



**MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE Q OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA AND NOTICE**

Date: April 22, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Location: 19 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA

MST Measure Q Oversight Committee Participation:

The Measure Q Oversight Committee in-person meeting will be held on April 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 19 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100.

Committee Member Christine Winge Participation:

Location: 700 Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove, 93950

Public Participation:

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Group: Measure Q Oversight Committee (MQC)

Directors:	Sid Williams (Chair)	Seaside-Marina-Monterey Urbanized Area
	Bobby Merritt (Vice Chair)	Mobility Advisory Committee
	Juan Lopez	Salinas Urbanized Area
	Kevin Dayton	Taxpayer's Association
	[Vacant]	Non-Urbanized South County Cities
	Steven Macias	Mobility Advisory Committee
	Christine Winge	County of Monterey Unincorporated

Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Lisa Rheinheimer	Assistant General Manager
	Kelly Halcon	Director of HR and Risk Management
	Norman Tuitavuki	Chief Operating Officer
	Michael Kohlman	Chief Information Officer
	Michelle Overmeyer	Director of Planning and Innovation
	Andrea Williams	Finance Manager

The Measure Q Oversight Committee serves as an oversight committee to review and report on the revenue and expenditure of funds from the Measure Q sales tax in accordance with its expenditure plan.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the public may address the Committee on any matter related to the jurisdiction of MST but not on the agenda. There is a time limit of not more than three minutes for each speaker. The Committee will not take action or respond immediately to any public comments presented but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, through staff, or on a subsequent agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3-1. Approve Minutes of the Measure Q Oversight Committee on August 21, 2023. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha) (Page 5)
- 3-2. Receive Measure Q Oversight Committee Member Renewals. (Lisa Rheinheimer) (Page 9)

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4-1. Review Measure Q Revenues and Expenses from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report from FY 2023 and Provide a Letter to the MST Board of Directors that Measure Q Funds Were Spent on Eligible Expenses. (Lisa Rheinheimer) (Page 11)

4-2. Receive Update on Measure Q Research, Voter Polling, and Possible Renewal. (Carl Sedoryk/Lisa Rheinheimer) (Page 21)

5. CLOSED SESSION

None

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURN

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: August 19, 2024

1:00 p.m.

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Measure Q Oversight Committee (MQC)

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Present:	Sid Williams (Chair) Bobby Merritt (Vice Chair) Kevin Dayton Steven Macias Christine Winge	Seaside-Marina-Monterey-Urbanized Mobility Advisory Committee Taxpayers Association Mobility Advisory Committee County of Monterey Unincorporated
Remote:	Juan Pablo Lopez (Non-Voting)	Salinas Urbanized Area
Absent:	None	
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk Lisa Rheinheimer Kelly Halcon Norman Tuitavuki Michael Kohlman Jeanette Alegar-Rocha Andrea Williams Beronica Carriedo Ezequiel Rebollar Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez Kevin Allshouse Scott Taylor Stephanie Duran	General Manager/CEO Assistant General Manager Director of HR & Risk Management Chief Operating Officer Chief Information Officer Deputy Secretary Finance Manager C/S & Community Outreach Supervisor IT Technician Marketing & Communications Manager Contract Services Manager IT Manager C/S Representative
Counsel:	Michael D. Laredo	De Lay & Laredo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sid Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez, Marketing & Communications Manager invited the Measure Q Oversight Committee members to the MST 50th Anniversary of Service on Friday, September 1, 2023, at the Monterey Transit Plaza.

Chair Williams asked for an email reminder with details related to the event.

Committee member Dayton asked if details would be available on social media.

Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez confirmed that an email will be sent to the Committee and details will be available on social media.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3-1. Approve Minutes of the Measure Q Oversight Committee on April 17, 2023. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)

There were no public comments on the consent agenda.

On a motion by Committee member Winge, seconded by Committee member Macias and carried by the following vote, the Committee approved the minutes of April 17, 2023.

AYES:	5	Williams, Merritt, Dayton, Macias, and Winge
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Lopez
ABSTAIN:	0	
RECUSE:	0	

4. ACTION ITEMS

4-1. Receive Measure Q Programs Update. (Cristy Sugabo)

There were no public comments on action item 4-1.

Committee member Winge asked if the new Better Bus Network Line 96 discontinued the previous senior lines 91, 92, 93, 94, and 95. Cristy Sugabo responded that the new line 96 did not replace the senior-focused lines.

