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**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**\*\*2:00 PM\*\***

**MEETING LOCATION**

Voting members must attend a physical meeting location to count towards quorum

*1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California*

*Thyme Room is located on the second floor*

Wi-Fi Network: MontereyCty-Guest (no password required)

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**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84115275792?pwd=vQaU9ibaJtbYErGMRg4IZXJAeD42tO.1>**

**OR**

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**[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5)**

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**1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER**

**Call to order and self-introductions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.**

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1. **APPROVE** the Draft Minutes of the October 7, 2025, Meeting.

- Maria Montiel

***The Draft October 7, 2025 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes.***

4. **RECEIVE** update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

- Theresa Wright, Lisa Rheinheimer

***The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. MST Deputy Chief Officer, Lisa Rheinheimer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities and public outreach efforts.***

5. **RECEIVE** presentation on the progress of the Imjin Parkway Widening & Roundabout Corridor Project.

- Theresa Wright, Dana Van Horn

***Dana Van Horn, Senior Construction Manager for Harris & Associates, will provide an update on the Imjin Parkway Widening & Roundabout Corridor Project.***

6. **Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 Awards**

1. **RECEIVE** presentation; and
2. **RECOMMEND** that the Board award Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 funds as follows:
  1. \$1,116,300 to Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County,
  2. \$526,328 to Alliance on Aging,
  3. \$50,244 to City of Greenfield
  4. \$67,128 to Veterans Transition Center
  5. \$100,000 to Blind & Visually Impaired Center

- Aaron Hernandez

***The Transportation Agency received ten applications for the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 funding for fiscal years 2026-2029 with a total request of \$5,758,119. The Transportation Agency has \$1.86 million available for Cycle 4. The grant review committee reviewed all ten complete applications and proceeded to conduct site visits with seven applicants.***

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

- Christina Watson

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

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

**9. ADJOURN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Transportation Oversight Committee meeting:

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.**

PHYSICAL LOCATION -

**County Building at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas CA, in the Cayenne Conference Room**

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

There will be a zoom link for hybrid participation by members of the public.

If you have any items for the next agenda, please submit them to:  
Theresa Wright, Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Coordinator  
[theresa@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:theresa@tamcmonterey.org)

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant  
**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**Subject:** **Draft XTOC Minutes**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**APPROVE** the Draft Minutes of the October 7, 2025, Meeting.

**SUMMARY:**

The Draft October 7, 2025 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes.

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

1. Draft X-TOC Minutes - October 2025

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**

Meeting held at the Monterey County Government Center at Schilling Place

Saffron Conference Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas

**Draft minutes of October 7, 2025**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>	<b>AUG 24</b>	<b>NOV 24</b>	<b>FEB 25</b>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>
Kevin Dayton, Chair <b>Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	P A	P -	P A	P A	P A
Maria Vera <b>Transit Users</b> <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	A -	A -	A -	A -	P A	P A	P A	A A	P A
Janet Brennan <b>League of Women Voters</b> <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A)	E P(A)	P A	P A	P A	P A
Tom Rowley <b>Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association</b> <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P -	P(VC) P(A) (VC)	P -	P -	P E	P A	P A	P A	P A
Mike Donohue <b>Senior or disabled services agency</b> <i>(Brielle Bumba)</i>	A -	A P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A)	P A	P A	P A	P P(A)	P A
Victoria Beach <b>Bicycling Advocate</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	A -	P -	P	P(VC)	P(VC)	P	A	A	P
Tony Garcia <b>Labor Organization</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	A -	A -	P	P P	A -	P -	A	A	A
Christie Cromeenes <b>Central Coast Builders Association</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	P -	P -	P	A	E	P	E	P	P
Greg Hamer <b>Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(Fred Hooker)</i>	P -	P -	A	P -	P	P	P	P P	P A
Monica Lal <b>Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce</b> <i>(Bradley Leavang)</i>	A P(A) (VC)	A -	A	A	P P(A)	P	P A	A P(A)	P A

