



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

HIGHLIGHTS

August 26, 2026

TAMC Board Receives Update on the Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors received an update on the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project, including performance of the Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (ATSC) pilot project and a report on traffic operations and a benefit-cost analysis for the Phase I project, proposed roundabouts on SR 68 at San Benancio Road, Corral de Tierra Road, and Laureles Grade. The goal of the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project is to improve safety and traffic flow between Monterey and Salinas while preserving the corridor's environmentally sensitive setting.

Caltrans completed an evaluation of the Phase I roundabout project using updated traffic data and conditions reflecting the implementation of adaptive signal operations as the baseline. The analysis confirms that the Phase I roundabout project is expected to improve safety and traffic operations along the corridor. Based on this evaluation, the Phase 1 improvements are projected to reduce the potential for serious injury and fatal collisions by simplifying intersection movements and lowering travel speeds.

Following the nearly two-hour presentation and discussion period, the TAMC Board of Directors authorized staff to work with Caltrans to submit a Senate Bill 1 grant application to the California Transportation Commission for the construction of the Scenic State Route 68 Corridor Improvement Project Phase 1. Combined, the design, right-of-way, and construction phases of the Phase I Scenic Route 68 Project are projected at \$102 million. With the leveraging of \$22 million in Measure X funds, applying for the SB 1 grant would provide \$64 million in SB 1 funds for the project, with the remaining \$16 million provided through other funding sources.

TAMC Awards \$15.4 Million for 2028 Competitive Grants Program of Projects

The TAMC Board of Directors awarded \$15.4 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) 2% funds to the 2026 Competitive Grants Program of Projects. The funding includes \$2.4 million for Quick-Build and Pilot Projects and \$13 million for Competitive Projects.

In establishing the RSTP Competitive Grants program, the Transportation Agency seeks to fund projects that advance the goals of the Transportation Agency. Agency goals include delivering projects of regional significance that improve safety, provide maintenance for existing facilities, or support the development of a multimodal transportation network utilizing the principles of Complete Streets. The Agency considers fair geographic balance and cost-effectiveness of the proposed projects when awarding grant funds.

The following six applications were awarded funding through the Competitive Grant Program for a total of \$13 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program grant funding:

- City of Monterey - The North Fremont Gap Closure Project - \$2,862,000
- City of Gonzales - Gonzales Citywide Multimodal Improvement Project - \$3,219,773
- City of Seaside - Coe Avenue and General Jim Moore Boulevard and Seaside Middle School Intersection Improvements - \$2,231,000
- County of Monterey - Prunedale Roundabout Project - \$2,868,546
- City of Pacific Grove - Walkway, Sunset Drive - \$200,000
- Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) - MST High-Capacity Bus Replacement Project - \$1,634,103

The following four applications were awarded funding through the quick-build program for a total amount of \$2.4 million:

- City of Gonzales - Gonzales Quick-Build Project - \$187,000
- County of Monterey - San Juan Road Improvement Project - \$870,000
- City of Soledad - Citywide Ped and Signal Upgrade Project - \$965,000
- County of Monterey - Moss Landing Road Pedestrian Path - \$386,532



MST HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Directors Meeting

September 14, 2026

RECOGNIZED AUGUST MST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2027-05 recognizing Jose Morelos, Coach Operator as Employee of the Month for August 2026 and for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

RECOGNIZED SEPTEMBER MST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2027-06 recognizing Josefino Ramos, Utility Service Person as Employee of the Month for September 2026 and for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

The MST Board recognized Augustin Rueles, Mechanic A for 30 years of service and for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

APPRECIATION FOR AMERICORPS CIVICSPARK FELLOW

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2027-07 in appreciation for Max Musto, AmeriCorps CivicSpark Fellow for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

MASTER GRANT AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2026-08 authorizing the General Manager/CEO or their designee to execute the master agreement and program supplements for state funded transit projects with the State of California Department of Transportation.

PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to purchase a natural gas emergency back-up generator from Cummins for MST's Monterey Facility in an amount not to exceed \$907,492.

STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES CONTRACT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to enter into a three year contract with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange for State Legislative Advocacy Services, with the option to extend for one additional two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$432,000, including option years.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC NATURAL GAS SERVICES CONTRACT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to execute a contract with Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), in an amount not to exceed \$161,016 including a 5% contingency, for natural gas service improvements and special facilities at MST's Monterey facility.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF MST ORDINANCE 2026-01

The MST Board conducted a public hearing to hear public comments, held a Second Reading, and approved the adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 Entitled "An Ordinance Prohibiting Trespass and Establishing Use of Forward Facing Camaras on Monterey-Salinas Transit District Owned Public Vehicles and Property to Issue Citations and Establish Civil Penalties for Parking in Transit Only Traffic Lanes and Stops."

TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2026-09 approving the MST Title VI Program Update.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN

The MST Board approved the MST Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

BUS ADVERTISING RATES

The MST Board approved the new MST Bus Advertising rates for interior and exterior space.

