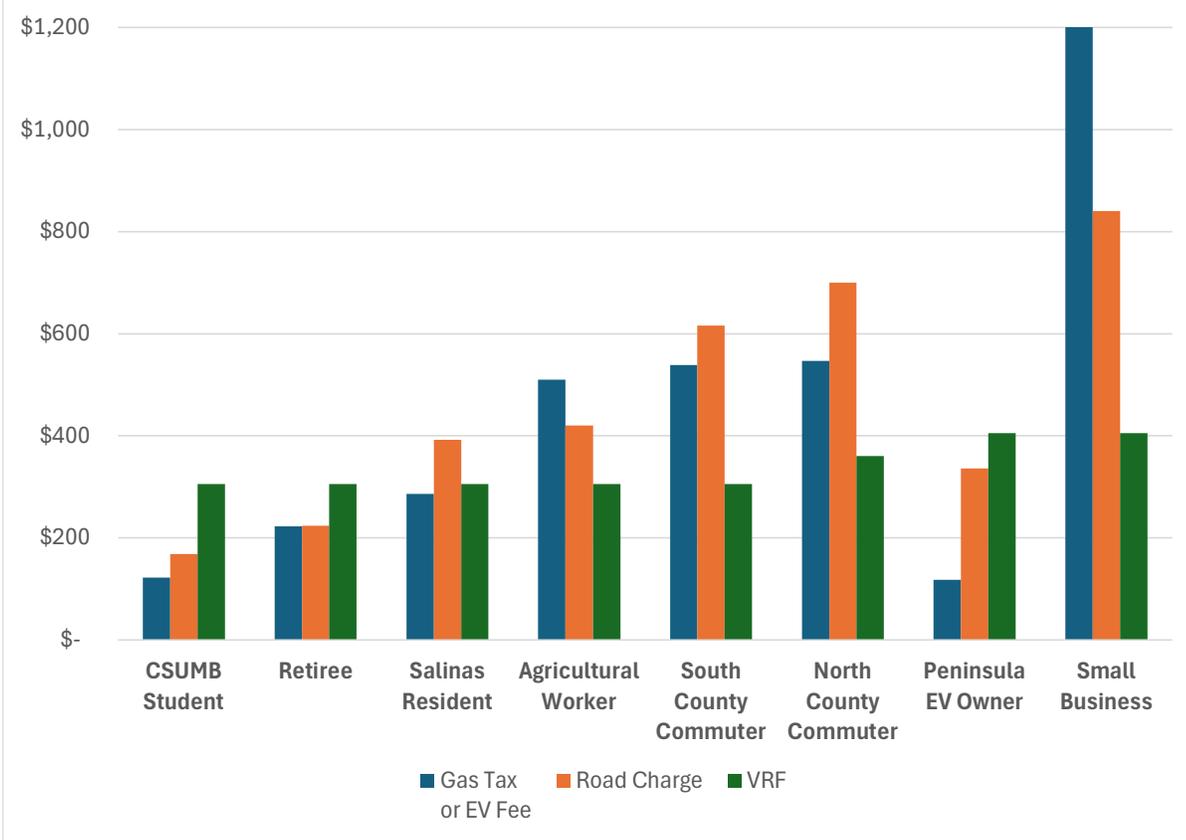
Revenue Generated by Proposed Increased Vehicle Registration Fee					
VRF	Registered Vehicles (2024)	Registered Vehicles (2024)		Rate	Fees Generated
\$0 - 4,999	40.1%	12,758,827	\$	205	\$ 2,615,559,560
\$5,000 - 24,999	37.3%	11,867,936	\$	305	\$ 3,619,720,618
\$25,000 - 34,999	9.3%	2,959,030	\$	360	\$ 1,065,250,704
\$35,000 - 59,999	10.3%	3,277,205	\$	405	\$ 1,327,268,014
\$60,000 & Up	3.0%	954,526	\$	505	\$ 482,035,489
					\$ 9,109,834,384

Registered Vehicles = Autos (EV and Non-EV), Non-Commercial Trucks, and Motorcycles