Dale Agron <b>Habitat Preservation</b> <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	P -	P -	P -	P -	A -	E -	E A	A A	A A
Martine Watkins <b>Hospitality</b> <i>(Gary Cursio)</i>	V -	A -	P -	P -	A P(A)	P A	P A	P A	P A
Norm Groot, Past Chair <b>Agriculture</b> <i>(Paul Arnaudo)</i>	P P(A) (VC)	A P(A) (VC)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P	P E	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)
John McPherson <b>Education</b> <i>(Ralph Porras)</i>	P -	A P(A)	A P(A)	P -	P -	P A	E A	P A	P A
Paula Getzelman <b>South County</b> <i>(Carol Kenyon)</i>	P P(A) (VC)	P -	A P(A)	E P(A) (VC)	P P(A) (VC)	P A	P(VC) A	P A	A P
Chris Barrera <b>Latino Organization</b> <i>(Diana Jimenez)</i>	P -	A -	P -	P P(A)	E P(A)	P E	P A	P A	P A
Rosemarie Barnard <b>North County</b> <i>Robert Rodoni</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	P(VC) P(A)	P P(A)	E P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	- A
Robin Lee <b>Pedestrian</b> <i>(Laurie Eavey)</i>	P -	P -	A P(A)	A -	P -	P -	P A	A A	P A
Angelo Raya Medrano <b>Youth/College</b> <i>(vacant)</i>	V -	P -	P	E	A	A	A	P	P
Sean Hebard, Vice Chair <b>Construction</b> <i>(Martin Canning)</i>	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	A P(A) (VC)	A P(A)	A P(A)	E P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>	<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>APR 24</b>	<b>AUG 24</b>	<b>NOV 24</b>	<b>FEB 25</b>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>OCT 25</b>
Todd Muck, Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Director of Programming & Project Delivery	P	P	P	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	P	P(VC)	P
Jeff Kise, Director of Finance & Admin	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	P(VC)	E	E	A	A	P(VC)
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer	P	A		-	E	E	A	A	E

Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer	A	P(VC)	A	P	E	P	P	P	E
Alissa Guther, Transp. Planner	A	A	A	-	E	E	A	A	E
Aaron Hernandez, Transp. Planner	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Janneke Strause, Asso. Transp. Planner	A	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>P = present</b> <b>P(A)= present (alternate)</b> <b>(VC)= Zoom Video Conference</b> <b>E = excused absence</b> <b>A = unnoticed absence</b> <b>- = alternate absent</b> <b>V = vacant position</b>									
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>									
Elouise Rodriguez	TAMC staff								

**1. QUORUM CHECK – CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Dayton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was established.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Groot/McPherson  
 Abstained: Robin Lee

**3.1** Approved the draft minutes of August 12, 2025, meeting.

**3.2** Received the 2026 Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee Schedule.

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR**

The Committee unanimously appointed Committee member Christie Cromeenes, Vice Chair of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, to serve the remainder of the 2025-2026 two-year term that expires on December 31, 2026.

**5. ELECTION OF AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee unanimously appointed Committee members Norm Groot, Monica Lal and Robin Lee to serve on the audit sub-committee with the Committee Chair Kevin Dayton and Vice Chair Christie Cromeenes to conduct the independent audit for fiscal year 2025/2026 and to prepare the annual audit report.

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee is responsible for conducting an independent audit to assure that Measure X funds are expended in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan and to prepare an annual audit report.

**6. MEASURE X SENIOR & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**M/S/C** Cromeenes/McPherson/unanimous

Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Senior & Disabled Transportation Program and presented the draft Cycle 4 guidelines at the August 19, 2025, Oversight Committee. The Transportation Agency accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations to fund activities that increase transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities. Funding is awarded every 3 years to eligible and successful applicants.

