

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)
Measure X Citizens Oversight Committee (X-TOC)
DRAFT minutes of February 15, 2022, Meeting
Held via a Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	MAY 20	JUL 20	OCT 20	NOV 20	FEB 21	APR 21	AUG 21	OCT 21	FEB 22
Kevin Dayton Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Giffin)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jesus Valenzuela Transit Users <i>(Andrea Manzo)</i>	A	P	E	P	P	E	A	E	E
Janet Brennan League of Women Voters <i>(Howard Fosler)</i>	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Tom Rowley Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association <i>(Rick Heuer)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kalah Bumba Senior or disabled services agency <i>(Teresa Sullivan)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
Victoria Beach, Chair Bicycling Advocate <i>(Claire Rygg)</i>	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
Rod Smalley Labor Organization <i>(Glen Schaller)</i>	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P
Cliff Fasnacht Central Coast Builders Association <i>(Kristine O'Dell)</i>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	E
John Haupt Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce <i>(John Bailey)</i>	P	P	E	A	A	P	A	-	E
Jonathan Geisler Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce <i>(Monica Lal)</i>	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P
Scott Waltz Habitat Preservation <i>(Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust)</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E

Ariana Green, Principal Transportation Planner	P	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	E
Doug Bilse, Principal Engineer									P
Janneke Strause, Transportation Planner									
P = present P(A)= present (alternate) E = excused absence A = unnoticed absence - = alternate absent V = vacant position									
OTHERS PRESENT									
Randy Ishii	Monterey County Public Works			Tom Bonigut			Monterey County Public Works		

1. **WELCOME**
Barbara Meister, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was established, and Maria Montiel took roll call.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
M/S/C Dayton / Bumba /unanimous

- 3.1 Approved draft minutes of the October 19, 2021 Committee meeting with a minor typo correction to chair Meister’s name.

4. **COUNTY OF MONTEREY LOCAL MEASURE X PROJECT UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation on Measure X local projects from the County of Monterey.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator introduced Randy Ishii, Director of Monterey County Public Works Facilities and Parks and he introduced Assistant Director Tom Bonigut. Mr. Ishii presented an overview of the completed, current, and planned projects in Monterey County utilizing Measure X funds.

Committee member Norm Groot asked the following:

- Does the \$2.2 million quote for the San Miguel Castroville Roundabout project included the right of way acquisitions? Mr. Ishii replied that yes, it is intended to cover the right of way acquisition.
- Is it anticipated that the Gonzales River Bridge project will require a full road closure of the bridge during construction? Mr. Ishii replied that County staff is looking at all the options but yes, the road closure is in the environment document. Mr. Groot asked Mr. Ishii to consider sending as much advanced notice as possible to the public.
- Is the Davis Road Bridge completely off the project list? Mr. Ishii replied that County staff continues to work on that project and no funding source has been identified for that project at this time.

Committee member Robin Lee asked if any bike lanes are included on the Repaving River Road project. Mr. Ishii replied that the only project funding secured is limited to the repaving of the road and no funding is available for future class II bike lanes. The County continues to look for funding grant opportunities for future project phases to add bike lanes. Ms. Lee asked for the County to include multi-modal complete streets projects in future grant applications. Mr. Ishii noted that the County tries to incorporate and look for any grant opportunities for projects with complete streets features.

Committee member Kevin Dayton asked for an update on the Moss Landing Scenic Trail Bridge project adjacent to Highway 1. Mr. Ishii responded that it's a complicated project that includes environmental concerns. They continue to work with the Coastal Commission, and it has been a challenge. He noted that staff and consultant continue to work hard on the project.

Committee member Janet Brennan expressed that this presentation shows how important Measure X funds are for leveraging funds. It would be informative to the public on how many dollars we have been able leverage with Measure X funding.

Committee member Howard Fosler asked how many roundabout projects are in construction and how many future projects will have roundabouts. Mr. Ishii replied that the County currently has two roundabout projects: San Miguel Canyon/ Castroville Boulevard and Carmel Valley Road/Laureles Grade projects. Mr. Fosler asked how are the road treatment methods selected? Mr. Ishii replied that the County Road treatment methods are selected by screening and different tiers that are recommended.

Committee member Victoria Beach had the following comments and questions:

- It's Interesting to know the price, the amount of leverage funds, the percentage of Measure X funds and other funding sources.
- It would be nice to see the project location on the image slides to understand the project location.
- Asked how much and how often projects consider multi-modal features.

Mr. Ishii replied that the County will incorporate the information into the slides and will return to the XTOC with a matrix. He noted that an analysis matrix or screening tool would be helpful for future projects.

Director Todd Muck expressed that bonding allows the jurisdiction to accelerate the delivery of projects and allows them to have the projects ready sooner.

