Building Connections
About TAMC

For the past year, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has been building connections to bring people and transportation resources together to improve our community by making it easier and safer to travel around Monterey County. TAMC’s mission is to develop and maintain a transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County for everyone, no matter what your mode of transportation is. We do this by planning, funding and developing transportation projects for residents, businesses and visitors.

Representation for Every Community

5 All 5 Monterey County Supervisors  12 One representative from each of our 12 cities  7 Non-voting representatives from 7 public agencies

Building Projects & Programs Connections

Thanks to dedicated funding for transportation from voter-approved Measure X and the SB 1 gas tax, we leveraged over $20 million in additional money from the State government for local projects and programs in Monterey County. Included in this report for the first time is the independent Measure X Audit conducted by the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee.

Financials Fiscal Year 2017–2018

Direct Programs

TAMC Revenue: $32 M

TAMC Expenditures: $32 M

TAMC Operations: $3.1 M

Measure X Budget

Measure X Revenue: $28.13 M

Measure X Expenditures: $28.13 M

*Set aside for future regional project expenditures.

Visit the following link to review how Measure X funds were expended by local cities/county: tamcmonterey.org/measure-x
Building Connections

1 Imjin Parkway Improvements
Imjin Parkway will be the first regional Measure X project to be built. After winning $19 million in a state multimodal gas tax grant, this project to improve travel connections between Salinas, Marina, Cal State Monterey Bay and the Peninsula is now fully funded. Construction will start in 2019.

2 Highway 68-Salinas to Monterey
Plans to improve safety and congestion along Highway 68 are underway. TAMC and Caltrans are reviewing environmental impacts and creating design options to improve this connection between the Valley and the Peninsula. Public input meetings will take place in late 2019 or early 2020. TAMC’s goal is to start construction of the first segment by 2024.

3 Salinas Rail Extension
Work continues to bring commute-hour rail service to Salinas. Lincoln Avenue will be extended directly to the train station. The parking lot will be reconstructed to provide bus bays, better drainage, new landscaping and more spaces for cars and bicycles. Construction begins in 2019; rail service could start as early as 2022.

4 Highway 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange
Safety improvements on Highway 156 are moving forward toward construction. TAMC is working with Caltrans on the first phase of the Highway 156 Monterey Expressway: construction of an interchange at Highway 156 and Castroville Boulevard. This interchange will help reduce collisions and traffic jams by removing the only stop light on the heavily-traveled Route 156. If state matching funds are secured, construction can begin in 2023.

5 CTC Town Hall Meeting
It’s not often that we get a visit from the State commission who makes transportation funding decisions, but in 2018 TAMC hosted the California Transportation Commission at a town hall in Gonzales. Commissioners heard directly from the community about our agricultural transportation needs and toured the Taylor Farms cooler. Local officials and residents shared safety and traffic concerns about US 101 and talked about how the economic vibrancy of Monterey County depends on having a strong transportation network.

6 Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)
Construction of the first segment of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway has been funded! TAMC received a grant from the state Active Transportation Program which, when matched with Measure X funds, will fund a trail connecting Laguna Grande Park to the Frog Pond in Del Rey Oaks, parallel to Highway 218. Public outreach meetings for the project have begun, and construction is scheduled for 2022.

7 US 101 South of Salinas
Safety improvements are the focus of a new US 101 South of Salinas corridor study. TAMC is working with Caltrans and the South of Salinas US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance to create a set of projects to improve safety along this busy agricultural route. The study will consider: removing the left on/off ramps at Abbott Street, building a new interchange south of Salinas, and creating a network of frontage roads to reduce left turns across the highway.
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee
Annual Audit Report

To the Residents of Monterey County:

In November 2016, voters of Monterey County passed Measure X which, by enacting a tax of three-eighths of one percent (0.375%) over a period of thirty (30) years, will help pay for regional and local transportation projects and programs in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

The sales tax is expected to generate an estimated $20 million annually, for a total of $600 million. 60% of this total will be allocated to cities and counties for specific projects, while 40% is targeted for projects of regional benefit.

