

Moving Forward

2020 Annual Report



ABOUT TAMC

MOVING FORWARD

As we look back on 2020, we do so recognizing that despite a year of unprecedented challenges, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) upheld its mission to develop and maintain a transportation system that is safer and more efficient for everyone.

Like so many others, our staff quickly transitioned from working in the office to working from home, and our Board meetings went online. Yet, our Agency continued to diligently use local Measure X funds to leverage state and federal monies to plan, fund, and build transportation projects and programs in our community.

We continued our commitment to ensure that agency's projects and programs enhance our local economy, improve the environment, and promote social equity in Monterey County – no matter what mode of transportation a person may use or where they may reside.

Every Community

HAS REPRESENTATION ON THE TAMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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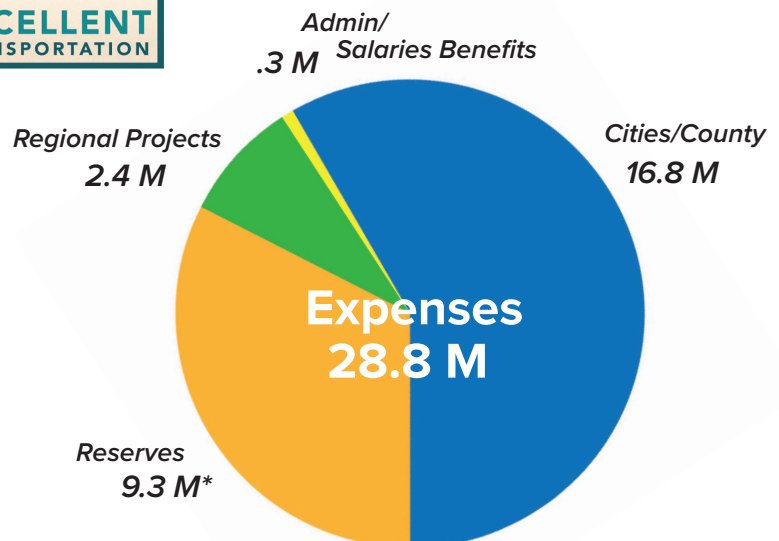
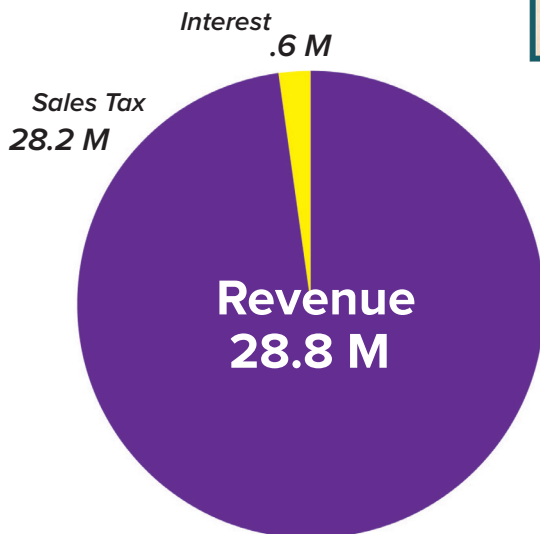
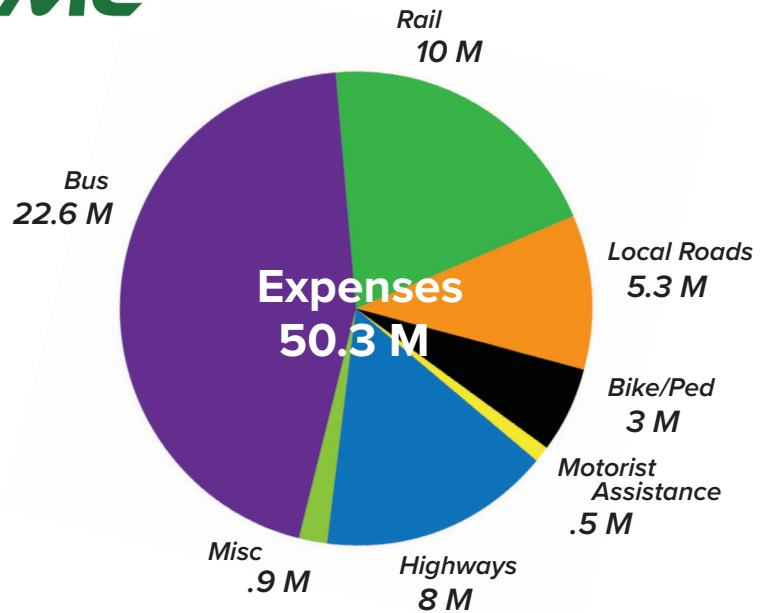
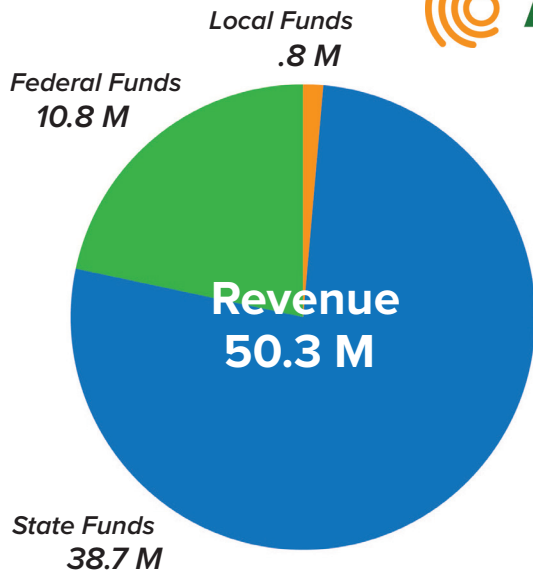
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FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020



