

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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TAMC Board Approves Funds to Install Flashing Radar Feedback Signs on Hwy 156

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors approved funding to install two radar feedback signs on Highway 156. The Radar feedback signs are one of the six near term improvements identified through the Agency's engagement with the public to help find immediate safety solutions while tolling is being considered to fund a new four-lane expressway adjacent to the existing Highway 156.

The County of Monterey Public Works staff will purchase and install the flashing radar speed limit signs at each end of the corridor, with the Transportation Agency reimbursing them for their cost up to \$40,000. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit and work with County staff to install the signs on along the highway. Agency staff will continue to work with Caltrans to see if it is feasible to implement any other near term safety improvements on Highway 156.

TAMC Board Adopts the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan

The Agency's Board of Directors adopted the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan to connect Salinas and Marina with a roadway designed to meet the needs of all road users. The plan identified roadway improvements, transit improvements, and bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements that could be made by enhancing existing roadway projects and improve regional travel by coordinating transit, bicycle, pedestrian and automobile projects. The plan provides a long-term vision to develop the corridor incrementally as funding becomes available for individual projects.

Some of the proposed improvements identified in the plan include: widening existing roadways to increase capacity for cars, trucks, transit buses and bicyclists; building roundabouts along Imjin Parkway; adding bicycle facilities, such as lanes, paths and bicycle phase signals; adding sidewalks and multiuse paths, transit stops, shelters; transit prioritization at signalized intersections; dedicated bus rapid transit facilities and pedestrians crossing enhancements.

Program Funds for Complete Street Projects in Carmel and Marina

The TAMC Board of Directors approved funding for the County of Monterey and for the City of Marina to repave and add bicycle lanes on projects on Rio Road between Highway 1 and Atherton Drive in unincorporated Monterey County near Carmel and Imjin Parkway in Marina. The County's budget could only cover the cost of repaving Rio Road between the fog lines. The remainder of the street, to the gutter or edge of current pavement would have been left uneven and in poor condition. TAMC's allocation of \$55,000 allows the County to repave the whole road and install bicycle lanes.

The City of Marina would receive \$411,000 to repave and install bicycle lanes on Imjin Parkway between 2nd Avenue and Imjin Road, to provide improvements and safety enhancements for bicyclist traveling through this major corridor, which serves as alternative route for commuters traveling between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula. The installation of the bicycle lanes provides a critical link that's been missing in the bicycle route network. Both projects are scheduled to be completed this summer.