

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Measure X Safe Routes to School Program

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the Measure X funded Safe Routes to School Program, which prompted Board Chair Robert Huitt to say at the end of the meeting that he was “proud of our Agency for evolving over the decades from one that only did highways to first-mile/last-mile to all modes of transportation.”

2018 was a productive year for the initiative to make it safer and easier for children to walk and bike to school. Measure X Safe Routes to School Program guidelines were adopted and work began on the Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan. The program is also implementing an Education Program, drafting mini grant program guidelines and applying for state grant funding.

Significant milestones include:

- The planning effort of the *Seaside & Marina Safe Routes to School Plan* which launched in August. Funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant, the Plan will develop safe routes to school recommendations for 15 public K-12 schools in the cities of Seaside and Marina.

The planning team, along with the enthusiastic participation of school staff and community members, conducted “walking school audits” at each of the 15 public schools in the cities to observe morning drop-off issues as well as opportunities for infrastructure improvements.

Based upon their observations a list of recommended infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements have been developed for each school community and their city council for review and public input this spring.

- A total of 615 students received *pedestrian or bicycle safety training* and 87 students learned how to ride a bicycle as part of the Measure X Safe Routes to School Program. The training was presented to 13 5th grade classes and 10 2nd grade classes at five schools in Seaside, Marina and Salinas. This year training will expand to North County and South County schools.

- Staff is currently drafting *Mini Grant Program Guidelines* to provide support on non-infrastructure education, encouragement and enforcement activities such as Walk & Roll programs, Walk to School Day events, volunteer crossing guard training, traffic safety training workshops, and more.
- TAMC received a \$2.2 million grant to expand safe cycling and walking education around the county. Twelve traffic gardens will be “planted” in different communities around Monterey County as part of this grant. The traffic gardens will feature small-scale, closed course streetscape, complete with lane markings, signage, crosswalks, intersections, one-way roadways, a roundabout and more. The playgrounds will be a space where cyclists of all ages can learn the rules of the real roads and hone their skills in a safe, comfortable setting.

TAMC Board Approves \$11,000 for Bike Secure Program Grants



Following the recommendation of the Agency’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, TAMC’s Board of Directors approved \$11,000 to fund grant applications from the City of Monterey, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, Monterey Fair & Events Center and the Salinas Regional Sports Authority for a combination of bike and skateboard racks. Funding for additional grants is through the end of the calendar year. Information and applications are available on TAMC’s website (<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/bike-pedestrian/bicycle-secure-program/>)

The approved grants will:

- be used for short-term day use and serve bicyclists in Oldtown Monterey
- provide secure skateboard and bicycle parking for youth and families at the Salinas Regional Sports Soccer Complex
- provide bicycle parking spaces for visitors and employees at the Monterey County Fair & Events Center.
- provide bicycle parking spaces for employees and patients at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and their clinics.

Combined, the grants will fund a total of 114 bike parking spaces and 8 skateboard parking spaces.