*Set aside for future regional project expenditures.

Visit this link on the TAMC website to review how Measure X funds were expended by local cities and the County: <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/city-and-county-annual-reports-on-measure-x-spending>

PLANNING, FUNDING & BUILDING

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

It has been four years since you trusted us with your vote for Measure X, to fund critical transportation programs and projects. To date, Measure X revenues total \$114.9 million. Sixty percent of the revenues are being used by our 12 cities and the County to fix potholes and make road repairs and safety improvements in your communities; forty percent of the funding is used for regional road safety projects and mobility-for-all programs. During the COVID-19 restricted conditions, Measure X transportation projects have been moving forward: providing much-needed local jobs now, and maintaining the infrastructure needed to support our region's economic future.

Due to the COVID-19 economic downturn, Measure X monies in 2020 fell below prior year revenues and are forecast to be less over the next three years. However, the program's existing fund balance, along with our strong success in securing state matching funds, will allow Measure X projects to stay on track over the next five years.

These projects made important progress in 2020:



Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway: After extensive public review and comment, the entire 30-mile greenway received its environmental approval in 2020. Also, the Agency adopted design concepts for each segment, which can be found on the TAMC website at <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/fort-ord-regional-trail-greenway>. In 2021, the details of the Canyon Del Rey segment, from Fremont Avenue to the Frog Pond, are being designed, with construction expected to start in 2022.



King City Maintenance Facility: Construction started on the first regional Measure X project with the 2020 groundbreaking for the Monterey-Salinas Transit King City Maintenance and Operations Facility. This project will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating costs by reducing vehicle travel, since buses serving South County can now be based there, too.



Imjin Parkway Widening and Roundabouts: The City of Marina is working hard on this project to widen Imjin Parkway to four lanes and add roundabouts between Reservation Road and Imjin Road. Leveraging Measure X funds with a competitive state grant of \$19 million, this project will be ready to start construction in late 2021.



Highway 1 Rapid Bus Corridor: Newly christened the **SURF! Busway**, Monterey-Salinas Transit started environmental review of this project in 2020. The new corridor will allow buses to use the old rail right-of-way to bypass Highway 1 traffic jams between Marina and Sand City.



Salinas Station Improvements: The Salinas Rail Station has a new gateway entrance at Lincoln Avenue, courtesy of TAMC's work to bring expanded passenger rail service to Salinas. Reconstruction of the parking lot, the addition of a bus "superstation," construction of new sidewalks, and a completely new Lincoln Avenue entrance was completed. A COVID-safe ribbon-cutting to celebrate this achievement was held on January 17, 2021; videos are available on the tamcmonterey.org website.



State Route 156 - Castroville Boulevard Interchange: The Transportation Agency successfully used Measure X monies to leverage a \$20 million grant in SB 1 state gas tax funds for the construction of this critical safety project. This project is on track to start construction in 2022, thanks to Senator Bill Monning's special legislation to improve habitat for Santa Cruz long-toed salamanders, who may live within the project's boundaries.



Highway 101 South of Salinas Safety Improvements: TAMC started the year seeking public input to develop a program of safety improvements on US 101 between South Salinas and Chualar. Due to COVID-19, the Agency pivoted from convening in-person public workshops to holding Zoom meetings and taking comments via an interactive online map. The consultant-TAMC team is reviewing this input and in Spring 2021 will present a proposed set of solutions for (virtual) review.



