



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**April 26, 2023**

### **Marina-Salinas Multimodal Imjin Road Widening Project Update**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received an update on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Imjin Road Widening project from Edrie De Los Santos, Senior Engineer, City of Marina, the lead agency on the project.

The project, identified in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan approved by Monterey County voters as Measure X in 2016, will be the Plan's second regional project to be constructed. The project is 100% designed; the City awarded a contract for construction to Monterey Peninsula Engineering on April 4, 2023, and anticipates construction will begin in June.

The project will widen Imjin Parkway from Imjin Road to Reservation Road from two lanes to four lanes, construct four roundabouts along the corridor, make transit and pedestrian improvements, add on-street buffered bike lanes, stormwater treatment areas, retaining walls and a sound wall. The improvements will benefit commuters who travel through the corridor, as well as those who live along the corridor at CSU Monterey Bay and the neighboring homes in Marina Heights, Sea Haven, and Preston Park.

Funding of the \$40.5 million project includes \$2 million in local impact fees, \$18.25 million in Measure X funds, and \$19 million in SB1 Local Partnership Program-Formula funds. TAMC's ability to secure the SB 1 funding is due to having a local funding source, Measure X, to leverage for additional state funding for local transportation projects and programs.

[Imjin Road Widening - Alignment Overview](#)

## **SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project**

Carl Sedoryk, the General Manager and CEO of Monterey-Salinas Transit, provided an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, which is another regional Measure X funded project, to TAMC's Board of Directors. His presentation included a review of the current schedule, project costs, funding opportunities, and upcoming public outreach.

The SURF! Project will construct a six-mile busway and Bus Rapid Transit line within the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way, parallel to State Route 1. This project will make it faster and easier to travel between Marina and Seaside, and seamlessly link to other bus routes, facilitating travel throughout the County.

The projects components include:

- A six-mile bus-only route parallel to Highway 1 from Marina to Sand City and Seaside.
- Bicycle and pedestrian path improvements along Del Monte Road, Beach Range Road, and California Avenue.
- A new mobility hub near 5th Street in Marina, east of Highway 1, that 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.

Early planning and environmental review for the SURF! project is now complete. Work on the final design has begun and is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2024 with some construction beginning by the end of 2024. Community outreach is an important aspect of this project. Public outreach will continue to be an integral aspect of this project through construction.

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 Highway 1; and connect Monterey Peninsula's diverse communities. When completed, this regional project will serve as a vital transit link for the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley. It is part of MST's larger efforts in connecting communities, creating opportunities, and being kind to the planet.

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

## **Monterey Bay Air District 's AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Applications**

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) announced that their Board of Directors approved California Assembly Bill 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Guidelines for FY 2023-24, during their regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2023.

AB 2766, signed into law in 1990, permits the Air District to allocate a \$4 per vehicle registration surcharge fee towards grant projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions such as roundabouts, adaptive traffic signal control systems, medium to heavy-duty vehicle electrification, and light duty zero emission vehicle incentives. Funds may also be used for related planning, monitoring, enforcement , and technical studies pursuant to the California Clean Air Act. Funds are available to public and private agencies as well as residents in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.

The announcement and application packet will be available on the District's website on May 1, 2023. Applications are due no later than 4 pm on June 30, 2023. The grant award recommendations will be presented and announced at the Air District's Board of Director's meeting on October 18, 2023.

<https://www.mbard.org/ab2766-motor-vehicle-emission-reduction-grants>