

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 3, 2017
9:30 AM

Transportation Agency for Monterey County Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas
TAMC Conference Room
AGENDA

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. According to Transportation Agency and Committee bylaws, Committee membership consists of representatives from the Transportation Agency voting and ex-officio members, and other agencies that may be appointed by the Transportation Agency. Currently the Committee membership includes representatives from 12 Cities, the County, MST, Caltrans, City of Watsonville, the Air District, and AMBAG, for a total of 18 members. Five members of the Technical Advisory Committee, representing voting members of the Transportation Agency Board of Directors, constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of the committee. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Committee coordinator. Your courtesy to the other members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each member of the public is allotted with three minutes to address any concerns. Comments on items on today's agenda may be given when that agenda item is discussed.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1 **APPROVE** the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for May 4, 2017.

- Zeller

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **ADJOURN**

**Next Committee meeting will be on
Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
TAMC Conference Room
55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, and REPORTS - No items this month



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 3, 2017
Subject: **Draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes - May 4, 2017**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE the draft Technical Advisory Committee Minutes for May 4, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TAC Minutes for May 4, 2017

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Held At The

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Conference Room 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas**

Minutes of Thursday, May 4, 2017

	MAY 16	JUN 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	NOV 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR	APR	MAY
R. Mullane, Carmel-by-the-Sea (M. Weiner)		P	<i>C</i>						<i>C</i>	
D. Pick, Del Rey Oaks (R. Lang Ford)	P		<i>A</i>	P	P				<i>A</i>	P
P. Dobbins Gonzales Vice Chair (R. Mendez, J. Lipe)		P	<i>N</i>	P	P	P	P		<i>N</i>	P
M. Steinmann, Greenfield (S. Stanton)	P	P	<i>C</i>		P				<i>C</i>	P
O. Hurtado, King City (S. Adams)	P		<i>E</i>	P		P	P		<i>E</i>	P
B. McMin, Marina (E. Delos Santos)	P(A)	P	<i>L</i>	P	P	P	P		<i>L</i>	P
R. Deal, Monterey (A.Renny)	P	P	<i>L</i>			P(A)	P		<i>L</i>	P
D. Gho, Pacific Grove (M. Brodeur)			<i>E</i>		P	P	P		<i>E</i>	P
J. Serrano, Salinas, (R. Russell, V. Gutierrez)		P	<i>D</i>	P	P	P			<i>D</i>	P
T. Bodem, Sand City		P								
R. Riedl, Seaside (L. Llantero)		P(A)			P(A)		P(A)			P
D. Wilcox, Soledad (M. McHatten)	P	P		P			P			
E. Saavedra, MCPW Chair (M. Qureshi)	P(A)	P		P(A)	P(A)	P(A)	P(A)			P
Vacant , Monterey County Economic Development										
H. Adamson, AMBAG (S. Vienna)		P(A)		P(A)	P(A)		P(A)			P(A)
B. Rider, Caltrans		P(A)			P(A)	P(A)	P(A)			P(A)

(O. Ochoa-Monroy)									
A. Spear, CSUMB									
A. Romero, MBUAPCD									
J. Brinkmann, FORA (C. Soares)		P	P	P					
L. Rheinheimer, MST (M. Overmeyer)		P	P	P	P				P(A)
STAFF									
D. Hale, Exec. Director				P					
T. Muck, Dep. Exec. Director		P	P	P	P				P
H. Myers, Sr. Transp. Planning Engineer	P	P		P	P	P			P
M. Zeller, Principal Transp. Planner	P	P		P	P	P	P		
C. Watson, Principal Transp. Planner					P				
V. Murillo, Asst. Transp. Planner		P		P	P		P		
Theresa Wright, Public Outreach Coordinator		P			P				
G. Leonard, Transportation Planner				P			P		p

- Scott Alman, Harris & Associates
- Vijay Pulijal, Harris & Associates
- Victor Gutierrez, City of Salinas

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

1.1 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

TAMC staff Hank Myers noted a correction in the recommended action for Item 5. The recommended action was changed to read “Nominate up to three members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the Competitive Grant Application Review Committee”.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with edits provided by Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, to item 3.1

M/S/C Gho / McMinn/ unanimous–

- 3.1 APPROVE** the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of March 2, 2017.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. SR 68 SCENIC HIGHWAY PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan; and provided comments on the draft corridor improvement concepts.

Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner reported that the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements.

Rich Deal, City of Monterey, questioned whether the study had overstated the benefits of the adaptive signal alternative.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside, asked if the study could have more focus for the public on the benefit/costs for the alternatives rather than the traffic details. He also asked if other studies also include public transit, since it can reduce the number of vehicles on the corridor.

5. COMPETITIVE GRANTS – REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee nominated three members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the TAMC Competitive Grant Application Review Committee. The nominees were Orchid Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans, Sean Vienna, AMBAG, and Alan Romero, MPUAPCD (subject to confirmation of Mr. Romero's acceptance of the nomination).

Patrick Dobbins, Gonzales, suggested that the list could be finalized at the June 1 meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee, since by then the agencies will know who will not be submitting a project, and may then want to serve on the Review Committee.

Hank Myers, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer reported that the Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2017 meeting. The grant applications for projects proposed for funding are due June 1, 2017. He noted that Agency staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations. The Surface Transportation Program is a federal Program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding that can be used for a wide range of eligible transportation projects. A few recent examples include constructing new roundabout and signalized intersections, adding bicycle lanes to existing, street rehabilitation and adding sidewalks along streets. TAMC receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, passed through the State. In conclusion Mr. Myers noted that the grant application deadline set at

June 1, 2017, staff is seeking to establish an ad hoc committee made up of members of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, partner agencies, and Transportation Agency staff to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations.

Motion to approve the nominations

M/S/C Deal / Riedl/ unanimous–

6. REGIONAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Committee received information from Hank Myers, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer, on optional coordinated joint procurement to implement Pavement Management Programs; and requested a letter of commitment from each agency's city manager expressing interest, or not, in participating in a joint road condition assessment and software implementation.

Mr. Myers provided estimated cost information for the proposed joint procurement. The estimate included one-time base year costs in the first year to get the program up and running. It also included estimated annual costs for subsequent years. The estimated costs were summarized for each agency and include costs for optional items.

Mr. Myers stated that a Request for Proposals for consultant services to provide the base year services would be issued once the letters of interest are received from the member agencies. It is expected that the RFP process will take 2 to 3 months and that delivery of the overall services including final reports will take 8 to 10 months from notice to proceed, depending on the final scope of services. Mr. Myers asked that the letters of interest of each agency's intent to participate, or not, in this joint procurement of Pavement Management Program Services need to be submitted to TAMC by May 25, 2017.

Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, asked about the timeline for the reports required for the Pavement Management Program. Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director responded that the first reports would not be due until December 31, 2018. He also stated that the baseline work needed to be completed in advance of the Measure X early launch projects. Mr. Saavedra also commented that it would be good for the agencies to have a list of what is needed and not needed in the reports.

Brian McMinn, City of Marina asked if there was the cut line for receiving a bundled rate discount from for the StreetSaver software and support services. Mr. Myers responded that he could check about the discounts to see if there was a cut line.

Rich Deal, City of Monterey commented that there should be no duplicated efforts if an agency just did an assessment. He also commented that having the pavement management programs in place would benefit the whole county.

Enrique Saavedra commented that SB1 also has performance measure requirement included in the legislation.

Daniel Gho, City of Pacific Grove asked how far out did the budget needs estimates need to go. Mr. Myers responded that he thought it was for the current year and the next three years, and that this information was included in the Agreement sent to the agencies.

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales, asked if any other costs were to be included in the RFP, such as TAMC support costs. Mr. Myers responded that the Agency goal was to facilitate the implementation of the Pavement Management Program and was not planning on including TAMC support costs in the RFP.

Rick Riedl, City of Seaside asked about the purchase of ADA upgrade modules for StreetSaver, since they have high costs for ADA work in Seaside. Mr. Myers said that the costs for other StreetSaver modules could be requested. Mr. Riedl asked if the GIS module was required. Mr. Myers responded that it was optional, but that the GIS could be used by some cities in conjunction with Google Maps to set up the roadway segments needed in the data bases.

Public Comments:

Scott Alman, Harris and Associates, stated that Butte County was doing a similar program to TAMC to implement a regional Pavement Management Program. He offered to share information and answer pavement management questions with interested local agencies.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrick Dobbins, City of Gonzales: The APWA BBQ dinner this month will be held Corralitos on May 17. Jeff Krebs, City of Monterey will receive a Lifetime Service award for 30 years of service.

