

## MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

<b>Meeting:</b> December 11, 2013 Time: 1:30 p.m.	<b>Agenda Item No.:</b> 8
<b>Project Description:</b> Receive a report from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan and provide input to TAMC staff	
<b>Project Location:</b> Marina- Salinas Area	<b>APN:</b> N/A
<b>Planning File Number:</b> N/A	<b>Applicant:</b> N/A
<b>Planning Area:</b> N/A	<b>Flagged and staked:</b> N/A
<b>Zoning Designation:</b> : N/A	
<b>CEQA Action:</b> N/A	
<b>Department:</b> RMA	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a report from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan and provide input to TAMC staff.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is undertaking a program to develop a multimodal corridor between Marina and Salinas. The project is in the planning stage and is intended to address transit, bicycle and auto users. TAMC staff would like to present an overview of the project as well as potential alignments to obtain input from the Planning Commission. In addition, TAMC will be conducting a series of public workshops in both Salinas and in Marina starting in January. A memo provided by TAMC staff, outlining the program is included as Attachment A.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

TAMC is the lead agency on this program but is requesting active participation by the County and other agencies.



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cc: Front Counter Copy; Planning Commission; RMA-Public Works Department; Parks Department; Environmental Health Bureau; Agricultural Commissioner, Attn: Christina McGinnis; Monterey County Sheriff; Monterey; Jacqueline Onciano, Planning Services Manager; The Open Monterey Project; Land Watch

Attachments: Exhibit A Memorandum from TAMC dated December 11, 2013

This report was reviewed by Carl Holm, Deputy Director RMA



TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

## Memorandum

**To:** County Planning Commission  
**From:** Ariana Green, Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2013  
**Subject:** **Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECEIVE** a report on the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan; and  
**PROVIDE** input to Transportation Agency staff.

### **SUMMARY:**

This project will plan for a multimodal corridor that will connect Marina to Salinas. The multimodal corridor plan will focus on accommodating transit but will also consider transportation modes such as walking, bicycling and driving. Transportation Agency staff will work with partner agencies and members of the public to develop the plan.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Transportation Agency received a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant to fund planning and conceptual design work. There is no direct financial impact to the County of Monterey.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This project will plan for a transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto corridor that will connect Marina to Salinas. The plan will look at improving access to planned development and activity centers within the study area such as the Monterey Branch Line light rail station, The Dunes on Monterey Bay development, Cypress Knolls development, Marina Heights development, downtown Marina, CSUMB, Hartnell College, County Government Center, Downtown Salinas, Salinas Transit Center and Salinas train station. In August 2013 the Transportation Agency Board approved a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan.

The 1997 Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan identified a multimodal corridor that connected Marina and Salinas. The original alignment was routed along Imjin Rd/Imjin Pkwy and cut through habitat lands to access Blanco Rd. The first alignment was ultimately abandoned because of the potential negative impacts to sensitive habitat and agricultural land along Blanco Rd. In 2010 all land-governing jurisdictions along the corridor signed a Memorandum of Agreement that shifted the alignment to Inter-Garrison Rd/Reservation Rd/Davis Rd. Since the Memorandum of Agreement was signed, several stakeholders have requested that the alignment once again be evaluated. This project will focus on expanding existing roadways and will attempt to address unresolved concerns and uncover new opportunities for high quality transit and transit-oriented development.

The first part of the planning process will focus on determining a preferred corridor route that will then be adopted by partner agencies. The second part of the planning process will identify preferred conceptual roadway design features along the agreed upon corridor route. Some features that may be considered are bicycle facilities, sidewalks or paths, transit stops/shelters, transit prioritization at signalized intersections, dedicated bus rapid transit facilities and pedestrian crossing enhancements.

Because the route will traverse several jurisdictions and provide access to a mix of land uses the planning process will strive for stakeholder consensus and community collaboration. TAMC will coordinate the creation of a comprehensive transportation/land use plan for the corridor. The process will engage a diverse group of stakeholders that represent different socio-economic, jurisdictional and community interests. Staff will use visualizations to better communicate detailed corridor options to a wide range of community members and potential users. The visualizations produced will help frame the potential trade-offs between different roadway alignments and designs and help solicit the community's preferences.

A conceptual plan for the multimodal transportation corridor will be a guiding document for development and roadway designs, and serve as a tool to raise money for project implementation. Land uses along the corridor will be evaluated to identify opportunities to create transit-oriented developments and enhance the community environment. TAMC will work with County and other Partner Agency staff to ensure that the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Plan is consistent with existing local plans and policies as well as current planning and development efforts.

