



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Memorandum

To: Monterey County Board of Supervisors
From: Ariana Green, Associate Transportation Planner
Meeting Date: May 12, 2015
Subject: Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. **RECEIVE** update on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan; and
2. **PROVIDE** input on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan.

SUMMARY

The Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan will preserve a transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor that will connect Marina and Salinas. The preferred multimodal corridor alignment and conceptual design was developed with input from partner agencies and members of the community. Transportation Agency staff seeks further input on the draft plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The budgeted funding for the entire scope of work is \$300,738. A Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant is contributing \$200,000; of the remaining amount, \$52,738 is covered by local funds and \$48,000 from federal planning funds.

DISCUSSION

This project plans for a transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor connecting the Marina area of former Fort Ord to Salinas. There are few regional travel routes between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula and they are all congested during peak hours. A corridor that plans for attractive alternatives to driving such as high-quality transit and bicycling will increase the capacity of the roadway while reducing traffic. The project also identifies a regional bicycle route that connects the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail to Salinas which supports and encourages recreational and commute trips by bicycle.

The first phase of the planning process focused on determining a preferred corridor route based on an analysis of opportunities and constraints and input from stakeholders and the greater community. The County Board of Supervisors, Transportation Agency Board, Monterey-Salinas Transit Board, Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board, City of Marina City Council, City of Salinas City

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Council, County Planning Commission and Fort Ord Subcommittee voted to support the recommended multimodal corridor alignment in April – July 2014.

The second phase of the planning process was focused on developing the preferred conceptual roadway design features along the corridor route. Conceptual roadway design features vary throughout the corridor reflecting the rural or urban context of the specific route segment being considered. While individual design features differ from segment to segment, combined they meet the Plan’s goal to preserve a complete multimodal corridor between Marina and Salinas. Proposed features include:

- Bicycle facilities – Green lanes, buffered lanes, protected/separated paths, bicycle phase/signals
- Additional road travel lanes
- Sidewalks and multiuse paths
- Transit stops/shelters
- Transit prioritization at signalized intersections
- Dedicated bus rapid transit facilities
- Pedestrian crossing enhancements.

Transportation Agency staff held a second set of community workshops in October 2014 (one in Salinas and one in Marina) and met with partner agency staff and stakeholders to solicit input on the conceptual design of the corridor. Some of the concepts being proposed are: a two-way protected bike path from the East Garrison development to Salinas, a road diet with buffered bicycle lanes along W. Alisal, transit prioritization at signalized intersections, bus-only lane along Imjin Parkway in Marina, connections to trails and trail planning efforts, and improved transit, bicycle and pedestrian access to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and Monterey Branch Line corridor.

The current step in the planning process is to receive input on the draft Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan which will be presented to partner agency boards and councils in April and May 2015. County of Monterey Planning Commissioner’s provided feedback at their April 29, 2015 meeting. Finally, staff will work with partner agencies on a memorandum of agreement memorializing the adopted multimodal corridor alignment and preferred conceptual design as well as needed planning and policy document amendments.

Approved by: 
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

04-29-15
Date signed

Regular Agenda

Counsel Approval: N/A
Finance Approval: Yes