Hank Myers, TAMC noted the new City Managers in the area:
Jaime Fontes, Greenfield, Mike McHatten Soledad, and Dino Pick, Del Rey Oaks.

Enrique Saavedra, Monterey County noted that the County Public Works Director position is out for recruitment.

James Serrano, City of Salinas noted that they have hired James Sandoval as the new City Engineer and Andrew Easterling as the new Traffic Engineer,

Orchid Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans noted that the Kelly McClellan is the new Senior Planner (replacing Brandy Rider).

Brian McMinn, City of Marina noted that they recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new roundabout at Del Monte & Beach.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 3, 2017
Subject: **2017 Competitive Grants Program of Projects**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMEND the Transportation Agency Board of Directors program \$6.95 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the 2017 Competitive Grants Program of Projects and remove the contingency placed on the programming of \$900,000 of Transportation Development Act 2% funds to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Agency Board approved a new cycle of competitive grants at its March 2017 meeting. The grant applications for projects proposed for funding were due June 1, 2017. Agency staff established an ad hoc committee of Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee members to review and rank the applications, and provide funding recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

At their March 22, 2017 meeting, the Transportation Agency Board voted to use \$6.95 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds from the Transportation Agency's FY 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 allocation for a new round of competitive grants.

DISCUSSION:

In establishing the Regional Surface Transportation Program Competitive Grants program, the Transportation Agency is seeking to fund projects that advance the goals of the Transportation Agency Board. These include delivering projects of regional significance that improve safety, provide maintenance for existing facilities, or support the development of a multimodal transportation network utilizing the principles of Complete Streets. Fair geographic balance in distributing the funds and the cost effectiveness of the proposed projects are also taken into consideration when awarding grant funds.

The grant application is comprised of four sections, each with 25 available points, for a total possible application score of 100 points. The four categories are Project Information & Regional Significance, Complete Streets, Project Readiness & Cost Effectiveness, and Regional Transportation Plan Consistency. The scoring for the application was designed and approved by the Transportation Agency Board to favor projects that improve regional routes with high traffic volumes, include bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety enhancements, can be completed within the three year funding window, and support the performance measures included in the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.

In May 2017, the Technical Advisory and Bicycle & Pedestrian Committees nominated committee members to the grants review committee to review and score the applications:

- Sean Vienna, AMBAG
- Vera Noghera, BPC Member
- Orchid Ochoa-Monroy, Caltrans
- Mary Israel, Fort Ord Reuse Authority
- Lisa Rheinheimer, Monterey-Salinas Transit,
- Virginia Murillo, TAMC Staff
- Mike Zeller, TAMC Staff

The Transportation Agency received thirteen completed grant applications, totaling over \$14.3 million in requested Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding. Each application was reviewed and scored four times by the committee. The attached summary sheet provides an overview of the projects submitted for consideration, and how the applications were scored by the review committee. After considering the scores and factoring in geographic equity and cost effectiveness, the following projects are recommended by Agency staff for grant funding:

- Monterey - North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Improvements - \$1,933,000
- Soledad - Metz Road Traffic Calming Project - \$516,800
- County - State Route 1 Climbing Lane - \$600,000
- Salinas - Downtown Complete Streets - \$2,970,000
- Pacific Grove - Highway 68 Complete Street Corridor - \$502,268

With this recommendation, staff made one adjustment from the overall scoring of the projects. First, the City of Marina's Reservation Road Roundabouts project ranked fifth in the total scoring, but was seeking a total of \$4,005,000 of grant funding for a \$4,500,000 project. Due to the high amount of requested funding, the limited amount of grant funding available, low matching funds for the project, and overall geographic equity, Agency staff is not recommending funding for this project at this time.

In addition, the City of Soledad submitted grant applications for two projects, with the East Street / Metz Road Roundabout Project as their first choice for funding, and the Metz Road Traffic Calming Project as the second. However, their second choice project scored higher and is currently recommended for funding.

