

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

**October 26, 2016**

#### **TAMC Board Honors Congressman Sam Farr for his Service**

In what turned out to be a moving tribute, the Transportation Agency Board of Directors personally thanked Congressman Sam Farr for his years of dedicated service on behalf of the Central Coast. After hearing a presentation from Congressman Farr, which at times was a bit of a history lesson, thought provoking and inspirational, the TAMC Board presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his staunch support of regional transportation safety and mobility projects. With his impending retirement in 2017, the Board and members of the public individually thanked Congressman Farr for his more than 20 years of service. The comments were serious and funny, professional & personal and even emotional; particularly in the case of a member of the public who thanked him for the Prunedale Improvement Project which is saving lives, thanks to his securement of funding for the project.

Under Congressman Farr's leadership Monterey County was able to secure approximately \$100 million in federal earmarks for vital transit and highway safety and congestion relief projects, including the Prunedale Safety Improvement Project, the Airport Boulevard Interchange, the San Juan Road Interchange and improvements for Highway 156.

He has been a tireless supporter of expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area. Perhaps, his most memorable achievement that forever will be the "Farr Legacy" is his advocacy for the creation of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, which extends from Lover's Point in Pacific Grove to Natural Bridges in Santa Cruz.

#### **TAMC BOARD APPROVES MOU FOR THE SALINAS INTERMODEL TRANSPORTATION CENTER EXPANSION**

A Memorandum of Understanding among the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the City of Salinas, and Monterey-Salinas Transit, regarding the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center expansion was approved by Transportation Agency's Board of Directors.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will govern the next steps on the development of the train station in Salinas. The three entities have been working cooperatively to develop and implement improvements and expansions of the intermodal center. Their objective is to improve commuter service between Salinas, San Jose and the Bay Area by extending passenger rail service into Monterey County, with stations in Salinas, Pajaro and Castroville.

The project will provide congestion relief on Highway 101, by offering an alternate commute option; facilitate access to jobs, health care, education and shopping. It also expands transportation options for the elderly, young, and disabled, and promotes economic development around the station.

To learn more about the Salinas Intermodal Center, click onto the Salinas Rail Extension Project page on the TAMC website at: <http://bit.ly/1rADIHv>.

### **TAMC REQUESTS PROPOSALS FOR SERVICES**

The Agency Board of Directors approved two requests for proposals during Wednesdays' meeting. The first was a request for proposals to solicit consultants to provide the Agency with computer and network services. The Agency is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide routine maintenance, repairs, and upgrades of the agency's computers, servers, mobile devices, and network. The deadline to submit a proposal is 12:00 noon, PST on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

The second request for proposals is for consultant assistance to conduct youth bicycle trainings in Monterey County in 2017. The Transportation Agency has financially supported school bicycle safety training every year since 2012 as part of the Agency's bicycle education and public awareness program. The proposed request for proposals will allow the Agency to continue bicycle safety training in Monterey County next year.

For further information about either of these requests for proposals, visit the TAMC website at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org).