

# TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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## *HIGHLIGHTS*

**June 27, 2018**

### **Measure X Receipts for the First 12 Months Exceeds Expectations**



The TAMC Board of Directors received a financial report on the receipts and disbursements of Measure X funds. The receipts of \$26.6 million during the first year of Measure X tax collection exceeds the original annual estimate of \$20 million. Measure X is the 3/8 of a cent sales tax approved by voters in November 2016 that started being collected on April 1, 2017. Sixty percent of the funds is dedicated to local streets and roads projects. Forty percent is dedicated to regional projects.

During the first twelve months (April 2017 through March 2018), Measure X brought in \$26.6 million for transportation in Monterey County. TAMC disbursed \$829,000 for initial and one-time fees, \$195,000 for administrative costs, \$238,000 for regional projects, and \$15.3 million to the County and cities for local projects. Some upfront costs were incurred for the election, State Board of Equalization implementation, attorney work on agreements and pavement management program implementation. The allocation formula for the 60% share for the 12 cities and the County is calculated using 50% lane miles and 50% population. Revenues are distributed to the cities and the County on a quarterly basis. The Transportation Agency has fiduciary responsibility for the administration of Measure X funds and is overseen by the Measure X eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee.

### **TAMC to Receive Gas Tax Funds for Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor - Imjin Road Widening Project**



The TAMC Board of Directors approved a Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program agreement to receive \$19 million for the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor - Imjin Road Widening Project, matching \$17 million in Measure X regional funds and \$3 million from the City of Marina. SB 1, approved by the Legislature in April 2017, is the statewide gas tax that provides the first significant, stable, and on-going increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades.

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The Transportation Agency and the City of Marina were awarded \$19 million in SB 1 Local Partnership Program competitive funds for the project from the California Transportation Commission on May 16, 2018. TAMC is the project applicant receiving the funds and the City of Marina is the project sponsor responsible for project implementation. TAMC's ability to compete for the \$19 million from SB 1 gas tax revenues was made possible by the passage of Measure X in 2016. The Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor - Imjin Road Widening project will widen Imjin Parkway to four lanes for its entire length, with a new bicycle path and sidewalks, and roundabouts at key intersections. The project is expected to start construction in Spring 2019.

### **Funding for Pedestrian Safety Improvements near Schools in Soledad**



The TAMC Board approved \$154,500 of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for pedestrian safety features for the City of Soledad's Metz Road traffic calming project. The project's safety features include lighting the mid-block crosswalk next to San Vicente elementary school, extending pedestrian refuge islands, and moving a pedestrian crossing to reduce driveway conflicts.

The project modifies three blocks of Metz Road (State Route 146) with new asphalt, curb, gutter, sidewalk and median features to reduce the speeds of motor vehicles near the project and improve safety for students crossing Metz Road to Gabilan Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School. The project's location is significant for safe routes to school, access to a park, little league baseball fields, the Soledad Community Center and South County YMCA facility.

The TAMC Board previously approved \$516,800 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the project and the City committed \$266,000 in SB 1 gas tax funds to the project. This additional money would fund pedestrian safety enhancements crossing Metz Road.