Finally, in past grant cycles, the Transportation Agency has included Transportation Development Act

2% funds with the Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to increase the total competitive grants amount. For this cycle, the Transportation Agency Board approved programming the Transportation Development Act 2% funds to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project, subject to the Agency receiving a Federal Lands Access Program grant for the project. Agency staff is now recommending to program the \$900,000 of Transportation Development Act 2% funds to the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project in advance of potential receipt of the federal grant in order to begin the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2017 Competitive Grants - Staff Recommendations

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Regional Surface Transportation Program
Competitive Grant Summary

App ID	Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	RSTP Grant Funding Requested	RSTP Grant Funding Recommended	Total Points
MRY01	Monterey	North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements	\$8,600,000	\$1,933,000	\$1,933,000	358.5
SOL02	Soledad	Metz Road Traffic Calming Project	\$568,800	\$516,800	\$516,800	327.0
MCO01	County of Monterey	State Route 1 Climbing Lane	\$5,866,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	322.0
SAL01	Salinas	Downtown Complete Streets	\$5,920,100	\$2,970,000	\$2,970,000	317.5
MAR02	Marina	Reservation Road Roundabouts	\$4,500,000	\$4,005,000	\$0	316.5
PCG01	Pacific Grove	Transforming Pacific Grove Highway 68 into a "Complete" Corridor	\$16,266,980	\$502,268	\$502,268	310.0
CAR01	Carmel	Rio Park/Larson Field Shared Use Trail	\$900,000	\$760,000	\$0	306.0
SOL01	Soledad	East St/Metz Rd Roundabout Project	\$1,030,500	\$869,000	\$0	304.5
KCY01	King City	Downtown Streetscape	\$1,750,000	\$900,000	\$0	271.0
SAL02	Salinas	Alvin at El Dorado Roundabout	\$2,565,000	\$170,000	\$0	264.5
MCO02	County of Monterey	Gonzales River Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement	\$13,750,000	\$750,000	\$0	258.0
DRO01	Del Rey Oaks	Complete Streets Plan	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$0	201.0
MAR01	Marina	Downtown Vitalization Specific Plan	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	194.0
			\$62,007,380	\$14,266,068	\$6,522,068	



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Michael Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 3, 2017
Subject: **Measure X Implementation**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE an update on the coordination activities necessary between the Transportation Agency and local jurisdictions in order to implement Measure X.

SUMMARY:

On December 6, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Elections certified that Measure X passed with 67.71% of the vote. The sales tax started being collected on April 1, 2017 and revenues will be available to the jurisdictions by September 2017. Prior to that, the Transportation Agency will work with the jurisdictions to set up the agreements, pavement management program, financial accounts, and other items required by Measure X's implementing ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Measure X is estimated to generate \$600 million over 30 years for transportation improvements in Monterey County. Of that amount, \$360 (60%) is distributed to the local jurisdictions for road maintenance, while the remaining \$240 (40%) is programmed to regional safety and mobility projects.

DISCUSSION:

With the passage of Measure X by the voters of Monterey County, Transportation Agency staff has been working to develop the organizational frameworks and agreements necessary to implement the measure in advance of revenues being available by September 2017. As required by the implementing ordinance, each city and the County of Monterey must enter into a funding agreement with the Transportation Agency. That agreement includes enforcement procedures, designed to reassure the public that tax revenues are spent in accordance with the ballot language. As of this meeting, all of the jurisdictions have approved the agreement with the exception of the City of Monterey and County of Monterey, which are both scheduled to consider approval on August 15 and 29 respectively.

The expenditure of Measure X revenues by the cities or the County will be subject to verification and an annual independent audit reviewed by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. Failure by a jurisdiction to meet any of the conditions will result in the suspension of the distribution of funds to the deficient city/county. Resumption of funding distribution to the deficient city/county will resume only after full repayment for any misuse, and confirmation of compliance with the funding agreement by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

In order to confirm compliance with the tax sharing agreement, each jurisdiction will submit a package of documents. The first set of documents due by August 31, 2017 are the Maintenance of Effort and Five Year Capital Improvement Program reports. The full set of documents will be due by December 31st of each year, starting December 31, 2018. The documents will then be reviewed by Transportation Agency staff and the Citizens Oversight Committee, as well as be presented to the Transportation Agency Board. That package of documents include:

REPORTS DUE AUGUST 31, 2017:

- Maintenance of Effort Report: A report to be adopted by each jurisdiction verifying that Measure X funds received by the reporting jurisdiction have been used to augment, and not supplant, local resources spent in the fiscal year
- Measure X Five Year CIP: A Capital Improvement Program looking forward for the next five (5) years that specifically references projects anticipated to be funded by Measure X.