Highway 68 – Salinas to Monterey: In 2020, Caltrans and TAMC refined design concepts for nine roundabouts and several wildlife crossings along this key commuter route. Field work evaluating potential environmental and cultural resource impacts is on-going. The project’s draft Environmental Impact Report is scheduled to be released for public review in August 2022.







Safe Routes to Schools Program: The Transportation Agency kicked-off 2020 with the adoption of the Seaside & Marina Safe Walking & Biking to School Complete Streets Plan. This plan led directly to a \$12.04 million grant for safety improvements along Broadway and Yosemite Avenues in Seaside. The next safe routes to school plan is being developed for the City of Salinas. Starting in March, the 2020 shelter-in-place brought many challenges to the program, due to the closure of the vast majority of school sites in Monterey County. To continue providing traffic safety education, TAMC worked with Cal State Monterey Bay students to develop a bilingual (English & Spanish) “Play to Learn Kit.” The Activity Book includes safe walking and bicycling tips, endangered species playing cards, road tape, and a build your own car kit. The book is available to download on the Safe Routes to School Program website: <https://saferoutesmonterey.org>.

MEASURE X

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

On November 8, 2016, Monterey County voters passed Measure X, a 3/8 cent sales tax for 30 years, to help fund sorely needed regional and local transportation projects and programs. The Measure further established the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, identifying highest priority local and regional transportation needs and proposing solutions to address those needs (<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/background>).

The 20-member Citizens Oversight Committee, known as the “eXcellent Transportation Oversight Committee” or “XTOC” was formed in 2017. We represent a diverse range of community interests to ensure that taxpayer safeguards are met as Measure X projects and programs are implemented. 2020 was a year like no other...a year of trials, but also of hope and resilience. Through it all, we found ways to work together, maintaining communication and delivering on our responsibilities which include:

-  Reviewing and providing input on jurisdictions’ Annual Compliance Reports.
-  Reviewing and making recommendations to proposed plan changes.
-  Reviewing and commenting on project delivery schedules as represented in the Strategic Expenditure Plan.
-  Preparing annual reports regarding the administration of the program to be presented to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors and made available for public review.

A primary responsibility is assuring that each of the 12 jurisdictions comply with the conditions of their funding agreements through a Year-end Annual Compliance Report. If XTOC finds that a jurisdiction is out of compliance, either because of the willful misuse of Measure X funds or failure to provide required reports and audits in a timely manner, it is XTOC’s duty to recommend that the TAMC Board of Directors suspend further distribution of Measure X funds until the jurisdiction repays the misused funding or provides evidence that it is in full compliance with its funding agreement.

Compliance Performance:

In previous years, the Committee found that some jurisdictions had difficulty in meeting either the reporting deadline, the compliance mandates, or both. With time and experience, however, we are happy to report that this year, all jurisdictions met the December 31, 2020 reporting deadline. Sand City was the only jurisdiction failing to meet all compliance criteria and as a result, further Measure X funds will be withheld from the jurisdiction until its Maintenance of Effort requirement is satisfied.

The following table illustrates the amount of funds received by each jurisdiction and their compliance with reporting requirements.

City or County	Funds Received	Reports Submitted on Time?	Annual Compliance Report	Maintenance of Effort	5-Year Program of Projects	Independent Audit	Pavement Condition Report
Monterey County	7,284,754	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmel-by-the-Sea	198,339	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Del Rey Oaks	72,022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gonzales	200,992	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	433,183	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
King City	393,351	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marina	680,105	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monterey	1,042,025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacific Grove	564,803	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salinas	4,307,505	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sand City	28,616	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seaside	1,023,230	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soledad	576,569	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

TOTAL
Local
Agencies: \$16,805,494

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Although 2020 brought more than its share of problems, we are pleased to report many Measure X project successes. We want to congratulate all who worked so diligently and with such resiliency to move several projects to completion and look forward with a great deal of anticipation to those currently in progress or on the drawing board.

It became apparent during this tumultuous year that when citizens speak up, their voices are heard. The Committee again encourages Monterey County voters to stay engaged with their Mayors and City Council members as they make decisions for spending Measure X funds on street and local road safety, repair, and maintenance. Be sure your voice is heard!

Respectfully,
Paula Getzelman, 2020-2021 Chair
Barbara Meister, 2021-2022 Chair
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee
Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)