**Gas Tax Replacement Options
Monterey County Driver Profiles**

Driver Profile	Commute Pattern	Annual			Fee Structure		
		Miles	MPG	Vehicle Value	Gas Tax or EV Fee	Road Charge	VRF
CSUMB Student	Marina/Seaside	6,000	30	\$ 9,000	\$ 122	\$ 168	\$ 305
Retiree	Pacific Grove	8,000	22	\$ 15,000	\$ 223	\$ 224	\$ 305
Salinas Resident	Salinas Valley	14,000	30	\$ 20,000	\$ 286	\$ 392	\$ 305
Agricultural Worker	Salinas Valley	15,000	18	\$ 6,000	\$ 510	\$ 420	\$ 305
South County Commuter	King City - Monterey	22,000	25	\$ 8,000	\$ 539	\$ 616	\$ 305
North County Commuter	Prunedale - Bay Area	25,000	28	\$ 25,000	\$ 546	\$ 700	\$ 360
Peninsula EV Owner	Monterey/Carmel	12,000	0	\$ 40,000	\$ 118	\$ 336	\$ 405
Small Business	Salinas - Bay Area	30,000	15	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,224	\$ 840	\$ 405

Cost Impacts of Funding Options



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning, Shane Strong, Legal Counsel
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: **Brown Act Update**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on changes to Brown Act as per Senate Bill (SB) 707.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is a memo describing the impacts of the Brown Act revisions in SB 707 on TAMC and its Committees. Please note that this memo is specific to TAMC, and components of SB 707 have different requirements for a variety of government bodies. If you sit on another body, you should refer to that body's legal counsel for guidance. Agency Counsel Strong will provide a verbal presentation at the meeting.

Key new provisions include:

- One aspect of the law that took immediate effect, and TAMC is implementing, is to provide a link to the Brown Act on all agendas.
- New video and teleconferencing provisions also took effect on January 1, 2026, changing how the agendas and minutes for the TAMC Board and its Committees are prepared, and expanding the options for Board and Committee members to use videoconferencing.
- The Board must adopt a resolution to enable the Board and its Committees to use these videoconferencing provisions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SB 707 Memo

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Brown Act Update

How SB 707 Impacts the Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Senate Bill (SB) 707, signed into law on October 3, 2025, makes significant changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs open meetings for local government agencies in California. SB 707 can generally be broken down into three parts:

1. The “Eligible Legislative Body” requirements, which do not apply to TAMC.
2. The new teleconferencing rules under Section 54953.8 (there are now nine teleconferencing options, but not all apply to TAMC).
3. The remaining changes to the Brown Act.

One aspect of the law took immediate effect, and TAMC is now providing a link to the Brown Act on all agendas.

Teleconferencing Rules under Section 54953.8

As amended by SB 707, the Brown Act has new sections relating to teleconferencing, Government Code sections 54953.8.1 through 54953.8.7. All these requirements are effective January 1, 2026. Below is a section-by-section description of the key changes:

Section 54953.8.2 – State of Emergency (AB 361)

The teleconferencing requirements under this Section reflect COVID-19 pandemic era Assembly Bill (AB) 361, except with one new twist, that local agencies may now declare local emergencies. State-of-Emergency teleconferencing requires a body to find that an emergency exists that creates a risk or danger if meeting in person. This finding must be revisited at least every 45 days.

Section 54953.8.3 – Just Cause (AB 2449)

SB 707 maintains the “Just Cause” reason for using teleconferencing to attend meetings as established under AB 2449. (SB 707 omitted the very similar “Emergency Circumstances” teleconferencing rules.) The rules for “Just Cause” require:

- A) A quorum of the body must attend from one physical location.

- B) The Member requesting the “Just Cause” exemption must report the general need for teleconferencing by the start of the meeting, citing one of seven definitions of Just Cause:
- 1) Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely.
 - 2) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
 - 3) A need related to a physical or mental condition.
 - 4) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.
 - 5) An immune-compromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely.
 - 6) A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
 - 7) Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.
- C) The Member must use both audio and visual technology during the meeting.
- D) Limited uses per calendar year – for TAMC, Members are limited to using this clause no more than twice per year.
- E) TAMC must note the usage of Just Cause in the meeting minutes, citing which definition of Just Cause the Member claimed. For example, the minutes could cite “JC4”.