During today's presentation, Mr. Hernandez reported that on September 24, 2025, the draft guidelines were presented to the Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) and a comment was received from the MAC to provide clearer submission instructions on the program guidelines. An updated set of submission instructions are now included under the "Required Documents and Submission Instructions" section".

As part of a requirement of the execution of Cycle 4, a grant review committee must be formed to review and score the applications for Cycle 4. The review committee must consist of Transportation Agency staff, a member from the Monterey-Salinas Transit MAC, and a member from the Oversight Committee. The committee will meet to score Cycle 4 applications and will conduct site visits to the most competitive applicants.

Chair Dayton noted that serving on the grant review committee is a great learning experience for members of the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

After discussion, the Committee appointed members Chris Barrera and Maria Vera to serve on the Senior & Disabled Transportation Grant Review Committee; and recommend to the TAMC Board of Directors to approve Program Guidelines.

**7. BROWN ACT PUBLIC MEETING TRAINING**

The Committee received training on the Brown Act, which sets the rules for noticing and conducting public meetings.

Shane Strong, Agency Counsel, reported The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code 54950-54963), referred to as the "Brown Act," is intended to provide public access to meetings of California local government agencies. In order to achieve this objective, government bodies subject to the requirements of the Brown Act must provide public notice of their meetings, post agendas of the subjects to be discussed at those meetings and provide public access to those meetings. Public notice of every meeting subject to the Brown Act is required, and access is mandatory unless the meeting is held in closed session under a specific exception contained in the Act.

Mr. Strong noted that there are misdemeanor penalties for violating the Brown Act set by the District Attorney and Attorney General. He advised against communicating with committee members on social media to include digital, emails and texts that may be identified as a Brown Act violation.

In conclusion, Counsel Strong noted that he will send a copy of the updated Brown Act laws that will take effect on January 1, 2026, to Theresa Wright to forward to the Committee.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Tom Rowley announced that he received an electronic copy of the State Route 68 Final Environmental Impact Report and expressed frustration in Caltrans' response to his comments and difficulty with obtaining a physical copy of the report.

Norm Groot asked for an update from the City of Salinas on the Amazon development. Director Zeller said he would look into bringing an update that's within the Committee's purview on this issue as it relates to the US 101 South of Salinas Corridor project.

Chris Barrera announced the LULAC Black & White Ball Scholarship Fundraiser on October 18, 2025.

Maria Vera announced that Ciclovía Salinas will occur on October 12, 2025.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

## Memorandum

**To:** Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Rheinheimer  
**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**Subject:** **SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project Update**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** update on the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in the Monterey Branch Line corridor.

### **SUMMARY:**

The SURF! project will construct a busway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1, making it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, facilitating travel throughout the County, including from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey. MST Deputy Chief Officer, Lisa Rheinheimer will present a project update reviewing the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities and public outreach efforts.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

MST and TAMC were successful in leveraging Measure X funds to secure a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured an additional \$2.5 million in the state budget. MST also secured \$22.1 million in Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant funds.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The SURF! Busway and BRT project is part of MST's larger efforts in connecting communities, creating opportunity, and being kind to the planet. MST is building a modern transit network to enhance connections on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. When complete, SURF! will serve as a vital transit link for the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley. The SURF! line will connect to many existing transit lines, including the JAZZ bus rapid transit line that serves Seaside, Line 20 Salinas-Monterey, and other routes that serve the Veteran's Administration Clinic and California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB). A link to the MST project site is provided via **web attachment**.

The SURF! project will make it faster and easier to travel from the Salinas Valley and northern Monterey County all the way to downtown Monterey via future rapid transit along US 101. Whether riding to get to work, school, medical appointments, shop for groceries, or simply to visit a friend, the SURF! line will connect Monterey Peninsula's diverse communities.

The SURF! project includes the following components:

- A six-mile, bus-only route parallel to Highway 1, from Marina to Sand City and Seaside in the TAMC-owned Monterey Branch Line corridor.

