

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

**December 7, 2016**

#### **TAMC Board Receives Update on Measure X Election Results**

The results for Measure X certified on Tuesday by the Monterey County Elections Department revealed that the Measure had received the required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> voter approval for passage. Board members received this good news during a presentation on next steps for the November ballot measure.

The Election's Department certified on December 6<sup>th</sup> that Measure X passed with 67.71% voter approval. Now, after four previous attempts, it turns out that the 5<sup>th</sup> time was the charm for the Transportation Agency to surpass the elusive and difficult 2/3rds voter approval threshold.

After presenting the good news, the presentation outlined the steps in the next phase of the process to implement the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan. This includes establishing agreements, procedures and safeguards; many of which are outline in the "Policies and Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan" with various agencies, organizations and jurisdictions. Some of these include:

1. Assembling and establishing documents for the State Board of Equalization. The Board will collect the tax which goes into effect on April 1, 2017 and then distribute the funds quarterly to TAMC.
2. Develop an agreement with Monterey County Controller's/Auditor. The Controllers' office will be responsible for distributing the 60% revenue share to the cities/County quarterly.
3. Develop tax sharing agreements with each city and the County.
4. Develop and finalize pavement management program with the cities/County.
5. Appoint a Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.
6. Identify a list of early projects for launching.

The Transportation Safety & Investment Plan is anticipated to generate an estimated \$600 million over thirty years through a retail transactions and use tax of a three-eighths' of one-percent (3/8%). 60% of the revenues will go back to the County and each of the local cities for road maintenance and safety improvements in their communities. The remaining 40% will be used for regional safety and mobility projects. In addition, the money could be leveraged with matching state and federal grants, and have citizen oversight and annual independent audits.

To learn more about the Measure X and the Transportation Safety & Improvement Plan, visit the TAMC website at: <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Final-Transportation-Plan-Projects-Policies-May-2016.pdf>.

## **TAMC HONORS OUTGOING TAMC BOARD MEMBERS**

The Agency Board of Directors honored two of its longest serving Board members during the Board meeting on Wednesday. After a combine service of 40 years, Supervisor and Board Chair Fernando Armenta and Supervisor Dave Potter were recognized for their years of dedicated public service. Their distinguished service and dedication to improve transportation in Monterey County has been exemplary.

Supervisor Armenta has represented the City of Salinas and for 16 years has been a staunch supporter of transit and rail. He has served as the longtime Chair of Monterey-Salinas Transit District's Board of Directors during that period, and has served twice as the TAMC Board Chair. He also supported new MST bus lines to Gilroy and San Jose to help alleviate traffic congestion and provide a transit alternative to the drive on Highway 101, a precursor to the Salinas Rail Extension project; and has been a supporter of transit and expanded passenger rail service in Monterey County.

Supervisor Dave Potter has represented Big Sur, Carmel, Carmel Valley, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Salinas for 24 years. He has been an outspoken advocate of implementing new rail service to the County. Throughout his tenure, he has served as Chair of the Agency's Rail Policy Chair. He's advocated for the expansion of Intercity Rail Service between San Francisco and Los Angeles, as the Chair of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and as a policy member of the California Intercity Passenger Rail coalition. Supervisor Potter was also a key participant in negotiating a successful acquisition of the 13-mile Monterey Branch Line railroad right-of-way from Union Pacific.

He has been a tireless champion of expanded passenger rail service in the Monterey Bay Area, representing the Agency, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council at the State and Federal levels and helping to seek and secure funding for rail projects in the region.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County sincerely appreciates the work of Supervisor Fernando Armenta, Supervisor Dave Potter and their staffs for their work in improving rail transportation in Monterey County.

For further information about rail projects in Monterey County, visit the TAMC website at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org).