Section 54953.8.6 – Eligible Subsidiary Bodies

Eligible Subsidiary Body (“ESB”) teleconferencing is the headliner of SB 707. Generally, the ESB has been billed as a way for committees to meet remotely, but the application of this option is more complex than what may have been initially assessed. This section expires on January 1, 2030.

An ESB is defined as a Brown Act Legislative Body which serves exclusively in an advisory capacity, lacks authority to take final action, and lacks primary subject matter jurisdiction on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, public library material access, or taxes or related spending proposals. Two of TAMC’s Committees, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPC), are ESBs. It is not clear whether the Executive Committee, the Rail Policy Committee (RPC), and/or Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, known as the eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee (XTOC), qualify as ESBs, pending legal review.

ESB teleconferencing entails a two-entity approval process. First, the Parent Legislative Body (i.e., the TAMC Board of Directors) must approve the ESB using teleconferencing every six months. Second, after the Parent Legislative Body approves the use, but before the ESB can use teleconferencing, the ESB must approve teleconferencing. TAMC staff will prepare agenda items for all relevant meetings to that effect.

The requirements are generally:

- The Committee must designate one physical location where the public can attend, and
- Teleconferencing Members should appear using audio and visual technology during the meeting. If the Committee Member turns off their camera, they must announce the reason (e.g., internet connectivity issues).

There are two additional elements of this section of import. First, elected officials who sit on a Committee by virtue of their elected office cannot teleconference under this Code section (unless they can claim “Just Cause”). Second, a Committee may request to present recommendations to the Board, which then must appear on the regular agenda of the next Board meeting for discussion, with action on the issue on the following Board meeting agenda.

Section 54953.8.7 – Multijurisdictional Body

A “Multijurisdictional Body” is defined as either a legislative body which includes representatives from more than one county, city, city/county, or special district, or a legislative body formed as a Joint Powers Entity. This definition applies to the TAMC Board and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, among others. The rules for “Multijurisdictional Body” require:

- The body must adopt a resolution in open session to allow teleconferencing.
- At least a quorum of the members of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from one or more locations within the jurisdiction open to the public.
- Compensated Members cannot use teleconference (“compensation” excludes reimbursement of expenses).
- Teleconferencing Members must be named in agenda.
- Teleconferencing Members must use audio and visual technology.
- Teleconferencing location is more than 20 miles away from in-person locations.
- Limited to using twice per year if the body meets once per month or less.

Section 54953.8 – General Requirements

For each of the above teleconference rules, the legislative body must comply with the following rules:

- Use two-way video or teleconference technology.
- Place the link on the agenda.
- No action if there is an internet disruption.
- Allow public comment.
- Allow the public time to unmute themselves and raise hands during public comment.
- In the minutes, include the name of any teleconferencing Member and the code section they used to appear remotely.
- Implement a procedure for receiving and resolving reasonable accommodation requests and adhere to civil rights and non-discrimination laws.
- Announce anyone over 18 and relationship at remote location.

Other Brown Act Changes

Below is a quick summary of some other Brown Act changes, though three items deserve some additional comments. First, the Traditional Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules are unchanged. Second, there is a new teleconferencing statute for use with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and this statute allows teleconferencing as a reasonable accommodation – the only requirements are that the member use audio and visual technology if possible (very loose requirement) and that the teleconferencing member report if anyone over the age of 18 is appearing at the location and their relationship. Finally, there is a complex statute which allows a Brown Act body not to take public comment, but use of this statute is not advisable. Below are other changes to the Brown Act:

- TAMC is required to give members a copy of Brown Act.
- Social Media is only considered a meeting if members interact with each other.
- Emergency situations notice requirements include an email option.
- Special meetings notice and waivers include a telephone option.
- Reporting out for department head closed sessions.
- No special meetings for salary extended to legislative body.
- “Zoom-bombing” called out as disruptive.