- Bicycle and pedestrian path improvements along Del Monte Road and Beach Range Road.
- A new mobility hub near 5th Street in Marina, east of Highway 1, which will include bus bays, drop-off areas, public parking, and other first- and last-mile amenities.
- New transit stops at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Marina and California Avenue and Playa Avenue in Sand City.
- Intersection improvements at Playa and California in Sand City for better traffic flow on city streets.

The current cost estimate for the SURF! project is \$105 million, which includes all phases of work. TAMC has allocated \$27.4 million in project support through Monterey County's Transportation Safety & Investment Plan (Measure X) funds approved by a supermajority of voters in 2016. Leveraging that investment, TAMC and MST were successful securing a \$25 million grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). State Senator John Laird secured \$2.5M in the state's budget. MST secured \$22.1 million in federal Capital Investment Grant funds through the Federal Transit Administration. MST is also using its share of SB 125 funds for the project totaling \$26 million.

The design process for the project was completed in September 2025 and construction began in October 2025. Community outreach is an important aspect of this project and the transit agency continues its public outreach efforts. MST will provide an update at the meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

- [SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project](#)

**Memorandum**

**To:** Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, Dana Van Horn  
**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**Subject:** **City of Marina Imjin Parkway Corridor Project Update Presentation**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** presentation on the progress of the Imjin Parkway Widening & Roundabout Corridor Project.

**SUMMARY:**

Dana Van Horn, Senior Construction Manager for Harris & Associates, will provide an update on the Imjin Parkway Widening & Roundabout Corridor Project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Imjin Parkway Widening & Corridor Project is sponsored by the City of Marina and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) with funding provided from voter-approved Measure X, and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Local Partnership Program competitive grant funding. The construction funding of \$40.5 million includes \$2 million in local development impact fees, \$18.25 million in Measure X funds, and \$20.25 million in SB1 Local Partnership Program funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Imjin Parkway Widening & Roundabout Corridor Project is nearing its final stages, with construction progressing on schedule toward the June 2026 completion date. The project widens 1.7 miles of Imjin Parkway, adds four modern roundabouts, installs Class II bike lanes and a multi-use path, and upgrades lighting, drainage, and landscaping along the corridor.

Recent updates show steady advancement across all phases. The major roadway reconstruction on both the north and south sides is complete, and crews are now focused on Phase 3 work at Abrams Drive (South), final paving, permanent striping, and finishing touches such as landscaping. The December 22, 2025 newsletter confirms continued progress on roundabout features and miscellaneous roadway work as the corridor transitions into its final construction phase.

The project remains on schedule with no significant weather delays reported. The public can continue to track construction and traffic conditions through weekly updates and live camera feeds on the project website, [ImjinParkway.com](http://ImjinParkway.com)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



**Memorandum**

**To:** Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Aaron Hernandez, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**Subject:** Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 Award Recommendations

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 Awards**

1. **RECEIVE** presentation; and
2. **RECOMMEND** that the Board award Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 funds as follows:
  1. \$1,116,300 to Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Monterey County,
  2. \$526,328 to Alliance on Aging,
  3. \$50,244 to City of Greenfield
  4. \$67,128 to Veterans Transition Center
  5. \$100,000 to Blind & Visually Impaired Center

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Agency received ten applications for the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Cycle 4 funding for fiscal years 2026-2029 with a total request of \$5,758,119. The Transportation Agency has \$1.86 million available for Cycle 4. The grant review committee reviewed all ten complete applications and proceeded to conduct site visits with seven applicants.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

At their September 24, 2025 meeting, the Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopted the Program Guidelines for the use of \$1.86 million in Measure X funds for Cycle 4, covering fiscal years 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29. In Cycle 3, fiscal years 2023-2026, approximately \$283,772.80 remains unbilled for the remaining two quarters of fiscal year 2025/26. Grantees have until June 30, 2026 to expend the funds, and until July 31, 2026 to submit the final claim documentation. This action recommends the award \$1.86 million to five Cycle 4 grantees.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Policies & Project Descriptions for the Measure X Transportation Safety & Investment Plan describes the Senior & Disabled Transportation Program:

1. The purpose of this program is to increase transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to support their ability to live independently in their homes and communities.
2. This program will fund non-profit transportation to support seniors and persons with disabilities.
3. This program provides the following benefits:
  - o Give seniors more transportation options

- Support independent travel by people with disabilities
- Provide safer and more reliable senior transportation services

The intent of this program is to fund projects, programs and operations that meet these goals.