Transportation Agency Staff will present the project to Transportation Agency committees and all partner agency councils and boards throughout the planning process beginning in November 2013. A series of public workshops will be held in Salinas and the Marina area. The first round of workshops will be held in January 2014.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Hale, Executive Director

Attachments:

1. Marina Salinas Multimodal Corridor Planning Area Map
2. Project Schedule

# Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan



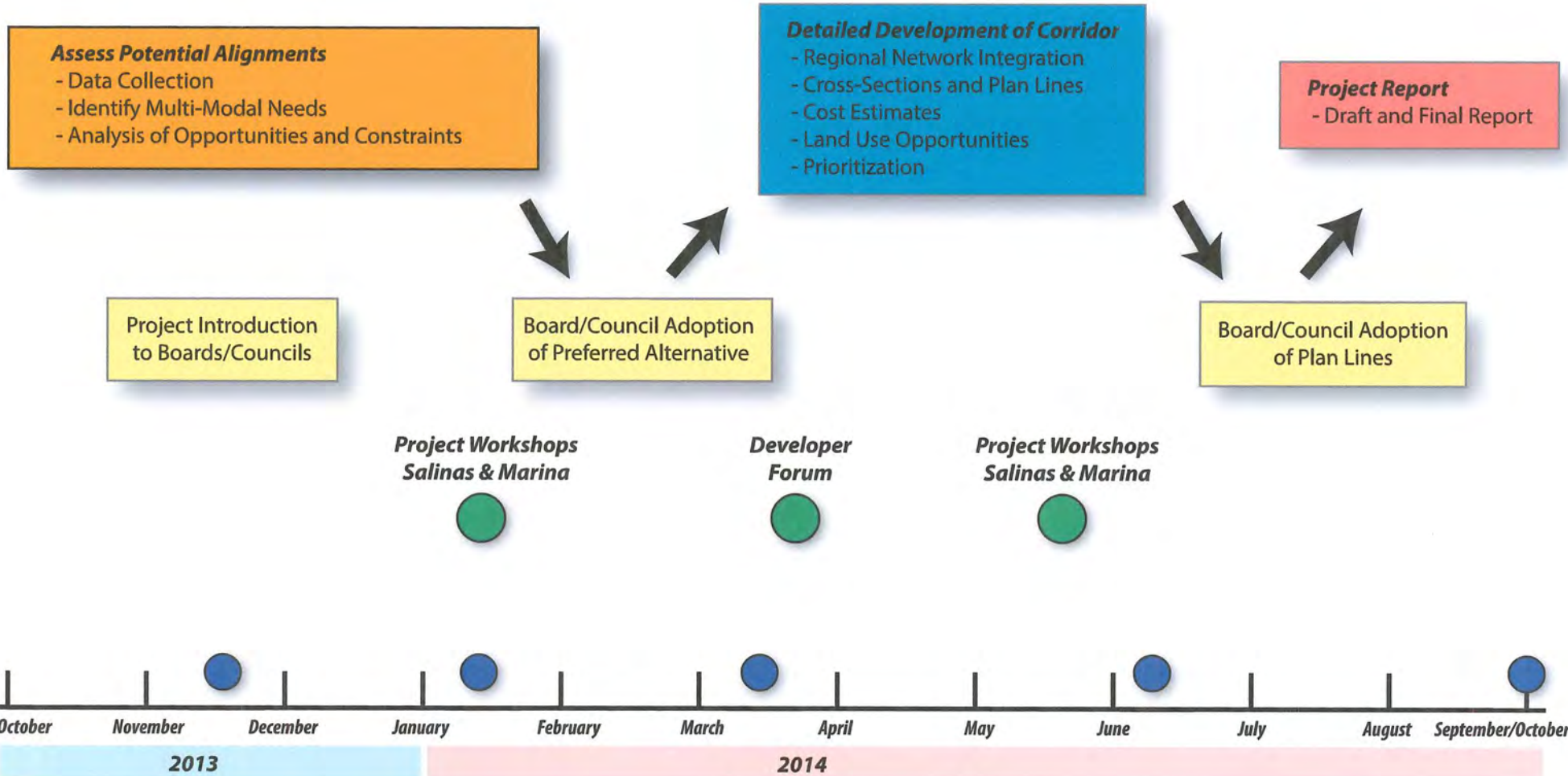
## Alignment Alternatives - Roadway Segments



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## Project Schedule



Partner Agency Meetings ●

