

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**  
**Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)**  
**DRAFT minutes of August 17, 2021 Meeting**  
Held via a Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

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Norm Groot <b>Agriculture</b> (Paul Arnaudo)	P -	P -	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	A P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)
Joshua Jorn <b>Education</b> (Jarrett Garife, Patrick Deberdt)	A -	A -	A P(A)	A -	A -	A -	A -	A -
Paula Getzelman <b>South County</b> (Carol Kenyon)	P -	P -	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)
Chris Barrera <b>Latino Organization</b> (vacant)	P -	P P(A)	P V	P V	P V	P V	P V	E V
Ron Rader <b>North County</b> (Scott Freeman)	P -	A -	A -	A -	E -	A -	A -	A -
Laurie Eavey <b>Pedestrian</b> (Robin Lee)	P -	P -	P -	P -	A P(A)	P -	P -	A P
Natalie Olivas <b>Youth/College</b> (Gabriella Ulloa)	P V	P V	P V	A P(A)	P P(A)	A -	P	P P(A)
Sean Hebard <b>Construction</b> (Keith Severson)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P -	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)	P P(A)
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>								
Debbie Hale Executive Director	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Katherine Hansen, Legal Counsel	P	E	E	E	-	-	-	-
Rita Goel, Deputy for Admin & Finance	E	E	E	E	-	-	-	-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P
Laurie Williams, Transportation Engineer	E	P	E	P	-	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner	E	P	E	-	-	-	-	-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-

<b>(alternate)</b> <b>P = present</b> <b>E = excused absence</b> <b>A = unnoticed absence</b> <b>- = alternate absent</b> <b>V = vacant position</b>								
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>								
Jessica McKillip	Member of Public							

1. **WELCOME**

Kevin Dayton, Past Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Past Chair Dayton asked Maria Montiel, TAMC's Administrative Assistant, to take the roll.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Executive Director Jessica McKillip, Independent Transportation Network (ITN) mentioned that ITN Monterey County is a Measure X cycle 2 recipient. She noted that they are in the process of embarking in their rural efforts and currently doing outreach in partnership with Alliance on Aging and looking at the South County needs.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S/C** Getzelman /Groot /unanimous  
 Abstaining: Robin Lee and Victoria Beach

Approved draft minutes of the April 20, 2021, committee meeting.

4. **US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS SAFETY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a preliminary concept of the US 101-South of Salinas corridor study and proposed public outreach.

Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer presented on the US 101 between Chualar interchange and the Airport Boulevard interchange in the City of Salinas. The study will consider alternatives to the existing uncontrolled exit and entrance points along US 101. In conclusion Mr. Bilse noted that the current proposal under consideration involves upgrading the existing interchange at Abbott Street and utilizing a network of frontage roads adjacent to US 101 to serve the rerouted traffic. A virtual town hall meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on September 2, 2021.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the US 101 South of Salinas project update:

- Proposed frontage roads need to address future traffic, especially at intersections currently experiencing long queues during peak congestion
- Consider transit and bicycle facilities as part of proposed improvements
- Consider examining a new interchange at Spence Road
- Consider examining a new interchange between the existing US 101 interchanges at Airport Road and Abbott Street

**5. MEASURE X SENIOR & DISABLED PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Committee received an update on Cycle 2 of the Measure X Senior and Disabled Program's fiscal year 2020-2021 activities.

Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner presented that the purpose of the Measure X Senior & Disabled Transportation Services Program is to increase transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to support their ability to live independently in their homes and communities. Ms. Jacobsen went over the grant activities from fiscal year 2020-21 from the four grant recipients awarded Cycle 2 funding.

The Committee had the following comments and input on Cycle 2 of the Measure X Senior and Disabled Program:

- Coordinate with Monterey-Salinas Transit on overlapping services
- Consider an annual award program
- Consider awardees utilizing coordination services to connect with MST for longer trips
- Partner with other transportation connections to enhance services

**6. STATE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

The Committee received a presentation on California's State Climate Action Plan.

Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner reported on the draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. He noted that the Plan details how the state recommends investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety and equity. He went over the seven strategy areas that were included in the agenda. In conclusion Mr. Zeller reported that over the next coming months, the California Transportation Commission will begin developing new guidelines for the competitive Senate Bill 1 programs that will work to implement the strategies outlined in the Plan.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the California's State Climate Action Plan:

- Consider looking at implementing more multi corridor opportunities
- Consider looking at multimodal highway improvements
- Consider more rider estimates on future projects

**7. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS**

The Committee received a report on federal infrastructure.

Executive Director Debbie Hale reported that the Senate has passed the infrastructure bill and the House bill has not taken up the infrastructure bill. She mentioned that the federal bill provides \$550 billion in new funds for road and bridge safety projects. TAMC will be focusing opportunities to apply for funding for the US 101 and Highway 68 projects. Director Hale also noted that the Senate bill provides funding for wildlife crossings that could be applied to the Highway 68 project. In conclusion, Executive Director Hale noted that the House authorization bill included \$2 million for a US 101 South of Salinas federal earmark but is not included in the Senate bill.

Committee member Norm Groot mentioned that he met with Congressman Jimmy Panetta staff, and the House of Representatives has been called back to Washington and will meet on Monday, August 23 to consider the infrastructure bill approved by the Senate.

Committee member Victoria Beach thanked Executive Director Debbie Hale for her 20 years of service to TAMC.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS**

Committee member Howard Fosler mentioned that there have been numerous public comments expressing serious concerns about the SURF! project. He asked if the committee felt the project should be revisited or if the committee was satisfied with their oversight of the project. Mr. Dayton asked for a staff report at the next meeting to clarify the issue. He requested that the report should include the language in the Measure X Ballot Measure which authorizes the project; and the responsibilities of the committee as define in the ballot language and committee bylaws.

Committee member Paula Getzelman asked for an update on the status of the City of Sand City's Measure X maintenance of effort compliance. Mike Zeller replied that TAMC staff continues to work with the City of Sand City, and they are waiting to hear from the State on the state maintenance of effort requirements. An update will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting date.

Theresa Wright announced the next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19. Staff will provide notification regarding whether or not the meeting will be virtual, hybrid or in person.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Past Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.