



## News Release

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### **TAMC BOARD APPROVES COMPONENTS OF INVESTMENT PLAN**

MONTEREY COUNTY – After a robust and lengthy discussion, that included some give and take, the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors reached consensus on key components of TAMC’s Transportation Safety & Investment Plan to raise funds for long delayed road maintenance, safety, congestion and mobility needs in Monterey County.

Debbie Hale, TAMC’s Executive Director said, “The Board had a robust discussion that ended in consensus around an equitable plan. Our Board members put on their regional hats and reached agreement on a plan that is good for our diverse population, with only the Holman Highway issue outstanding. This result supports our collaborative and inclusive community outreach process.”

The Agency’s Board of Directors agreed to a spending plan that will split the estimated \$600 million raised through a 30-year, 3/8% transportation sales tax. The Board voted to approve a 60 /40 percent split between local and regional projects. They also agreed that the formula to divide the 60% share amongst the cities and the county would be a 50/50 split based upon the population and lane miles in each of the jurisdictions.

The Board came close to finalizing the second key component of the plan: determining which regional highway & road safety and mobility projects will be funded through the measure. Because of the 60/40 split the County agreed to fund River Road maintenance, safety and bicycle lanes which had been on the regional list with their share of local funds. While questions remain whether it would be the Del Monte/Lighthouse Avenue Corridor or the Holman Highway 68 would make the final cut, the Board approved all of the other proposed projects. The final determination about the remaining two projects under consideration will be made at the next TAMC Board meeting.



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The projects approved for the regional list are:

### **Highway and Road Safety**

- Highway 68 –Salinas to Monterey
- Castroville Blvd- SR156 Interchange
- Imjin Road/Parkway
- Highway 1-Rapid Busway
- Habitat Preservation

### **Mobility for Youth, Seniors, Working Families:**

- Safe Routes to Schools
- Commuter Bus Transit, Salinas Valley Transit Center(s), Vanpools
- Senior Transportation
- FORTAG-regional paved path project

The Investment Plan is a crucial part of the Agency’s efforts to become a “self-help” county and would give Monterey County the opportunity to compete for federal and state grants for local projects.

For more information about the Transportation and Safety Investment Plan, click onto the TAMC website at <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/transportation-investment-plan/>

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*“The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is responsible for investing in regional transportation projects for Monterey County residents, businesses and visitors. The mission of TAMC is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County. For more information visit [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org) or call 831.775.0903.”*