The Transportation Agency received ten grant applications for Cycle 4. Staff determined that all ten applications were complete and in compliance with the Program Guideline requirements.

A grant review committee composed of a member from the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Mobility Advisory Committee, and Transportation Agency staff conducted an initial review of application materials and met to draft a list of follow-up questions for on-site fields to the most competitive applicants. Seven applicants proceeded with the field visits in January 2026, while the remaining applications (Art Abilities, Hope Services, and Community Bridges) did not score high enough to proceed.

After the interviews were conducted, the grant review committee ranked the applications using the scoring criteria noted below. The Cycle 4 Program Guidelines (**web attachment**) provide a detailed breakdown of the application questions and corresponding scoring criteria.

### Final Rankings

1. ITN Monterey County
2. Alliance on Aging
3. City of Greenfield
4. Veterans Transition Center
5. Blind & Visually Impaired Center
6. Partnership for Children
7. Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool
8. Art Abilities
9. Hope Services
10. Community Bridges

### Scoring Criteria

1. Program Purpose & goals
2. Program Benefits
3. Feasibility
4. Geographic Equity
5. Cost Effectiveness

The total request of \$5,758,119 came in \$3,898,119 above the \$1.86 million Measure X funds available for Cycle 4. A summary of the proposals and final ranking is **attached** to this report. In an effort to fund proposals that present the most impact and need, the grant review committee identified an adjusted award amount that is slightly reduced from the original application amount for the top applications. The grant committee confirmed with the top applicants the their project proposal would not significantly change should they be awarded funding.

To date, approximately \$283,772.80 has not been claimed from Cycle 3 funds. A summary of the remaining Cycle 3 funds is **attached** to this report. Current grantees have until June 30, 2026 to

expend the funds, with the final claim documentation due by July 31, 2026. Funds that are not spent by the end of Cycle 3 will be carried forward and made available in future cycles.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Cycle 4 Fund Summary and Ranking
2. Cycle 3 Funds Remaining

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**

[Cycle 4 Program Guidelines](#)



## Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Program

### Grant Request and Rankings for Cycle 4 (Fiscal Years 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29)

Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Rank	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Request	Total Grant Award
ITN Monterey County	Driving Connections: Enhancing Dignified Mobility for Seniors and Visually Impaired Adults Across Monterey County with a Focus on Underserved, Rural Communities	Provide 24 hours/7 days-a-week, arm-through-arm, door-through-door transportation to help seniors and visually impaired adults to remain independent and active in Monterey County. Continue expansion of NorthLine and Valley programs.	1	\$2,523,150	\$1,191,300	\$1,116,300
Alliance on Aging	Senior Transportation Coordination	Provide transportation outreach and training to senior service providers and senior residents. Ensure growth of ITN Valley Line and North Line, assist seniors navigate MST's Better Bus Network, coordinate senior bus/field trips with MST, enroll senior & disabled individuals to specialized transportation services.	2	\$580,017	\$536,631	\$526,328
City of Greenfield	Senior and Disabled Transportation Voucher Program	Implement a city administered voucher program for Greenfield senior for affordable access to ITNMontereyCounty door-to-door transportation services	3	\$55,473	\$50,244	\$50,244
Veterans Transition Center	RIDES - Reliable Independent Delivery and Essential Support	Provide transportation to senior and disabled veterans that reside at VTC residence with the purchase of a rear entry SUV.	4	\$225,538	\$112,888	\$67,128
Blind & Visually Impaired Center	Travel Skills Training for Visually Impaired Individuals and Seniors with Vision Loss	Provide Orientation & Mobility training to seniors and individuals with vision loss. Fund two O&M specialists that provide individualized, small group, and in-home travel training.	5	\$297,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Partnership for Children	Transportation to Medical Care Services for Children Living with Serious Illness	Two-tiered transportation to medical care for children living with serious illness. First tier – direct rides to medical care for families are unable to make independent travel. Second tier – gas card subsidy program for families unable to afford costs of independent travel.	6	\$1,113,021	\$491,194	No Award

