

Monterey County TAMC
Re: Wednesday August 26, 2026 Board Meeting.
Agenda Item #5

5. Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update:

1. RECEIVE an update on the Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (ATSC) pilot project performance and Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1 traffic operations analyses and benefit-cost analysis results; and
2. AUTHORIZE staff to submit a Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) application to the California Transportation Commission for construction funding for Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1 (San Benancio Road, Corral De Tierra Road, and Laureles Grade Road).

- Javier Hernandez

Since the Board received the June project update, the team has collected additional field data to evaluate the performance of the ATSC pilot project. The team completed additional traffic operations analyses using observed traffic conditions following implementation of the adaptive signal system as the baseline condition. These analyses include greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions evaluation and a side street operational assessment. The team completed a benefit-cost analysis for the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1: San Benancio Road, Corral De Tierra Road, and Laureles Grade intersections at SR 685. Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Update:

Dear TAMC Board and TAMC Staff,

I am a lifelong resident of the Toro Planning area in Monterey County. Highway 68 is the main road my wife and I, and other family members use.

I would like to report that since the implementation of the Artificial Intelligence Signal Coordinators, the ease with which we get either East or West on Highway 68 has been a whole lot easier! Yes, we do wait just a little longer at the Corral de Tierra signal light to access Highway 68, but not that much longer.

Once on 68 we find we go through multiple green lights. It is especially better in mid to late afternoons heading east on 68 from Monterey. There is very little stopping. there is even less road rage like there was prior to the AI Signal Controllers! None of the finger signage, horn honking, or dangerous swerves to the deceleration taper, and passing other cars on the right to get ahead.

And, it is getting better as the AI signal controllers do their work.

Round-a-bouts would have morning side road commuters backed up waiting to merge, or force merging into the round-a-bout. It would get ugly.

Also ugly would be the loss of our State Scenic Highway designation that was dedicated by Lady Bird Johnson and Former California State Senator Alan Pattee.

Please find a way to spend any potential Hwy. 68 round-a-bout money on something else. There are many transportation needs.

Thank you,
Mike and Franci Weaver