



Memorandum

To: Monterey County Board of Supervisors
From: Ariana Green, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: June 24, 2014
Subject: **Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE an update on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan; and
SUPPORT the recommended multimodal corridor alignment.

SUMMARY:

The multimodal corridor conceptual plan will preserve a multimodal corridor that will connect Marina to Salinas. This project will focus on accommodating bus rapid transit (BRT) and will also consider the transportation modes of walking, bicycling and driving. Transportation Agency staff will present the recommended multimodal corridor alignment which was developed with input from partner agencies and members of the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budgeted funding for the entire scope of work is \$232,798. A Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant is contributing \$200,000 and with the remaining \$32,798 from local funds.

DISCUSSION:

This project will plan for a transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor connecting the Marina area of former Fort Ord to Salinas. The first part of the planning process is focused on determining a preferred corridor route based on an analysis of opportunities and constraints and input from stakeholders and the greater community. TAMC formed and met with a partner agency group made up of representatives from each jurisdiction to ensure the Multimodal Corridor is consistent with existing and future planning efforts. TAMC also gave presentations to interest groups and partner agency committees, boards and councils. In February 2014, TAMC held two community workshops, one in Marina and one in Salinas to identify opportunities and constraints and a preferred alignment for the corridor.

Recommended Corridor Alignment (See Attachment)


Through the public engagement with partner agencies, interest groups and members of the community, the Transportation Agency has formed a recommendation for a preferred corridor alignment.

The recommended corridor alignment begins at the proposed Monterey Branch Line Light Rail station at 8th Street, providing access to future transit and bicycle connections to Peninsula cities, and continues along 8th Street to 9th Street. From 9th Street the corridor continues up 2nd Avenue through the Dunes development area to Imjin Parkway. The corridor stays along Imjin Parkway to Reservation Road and down Reservation Road to East Garrison Drive. This route provides direct access to regional shopping and entertainment, academic institutions, health care, resources for veterans, and housing. To better serve the East Garrison development and avoid the costly curve on Reservation Road Transportation Agency staff is working with County Staff and Urban Community Partners to route the corridor down East Garrison Drive from Reservation Road. From East Garrison Drive the corridor would head east on Sherman Boulevard, down Sloat Street to Watkins Gate Road and back out to Reservation Road via Watkins Gate Road. From the East Garrison Development the corridor continues on Reservation Road to Davis Road. The County plans to widen Davis Road and construct a new Davis Road Bridge, and is currently in the preliminary design/environmental phase. Transportation Agency staff is working with the County to insure this facility accommodates transit and bicyclists along the roadway and at the intersections of Davis Road and Reservation Road, and at Davis Road and Blanco Road. At the intersection of Davis Road and Blanco Road, the corridor shifts East on Blanco Road and accesses Salinas and the future Intermodal Transit Center via W. Alisal Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Although Blanco Road is not recommended as part of the long-term regional multimodal corridor, it is recommended that it serve as an interim multimodal corridor until the Reservation Road/Davis Road sections are developed. Blanco Road will remain a long-term regional bicycle route. Some potential short-term improvements to Blanco Rd that could improve conditions for all modes are: center turn pockets, defined and paved access points for trucks and agricultural vehicles to reduce bicycle lane maintenance, and bus prioritization at the intersection of Davis Road and Blanco Road.

County Planning Commission and Fort Ord Subcommittee voted to support the recommended multimodal corridor alignment in April 2014. On June 3, 2014 Marina City Council supported a multimodal alignment through Marina that uses 2nd Avenue and Imjin Parkway. The City of Salinas, Monterey-Salinas Transit Board, Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and TAMC Board will vote on the recommended alignment in June 2014.

The next phase of the planning process is to identify the preferred conceptual roadway design features along the agreed upon corridor route. Some features that will be considered are bicycle facilities, sidewalks or paths, transit stops/shelters, transit prioritization at signalized intersections, dedicated bus rapid transit facilities and pedestrian and equestrian crossing enhancements.

Approved by:  Date signed: 6/17/14
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan



Recommended Alignment