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C1	SR 1 Paul's Slide Catchment Cleanout (1T230)	On Route 1 1 Mile North of the Limekiln Creek Bridge. (MON-1-22/22.2)	Clean catchment	Oct 2025 – April 2026	\$370,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Souza Construction	Construction in progress
C2	SR 1 Big Sur North (1Q800)	In Monterey County, Near Big Sur, From 0.9 Mile south of Castro Canyon Bridge to 0.3 Mile south of Carmel River Bridge (MON-1-44.7/69.81)	Storm Damage Repairs	Jan 2023 - April 2026	\$25.4 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock Construction	Construction in progress
C3	SR 1 Coastal RSP Repair (1R190)	In Monterey County from 3 miles to 1 mile south of the town of Gorda (MON-1-7.2/9.2)	Repair RSP and gabion baskets	Jan 2024 – Oct 2025	\$81.75 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	John Madonna Construction	Construction complete. Project to be removed after the January meeting.
C4	SR 1 Regent's Slide (1R640)	In Monterey County 0.3 mile south of the Big Creek Bridge (MON-1-27.8)	Remove slide material. Restore roadway.	Jan 2024 – Oct 2026	\$31 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction	Construction in progress.
C5	SR 1 Dolan Point Slide (1R630)	In Monterey County 1.7 miles south of the Dolan Creek Bridge (MON-1-29.5)	Remove slide material. Restore roadway. Install rockfall netting.	Feb 2024 – June 2026	\$3.7 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Papich Construction	Construction in progress.
C6	SR 1 Pfeiffer Canyon Mitigation (1K080)	At Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (MON-1-45.4)	Environmental mitigation (planting, erosion control) for project EA 05-1J130.	April 2023 – May 2026	\$200,000	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	BF Contracting Engineering	3 Year Plant Establishment ongoing.
C7	SR 1 Point Sur Drainage Repairs (1T210)	In Monterey County on Route 1 From 2 to 6 miles South of the Little Sur River Bridge (MON-1-50/54)	Replace four culverts	Oct 2025 – May 2026	\$461,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Granite Rock Construction	Construction in progress



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C8	SR 1 Rocky Creek Slip Out (1S040)	In Monterey County at .1 mile south of the Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-1-60.0)	Stabilize slope. Repair seawall. Temporary signal	March 2024 – March 2026	\$9.4 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Teichert Construction Construction in progress.
C9	SR 1 Rocky Creek Slip Out Restoration (1S160)	In Monterey County at .1 mile south of the Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-1-60.0)	Construct a viaduct to restore two-way traffic	June 2024 – Jan 2026	Estimated \$21 million	SHOPP 130 Emergency Work	Chad Stoehr	Gordon N. Ball, Inc. Physical construction of repair complete, finalizing contract with Contractor and determining follow up mitigation work
C10	SR 1 Flooding Response (1Q960)	In Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties from Approximately 1 mile North and South of the Pajaro River Bridge (MON-1-100.5/R102.032)	Storm Damage Repairs	March 2023- Apr 2026	\$1.85 million	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Teichert Construction Construction in progress.
C11	US 101 Alisal Bin Wall Hit (1S940)	On Route 101 in The City of Salinas at and Near the Alisal Undercrossing (MON-101- 87.066)	Repair collision damage	July 2025 – Dec 2025	\$942,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Teichert Construction Construction complete. Project will be removed after the February Board Meeting.
C12	US 101 Prunedale Ditch Clearing (1S550)	In Monterey County near Prunedale (MON-101-96/98.4)	Clear ditch to reduce roadway flooding	Feb 2025 - June 2025	\$250,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Top Tier Grading Construction complete.
C13	US 101 Prunedale Drainage (1H691)	At and near Prunedale between 0.4 mile north of Crazy Horse Canyon Overcrossing and 1.1 mile south of San Juan Road Overcrossing (MON-101-98.8/100.3)	Drainage System Rehabilitation	June 2025 – April 2026	\$6.8 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Aaron Wolfram	Precision Grade Construction Construction in progress. Expect shoulder closures and periodic nighttime closures.
C14	US 101 Prunedale Rehab (1H690)	Near Prunedale North of Boronda Road overcrossing to Monterey/San Benito County Line (MON-101-R91.3/98.8 & 100.3/101.3)	Pavement rehabilitation	Feb 2023- Dec 2025	\$41 million	SB 1 SHOPP	Kelli Hill	Desilva Gates Construction Construction complete. Project will be removed after the February Board Meeting.



