



## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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#### **TAMC Approves Response to Monterey County Grand Jury on Road Safety Reporting**

In response to the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's report titled "Road Safety in Monterey County: Where to Report a Problem," the TAMC Board approved a formal response and outlined several actions to improve public access to road safety information.

The Grand Jury found that TAMC's online collision data map was outdated and recommended expanding public outreach tools to allow residents to report unsafe road conditions. In response, TAMC committed to:

- Updating the collision data map with current data from the Regional Vision Zero Plan by the end of 2025.
- Enhancing the TAMC website's "Contact Us" form to allow the public to report safety concerns directly.

TAMC's response also highlights the Agency's broader safety initiatives, including:

- A \$250,000 grant-funded regional traffic crash database and e-citation system.
- Development of Vision Zero Action Plans for ten jurisdictions that do not currently have one.
- Ongoing Safe Routes to School planning in North Monterey County.

"We appreciate the Grand Jury's attention to this important issue," said Executive Director Todd Muck. "We're taking their recommendations seriously and are already implementing

changes to make it easier for the public to report safety concerns and access data. Our goal is to make Monterey County's roads safer for everyone."

### **TAMC Board Adopts Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and Work Program**

The TAMC Board of Directors adopted the Agency's fiscal year 2025/26 Budget and Overall Work Program, which outlines a strategic investment of \$9.7 million to deliver transportation improvements across Monterey County. The budget includes:

- \$4.5 million in operating expenditures, supporting regional planning, public engagement, grant development, and administration.
- \$5.2 million in direct program expenditures, funding project development, construction, and implementation of transportation initiatives.

The budget and work program prioritize the following key projects and programs:

- **US 101 South of Salinas Improvements:** Continued environmental review and design to address congestion and safety on this vital corridor.
- **State Route 68 Scenic Corridor:** Installation of adaptive traffic signal technology and planning for future roundabouts to improve traffic flow and safety.
- **SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project:** Preparing for construction of a dedicated busway connecting Marina to Sand City.
- **Rail Extension to Salinas:** Coordination with Caltrain and Capitol Corridor to prepare for expanded passenger rail service.
- **Safe Routes to School Program:** Expansion of education, outreach, and infrastructure planning to support safe walking and biking to schools.
- **Vision Zero Planning:** Development of local safety action plans for ten jurisdictions to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- **Measure X Program Delivery:** Continued support for local road maintenance, regional safety projects, and active transportation infrastructure.

"This budget is a roadmap for delivering real transportation solutions," said Executive Director Todd Muck. "From major highway improvements to safer routes for kids walking to school, we're investing in projects that make a difference in people's daily lives."