Theresa Wright noted staff is looking at ways to illustrate the funding leverage information.

Committee member Chris Barrera asked if there are plans to add any future Measure X projects on the Bolsa Knolls area North of Salinas and San Juan Grade Road because that road is terrible. Rogge Road has three schools and asked if the County could address the flooding of the Creek.

Randy Ishii replied that Bolsa Knolls is a good example of the road financing the County is looking into. He noted that the Santa Rita Creek is outside of the roadway, and we continue to work with the flooding issues in that area. The increased traffic on the Rogge Road is very unfortunate and his staff will be working with the City of Salinas and Schools to identify possible solutions. Hopefully with the future staggering of starting school times will help the traffic issues.

5. **MEASURE X FY 2020/21 ANNUAL AUDIT**

The Committee received an update on the results of the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2020/21.

Mike Zeller, Director of Programming and Project Delivery, reported that the fourth year of Measure X reporting, for fiscal year 2020/21, was due on December 31, 2021. His presentation included some of the local projects that were funded with Measure X funding this past year. He noted that for this year's independent audits, there have been improvements in compliance by the jurisdictions from the previous reporting period. All of the jurisdictions submitted their complete reports by the deadline with the exception of Greenfield. He noted that after an initial review of the reports, Agency staff reached out to request more information from Carmel and Sand City regarding them not meeting their maintenance of effort requirement. In conclusion Mr. Zeller noted that TAMC is working with the cities to resolve their issues of non-compliance and that Measure X disbursements are being held for non-compliant jurisdictions until their specific issues are resolved.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Measure X annual audit and compliance reporting for 2020/21:

- Consider showing a one-pager with the four years
- Consider recognition and sending a thank you letter to those cities who fully complied

6. MEASURE X REGIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS UPDATE

The Committee received an update on Measure X Regional Highway Safety Projects.

Doug Bilse, TAMC Principal Engineer reported that Measure X allocates 60% of its monies to the cities and County for local road repairs and safety, and 27% of its funding towards regional road safety projects and 13% goes to “mobility for all” projects and programs. Mr. Bilse presented on the Measure X Regional Highways Safety Projects which include SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvements; SR 156/ Castroville Boulevard Interchange; US 101 South of Salinas Improvements; and the SURF! Highway 1 Busway.

Committee member Howard Fosler expressed concerns about the progress of roundabouts. Doug Bilse replied that the roundabouts planned for the SR 68 project are groundbreaking and is getting noted throughout the State and staff continues to successfully work with Caltrans staff on emphasizing that roundabouts are preferred over signals in terms of safety. He expressed Caltrans will use this as a benchmark. He further stated that we can’t expect to build our way out of congestion on Highway 1 and providing alternatives such as the dedicated busway will benefit all system users no matter what mode they use to travel.

Director Muck noted that the SURF! 6-mile dedicated busway along Highway 1 will also improve transit service from the Monterey Peninsula to Salinas and up to Watsonville. MST is expecting a sixteen-minute time saving to riders during the peak commute hours of congestion. Mr. Muck also noted the Imjin Road Widening project funded by Measure X includes four-roundabouts, the City of Marina is acting as the lead agency, and the project is expected to go out to bid soon.

Committee member Victoria Beach asked if the SR 68 Scenic Corridor Improvement project considered adding a class I bike route since that corridor is well-used route used by bicyclists. Doug Bilse replied that the project is considering a road diet between Canyon Del Rey and York Road that could include a bike lane, but the project is not expected to widen SR 68 to add a bike lane along the remainder of the corridor.

Committee member Tom Rowley noted that he called the Caltrans engineer a few weeks ago on concerns with flooding at the Josselyn Canyon intersection on SR 68. Doug Bilse replied that there is a separate Caltrans project to improve the culverts that go underneath 68 that is funded through SHOPP and is not part of this project.

Committee member Robin Lee asked if the wildlife crossings were underpasses? Mr. Bilse replied yes and stated that project wants to make the wildlife crossings big enough for deer.

Member Lee also asked that if you put multimodal in a project would that make more grant funding available for the project? When Mr. Bilse replied yes, Ms. Lee expressed she didn’t understand why multimodal would be more precluded from projects when more financing is available and was perplexed by today’s responses to incorporating multimodal features in projects.

7. RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The Committee discussed how to conduct future Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee meetings.

Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator reported that our Executive Committee is planning to discuss this item at their March meeting and will be making a recommendation and providing direction.

Committee member Tom Rowley expressed that he is tired of Zoom meetings.

Committee member Janet Brennan noted that Zoom was in place due to a State of emergency, but it will soon end and will need to meet in person.

Director Todd Muck noted that we have a few options and will need to follow the Brown Act since the Governor's executive order will expire on March 31, 2022. TAMC will be looking at options with the Board and will implement all the committees.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Past Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.