

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

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#### **TAMC Board Receives Update on Measure X & SB 1 Gas Tax Funding for Regional Projects**



With the passage of Senate Bill 1 (gas tax), several new transportation funding programs were created from which the Transportation Agency will potentially be able to leverage Measure X and other existing fund sources. Today, the TAMC Board of Directors received a detailed presentation on the funding for regional transportation projects, which included the first year of Measure funded projects, and the negative impacts that the repeal of the gas tax by Proposition 6 would have on the current and future projects.

The Board learned that in addition to a reduction in funding that would significantly impact the amount of money that local cities and the county receive for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation, the planned construction schedule for the following regional projects were at risk of being delayed or down-scoped if the repeal measure of the gas tax is approved by over 50% of the voters:

- Imjin Parkway Safety & Traffic Flow Project
- Fort Ord Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) Project
- Scenic State Route (SR) 68 Safety & Traffic Flow Project
- Sr156 / Castroville Blvd Interchange Project
- Holman Highway SR 68 - Pacific Grove Project
- Highway 1 Rapid Bus Corridor Project
- Regional Wayfinding Program

At the end of the presentation, Board Chair Phillips, succinctly summed up the impacts of repealing the gas tax by saying, "It's pretty clear that losing SB 1 would be devastating to the work we are trying to get done here."

To learn more about what impacts the possible repeal of the gas tax would have on local and regional project, refer to the following links:

[Regional Project Funding Update](#)

[Senate Bill 1 Local Road Funding](#)

## **TAMC Board Adopts an Oppose Position on Prop. 6 to Repeal the “Gas Tax”**



Following the staff presentation on the negative impacts the repeal of the gas tax would have on regional transportation projects, the Board adopted an “oppose” position on Proposition 6 to repeal the SB 1 gas tax on the November ballot.

## **Feasibility Study of Bus Operations Along Highway 1**



MST staff presented their feasibility study to address one of region’s highest transportation priorities...*mobility between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula*. The feasibility study of bus operations on State Route 1 shoulders and in the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way was designed to address traffic congestion on Highway 1 between Marina, Seaside and Monterey and evaluate several options ranging from Bus-On-Shoulder of Highway 1 to a busway in the Monterey branch line right-of-way for reducing travel times in the corridor.

While there is no preferred option at this time, the study’s analysis showed that bus operations in the Monterey-Branch Line would yield the greatest travel time savings and has an acceptable cost-benefit ratio. To read more about the key findings of the study and view the map and alternatives, click onto the following links:

[Map and Summary of Alternatives](#)

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