

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

#### **March 26, 2014 Meeting**

#### **TAMC SECURES MILLIONS IN FUNDING FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS**

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the Transportation Agency secured millions in additional funding for important local transportation projects. Among the new funding, the Transportation Agency received \$18.6 million for the construction of the Capitol Corridor Extension to Monterey County, \$3.3 million towards the Imjin Road Widening project, and an additional \$2 million for the purchase of new buses for Monterey-Salinas Transit. The additional funding is part of Monterey County's 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which reflects TAMC's dedication to improving statewide and regional travel by constructing high-priority highway, road, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation projects. To learn more about the Transportation Agency's 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, please visit

<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/fund/PDF/2014-RTIP.pdf>

#### **TAMC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUTURE.**

The Transportation Agency is thinking about Monterey County's transportation needs over the next 20 years, and it needs your help. On Wednesday, the TAMC Board held a public hearing to gather input on TAMC's draft update to the 20 year Regional Transportation Plan. The draft plan identifies \$4.4 billion in prioritized funding for transportation needs in Monterey County over the next 20 years. The Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan is updated every four years, and this time in coordination with AMBAG as part of developing a Sustainable Communities Strategy for the Monterey Bay Area. The Transportation Agency encourages Monterey County residents to review the Draft Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and submit any comments by **April 8**. The Draft Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan is available online at [www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/rtp](http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/rtp). Comments should be sent to Andy Cook, Senior Transportation Planner, at [andy@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:andy@tamcmonterey.org).

#### **DANGER: TRANSPORTATION FISCAL CLIFF AHEAD**

The reason for many of California's transportation funding difficulties was explored at the TAMC Board meeting. A short video was shown that explains how with the expiration of Proposition 1B, California's one-time infusion of \$19 billion to transportation project, local agencies are increasingly finding it more difficult to fund key projects. In California, 81% of

roadways are operated by cities and counties, however, state funding for local roadways is increasingly diverted to other priorities. Without increases to local roadway funds, California's roads and bridges are not likely get the attention they need. Increased awareness about the impending transportation fiscal cliff is needed to avoid taking the unwelcome plunge. The video shown was sponsored by Californian Alliance for Jobs and titled: The Transportation Fiscal Cliff: Introduction (<http://rebuildca.org/videos/californias-looming-transportation-fiscal-cliff/>)