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C15	SR 156 Castroville Ped Overcrossing (1P533)	In Monterey County at Geil Street Ped OC (MON-156-1.35)	Mural & Landscaping	Jan 2024 – Jan 2026	\$1.08 million	Clean California	Chad Stoehr	Hoseley Corporation	Construction in progress, plant establishment period up in January 2026
C16	SR 183 Castroville Improvement Project (1H650)	Community of Castroville from Del Monte Ave. to Washington St (MON-183-R8.3/9.98)	Rehabilitate pavements, repair bridge, and improve pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA facilities	May 2025 – Dec 2027	\$20.3 million	SHOPP	Jackson Ho	Granite Construction Company	Construction in progress.
C17	SR 183 Castroville Arch (1P540)	On Route 183 at Preston St (MON-183-9.46)	Beautify/rehabilitate overhead sign.	Nov 2024 – Feb 2026	\$500,000	Clean California	Chad Stoehr	Signs by Van	Construction in progress. New arch sign installed
C18	SR 218 FORTAG Bike Trail (1M570)	Located in the City of Seaside (MON-218- 0.1/1.5)	Construct Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail. The project provides a safe alternative to Hwy 218 from Del Rey Woods Elementary to Laguna Grande Regional Park	May 2024 – April 2026	\$1.2 million	100% Locally Funded	Kelli Hill	Granite Rock	Construction in progress.
C19	SR 1 and US 101 Sbt, MON Drainage Repairs (1S520)	In Monterey County on SR 1 and San Benito County at various locations	Replace culvert	Feb 2025 – April 2026	\$461,000	SHOPP	Victor Devens	Brough Construction	Construction in progress. The location in MON Co. Is on Highway 1 PM 100.11, 1 mile south of Salinas Road



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D1	SR 1 Mud Creek Permanent Restoration (1K020)	In Monterey County 0.8 miles north of Alder Creek Bridge to 1.2 miles north of Alder Creek Bridge (MON-1-8.7/9.1)	Enhancements and improvements to address post emergency items.	Summer 2026 – Winter 2026/27	\$2.8 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Ryan Caldera	PS&E/RW	Construction funding was allocated at the June 2025 CTC meeting. All bids were rejected due to insufficient funding. The project will be readvertised in early 2026.
D2	SR 1 Quigil Viaduct Permanent Restoration (1R600)	In Monterey County, near Lucia, at 0.1 mile south of the Limekiln Creek Bridge (MON-001-20.8/20.8)	Construct viaduct and replace guardrail to meet Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards	Summer 2028 – Summer 2030	\$14.7 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PA&ED	Geotechnical investigations are being scheduled. Preliminary design of the viaduct is underway. Project renamed.
D3	SR 1 Limekiln Creek Bridge Replacement (1F510)	In Monterey County from south of Limekiln Creek Bridge to just north of Limekiln Creek Bridge (MON-1-20.9-21.3)	Replace bridge	Fall 2028 – Winter 2031	\$96.2 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Design continues. Geotechnical investigations are ongoing. Due to SHOPP rebalancing, project is programmed to begin construction in Fall 2028.
D4	SR 1 Big Creek Tieback Wall (1K010)	Near Lucia south of Big Creek Bridge (MON-1-27.5/27.7)	Construct tieback wall, restore roadway and facilities, place Water Pollution Control BMPs, and erosion control	Summer 2026 – Fall 2028	\$7.3 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PS&E	CDP is approved and obtained. RTL was achieved on 10/31/2025. This project will request allocation at the January 2026 CTC meeting.
D5	SR 1 Castro Canyon Bridge Rail Upgrade (1H490)	At Castro Canyon Bridge (MON-1-43.12)	Replace bridge rail	TBD	\$2.5 million	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PS&E/RW	Project is delayed due to AT&T, continued coordination with AT&T necessary. The construction timeline will be updated when resolved.
D6	SR 1 Coastlands II Wall Permanent Restoration (1P210)	Near Big Sur at 1.1 Miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (MON-1-44.34)	Construct soldier pile wall or mechanically stabilized embankment wall.	Winter 2025/26 – Fall 2027	\$3.2 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Project bids opened in October 2025. Construction to begin in early 2026.