SURF! PROJECT GRANITE-MYERS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to execute Amendment #1 with Graniterock-Myers for SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project construction in an amount not to exceed \$5,559,630.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2026.



891st REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

926 East Blanco Road
Salinas, CA. 93901

August 11th, 2026

~AGENDA~

12:00 P.M. Noon

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:**

2. **AGENDA MANAGEMENT:**

3. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF OUORUM:**

4. **PUBLIC INPUT: (Limited to 3 minutes)**

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5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

B. **PAYROLL WARRANTS: June 2026 \$83,155.54/ July 2026 \$273,256.02**

C. **COMMERICAL WARRANTS: June 2026 \$231,250.35/ July 2026 \$100,579.63**

D. **UMPQUA BANK: June 2026 \$6,259.23 , July 2026 \$4,170.84**

E. **BALANCE SHEET: June 2026, July 2026**

F. **SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: June 2026, July 2026**

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. **Approval of Bi-annual conflict of interest agreement with the County of Monterey**

Recommended Action: No amendments required, recommend approval

B. **Consideration and approval of FY 24-25 Audit presented by BKP**

Recommended Action: Clean the FY 24-25 Audit

C. **Consideration and approval of Resolution 2627-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT APPOINTING THE DISTRICT MANAGER AS THE DISTRICT TREASURER NAMING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTIVES**

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2627-01 reestablish authorized signers for bank merger

7. **MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Ken Klemme, District Manger
8. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Adjournment to September 8th, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 888th REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT June 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District was held on June 9th, 2026, at the District Office in Salinas, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Ian Oglesby, City of Seaside
- Don Cranford, Vice Chair, County of Monterey
- Jenny McAdams, Secretary, City of Marina
- Mary Ann Carbone, City of Sand City
- Ray Coopersmith, County of Monterey
- Louise Goetzelt, City of Del Rey Oaks
- Jim Tashiro, City of Salinas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Cecilio, Chair, County at Large
Jeff Glass, City of Monterey

STAFF PRESENT:

- Ken Klemme, District Manager
 - Kelli Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant
 - Susan Barnes, SCI Consulting Group
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1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice Chair Don Cranford called the 888th Regular Meeting to order at 12:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA MANAGEMENT

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. ROLL CALL

Administrative Assistant Kelli Gutierrez called roll; a quorum was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes: June 2026**
- B. Payroll Warrants: June 2026 \$**
- C. Commercial Warrants: June 2026**
- D. Umpqua Bank Statement: June 2026 \$**
- E. Balance Sheet: June 2026**
- F. Schedule of Expenditures: June 2026**

Action: Trustee Carbone moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Trustee Goetzelt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 2627-03 – Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Continuation of the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for the Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment – Kenneth R. Klemme, General Manager/Biologist and SCI Consulting Group

President Cranford opened the public hearing and invited public comment regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment. There being no members of the public present wishing to comment, the public hearing remained open while the Engineer's Report was presented.

Susan Barnes of SCI Consulting Group reviewed the Engineer's Report, describing the annual assessment process, the assessment methodology, and the proposed continuation of the assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-27. She responded to questions from the Board regarding the report and confirmed the recommended assessment.

With no further discussion or public comment, Vice Chair Cranford closed the public hearing.

Trustee Carbone moved to approve Resolution 2627-03, Trustee Oglesby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 202627-01 Declaring Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026–27, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer’s Report, and Providing Notice of Public Hearing for the Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment.

Trustee Cranford moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-07-01 declaring the Board’s intention to continue the Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment for Fiscal Year 2026–27, preliminarily approving the Engineer’s Report, and setting the time and place for the required public hearing, Trustee Goetzelt seconded. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of Irrigation System Repairs and Controller Replacement at District Headquarters by Cagwin & Dorward in the Amount of \$2,775.00

The Board considered a proposal from Cagwin & Dorward for irrigation system repairs and replacement of the irrigation controller at District Headquarters in the amount of \$2,775.00. Board members discussed the importance of maintaining the District's irrigation system to protect the landscaping and avoid more costly repairs in the future. Trustee Tashiro commented that routine maintenance is an important investment and helps prevent larger repair expenses over time.

Trustee McAdams moved to approve the irrigation repair, Trustee Goetzelt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Consider Approval of McGilloway Ray Brown and Kaufman’s presentation of Financial Statements for Q1 and Q2.

Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve the Financial Statements, Trustee Oglesby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

District Manager Klemme provided updates on field operations. He also mentioned that he gave a tour of the District to Senator Lairds office staff, Klemme is also working on resolving the District’s mapping program.

8. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:27 PM.

