



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

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HIGHLIGHTS

March 22, 2023

Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and Participatory Budgeting Presentation

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors received a presentation on the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan and the participatory budgeting process. The Plan was funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (\$664,127) and Measure X Safe Routes to School funds (\$126,501).

The Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan, developed by the Transportation Agency, Monterey County Health Department, Ecology Action, and the cities, will identify barriers to safe access to all K-12 public schools in South County cities and recommend infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements. An important component of the Plan is a participatory budgeting process that is designed to fast-track funding and implementation of safe routes to school projects that are meaningful to community members.

The first participatory budgeting planning process was in the City of Greenfield. The Greenfield Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, made up of residents, students, and community advocates, developed a list of projects for the community to vote on. The ballot included 21 street safety projects, three projects for each public school in the city. After reviewing the election results, the Greenfield Safe Routes to School Steering Committee recommended four projects for near-term implementation that include filling sidewalk gaps, crosswalks, curb ramps, high visibility signage, and flashing stop signs, to the Greenfield City Council, which voted to approve funding the recommended projects during their March 14, 2023, council meeting. The Participatory Budgeting process in the cities of Gonzales, Soledad, and King City will occur this year.

Greenfield PB Election Results

Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Resiliency Project

After receiving a presentation on the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Resiliency Project, TAMC's Board of Directors authorized the Transportation Agency's Executive Director to pursue member designated funding for planning and environmental studies for the project.

The Highway 1 corridor through Elkhorn Slough presents significant challenges to the future of transportation in the Monterey Bay region under conditions of climate change and sea level rise. Submitting the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Resiliency Project as a candidate for state funding for planning activities will help prepare the project for future local, state, and federal grant opportunities.

The Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study, adopted by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) in 2020, concluded that as early as 2030, an eight-mile section of Highway 1 and five miles of railway in Elkhorn Slough, home to extraordinary biological diversity, could experience regular storm and tidal flooding.

[Central Coast Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study](#)

[Elkhorn Slough sea level rise - virtual reality video](#)

2023 Programming Guidelines and Competitive Grants

The TAMC Board of Directors approved the 2023 programming guidelines and competitive grants funds for the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). The RSTP, now known as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, is a federal program that provides states and local jurisdictions with funding for highway improvements, street rehabilitation, and transportation enhancements. The Transportation Agency receives an annual apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program funding passed through the State.

Because Monterey County did not have an urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000 in the 1990 census, it qualified for the state exchange program, whereby Caltrans keeps the federal apportionments for a region and gives the regional agency an equivalent amount of state funds.

The Transportation Agency distributes Regional Surface Transportation Program funding in both fair-share, set aside, and competitive programs. Monterey County and the cities receive fair-share Regional Surface Transportation Program funds based on a formula of 50% population and 50% centerline miles. The total fair share allocation over the next three years is \$3.6 million. Ten percent (\$1.8 million) is set aside as an RSTP reserve to provide flexibility to meet needs as they arise over the three-year period of this funding cycle.

[2023 RSTP Guidelines & Grant Application](#)



**MST HIGHLIGHTS
Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2023**

APPROVED REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Board approved Resolution 2023-31 for the March 13, 2023 board meeting to be held remotely (via Zoom teleconference) due to the State of Emergency in Monterey from severe flooding.

RECOGNIZED MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2023- 28 recognizing Marzette Henderson, Transportation Manager as the March 2023 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

The MST Board recognized Tiziano Minelli, Operations Superintendent for 35 years of service and his outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and the entire community.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES AT MST FACILITIES

The MST Board voted to not adopt rules of conduct for attending meetings of legislative bodies at MST facilities.

APPROVED REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The MST Board approved Resolution 2023-29 authorizing remote meeting participation for members of the public at all MST legislative bodies.

APPROVED CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS FOR SURF! BUSWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

The MST Board held a public meeting to review and consider comments and responses on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project ("Project") California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemptions under Senate Bill 922 [2022] (Public Resources Code Section 21080.25) ("CEQA Exemptions"), adopted Resolution 2023-30 approving CEQA Exemptions for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, adopted project conditions, and directed staff to file a notice of exemption.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled on April 10, 2023.

Monterey County Veterans Issues Advisory Committee ((VIAC))

Report to the Del Rey Oaks City Council

Date of Meeting: February 23, 2023

The following is an overview of issues reported to, and considered at, the February meeting:

Veterans Transition Center (VTC)

- Erica Parker introduced herself as the new Director of Strategic Initiatives at the VTC.
Within her scope of work will be grants, donors, outreach and social media.
- The VTC continues to move forward with Lightfighter Village and the Extended Use Lease Agreement. Note: Lightfighter Village will provide housing for 70 Veterans and their families. It is zoned for low and extremely low-income veterans. The Extended Use Lease Project is approved for 60 units.

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC)

- **The cemetery has hired a new office technician**

Cemetery Foundation

- Plans for the Donor Wall at the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery are moving ahead. The Wall will be located directly south of the Flag Circle. The foundation has hired Westin (the company that cleared the land of unexploded ordinance (UXO)). The foundation is required to develop a construction support plan and process in place in the event UXO is found. The plan has been circulated to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Defense Department, the Army, the City of Seaside, and to Cal Vet.
Please note: The wall has been extended by 10 feet due to the large number of names the public has submitted for inclusion.

Fort Ord Retiree Council

- Louise Goetzelt is working on the Department of the Army National Retiree Council. The annual meeting is the week of April 23rd at the Pentagon. Her position with the National Council greatly benefits our local military community with a voice at the national level. The issues the council addresses are based on issues submitted from around the nation, and is an important conduit for retirees to the Department of Defense at his highest levels.
- Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for July 15th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Stillwell Community Center. More information to follow

As always,. Thank you to all the military veterans, their spouses and their dependents living in Del Rey Oaks. You make us a better community! If any of you have questions about possible benefits, please don't hesitate to contact me through City Hall, or email me at rlj.dro@gmail.com.

Best regards –

-Rick Johnson



County of Monterey
Military & Veterans Affairs Office



MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

February 2023

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Outreach Events

94

New Contacts



751

Phone Calls

347

Vet Rep Appointments

503 Claims Actions

253 Unique Veterans

188 Compensation Awards



8 College Fee

**Waivers valued
at nearly**

\$35,000

New Disability Compensation Awards



THE 2022

**PACT
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\$509,978

Retroactive Payments

\$90,538

Recurring Monthly Payments



Customer Satisfaction Survey

80% Very Satisfied!

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Dear Sergeant Sugman,
I would like to
thank you for taking
the time to stay with
me after my fall at
Safeway.

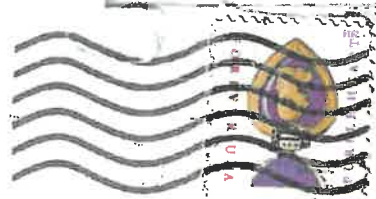
I realize now that
I was a bit in shock,
and needed someone to
watch over me.

You were very kind
and thoughtful in your
actions. I appreciate your
kindness. Regina Lauterbach

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Chris -
A THOUSAND THANKS
FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
MUNITIONS SAFETY!
HERE ARE SAFETY
STICKERS AS A
THANK YOU,
Melissa

This card was received from Melissa Broadston for participation in online course "Military Munitions Recognition and Safety Training".

Melissa Broadston
City of Seaside
Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement Program