Kernes Memorial Pool	Transportation subsidies for Senior and People with Disabilities to Receive Therpeutic Aquatic Services at the Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool	Transportation subsidy program to provide accessible transportation to attend therapeutic aquatic appointments at Kernes Pool.	7	\$239,310	\$163,455	No Award
Art Abilities	Transoprtation for Individuals with Disabilities to Access Art Abilities Program	Purchase a passenger van to provide disability-informed transportation for individuals including seniors with intellectual and developmental disabilities participating in Art Abilities program services.	8	\$406,800	\$361,800	No Award
Hope Services	Vehicles for Transportation People with Developmental Disabilities in Monterey County	Provide transportation at no cost for all participants in Hope Services with developmental disabilities. Replace all 17 fleet vehicles throughout the next 3 to 4 years.	9	\$843,200.80	\$790,607	No Award
Community Bridges	Connected Monterey Mobility Initiative	Expand specialized transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout Monterey County by dedicating three full-time drivers from its Lift Line service to provide free, ADA-compliant, door-to-door transportation.	10	\$1,860,000	\$1,860,000	No Award
<b>TOTAL (Measure X) Grant Request</b>					<b>\$5,758,119</b>	<b>\$1,860,000</b>
<b>Cycle 4 Amount Available</b>					<b>\$1,860,000</b>	<b>\$1,860,000</b>
<b>Excess Amount</b>					<b>\$3,898,119</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Per the program guidelines, funds not expended in the current funding cycle will be carried forward and made available in future cycles.

## Measure X Senior & Disabled Program

### Cycle 3 Funds

<b>TOTAL Cycle 3 Amount Available</b>	\$1,500,000.00
<b>Claimed to-date</b>	\$1,216,228.20
<b>Amount Remaining</b>	\$283,772.80

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Claimed to-date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Percent Used</b>
<b>Alliance on Aging</b>	\$227,820.00	\$193,487.29	\$34,332.71	85%
<b>ITN Monterey County</b>	\$705,263.00	\$559,066.69	\$146,196.31	79%
<b>Partnership for Children</b>	\$345,504.00	\$287,964.77	\$57,539.23	83%
<b>Kernes Pool</b>	\$78,770.00	\$34,358.33	\$44,411.67	44%
<b>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired Center</b>	\$142,644.00	\$141,351.12	\$1,292.88	99%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,216,228.20</b>	<b>\$283,772.80</b>	<b>81%</b>

\*Grantees have until June 30, 2026 to expend all funds.

**Memorandum**

**To:** Citizens Oversight Committee  
**From:** Christina Watson, Director of Planning  
**Meeting Date:** February 17, 2026  
**Subject:** **Brown Act Update**

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**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, made 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 if you sit on another body, you should refer to your legal counsel. TAMC staff will provide a verbal presentation at the meeting.

Key new provisions include:

- One aspect of the law that took immediate effect, and TAMC has implemented, is to provide a link to the Brown Act on all agendas.
- New video and teleconferencing provisions 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 provisions.

If the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee, an "Eligible Subsidiary Body" of TAMC, wishes to change the way it holds its meetings and use the provisions of the amended Brown Act for videoconferencing, the Board must adopt a resolution to that effect.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. SB 707 Memo

**WEB ATTACHMENTS:**



## **Brown Act Update**

### **How SB 707 Impacts the Transportation Agency for Monterey County**

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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.