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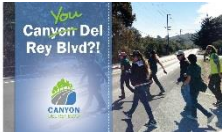
HIGHLIGHTS

August 28 , 2019

TAMC Honors MST's Retiring Assistant General Manager



The TAMC Board of Directors honored Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager of Monterey-Salinas Transit, with a certificate of appreciation for 16 years of service enhancing transportation in Monterey County. Mr. Harvath, who is retiring from his position at MST, has represented his agency on the TAMC Board of Directors as an ex officio/ alternate member, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Rail Policy Committee. He has also been a key liaison to the business community, and has collaborated with TAMC on numerous initiatives, including the Highway 1 - Rapid Bus Corridor project, Measure X, and the Monterey Branch Line alternatives analysis.



TAMC Board Approves Canyon Del Rey Blvd (SR 218) Corridor Study

After receiving a presentation on the Canyon Del Rey Blvd (SR 218) Corridor Study the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors approved the study conducted by the Agency in partnership with the cities of Seaside and Del Rey Oaks and Caltrans to identify a range of improvements that will provide safer access to all modes of travel along Canyon Del Rey Boulevard.

The Board's approval of the corridor study facilitates TAMC and the cities to focus on sequencing improvements and apply for SB1 and/or federal funding for individual projects. The full report with the range of potential improvements which include:

- Installation of a "protected intersection" at Del Monte Boulevard
- Installation of a roundabout at Harcourt Avenue, Rosita Road, Carlton Drive, Via Verde and State Route 218
- Installation of Class IV protected bike lanes from Sonoma Avenue to Fremont Boulevard
- Installation of pedestrian and bicycle medians
- Installation of Class II bike lanes from State Route 1 to Del Monte Boulevard and from Pheasant Ridge Road to Highway 68

is accessible online: **LINK**.



Measure X Maintenance of Effort Streamlining

A proposal to amend the Measure X Ordinance to make the Maintenance of Effort calculation consistent with the Senate Bill 1 Local Streets & Roads program was presented by staff to the TAMC Board. The proposed changes are to help streamline the reporting process and help clarify the requirements and avoid reporting delinquencies in the future.

The purpose of the Maintenance of Effort requirement is to assure that no funds previously used for transportation are shifted to other uses and then back-filled with Measure X monies - the so-called "bait and switch." Measure X currently has a rolling three-year average calculation of Maintenance of Effort. By contrast, the state's Senate Bill 1 program calculates Maintenance of Effort based on a fixed three years of past expenditures (Fiscal Years 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012). The goal of modifying the Measure X Maintenance of Effort is to meet the Measure X Maintenance of Effort intent without penalizing agencies that make a large one-time investment in transportation.

Prior to the Board presentation, the issue was discussed by the Agency's Technical Advisory Committee and the Measure X Citizen Advisory Committee. Expressing concerns about the SB 1 maintenance of effort compliance being based on a static three-year average lower than what was spent in fiscal year 2016/2017 when Measure X was passed and leaving the formula at a fixed rate; the Measure X Citizen Advisory Committee recommended the following modification to the Maintenance of Effort section of the Measure X ordinance:

*Each local jurisdiction shall expend each fiscal year from its general fund for street and highway purposes an amount not less than the annual average of its expenditures from its general fund during the **2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 fiscal years, but not less than what was expended in 2016-17 when Measure X passed**, as reported to the Controller pursuant to Streets and Highways Code section 2151. **This baseline amount will be indexed annually to the Engineering News Record construction index.***

After the presentation, the Board set a public hearing on the matter for September 25 and directed staff to publish notices of the public hearing and publicize the comment period.

TAMC Board Conducts Public Hearing on the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan



The TAMC Board of Directors held a public hearing on the Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan. The plan drafted by AMBAG with assistance from TAMC is a comprehensive document which guides TAMC, Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission, San Benito Council of Governments, as well as, local jurisdictions in the public participation process and how it will be structured for federally-funded transportation plans, programs and projects in the region. The document can be viewed at this link: [Draft 2019 Public Participation Plan](#).