



Local Road Maintenance, Pothole Repairs & Safety

Local Project Policies

Distribution of Funds

Through tax sharing agreements with the cities and the County of Monterey, this program will receive 60% of the transportation sales tax funds, estimated at a total of \$360 million over 30 years.

This program will provide flexible funding to cities and the County of Monterey to help them reduce the maintenance backlog on their aging street and road systems. In addition, these funds can be used for other local transportation needs that will reduce accidents and improve operations for all people and transportation modes, including local bicycle and pedestrian projects.

City and county formula shares shall be allocated based 50% on population and 50% lane miles. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County will update the funding shares formula annually at the beginning of each fiscal year using Department of Finance population figures and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (or equivalent) lane mile data. If the number of incorporated cities changes, the funding calculation shall account for changes in population and lane miles for the new and existing jurisdictions.

City and the county formula shares will be distributed to each city and the County by the County of Monterey Auditor-Controller on a quarterly basis subject to an agreement between TAMC and the County. This program is intended to augment, rather than replace, existing transportation expenditures; accordingly, the tax sharing agreements with cities and the County will include each of the following requirements to receive funds:

Use for Transportation Purposes Only

The cities and County must agree to use sales tax funds for transportation purposes only, subject to full repayment for any misuse.



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Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Account

For ease of tracking and to assure full transparency, all revenues received and expenditures of these funds will be accounted for and tracked in its own separate budget and fund titled “Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Account” and will not be comingled with any other funds.

Regional Development Impact Fees

Cities and the County shall maintain participation in the Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s Regional Development Impact Fee program and impose these fees on new development as applicable to assure that new development pays for its impacts on the regional transportation system.

Eligibility Verification

The cities and County will select transportation projects that meet eligibility criteria as identified in this plan. The local jurisdictions will certify in an annual verification submitted to TAMC that these transportation funds were used for eligible expenses.

Maintaining Local Transportation Funding Efforts

The local jurisdictions will certify in an annual verification submitted to TAMC that these transportation funds will be used to augment and not supplant local resources spent. For purposes of this calculation an average of the prior three (3) years spent for local transportation purposes as defined in this document will be used. Exemptions from this calculation include onetime capital expenses, and expiration of any voter-approved fund sources that were used for local transportation purposes. In the case of expired voter-approved fund sources, the three-year average baseline would be recalculated in the next annual verification period without said expired fund sources.



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Monitor Local Street and Road Conditions

In order to receive these funds, the cities and County shall utilize a pavement management program and submit regular reports on the conditions of their streets, to ensure timely repairs and keep the public informed. Development of a pavement management program by TAMC is eligible to be funded out of this program prior to distribution of funds to the cities and County.

Enforcement of Policies

The tax sharing agreements will include enforcement procedures, designed to reassure the public that tax revenues are spent in accordance with the ballot language. For example, each of the above conditions will be subject to verification and annual audit by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. Failure to meet any of the above conditions will result in the suspension of the distribution of funds to the deficient city/county. Resumption of funding distribution to the deficient city/county will resume only after full repayment for any misuse, and conformation of compliance to each of the above conditions by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. Transportation Safety & Investment Plan funding accrued due to the failure of a city/county to meet the above conditions will be held in trust for up to two (2) years for said jurisdiction, after which the funds will be redistributed to the remaining cities/county in Monterey County per formula. The tax sharing agreements will also provide that resumption of funding can occur at any time during the life of the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan upon compliance with the above conditions and full repayment of any prior misused funds.



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Eligibility Criteria

Road and Street Maintenance and Repairs

Filling potholes, repairing, resurfacing or reconstructing roads, streets and bridges, or otherwise conducting maintenance to extend the lifetime of the roadway network and/or reduce or eliminate liability and safety concerns. Repairs, reconstruction or maintenance of walkways or bikeways are also eligible.

Road Safety and Operations

Improvements designed to reduce traffic collisions and related injuries and fatalities, as well as projects designed to reduce traffic delays. Examples of safety projects include, but are not limited to: roundabouts, turning lanes, traffic signals or other intersection improvements, hazard eliminations, safety barriers, traffic calming or speed reduction measures. New lane miles or roadways are not eligible with the exception of the Pinnacles Parkway Connection project.

Walkability and Pedestrian Safety

Projects designed to make neighborhoods or corridors walkable by making walking safer, more comfortable and convenient. Examples include, but are not limited to: sidewalks, lighted crosswalks, walking paths, landscaping or other barriers from traffic, bulbouts to shorten the crossing distance, safe haven islands, pedestrian countdown signals, street or path lighting and traffic calming.

Bike Safety Projects

Projects designed to support safe and convenient bicycling for all levels of riders. Examples include, but are not limited to: new or improved bikeways (lanes, paths, bridges, protected lanes or other barriers to automobile traffic); removing barriers to bicycling (curbs, medians, etc.); signal detectors; and, bicycle racks, lockers and other storage facilities.



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Street Enhancements

Streetscape projects that enhance the safety and experience of the transportation corridor. Examples include, but are not limited to: lighting, landscaping, drainage improvements.

New Technology

Projects that support or include new technology to promote transportation safety, mobility, cost savings or air quality improvements. Examples include, but are not limited to: electric vehicle chargers, vehicle detection systems, traffic signal synchronization.

Matching Funds

These funds can be utilized to match grants, loans, programs and pay annual debt service to fund eligible local road maintenance or safety projects as defined in this document. Eligible costs include those directly-related to projects or programs described above, including: corridor studies, research and planning, environmental review and mitigation, right-of-way acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operations. Examples are not exhaustive but projects must be transportation-oriented. However, in no instance shall funding be used to pay for general operating or staff costs that are not directly related to an eligible transportation project.

Environmental and Engineering Standards

Projects will be designed to meet current standards, and will include bicycle and pedestrian access whenever possible. Projects will be thoroughly studied for environmental impacts and the identified environmental mitigations will be included in the project.