

Attachment A

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES REQUESTED FOR

STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST/ ADVOCATE

TAMC seeks a state legislative analyst/ advocate to provide professional services in the areas of legislative and regulatory advocacy and governmental affairs, including securing state transportation funding, pursuing and/or testifying on legislation, and intergovernmental coordination. This work includes presentations at TAMC Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings, as requested, and assistance in setting up meetings with state legislators and transportation experts in Sacramento or in Monterey County, as appropriate. The work also includes the development of and regular updating of a state legislative bill list and assistance in coordinating an annual legislative program, in coordination with local partner agencies.

Issues on the 2017 legislative program that could require this assistance include:

- 1S.** Increase and preserve funding for transportation projects, support the constitutional protection of all transportation funding resources, and preserve regional discretion and priority-setting.
- 2S.** Encourage the state to increase investments in passenger rail and bus transit projects and seek funding for Monterey County projects.
- 3S.** Support legislation to transfer funding derived from the sale of excess rights-of-way purchased for the Prunedale Bypass project to priority projects in the region.
- 4S.** Support legislation to expand the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority to Salinas, and to expand the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) to San Francisco.
- 5S.** Support legislation that promotes transit-oriented development, complete streets, alternative commutes, and active transportation projects.
- 6S.** Work with partner agencies to reach agreement on proposals for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, while retaining environmental protections.
- 7S.** Support efforts to extend and expand Public Private Partnership authority, public tolling authority, and design-build authority, expand mode eligibility, and allow for regional control of such projects.

- 8S.** Support efforts to develop alternative funding sources to offset the reduction in gas tax revenues and ensure that any pay-by-the-mile funding is equitably assessed and distributed.
- 9S.** Support redefinition of “disadvantaged communities” in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (i.e., “cap and trade”) grant program guidelines to better reflect economic and rural area considerations, and seek funding from the program for regional priority projects.
- 10S.** Support measures to allow the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow Caltrans to adopt appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander from potential impacts of the Highway 156 project.
- 11S.** Support funding proposals to enable cities and counties to implement storm water runoff requirements for transportation projects.
- 12S.** Support legislation that promotes transparency and access to information on rail transport of hazardous materials.
- 13S.** Support efforts to remove the Transportation Development Act’s Unmet Transit Needs hearing requirement if 100% of the TDA funds are already allocated to transit.
- 14S.** Support continued advance, lump-sum payments of state funds.
- 15S.** Support member agencies’ requests for state funding of regionally significant transportation projects and support partner agency legislative efforts as they interface with regional transportation priorities, when they are consistent with Transportation Agency for Monterey County priorities.