

A. Overview and Schedule

Section 1. Executive Summary

Monterey County's **2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program** reflects Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)'s dedication to improving statewide and regional travel by constructing high-priority highway, regional road, rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects throughout the region. The Transportation Agency adopts the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) every two years for consideration by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

To further our progress in improving safety and mobility, and after extensive input from a wide variety of community stakeholders, TAMC adopted a Transportation Safety & Investment Plan to be funded by a 3/8% local transportation sales tax. This plan, which became Measure X on the November 8, 2016 ballot, was approved by 67.7% of Monterey County voters. The measure was anticipated to generate \$20 million annually, or \$600 million over thirty years, while actual revenues collected have been coming in higher than that estimate. The revenue from Measure X funds critical safety, mobility, and maintenance projects and programs in three categories:

- \$360 million (60%) to Local Road Maintenance, Pothole Repairs & Safety
- \$160 million (27%) to Regional Road Safety & Congestion Improvements
- \$80 million (13%) to Pedestrian & Bike Safety and Mobility Projects

Building on the success of Measure X, the Transportation Agency Board of Directors held a strategic planning session in September 2017 and identified two key goals: accelerate the delivery Measure X regional projects, while leveraging as much in matching funds as possible. With the passage of Senate Bill 1 (Beall), there are several new funding programs which TAMC has been successful in receiving competitive funds to leverage Measure X. Thanks to the support and partnership of the California Transportation Commission, our Agency received \$19 million from the Local Partnership Program for the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor project and \$20 million from the Trade Corridors Enhancement Program for the State Route 156 / Castroville Boulevard Interchange project.

To ensure efficient coordination among the various fund sources, TAMC has prepared an Integrated Funding Plan that overlaps with its **2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**. The Integrated Funding Plan identifies projects that are strong candidates for specific Senate Bill 1 competitive programs, STIP and other matching funds, and can be brought to construction over the next five years. Utilizing this Plan, the Transportation Agency can begin construction on two priority regional projects in the next five years:

- State Route 156 Safety Improvements – Castroville Boulevard Interchange
- Monterey County Rail Extension – Salinas Layover Facility (Package 2)

Also, under this plan, both the Scenic State Route 68 Safety & Traffic Flow and US 101 South of Salinas projects will continue making progress towards construction.