REPORTS DUE ANNUALLY STARTING DECEMBER 31, 2018

- Annual Program Compliance Report: The Annual Program Compliance Report describes the efforts taken by the jurisdiction to comply with the requirements for the receipt and use of Measure X funds by detailing the expenditures and transportation improvements that occurred the prior fiscal year.
- Annual Independent Audit: The local jurisdiction shall complete an independent audit of the jurisdiction's financial statements for the prior fiscal year ended June 30th of Measure X funds received and expended.
- Pavement Management Report: A report on the pavement conditions of the local jurisdiction, using the standardized Pavement Condition Index.
- Maintenance of Effort: As described above.
- Measure X Five Year CIP: As described above.

Additionally, the funding agreement requires the jurisdiction to post signs notifying the public of any roadway project funded by Measure X. Agency staff has prepared a draft template of a "Funded by Measure X" sign for the Committee's review and feedback. That template is included as **Attachment 1**.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Funded by Measure X - Sign Template



THIS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
FUNDED BY MEASURE X

APPROVED BY 68% OF MONTEREY COUNTY VOTERS





Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee
From: Grant Leonard, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: August 3, 2017
Subject: **SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update on the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan.

SUMMARY:

The SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Monterey-Salinas Scenic Highway 68 plan is funded with a \$270,970 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (federal funds), matched with an additional \$176,686 of state and local funds for a total project cost of \$447,656. Measure X includes \$50 million for implementation of improvements along the Highway 68 corridor between Salinas and Monterey.

DISCUSSION:

In 2015, the Agency received a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to evaluate current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, the feasibility of affordable mid-term operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor in context to other planned regional improvements, and the potential for wildlife connectivity enhancements.

In December 2015, the Agency approved two contracts for consultant services to complete the plan, one to conduct the wildlife connectivity analysis, and the other to conduct the travel analysis and evaluate concepts for improving travel through the corridor. In spring of 2016, the Agency conducted a round of public outreach to determine what the public viewed as the most critical needs for the

corridor. The outreach included a public workshop, meetings with local jurisdictions and stakeholder groups, and an interactive online forum for people to provide comments.

Through the summer and fall of 2016, the project team completed a detailed analysis of the existing conditions along the corridor. The findings of the analysis are included in technical memorandums that are published on the project website for public review at: www.sr68sceniccorridorstudy.com.

Since January of 2017, the project team has been developed three corridor concept alternatives for consideration. The corridor alternatives are listed below and details of each alternative were presented at the April 26, 2017 Board meeting:

- Concept 1: Installation of roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 2: Selective segment widening with roundabouts at major intersections
- Concept 3: Integrated corridor management (adaptive signalization) with some widening

In addition to the corridor alternatives, the project team has produced a list of recommended improvements for wildlife connectivity which will be included in the final adapted corridor plan.

Since the April 26th Board meeting, the project team has been engaged in a second phase of public outreach to gather public input on the three alternatives. This outreach has included a public workshop on May 4th, meetings with community groups and stakeholders individually, and promotion of the interactive project website and online survey about the alternatives.

To date, more than 200 individuals have taken part in the online survey, and dozens more have participated in the survey during the May 4th workshop and in subsequent community presentations. This public feedback was used to help inform final recommendations for the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. Some of the key findings of the outreach include:

- Strong support for roundabouts in general and for roundabouts on Highway 68
- Support for keeping Highway 68 a scenic roadway
- Strong opinions for and against widening Highway 68 to four lanes
- A lack of support for Alternative 3

Based on the technical analysis and the public comments, Agency staff is recommending a slightly modified Concept 1 as the recommended option for inclusion in the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan. The modified concept also recognizes the already approved plans for the Ferrini Ranch development, the Scenic Highway Plan notes that some widening may occur as a result of the approved Ferrini Ranch Development (currently in litigation). Finally, the modified concept recommends further studying the possibility for widening between San Benancio Road and Corral De Tierra Road as a design element of the future roundabouts to improve operations at that location.

The current project schedule calls for SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan to be released for public review in late July and presented to Agency Board for approval on August 23, 2017. Following adoption by the Board, the SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan will progress into the project development phase with Caltrans, which entails further analysis and refining the conceptual designs. Once the plan is further developed it will go through the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process, and once the EIR is

finalized TAMC and our partner agencies can begin a phased implementation of the Scenic Highway Plan.