



## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

**June 26, 2024**

### **TAMC Board Approves Process to Amend Measure X Maintenance of Effort Calculation Provision**

The TAMC Board of Directors approved starting the process to amend the Measure X Ordinance to update the Maintenance of Effort calculation for Sand City. The approval comes at the request of Sand City, which has not met their Maintenance of Effort requirement due to what the City believes is a calculation based on incorrect data. The request to modify the Measure X Ordinance on behalf of Sand City received approval from the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee in April 2024.

The purpose of Measure X Maintenance of Effort requirement is to ensure that no general funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then backfilled with Measure X funds. Since fiscal year 2019/20, Sand City has not been able to meet this requirement and their Measure X distributions have been withheld. This request for a modification would allow the City to regain compliance.

In Measure X, Maintenance of Effort is based on the larger of a jurisdiction's average of expenditures from fiscal years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 or their transportation expenditures from fiscal year 2016/17, adjusted annually for inflation. This resulted in Sand City's Maintenance of Effort requirement being calculated as \$537,776. By comparison, other smaller cities in Monterey County (Del Rey Oaks, King City, Gonzales, and Greenfield) have significantly lower Maintenance of Effort requirements ranging from \$0 to \$63,948.

Due to a large difference between what the City receives in Measure X revenues (\$39,000 annually) versus what they are required to spend to remain compliant, and because their Measure X Maintenance of Effort may have been calculated incorrectly, TAMC staff has been

open to finding a solution that would bring the City back into compliance, including modifying the Maintenance of Effort requirement for the City.

The Measure X Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Policies describe the process for an amendment to the Measure X ordinance:

1. Review and recommendation from the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee;
2. A 45-day comment period;
3. A noticed public hearing; and
4. Approval from the Transportation Agency Board by a 2/3 vote and by a simple majority weighted vote based upon population.

With the approval to proceed from the Board of Directors at the June 26 meeting, the public hearing and consideration to adopt an ordinance amendment will be held at the TAMC Board meeting on August 28, 2024.

### **Monterey Bay Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology (MBDART)**

Following a presentation on the Monterey Bay Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology (MB DART) initiative, the TAMC Board of Directors authorized the agency's Executive Director to submit a federal funding application for the US Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program on behalf of the MB DART California Coastal Transportation Aerial Support for Resiliency Project initiative.

MB DART has worked in partnership with UC Santa Cruz and the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) to establish the Monterey Bay Tech Hub. The Tech Hub has a mission of serving Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties by convening stakeholders across academia, community-based organizations, civic leaders, industry manufacturers, labor, and public servants to create a world-class ecosystem for job creation and the realization of these new advanced aviation technologies in this region.

For certain transportation funding opportunities to advance funding for the infrastructure elements of their plans, MB DART needs a regional transportation agency, such as TAMC, as a partner in that grant application. It is under these circumstances that the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors authorized TAMC to apply for this federal funding on behalf of MB DART. For more information about MB DART, please see: <https://montereybaydart.org/>.