A Citizen Oversight Committee was established to serve as an additional check and balance to ensure local governments comply with the requirements of Measure X funds on eligible projects. This report summarizes the findings of the Oversight Committee’s review of the city and county’s expenditures.

For more information regarding this important initiative, go to tamcmonterey.org/measure-x

Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee: Diverse and Engaged

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee reflects the geographic size and demographic diversity as well as the environmental and economic interests of Monterey County communities, businesses and residents. The Committee is responsible for reviewing independent audits, plan changes, project delivery and program priorities and annual and final reports.

According to the TMC Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, the Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee must hold public meetings. Members of the public are encouraged to attend these quarterly meetings, to listen to presentations and discussions, and make comments on agenda items.
Determining Local Government Legal Compliance with Measure X

The Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee confirms that funds are spent in compliance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. To make this determination, the Committee reviewed the fiscal year 2017/18 independent annual audit of Measure X conducted for TPMC by Moss, Levy and Hartzeim, Certified Public Accountants.

The Oversight Committee is charged with examining documents provided by the County of Monterey and its twelve municipalities. These documents include:

- Maintenance of Effort Report
- Independent Financial Audit
- Independent Auditor Compliance Letter
- Measure X Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Pavement Management Report

How Did the 12 Cities and the County of Monterey Perform in 2017 and 2018?

The following table illustrates the amount of funds received by each jurisdiction and their compliance with reporting requirements. Greenfield, Marina, Sand City, Seaside and Soledad were late and submitted reports after the December 31, 2018 deadline.

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<th>City (or County)</th>
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For more information about the City and County Annual Reports on Measure X Spending, go to tamcmonterey.org/measure-x/
Oversight Committee Examines Borrowing Practices

When voters approved Measure X, they allowed for local jurisdictions to be able to borrow funds from TAMC to launch and complete specific projects and to repay the principal and interest using future Measure X revenues. The TAMC Board of Directors approved a policy to allow the 3 smallest cities to exercise this option. The Oversight Committee considers this to be an appropriate project-funding policy. To date, two cities have borrowed funds for the following projects:

- In the fall of 2017, Gonzales borrowed $2.5 million to fully fund and complete its Alta Street Rehabilitation Project.
- In May 2018, Del Rey Oaks was approved to borrow up to $861,300 to fully fund and complete reconstruction of Carlton Place, Carlton Drive and 14 cul-de-sacs.

In addition, the City of Salinas issued bonds for $40.6 million using future Measure X revenues to jump-start its city-wide street repairs.

Failure to Comply Will be Enforced

The Citizens Oversight Committee is dedicated to ensuring that Monterey County local governments fulfill the Measure X directives. Pursuant to authorization by the TAMC Board of Directors contained in the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan ordinance, the Chairman of the Oversight Committee, in a letter dated April 19, 2018, warned local municipalities that willful misuse of Measure X funds or failure to provide appropriate reports and audits would result in an Oversight Committee recommendation that the TAMC Board of Directors withhold further funds until that local government was in compliance and had repaid the misused funds.
Conclusion: Voters Should be Encouraged

Although a majority of the jurisdictions were in compliance with the requirements of Measure X in 2017/2018, some jurisdictions submitted information after the December 31, 2018 deadline while others submitted incomplete information. As this is the first full year of complex compliance reporting for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, we encourage partially-compliant jurisdictions to submit their remaining information as quickly as possible. The Oversight Committee takes its obligation to the taxpayers seriously and expects 100% reporting compliance.

The Oversight Committee encourages voters to stay engaged and get involved in the decision-making process for how Measure X projects are funded. 60% of the tax revenue generated is available to the 12 cities and the county for specific projects within these jurisdictions. Engage your Mayors and City Council members as they make decisions to spend Measure X funds for street and local road safety, repair and maintenance. Each jurisdiction has a representative to the county-wide Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Please visit tamcmonterey.org/board-committees for more information.

Respectfully,

Kevin Dayton, 2017-18 Chair
Paula Getzelman, 2019 Chair
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee
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