



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

Executive Committee

Members are: Wendy 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, October 1, 2025

****9:00 AM****

MEETING LOCATION

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

*55B Plaza Circle, Salinas, California 93901
Transportation Agency Conference Room*

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*2616 1st Avenue, Marina, California 93933
Supervisor Askew's office*

*168 West Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California 93901
Supervisor Alejo's office*

*1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930
Supervisor Chris Lopez's office*

*147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, California 93926
Mayor Jose Rios's office*

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1. QUORUM CHECK - CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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** Executive Committee draft minutes of September 3, 2025.

- Elouise Rodriguez

4. **Legislative Update and Draft 2026 Legislative Program:**

1. **PROVIDE INPUT** on the draft 2026 legislative program; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the TAMC Board approve the draft program for circulation to Committees for comment.

- Christina Watson, Ariadne Sambrano

Staff will request input on the draft 2026 legislative program.

5. **RECEIVE** update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the funding proposal for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

- Janneke Strause

To ensure efficient coordination among various fund sources, the 2025 Integrated Funding Strategy identifies projects that are strong candidates for specific Senate Bill 1 grants, State Transportation Improvement Program funds, Measure X, and other matching funds, and can be brought to construction within the next five years. As a subset of that plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program specifies the region's proposed use of certain State funds to the California Transportation Commission.

6. **RECEIVE** report on draft agenda for October 22, 2025 TAMC Board meeting.

- Todd Muck

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS**

8. **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 provided only to Executive Committee members.

- Jefferson Kise

9. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Committee meeting:
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas CA 93901

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:
Elouise Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board & Senior Administrative Assistant
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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Elouise Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Assistant & Clerk of the Board
Meeting Date: October 1, 2025
Subject: Executive Committee Draft Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE Executive Committee draft minutes of September 3, 2025.

SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exec draft minutes September 3 2025-1

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, September 3, 2025

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

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

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	OCT 24	NOV 24	JAN 25	FEB 25	MAR 25	APR 25	MAY 25	JUN 25	AUG 25	SEP 25
Wendy Root Askew, Chair Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson, Eric Mora)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Chaps Poduri, 1st Vice Chair Pacific Grove (Joe Amelio)	P	P	P	P (VC)	P	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Luis Alejo, 2nd Vice Chair Supervisor District 1, (Linda Gonzales; Javier Gomez)	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P(A) (VC)	P
Chris Lopez, Past Chair Supervisor District 3 (Priscilla Ramos)	P	E	P(A) (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)
Glenn Church, County Representative Supervisor District 2, (Marilyn Vierra , Leonie Gray)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P	*P(A) (VC)	P	P	P	P(A)	P	P(A)
Jose Rios, City Representative , Gonzales (Lorraine Worthy)	P	P	A	*P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)	P (VC)

P = Present

P(A) = Alternate present

*= New Representative

TC = Teleconference

A = Absent

E = Excused

(VC) Video Conference

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: Kise, Muck, Park, Rodriguez, Sambrano, Strause, Watson, and Zeller.

Others present: Shane Strong, TAMC Counsel; Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss, Khouri Consulting; Javier Gomez and Linda Gonzales, District 1; Monica Hale, District 3.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approved the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of August 6, 2025.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on state and federal legislative issues.

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, reported that State legislators returned from recess on August 18. Mr. Khouri highlighted bills of interest:

- SB 71 (Wiener) would indefinitely extend California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for active transportation plans, restriping on streets and highways, bicycle parking, signage, and storage, transit projects, and transit planning. This bill was passed out of the Assembly Appropriations and now awaits action on the Assembly floor.
- SB 79 (Wiener) would allow more housing to be built near major public transportation stops by establishing state standards for transit-oriented zoning around major transit stops. Recent amendments struck out provisions that might have made projects in Monterey County eligible.
- AB 761 (Addis) allows the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, upon the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of its board, to submit to the voters of the district a measure proposing a retail transaction and use tax ordinance of not more than 0.25% in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law before January 1, 2035. The measure exempts this tax from the 2% limit for sales taxes. The bill is awaiting action on the Senate floor.
- AB 1207 (Irwin) is a placeholder bill for the extension of the Cap & Trade funding program. It is awaiting resolution among the negotiators and pending action on the Senate floor.

Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner, reported on the federal legislative program, and highlighted two major updates: the US DOT rescinded \$2.2 billion in unobligated Neighborhood Access & Equity funds and overhauled the \$5 billion Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

5. TAMC BOARD DRAFT AGENDA

Todd Muck, Executive Director, reviewed the draft regular and consent agenda for the TAMC Board meeting of September 24, 2025. After the Executive Committee discussion, directions were provided to staff to place the following items for consideration on the regular agenda:

- Caltrans Road Charge Program
- Construction Management/General Contractor approach for US 101 South of Salinas Project
- North Monterey County Safe Routes to Schools Plan and Participatory Budgeting

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Christina Watson, Director of Planning, Ariadne Sambrano, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 1, 2025
Subject: Draft 2026 Legislative Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Legislative Update and Draft 2026 Legislative Program:

1. **PROVIDE INPUT** on the draft 2026 legislative program; and
2. **RECOMMEND** the TAMC Board approve the draft program for circulation to Committees for comment.

SUMMARY:

Staff will request input on the draft 2026 legislative program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The legislative program continues a focus on preserving and seeking transportation funding.

DISCUSSION:

Agency state legislative analysts Gus Khouri and Mitch Weiss and TAMC staff will request input for the 2026 legislative program. The 2025 adopted TAMC legislative program is online as a **web attachment**. Staff and consultants will present proposed changes to the program for 2026 at the meeting.

Looking ahead to the appropriations funding process, the Agency should consider which project or projects to nominate for Community Project Funding/ Congressionally Directed Spending. The ideal project is one that is already cleared under the National Environmental Policy Act or can be easily cleared, such as a project within an existing roadway. The best fit with the funding program is a project that doesn't have a big funding gap but can use \$2 million or less to get constructed. The project should also tell a good story by improving the community and/or solving a safety concern.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

- [TAMC 2025 Legislative Program](#)

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Janneke Strause, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: October 1, 2025
Subject: **2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the funding proposal for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

SUMMARY:

To ensure efficient coordination among various fund sources, the 2025 Integrated Funding Strategy identifies projects that are strong candidates for specific Senate Bill 1 grants, State Transportation Improvement Program funds, Measure X, and other matching funds, and can be brought to construction within the next five years. As a subset of that plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program specifies the region's proposed use of certain State funds to the California Transportation Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County's maximum share per the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate is \$24,345,000.

DISCUSSION:

Several of the strategic goals identified by the Transportation Agency Board of Directors are to deliver the Measure X regional program of projects, while leveraging as many matching funds as possible. With the passage of California Senate Bill 1 (Beall), several new transportation funding programs were created from which the Transportation Agency will be able to leverage Measure X and other existing fund sources. To ensure coordination between the various fund sources, which all have different requirements and eligibility, the Transportation Agency prepared the 2025 Integrated Funding Strategy that coincides with the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program cycle.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a program of highway, local road, transit and active transportation projects that a region plans to fund with State and Federal revenue programmed by the California Transportation Commission in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The RTIP is developed biennially by the regions and is due to the Commission by December 15 of every odd numbered year.

The Transportation Agency staff's funding proposal for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program reflects TAMC's dedication to improving statewide and regional travel by constructing high-priority highway, regional road, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects throughout the region. To that end, Transportation Agency staff recommend projects to program in the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program that are moving through

preconstruction phases; are in the adopted or draft Sustainable Communities Strategy; and are excellent candidates for the Senate Bill 1 grant programs.

The 2025 Integrated Funding Strategy project list was approved by the Transportation Agency Board at the May 28, 2025 meeting. The attached project list (Attachment 1) is a modified version showing the new project funding information. A summary of staff's new funding recommendations follows (new programming recommendations are underlined):

Scenic State Route 68 Corridor - Phase 1 (Corral de Tierra, Laureles Grade, San Benancio):

The final design phase is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program with \$23.5 million in fiscal year 2025/26. Caltrans notified TAMC staff that only \$9.9 million would be needed to complete the final design of Phase 1, so staff is coordinating with Caltrans and California Transportation Commission staff to shift the remaining \$13.6 million to the right-of-way phase.

Shifting these funds would allow Phase 1 to continue towards construction and position the project to be ready for the next cycle of Senate Bill 1 grants.

The initial estimate for the construction of Phase 1 is \$69.6 million, \$6.3 million of the State Transportation Improvement Program currently programmed in fiscal year 2027/28 along with another \$6.3 million of Measure X funds. For this 2026 RTIP, Agency staff is proposing to replace the \$6.3 million of Measure X funds with an equivalent amount of 2026 STIP funds. This would bring the total STIP funds on the project to \$12.6 million and would be used as a match to a \$57 million Solutions for Congested Corridors grant application.

US 101 South of Salinas Corridor:

This project is currently programmed with \$9.9 million of STIP funds for the environmental phase, along with \$8.45 million of STIP funds programmed in fiscal year 2024/25 with \$8.55 million of Measure X funds for final design. Staff is proposing to replace the \$8.55 million of Measure X funds with 2026 STIP funds and shift the final design phase funds to fiscal year 2026/27 to match the current project schedule. Caltrans has the option to request these funds in an earlier fiscal year if the project moves ahead of schedule.

Pajaro / Watsonville Multimodal Station:

This project received \$2.2 million in fiscal year 2023/24 from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. Staff is proposing to program \$8.8 million of 2026 STIP funds in fiscal year 2027/28 to fully fund the design phase of the project.

Planning, Programming, and Monitoring:

In each State Transportation Improvement Program cycle, funds are available to the Transportation Agency for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring activities. Eligible activities include:

- Regional transportation planning, including the development and preparation of the regional transportation plan.
- Project planning, including the development of project study reports or major investment studies, conducted by regional agencies or by local agencies in cooperation with regional agencies.
- Program development, including the preparation of RTIPs and studies supporting them.
- Monitoring the implementation of STIP projects, including project delivery, timely use of funds, and compliance with State law and the Commission's guidelines.

The Transportation Agency has \$340,000 in new funding available for fiscal years 2026/27 through 2030/31. Funds are programmed in 2026/27 and 2027/28 through the 2024 State Transportation

Improvement Program. Staff is proposing to program \$170,000 in 2029/30, and \$170,000 in 2030/31.

Agency staff will revise the plan based on comments received at the October Board meeting. At the December Board meeting, Agency staff will bring the finalized proposal forward as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which is the document the Agency is required to submit in order to receive the County's share of State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 RTIP Proposal

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
2025 Integrated Funding Strategy (all dollars in \$1,000s)
 Revised for 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program



	Prior	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	Funding
State Route 68 Safety & Traffic Flow - Full Corridor	Env't						
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program</i>	\$ 5,487						\$ 5,487
<i>Highway Infrastructure Program</i>	\$ 3,393						\$ 3,393
<i>Measure X</i>	\$ 640						\$ 640
<i>SB 1 Local Partnership Formula</i>	\$ 1,949						\$ 1,949
State Route 68 Safety & Traffic Flow - Phase 1 (Corral De Tierra / San Benancio / Laureles)	Design & ROW		Con				
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program</i>	\$ 23,516		\$ 6,300				\$ 29,816
<i>Measure X</i>	\$ 6,519						\$ 6,519
<i>SB 1 Local Partnership Formula</i>	\$ 1,483						\$ 1,483
<i>SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors - Cycle 5 (future)</i>			\$ 57,000				\$ 57,000
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program - 2026</i>			\$ 6,300				\$ 6,300
	\$ 42,987	\$ -	\$ 69,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,587
US 101 South of Salinas	Study & Env't	Design					
<i>Measure X</i>	\$ 440						\$ 440
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program</i>	\$ 9,989	\$ 8,450					\$ 18,439
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program - 2026</i>		\$ 8,550					\$ 8,550
	\$ 10,429	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,429
Pajaro / Watsonville Multimodal Station	Env't	Design					
<i>SB 1 TIRCP</i>	\$ 2,274						\$ 2,274
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program - 2026</i>		\$ 8,781					\$ 8,781
	\$ 2,274	\$ -	\$ 8,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,055
Planning, Programming, and Monitoring							
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program - PPM</i>	\$ 1,410	\$ 277	\$ 276	\$ 253			\$ 2,216
<i>State Transportation Improvement Program - 2026</i>					\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 340
	\$ 1,410	\$ 277	\$ 276	\$ 253	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 2,556