

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

December 5, 2018

TAMC Honors Departing Board Members

On Wednesday, the Transportation Agency of Monterey County took a moment to honor several board members whose terms will end at the end of the year for their years of service.

Acknowledging that their departures represent an important loss of 68.5 years of institutional knowledge, the Agency recognized Board Members Kimbley Craig, Jerry Edelen, Carolyn Hardy, Ralph Rubio, Simon Salinas and Leah Santibanez. Five of these Board Members served over the years as the TAMC Board Chair and on the Executive Committee and were leaders in developing the Measure X Transportation Safety and Improvement Plan.

In what was a poignant moment during the meeting, several board members expressed thanks to their departing colleagues with humor, respect and gratitude. Citing their individual accomplishments members described them as being “transportation champions”.

TAMC Seeks Applicants for the Bike Secure Program

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorized the call to seek applicants for the 2019 Bike Secure Program. The Agency will accept applications from businesses, local jurisdictions, school districts, and other public agencies in Monterey County who wish to acquire bicycle parking racks, skateboard racks and repair stations to serve their employees, patrons and students.

Applications are due on February 1, recommendations will be submitted to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee on March 6, and those recommendations will be submitted to the Transportation Agency’s Board of Directors for approval on March 27, 2019. Following Board approval, the equipment will be distributed and installed in the spring of 2018.

The Bike Secure Program is part of TAMC’s public mandate to achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system by promoting active transportation.

[Bicycle Secure Program Guidelines and Application](#)



Concept Improvements Presented to TAMC Board

Draft conceptual improvements for the heavily-traveled Pajaro to Prunedale route of San Miguel Canyon Road - Hall Road - Salinas Road - Porter Drive, that links north Monterey County and south Santa Cruz County were presented to the Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. The concepts include a mix of traffic safety and operational improvements for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians in the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, and Prunedale. These potential improvements include adding roundabouts or traffic signals at major intersections, adding center turn lanes, filling in sidewalk gaps, adding bicycle lanes, and enhancing crosswalks.

The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on these improvement concepts from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at a community workshop this evening Thursday, December 6th at the Pajaro Middle School. Public input on the concepts can also be given through the project website, <https://pajarotoprunedalestudy.org/en/index.asp>;

The final draft Pajaro to Prunedale Corridor study is anticipated to be released in early 2019 for public review and is scheduled to be considered by the TAMC Board for acceptance in March of 2019.

Decorative Designs will be added to the Castroville Bridge

The TAMC Board of Directors approved the use of \$30,000 from the Regional Surface Transportation Program set-aside for Complete Streets for the design, fabrication and installation of decorative treatments on the Castroville Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and Railroad Crossing Bridge.

The original design of the bridge included artistic designs, but these features were eliminated from the project due to a shortfall in funding. This funding will allow artistic elements to be added back into the project through an arts education project collaboration between the Transportation Agency, the Arts Council for Monterey County, the County of Monterey, and North Monterey County High School.

The Castroville Bicycle and Pedestrian Path and Railroad Crossing project was constructed by the County of Monterey to provide students a safer route to school by connecting downtown Castroville to Elkhorn Elementary School and North Monterey County High School. The project also provides a safer link in the regional bicycling network that carries travelers from the Monterey Peninsula or Salinas to Watsonville and to Santa Cruz County.