RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & INVESTMENT PLAN
PRESENTED BY THE
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY
AND REQUESTING IT TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE BALLOT

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is a Regional Transportation Agency with the power to impose a tax, consistent with conditions and requirements of State law; and

WHEREAS, the TAMC Board of Directors is comprised of elected or appointed officials from the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City, Seaside, Soledad and the County of Monterey;

WHEREAS, there is an unfunded need for regional transportation improvements over the next thirty years;

WHEREAS, a three eight of one percent (3/8%) sales tax would help fill this unfunded need, leverage additional state and federal funding, provide additional flexibility in times of state and federal funding shortfalls, and provide local control over our ability to meet our transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the TAMC Board of Directors is proposing to place before the voters a three eight of one percent (3/8%) sales tax for 30 years to fund projects and programs by adoption of a transportation expenditure plan entitled “Transportation Safety & Investment Plan” and

WHEREAS, a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population, and the County, must approve the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan before the TAMC Board of Directors can request that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey place the proposal on a future ballot for the voters of Monterey County to consider; and

WHEREAS, payment of election costs will be reimbursed from tax revenues should the measure pass, or shared proportionately between TAMC and each incorporated city and the County of Monterey based on the 60/40% local/regional formula and 50/50% population/lane mile formula to calculate distribution of the local share should the measure not be approved; and

WHEREAS, as the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan tax is only a funding mechanism and does not identify any specific project, projects using this funding will be thoroughly studied for environmental impacts and the identified environmental mitigations will be included in the project; approval of this Resolution does not constitute approval of a “project” under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, in order to assure the public of the City’s intent to use its share of investment tax revenues for local road maintenance, pothole repairs and safety projects, a list of examples of anticipated use by the City has been prepared and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove hereby finds as follows:

a. The City finds that the act of approving the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan itself will have no impact on the environment but that the future discretionary implementation of the transportation projects identified in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan by the applicable lead agencies for these transportation projects could potentially lead to one or more significant environmental effects and that the lead agencies for such projects will have responsibility to impose such mitigation measures or make such changes or alterations as are within their responsibility and jurisdiction to mitigate identified impacts on the environment to the extent feasible;

b. The City finds that the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan provides economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits -- including increased safety, congestion reduction, and meets identified community priorities; and

c. The City has identified examples of local road maintenance, pothole repairs and safety priority projects that would benefit from the City’s share of the anticipated revenues to be generated by the proposed sales tax; and

d. The City supports placing the tax contemplated by Transportation Safety and Investment Plan on a future ballot for consideration by the voters of Monterey County.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove hereby:

1. Approves the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan as the expenditure plan for Transportation Sales Taxes in Monterey County (Exhibit A);

2. Commits to funding a proportional share of election cost should the tax measure not be approved.

3. Requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey approve the placement of the Transportation Safety and Investment Tax on the ballot for consideration by the voters.

4. Adopts the list of example Local Road Maintenance; Pothole Repairs and Safety Priority Projects for the City of Pacific Grove identified in Exhibit B for inclusion into the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan being developed by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 20th, day of April, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Kampe, Councilmembers Cuneo, Huit, Lucius, Miller, and Peake.

NOES: Councilmember Fischer.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

Bill Kampe
BILL KAMPE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Kandell
SANDRA KANDELL, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David C. Laredo
DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney