

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

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#### **TAMC Board Receives the Draft 2017 Measure X Strategic Expenditure Plan**

The Transportation Agency is on track to adopt an aggressive integrated funding plan to begin construction on several Measure X projects in the next 5 years. The approach was revealed during a presentation of the draft “2017 Measure X Strategic Expenditure Plan” and the “Five-Year Integrated Funding Plan” to the TAMC Board of Directors.

The draft 2017 Measure X Strategic Expenditure Plan identified the projects and the potential to leverage Measure X funds for their construction at a rate of 2.2 times the amount with grants and other funding sources through the “Five-Year Integrated Funding Plan.” The ability to leverage funds along with debt financing would allow Measure X projects to be delivered as quickly as possible, making them more cost-effective while reducing overall expenses.

Included in the presentation was a summary of the outcome of the Board’s September strategic planning session, in which they outlined four goals that should be considered when implementing Measure X projects:

- project delivery
- maximizing leveraging
- new approaches (technology, tolling, forward thinking)
- communications to the board and public.

During that planning session, the Board also developed a list of five prioritization criteria:

1. project readiness
2. ability to leverage matching funds
3. fair geographic distribution of funds
4. project need: congestion relief and safety benefits
5. cost effectiveness & system connectivity

Using these goals and criteria as guidance in the development of a draft prioritization of Measure X projects, and the development of an integrated funding plan, the Agency is looking at financing and completing construction or segments of construction on the

following projects in the first five years:

- State Route 68 Salinas-Monterey Safety & Traffic Flow
- Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor (Imjin Safety & Traffic Flow)
- Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway
- Holman Highway 68 – CHOMP Roundabout

The presentation also outlined the 11 projects identified in the Measure, the projected funding for each and the timeline for completing the project. After discussion by the Board, staff will report back in December on the viability of advancing the “Highway 1 Busway” project in the first 5-years.

The Policies and Project Descriptions documents for Measure X calls for the Transportation Agency to prepare and adopt by vote of the TAMC Board a Strategic Expenditure Plan within twelve months of the sales tax taking effect on April 1, 2017. The Agency is on track to have the plan approved at the December 6, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, in advance of this deadline.

A link to proposed “2017 Measure X Strategic Expenditure Plan can be found at:

<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017-1017-Integrated-Funding-Plan-XTOC.pdf>

### **Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Grant Program Guidelines**

The Transportation Agency’s Board of Directors adopted the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Grant Program Guidelines and authorized the release of a call for projects to be funded through the program.

The program is part of Measure X’s Regional Safety, Mobility and Walkability Program. Through an allocation of \$15 million over 30 years (approximately \$500,000 per year) it is intended to fund non-profit transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to support their ability to live independently in their homes and communities. Approximately \$1.5 million will be available for the initial program’s 3-year cycle covering fiscal years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The deadline for non-profit organizations to apply for project funding is at 12 p.m., on Friday, December 1, 2017. A list of draft program projects will be presented to the TAMC Executive Committee on January 3, 2018 and submitted to the TAMC Board of Directors for adoption on January 24, 2018.

The Measure X Senior and Disabled Transportation Program Guidelines and application, can be found on the TAMC website at <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/measure-x/programs-projects/senior-disabled-transportation-program>.

## **TAMC Seeks Nominations for their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence Awards**

The Transportation Agency is seeking nominations for their seventeenth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

Example of potential awards include but are not limited to:

- Transportation employees who excel at their jobs and go the extra mile to promote the most efficient use of the transportation system.
- Innovative activities that promote more efficient use of the local transportation network.
- Citizens or organizations that have made significant efforts to inform and educate the public about transportation issues.
- Successful efforts to improve transit services and encourage the use of alternatives to driving alone.

The one-page nomination form is due by noon, December 8, 2017. The form is available on the TAMC website at:

<http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/excelaward/index.html>

Once completed, the nomination form can be mailed, emailed or faxed to Transportation Agency to the attention of Theresa Wright.

The awards ceremony will take place during the regular January Transportation Agency Board meeting. That meeting will be at 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, in the Agricultural Center Conference Room, 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas.