



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023
2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council of San Benito County Governments
Conference Room
330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7
Hollister, CA 95023

MEMBERS: Binu Abraham, Council of Governments
Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Phil Cooper, California Highway Patrol
Jill Leal, Caltrans District 5
Christine Hopper, City of Hollister Development Services
William Via, City of Hollister Public Works Community Services
Don Reynolds, City of San Juan Bautista
Steve Loupe, San Benito Co. RMA Public Works, Engineering
Abraham Prado, San Benito Co. RMA Planning and Building Services

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification of Certificate of Posting
4. **Public Comment:** *(Opportunity to address the committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 56954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*
5. Member Announcements

REGULAR AGENDA:

ACTION ITEMS:

6. **Nominate** Eligible Project to Receive Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) Funds
Totaling \$600,000 – Lezama

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7. **DISCUSS** AMBAG’s 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process – Lezama/AMBAG

CONSENT AGENDA:

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8. **APPROVE** TAC Meeting Minutes dated March 2, 2023 – Gomez

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. **RECEIVE** Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report – Caltrans/Lezama

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 4, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.

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BY: _____


Monica Gomez, Secretary II

Council of San Benito County Governments



STAFF REPORT

Action

Prepared By: Veronica Lezama,
Transportation Planning Manager
Subject: Local Partnership Program (LLP)
Funds

Agenda Item No. 6

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive
Director
Meeting Date: April 6, 2023

Recommendation:

Nominate Eligible Project to Receive Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) Funds Totaling \$600,000.

Summary:

Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) funds are made available to COG due to its Self-Help status. Self-Help agencies are those with approved sales tax measures dedicated solely to transportation improvements, such as Measure G. COG is recommending that the local jurisdictions nominate one collective eligible project to receive LPP-F funds.

Background/ Discussion:

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law in 2017. This legislative package established the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) to address deferred maintenance on the State Highway System and the local street and road system.

As a funding program under SB1, Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) funds provide support to agencies with voter approved taxes, tolls, or traffic impact fees dedicated solely to transportation improvements. COG has a voter approved transportation tax measure (Measure G) and developer traffic impact fee program – making it eligible to receive LPP-F funds.

COG can nominate a project(s) in cooperation with its member agencies. Cycle 3 of the LPP-F Program includes three years of funding, totaling \$600,000. This funding has not yet been programmed to a project by COG. COG staff is recommending that the local jurisdictions nominate one collective eligible project to receive LPP-F funds totaling \$600,000.

For a project to be eligible, it must meet the following criteria:

- Must meet the CTC LPP-F Guidelines requirement.¹ These requirements include that project(s) funded from the LPP-F program provide at least a one-to-one match with LPP-F to local funds.
- Must have a total project cost of \$1.2 million or greater.
- Must be a shovel ready project with LPP-F funds spent by June 2025.

The project would be considered for approval by the COG Board of Directors at their April 20, 2023, meeting. If the recommendation is approved, COG will submit a project nomination and allocation request to Caltrans for consideration by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at their June 2023 meeting.

Alternatives:

Not applicable.

Financial Impact:

None.

Attachments:

None.

¹ Local Partnership Program – Formulaic Guidelines <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/local-partnership-program/local-partnership-program-formulaic>



STAFF REPORT

Action

Prepared By: Veronica Lezama,
Transportation Planning Manager
Subject: AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation
Plan

Agenda Item No. 7

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive
Director
Meeting Date: April 6, 2023

Recommendation:

DISCUSS AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process.

Summary:

Staff is seeking feedback on the planned development of AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation Plan.

Background/ Discussion:

AMBAG (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments) staff will provide an overview of the development process and schedule for the 2023 Public Participation Plan.

Alternatives:

Not applicable.

Financial Impact:

None.

Attachments:

1. AMBAG 2023 Public Participation Plan Staff Memo and Timeline

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: SBTCOG Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Miranda Taylor, Planner

SUBJECT: 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will provide an overview of the 2023 Public Participation Plan (PPP) development process. Committee members are asked to provide feedback on the development of the 2023 Public Participation Plan.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The federally required *2023 Public Participation Plan* is a comprehensive document that guides regional planning agencies and local jurisdictions in the public participation process for the tri-county Monterey Bay region that either receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action.

AMBAG, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay region, prepares and adopts the Public Participation Plan at least once every four years. The prior Public Participation Plan, the *2019 Monterey Bay Area Public Participation Plan*, was adopted in October 2019 to comply with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation. The *2023 Public Participation Plan* will cover the four-year period from 2023-2026 and must comply with the current Federal Surface Transportation Act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which was enacted in 2015. The *2023 Public Participation Plan* emphasizes the transportation decision making process, including the expanded use of visualization techniques and innovative online marketing strategies in public outreach.

AMBAG is required to update the Public Participation Plan every four years. The requirements for the Public Participation Plan under the FAST Act include increased

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involvement and collaboration with members of the public, decision makers and staff from the local jurisdictions and partner agencies within the region.

Key sections of the *2023 Public Participation Plan* are listed below:

- Public Participation Plan Guiding Principles
- 2023 Public Participation Plan Timeline
- Incorporating Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) Populations into the PPP
- PPP Procedures and Development Process
- Interested Parties and Public Engagement
- Online and Visualization Outreach Strategies

An updated Public Participation Plan is the required guide for all public involvement activities conducted by AMBAG. As such, the PPP contains the procedures, strategies and techniques used by AMBAG for public involvement in all programs and projects that use federal funds.

A number of appendices will be included in the 2023 PPP. For example, Appendix G will include the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Public Involvement Program. This appendix outlines how AMBAG will engage the public and stakeholders throughout the development of the 2050 MTP/SCS.

Below are key dates for developing the *2023 Public Participation Plan*:

- **March - April 2023:** Present an overview of the 2023 Public Participation Plan development process to regional Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **February - May 2023:** Develop the Draft Public Participation Plan
- **May - July 2023:** Present the Draft 2023 Public Participation Plan to Advisory Committees/Councils, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **June 14, 2023 - August 23, 2023:** 70-Day Public Comment Period
- **August - September 2023:** Prepare the Final 2023 Public Participation Plan
- **October 11, 2023:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final 2023 Public Participation Plan

A detailed timeline is also included as Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2023 Public Participation Plan Timeline

**AMBAG 2023 Public Participation Plan Update
Final Schedule & Process**

| Date | Tasks/Objective | Due Dates |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| January/early February 2023 | Outreach to RTPAs by email and confirm point of contacts | 2/3/2023 |
| | Draft Schedule and Process Reviewed by RTPAs | 2/28/2023 |
| February/March 2023 | Publish PPP Survey | 2/28/2023 |
| March/April 2023 | Present 2023 PPP Update Process to all RTPA TAC/SSTAC meetings and AMBAG Board | |
| | <i>3/16/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SCCRTC ITAC Meeting</i> | 3/16/2023 |
| | <i>3/24/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SBtCOG SSTAC</i> | 3/24/2023 |
| | <i>3/27/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at AMBAG PDF</i> | 3/27/2023 |
| | <i>3/29/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at TAMC/MST MAC</i> | 3/29/2023 |
| | <i>4/6/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at TAMC and SBtCOG TAC Meetings</i> | 4/6/2023 |
| | <i>4/11/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at SCCRTC E&D TAC</i> | 4/11/2023 |
| | <i>4/12/23 - Present 2023 PPP Update Process at AMBAG Board Meeting</i> | 4/12/2023 |
| April/ May 2023 | Develop Administrative Draft 2023 PPP | 3/30/2023 |
| | Email Administrative Draft PPP document to RTPAs for review | 4/13/2023 |
| | Edits/Changes on Administrative Draft 2023 PPP from RTPAs due on 5/8/2023 to AMBAG | 5/8/2023 |
| | Develop Draft 2023 PPP | 5/31/2023 |
| June 2023 | Present Draft 2023 PPP to Committees/Boards, Release Public Notice (70 days) and Start Public Comment Period | Open Comment Period on: 06/14/2023 |
| | <i>5/31/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at TAMC/MST MAC</i> | Close Comment Period on: 8/23/2023 |
| | <i>6/1/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at TAMC TAC Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>6/1/23 - SCCRTC Board Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>6/13/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SCCRTC E&D TAC</i> | |
| | <i>6/14/23: AMBAG Board Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>6/15/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SCCRTC ITAC Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>6/15/23 -SBtCOG Board Meeting</i> | |
| | <i>6/23/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SBtCOG SSTAC</i> | |
| | <i>6/26/23: AMBAG PDF</i> | |
| <i>6/28/23 - TAMC Board Meeting</i> | | |
| | <i>7/6/23 - Present Draft 2023 PPP at SBtCOG TAC Meeting</i> | |
| August 2023 | Public Hearing on 2023 PPP at AMBAG's August Board Meeting | 8/9/2023 |
| | RTPAs to Also Hold Public Hearings (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan) | |
| | <i>8/1/23 - SCCRTC Public Hearing</i> | 8/1/2023 |
| | <i>8/17/23 - SBtCOG Public Hearing</i> | 8/17/2023 |
| | <i>8/23/23 TAMC Public Hearing</i> | 8/23/2023 |
| | Summarize comments and make revisions for Final 2023 PPP | 9/8/2023 |
| September/October 2023 | Adoption of PPP by SBtCOG (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan) | 9/21/2023 |
| | Adoption of PPP by TAMC (if using AMBAG PPP as their plan) | 9/27/2023 |
| | Adoption of PPP by SCCRTC (if using AMBAG as their plan) | 10/5/2023 |
| | Final 2023 PPP for adoption by AMBAG Board | 10/11/2023 |

TAC received an overview from Heather Adamson with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy draft work program and schedule and answered questions from the TAC.

There was no public comment.

10. Receive 2050 San Benito Regional Transportation Plan Schedule – Lezama

TAC received a report from COG Transportation Planning Manager, Veronica Lezama on the 2050 San Benito Regional Transportation Plan schedule.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to discuss, Jill Leal motioned to adjourn the Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 3:16 p.m. Motion seconded by Heather Adamson.

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| Motion carried: | 5/0 |
| Yes: | Abraham, Adamson, Cooper, Leal, Hopper |
| No: | None |
| Recused: | None |
| Abstention: | None |
| Absent: | Loupe, Prado, Reynolds, Via |

ADJOURN TO REGULAR TAC MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.



STAFF REPORT

Information

Prepared By: Veronica Lezama,
Transportation Planning Manager
Subject: Monthly Caltrans District 5
Construction Projects Report

Agenda Item No. 9

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Meeting Date: April 6, 2023

Recommendation:

RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report.

Summary:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will receive an update on the Caltrans active highway projects in San Benito County.

Background/ Discussion:

As an ex officio member, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provides the COG Board of Director's a summary report of all active highway and other state oversight projects in San Benito County. The enclosed Caltrans Update of Projects identifies the following projects in San Benito County.

1. Highway 25/156 Roundabout
2. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration
3. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion - San Felipe, Segment 1
4. Highway 156 Improvement Project
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization
7. Hollister Clean CA
8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project

Alternatives:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

Financial Impact:

Please see attached project updates report.

Attachment:

1. Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report and Map



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

| Project | Location/Post Mile (PM) | Description | Construction Timeline | Construction Cost | Funding Source | Project Manager | Contractor | Comments |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Highway 25/156 Roundabout (1J480_) | Intersection of SR 25/156, north of Hollister (PM 54.048) | Construct Roundabout | June 2022 - Fall 2023 | \$10.7 million | SHOPP | Terry Thompson (Acting PM) | Graniterock Construction | Work has begun for stage 1. Adjustments to the signal have been made to try and help with the traffic queue. |
| 2. Highway 156 Improvement Project (34490) | In and near San Juan Bautista, from The Alameda to slightly east of Fourth Street (PM 3.0/R8.2) | Construct four-lane expressway | August 2022 - Spring/ Summer 2025 | \$75.9 million | STIP/Local | Terry Thompson | Teichert Construction | Continued construction activities |

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

| Project | Location/Post Mile (PM) | Description | Construction Timeline | Construction Cost | Funding Source | Project Manager | Phase | Comments |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|--|
| 3. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration (1H810) | Near Hollister, just north of San Benito Lateral (PM 18.8/19.1) | Curve restoration | Winter 2023 | \$4.3 million | SHOPP | Terry Thompson | PS&E/RW | Project Awarded to Teichert Construction on 1/6/23 |
| 4. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion - San Felipe, Segment 1 (48541) | San Felipe Road to 0.3 miles north of Hudner Lane (0.8 mi west of SR 25 to 0.5 miles east of SR 25) | Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway | N/A | N/A | Local | Terry Thompson | PA&ED | Continuing environmental studies. |



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 16, 2023, COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

| Project | Location/Post Mile (PM) | Description | Construction Timeline | Construction Cost | Funding Source | Project Manager | Phase | Comments |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|--|
| 5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension (1N910) | In San Benito County 3.0 miles West of San Juan Bautista at SR-156 and U.S. Route 101 | Extend westbound connector an additional 1800 feet and construct a ramp meter | TBD | TBD | Minor A | Terry Thompson | PA&ED | No updates at this time. |
| 6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization (1P300) | In San Juan Bautista at the intersection of SR 156 and The Alameda (PM 2.9/3.1) | Installation of eastbound right-turn channelization from SR 156 onto the Alameda | Spring 2024 | TBD | Oversight/ Local | Paul Valadao | PA&ED | The City approved change in ownership of the developer. Caltrans held a project kick-start meeting on Nov. 1 with the City's team to discuss the Right of Way challenges and how it may affect project delivery. Caltrans anticipates a subsequent submittal of the design package in the near future. |
| 7. Hollister Clean CA (1P531) | On Route 25 in San Benito County from Sunset Dr. to Santa Ana Rd. (PM 49.9/51.2) | Install beautification, transportation art, and safety measure enhancement project in Caltrans R/W. | Winter 2023 | \$1.2 million | Clean CA | Terry Thompson | PS&E | Awarded to Bortolussi & Watkin, Inc. on 3/2/23 |



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (*CONTINUED*)

| Project | Location/Post Mile (PM) | Description | Construction Timeline | Construction Cost | Funding Source | Project Manager | Phase | Comments |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project (1Q260) | In San Benito County in the Aromas Hills (PM 0.0/2.8) | Identify wildlife crossing opportunities to connect important habitat on both sides of US 101 and improve safety for drivers and wildlife | TBD | TBD | State Funded | Terry Thompson (Acting PM) | PID | PID phase is in process. |

Project numbers correspond to Attachment A: San Benito County Caltrans Project Location Map

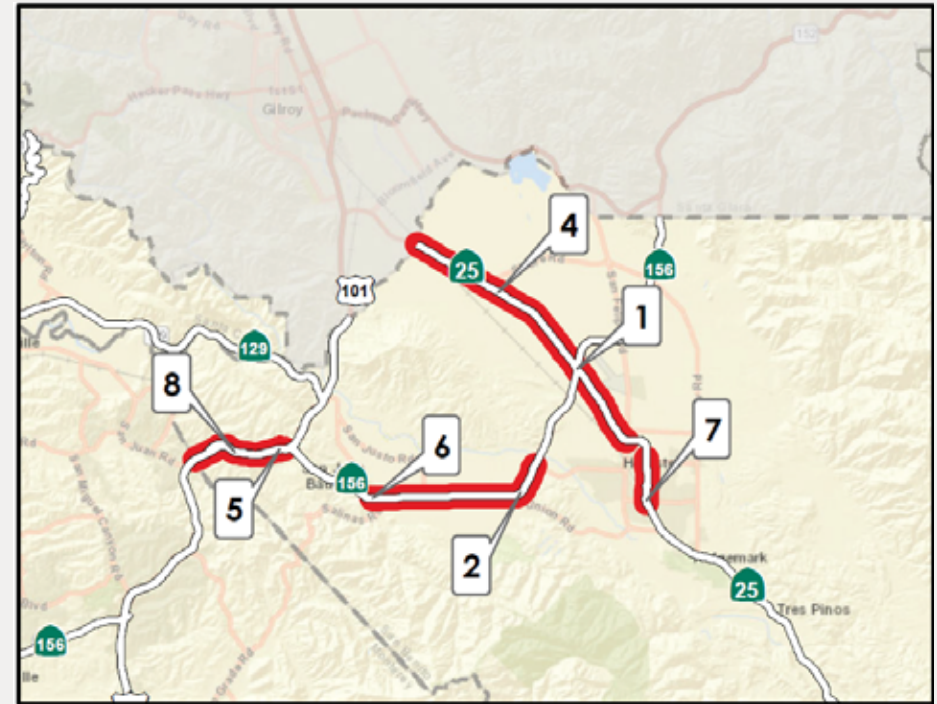
ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

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| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act |
| CMAQ | Congestion Mitigation Air Quality |
| CMIA | Corridor Mobility Improvement Account |
| CTC | California Transportation Commission |
| ED | Environmental Document |
| EIR | Environmental Impact Report |
| PA&ED | Project Approval and Environmental Document |
| PM | Post Mile |
| PS&E | Plans, Specifications, and Estimates |
| RTL | Ready to List |
| RW | Right of Way |
| SB1 | Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 |
| SCL | Santa Clara County Line |

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| SHOPP | State Highway Operation and Protection Program |
| SR | State Route |
| STIP | State Transportation Improvement Program |
| TBD | To Be Determined |
| TMS | Traffic Management System |

CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REPORT

1. SR 156 / SR 25 Turbo Roundabout Project
2. Highway 156 Improvement Project
3. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration
4. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization
7. Hollister Clean CA
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