Jeff Cecilio, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Jenny McAdams, Secretary



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- D. **UMPQUA BANK: August 2026 \$5416.56**
- E. **BALANCE SHEET: August 2026**
- F. **SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: August 2026**

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion and Direction for the recently reviewed Policy Book
Recommended Action: Send policy book out to review to our Attorney
- B. Consideration and approval of Monterey Bay Systems (MBS) contract for printer upgrade
Recommended Action: Accept the contract based on a better printer with a yearly savings of \$1,056.00

7. **MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Ken Klemme, District Manger

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Action: Trustee Carbone moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Trustee Goetzelt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefly reviewed the June financial report. After applying the \$40,000 contingency amount, expenditures exceeded the adjusted amount by \$32,895.77. The District nevertheless concluded the fiscal year with an estimated favorable balance of \$410,333.98.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Approval and discussion with the Bi-Annual Conflict of interest with the County of Monterey

Staff reported that the District is required to review its conflict-of-interest code every two years and submit its determination to the County of Monterey. No amendments were recommended.

Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve Bi-annual Conflict of interest statement, Trustee McAdams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Fiscal Year 2024–25 Audit Presentation

Jarrold Penner of Bianchi, Kasavan & Pope presented the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

The auditor reported:

- The District received a clean, unmodified audit opinion, the highest level of assurance provided by an independent auditor.
- The financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects.
- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls were identified.
- No fraud came to the auditors' attention.
- Only one audit adjustment was required, consisting of a reclassification that was not material to the financial statements.
- No management letter or recommendations for improvements to internal controls were issued.
- There were no disagreements with management regarding accounting transactions or their treatment.

The auditor acknowledged delays in completing the audit. The delays resulted from the timing of requested information and staffing changes within the audit firm. These issues did not affect the audit opinion. The auditors, District staff, and contract accounting staff will establish a clearer timeline for the fiscal year 2025–26 audit, with the goal of returning to a February or March presentation schedule.

The auditor reviewed financial trends, including increasing capital assets, cash and investments, declining construction-loan balances, actuarially determined pension and OPEB liabilities, increasing property-tax and assessment revenue, and generally stable salary and benefit expenses.

The District's actual financial results were approximately \$520,000 more favorable than budgeted. Contributing factors included approximately \$62,000 in salary and payroll-tax savings, approximately \$94,000 in tax revenue above projections, \$75,000 in unused agricultural-services funding, and approximately \$87,000 in additional investment earnings.

Trustees questioned the significant year-to-year change in deferred pension and OPEB inflows and outflows. The auditor explained that these amounts are actuarially determined and can vary because of investment performance, economic assumptions, projected earnings, contribution timing, and proportional allocations. The auditor agreed to verify the figures with audit staff and provide additional information to the District.

Trustees also identified typographical, grammatical, numerical-display, and chart errors in portions of the draft report. Corrected pages were provided for replacement in the Board packet. The auditor confirmed that the underlying financial figures and audit findings were correct and that the remaining corrections would not materially change the financial statements.

The Board approved the fiscal year 2024–25 audited financial statements, subject to correction of grammatical, typographical, and/or presentation errors.

Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve the 2024-2025 FY audit pending correction of errors, Trustee Tashiro seconded. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 2627-01 — Comerica/Fifth Third Bank Authorization

Staff explained that Comerica Bank is merging with Fifth Third Bank and that the District must reestablish its authorized account representatives. The resolution authorizes Ken Klemme and Kelli Gutierrez to conduct investment-account transfer transactions on behalf of the District at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Oglesby moved to approve the Resolution 2627-01, Trustee McAdams seconded. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2627-01 by unanimous roll-call vote.

7. MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The General Manager reported that:

- The fiscal year 2026–27 Mosquito and Disease Control Assessment information had been submitted to the Monterey County Assessor’s Office.
- Work continued on updating the District’s policy manual. The personnel policies had been reviewed, and approximately half of the overall manual was complete. A Zoom meeting with the committee would be scheduled to review the proposed revisions.
- Staff continued working through the Comerica/Fifth Third Bank transition.
- The District’s MapVision mapping system had been discontinued after its ownership changed and the new owner determined that continued operation was not profitable. Staff was working with the involved vendors, other affected districts, and a replacement provider to recover the District’s historical data and establish a new mapping system.
- District drone personnel provided treatment assistance in the Watsonville/Santa Cruz County area under a mutual-aid arrangement. The District did not charge for the drone work because its FAA authorization does not permit commercial flight services.
- The District completed its transition to its new .gov website and email addresses. Trustees were advised to check their spam folders and confirm that they were receiving District messages.
- Staff confirmed with the California Air Resources Board that the District does not currently operate vehicles meeting the 14,000-pound reporting threshold.
- District staff identified a tick brought in following a physician referral. The specimen was identified as a dog tick rather than a western blacklegged tick associated with Lyme disease.

- The District continued receiving commercial public-records requests seeking vendor and purchasing information. Staff explained that the District must provide nonexempt public records regardless of the requester's identity or purpose while protecting confidential and personal information. The Board discussed tracking staff time and costs associated with unusually burdensome requests.

8. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional trustee comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:43 p.m.

Don Cranford, Vice Board Chair

ATTEST:

Jenny McAdams, Secretary