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D7	SR 1 Rocky Creek Bridge ECE (1Q160)	In Monterey County at Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-1-60.0)	Bridge Preventative Maintenance	Winter 2025/26 - Summer 2028	\$29 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Bids opened 11/4/2025 and the project will begin construction in early 2026.
D8	Rocky Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1Q140)	Near Carmel-By-The-Sea at Rocky Creek Bridge (MON-001-60/60.1)	Replace bridge rail	Summer 2029 – Fall 2030	\$13.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PA&ED	Project team is developing the Draft Environmental Document and Draft Project Report for public circulation and outreach anticipated in Spring 2026.
D9	SR 1 Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement (1H800)	At Garrapata Creek Bridge (MON-1-63)	Bridge rail rehabilitation	Winter 2030/31 - Winter 31/32	\$13.1 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project was re-programmed and will follow the Rocky Creek Bridge rail replacement; the team is working on new alternatives similar to what will be proposed for Rocky Creek Bridge.
D10	SR 1 Jack's Peak CAPM (1N850)	On SR 1 from San Luis Ave. Intersection to the Sloat Ave. Undercrossing (MON-1-74.6/R77.6)	Preserve 11.815 lane miles of Class 2 pavement, rehab sign structure, replace sign panels, and roadside safety.	Spring 2028 – Spring 2029	\$17 million	SHOPP	Ryan Caldera	PA&ED	Final Project Report will be completed in January 2026. Design will begin in early 2026. Construction is delayed to early 2028.
D11	SR 1 Marina to Castroville CAPM (1N160)	In Monterey County from .028 miles south of the S. Marina OH (44-211L) to the Hwy 1/156 Junction.	Pavement Preservation	Summer 2027- Spring 2029	\$18 Million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project is delayed for delivery and will be combined with 1K870. Construction to begin Summer 2027.
D12	SR 1 Moss Landing CAPM (1K870)	In Monterey County, from 0.1 miles south of Molera Rd interchange to the MON/SCr county line (MON-1-R90.98/R102.031)	Pavement Preservation	Summer 2027- Spring 2029	\$26 million	SHOPP	Aaron Wolfram	PS&E	Project was delayed, aligning with 1N160. The team intends to combine the 1N160 and 1K870 projects together at RTL to provide cost savings and less disruption during construction.
D13	SR 68 Drainage Improvements (1J880)	From west of Sunset Dr to Toro Park (MON-68-0.2/15.7)	Drainage improvement, replace lighting, and install count stations	Winter 2025/26 – Summer 2028	\$8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project awarded; construction scheduled to begin Feb 2026.

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D14	SR 68 Corridor Improvements (1J790)	On State Route 68 from Josselyn Canyon Road to San Benancio Road. (MON-68-4.87-13.7)	Operational Improvements	Winter 2027/28 – Fall 2030	\$52.5 million	STIP & AUTHORIZED	Ryan Caldera	PS&E	Design, geotechnical investigation and right of way coordination continues.
D15	US 101 Bradley CAPM (1K880)	In Monterey County near Bradley, Nacimiento and San Miguel, from south of East Garrison Overcrossing to Jolon Road. (MON-101-R1.9/R9.7)	Replace bridges, rehabilitate pavement, reconstruct guardrail and drainage systems, and replace Transportation Management System (TMS) elements and signs.	Spring 2029 – Summer 2032	\$57.8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PA&ED	Project on schedule. Phase 1, (PS&E) scheduled to begin Feb 2026.
D16	US 101 Bradley-San Ardo CAPM (1K490)	Near Bradley from 0.5 mile south of Jolon Road Undercrossing to San Ardo Undercrossing	Pavement preservation	Spring 2030 - Spring 2031	\$49.8 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project schedule updated to reflect SHOPP rebalancing
D17	US 101 North San Ardo Rehab (1M350)	In Monterey County on Route 101 from the San Ardo Undercrossing to 0.1 miles south of Paris Valley Road Overcrossing. (MON-101-R30.6/R36.9)	Isolated slab replacement over 23,996 LM of Class 1 pavement and grind and replace AC shoulders. Replace 1 culvert at PM 26.28.	Spring 2030 - Spring 2031	\$38.6 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	Project schedule updated to reflect SHOPP rebalancing
D18	US 101 Monterey Drainage (1J890)	In and near King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and Salinas, from Paris Valley Road Overcrossing to Dunbarton Road (MON-101-R28.23/100.3)	Rehabilitate drainage systems, replace overhead signs and structures, and update Transportation Management System (TMS) elements	Winter 2025/26 – Summer 2026	\$21.5 million	SHOPP MAJOR	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	This project is on schedule and set to begin construction in Feb 2026.

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D19	US 101 King City CAPM (1K440)	Near King City from Jolon Road undercrossing to Lagomarsino Ave (MON-101-R41.9/R49.8)	Pavement Preservation, TMS Elements, Lighting, and Drainage	Winter 2025/26 – Fall 2027	\$27 million	SHOPP	Mark Leichtfuss	PS&E	This project is on schedule; construction to begin Feb 2026.
	US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project (0H330)	On US 101 between Main Street in Chualar and Airport Blvd in Salinas (MON-101-77/85.6)	Upgrade existing expressway to freeway, relocate two interchanges and create frontage road system for corridor.	Summer 2031- Summer 2034	TBD	SHOPP	Meg Henry	PA&ED	Environmental studies ongoing. Hydraulics study ongoing. Advanced Planning Studies for preliminary structural design began for Chualar bridges, soon to start on Abbott bridges. CMGC meeting for HQ confirmation held on January 8 (CT internal) with 7/7 voting yes. Next CMGC step is approval from Chief Engineer. Team effort continues on SB1 cycle 5 application rounds.
D21	US 101 South of Salinas Access Management Project (1S590)	On US 101 between Main Street in Chualar and Airport Blvd in Salinas (MON-101-77.858/84.371)	Implement access management strategies to reduce the number of crossing and left-turn movements on the US 101 corridor between Chualar and Salinas.	Winter 2026/27 - Fall 2027	\$5 million	SHOPP 010 Safety Project	Meg Henry	PS&E	95% plan review completed in mid-October after updating scope to address requests from TSA members. Design submitted to OE in mid-December. Public messaging planning is underway and expected to start early 2026 for a full year of messaging prior to median closure in early 2027.
D22	SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange (31601)	Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 (MON-156-R1.6/1.4)	Construct a new interchange	Fall 2026 – Fall 2028	\$54.5 million	STIP, Measure X, Federal Demo	Chad Stoehr	PS&E/RW	PS&E and RW activities are ongoing, project awarded SB1 Cycle 4 TCEP funding in amount of \$80.3M



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ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act	PDT	Project Development Team
CCO	Contract Change Order	PID	Project Initiation Document
CCSD	Castroville Community Service District	PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
CDP	Costal Development Permit	SB1	Senate Bill, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
CTC	California Transportation Commission	SCL	Santa Clara County Line
CT	Caltrans	SHOPP	Statewide Highway Operation and Protection Program
DED	Draft Environmental Document	SR	State Route
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	RTL	Ready To List
EP	Encroachment Permit	R/W or ROW	Right of Way
FED	Final Environmental Document	TCE	Temporary Construction Easement
MASH	Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware	TMS	Traffic Management System
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document	TSA	Traffic Safety Alliance
PR/ED	Project Report and Environmental Document	UC	Under Crossing

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