

**Transportation Agency for Monterey County
2018 Monterey County Unmet Transit Needs**

Unmet transit needs are placed into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

Transit Needs Timeline

- **Short term transit improvements** are those that can be implemented in the current service year within MST's funding limits and without negatively impacting existing services.
- **Long-term transit improvements** are those that would require additional funding beyond MST's current funding limits. Long-term improvement comments remain on the unmet transit needs comment list until additional funding becomes available.

Unmet Need Comment	Year Identified	Category	Timeline	Status in 2018
Service to San Juan Grade Road and Russell Road in Salinas	2014	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	Identified as an unmet need establishing new or expanding service. MST is currently working with the City of Salinas and area developers to identify possible public transit service into the planned developments in this area in the next 5 to 10 years.
Increased frequency on Line 18	2014	Category #1: improves an existing service	Long-term improvement.	Service will require an additional vehicle which cannot be provided at this time without reallocating resources from other areas.
More frequent service to Gonzales and Soledad	2014	Category #1: improves an existing service	Long-term improvement.	MST now provides real-time transit information to ease passenger wait times. MST is currently conducting a Salinas Valley Bus Study to identify transit improvements for the area. Additionally, the future King City bus yard may improve South County service in the future.

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Shuttle service between Pinnacles National Park and Fort Hunter Liggett	2014	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	This shuttle service is cost prohibitive, and would require resources being reallocated from other services/areas. The City of Soledad is currently studying improvements for the Pinnacles Parkway project, which may consider a park shuttle service.
Service to San Juan Bautista and Los Baños	2015/2018	Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement.	MST, in collaboration with San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, may explore applying for Federal intercity bus grant funding options to meet this need in the future.
Improved service between South County and the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey in Monterey	2017	Category #1: improves an existing	Long-term improvement.	MST is currently conducting a Salinas Valley Bus Study to identify transit improvements.
Improve the connection between Castroville and Prunedale for access to Gavilan College in Gilroy	2018	Category #1: improves an existing; Category #2: new service, fills a gap	Long-term improvement	MST, San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, and Gavilan College may collaborate and identify a strategy to meet this need.

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Resolved Transit Needs

Unmet Need Comment	Year Identified	Year Resolved	Resolution
More out of county medical trips that cost less	2014	2017	MST increased the frequency and lowered the cost of out of county medical trips using Measure Q funds in July 2017. An analysis of the enhanced service will be conducted in the fall of 2018.
Service to Rancho Cielo	2014	2017	MST has donated used buses to Rancho Cielo for service by their students.
Line 18 does not serve and does not have a bus stop at the new VA Clinic in Marina.	2018	2018	Currently, the Line 18 stop closest to the VA Clinic is at the Marina Dunes Shopping Center. MST installed a bus stop at the new VA Clinic before it opened and may begin serving that stop in the fall of 2018. Line 61 currently serves the VA Clinic.