4-2. Review Measure Q FY 2024 and 2025 Budget Adopted by the MST Board of Directors. (Lisa Rheinheimer)

There were no public comments on action item 4-2.

Committee member Macias asked what represented the other Federal Funds in the amount of \$1,269,00 on Attachment 1 of the FY 2024 and FY2025 Budget. Norman Tuitavuki, Chief Operating Officer responded that this represents Non-Emergency Medical Trips (NEMT).

5. CLOSED SESSION

None

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6-1. Receive County of Monterey Announcement: Non-Urbanized South County City Vacancy on Measure Q Committee.

Committee member Dayton reminded the Committee that he serves on the TAMC Measure X Committee and that the Measure Q Committee should be aware of the overlap in funding applications among the agencies.

Chair Williams requested that the County of Monterey vacancy announcement in item 6-1 be emailed to him.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m. (Pacific).

Prepared by:



Jeanette Alegar-Rocha

Reviewed by:



Carl G. Sedoryk

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To: Board of Directors
From: Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager
Subject: Measure Q Oversight Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Measure Q Oversight Committee member renewals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Ordinance 2015-01 requires the MST Board to approve all nominations to the Measure Q Oversight Committee.

DISCUSSION:

According to Ordinance 2015-01 and MST Resolution 2015-31, membership of the Committee shall consist, at a minimum, of a representative of each of the following:

- The Salinas urbanized area, to include a representative from the City of Salinas;
- The Seaside-Marina-Monterey urbanized area, to include a representative from among the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, and Marina;
- The Non-Urbanized Areas, to include a representative from among the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad, and King City;
- The County of Monterey, to include a representative from an unincorporated area of Monterey County;
- A bona fide non-profit organization that represents the interest of taxpayers in the county; and
- The District's existing Mobility Advisory Committee, to include two members of the Mobility Advisory Committee.

Additionally, the Bylaws of the Committee call for a staggering of member terms. The Bylaws specifically state that “The MST Board of Directors shall set a term of service at three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered so that, insofar as possible, one-third of appointments shall expire each year. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.”



The MST Board re-appointed members Sid Williams and Kevin Dayton to the Measure Q Oversight Committee each with a new three-year term of office:

	REPRESENTATIVE	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION	NEW TERM
1.	Salinas Urbanized Area	Juan Pablo Lopez	3/26/2025	
2.	Seaside-Marina-Monterey Urbanized Area	Sid Williams, Chair	3/26/2024	3/26/27
3.	Non-urbanized South County Cities	Sharlene Hughes	3/26/2025	
4.	County of Monterey Unincorporated	Vacant	3/26/2025	
5.	Taxpayer's Association	Kevin Dayton	3/26/2024	3/26/27
6.	Mobility Advisory Committee	Bobby Merritt Vice Chair	3/26/2026	
7.	Mobility Advisory Committee	Steven Macias	3/26/2026	

There remains a vacancy in the category of County of Monterey, Unincorporated. Committee members with an eligible nomination in this category may forward the person's name and contact information to the Clerk to the Board for consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.

Prepared by:  Reviewed by: 
 Lisa Rheinheimer
 Assistant General Manager
 Carl G. Sedoryk
 General Manager/CEO

To: Measure Q Oversight Committee

From: Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager

Subject: Measure Q Financial Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Measure Q revenues and expenses from the FY 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and provide a letter to the MST Board of Directors that Measure Q funds were spent on eligible expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

MST prepares the required Annual Comprehensive Financial Report each year with assistance from an outside auditor. These services are provided by EideBailly LLP at a cost of \$43,000 for FY 2023 audit services. This amount is included in the adopted MST Budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Financial Report is prepared each year in association with the District's audit process, posted on the MST website, and submitted to the state of California as well as to the Government Finance Officers Association for review and evaluation. The Report is also submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

The Measure Q Oversight Committee Bylaws note that it is the responsibility of this Committee to review and report to the MST Board of Directors on the revenue and expenditure of funds from the voter-approved sales tax.

DISCUSSION:

Measure Q supports popular mobility programs and services by funding the following programs in FY 2023:

- ✓ **Tavel training** for individuals and groups to learn how to ride MST fixed-route buses.
- ✓ **Taxi vouchers** for seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans.

- ✓ **Senior and veteran shuttles** which are designed around senior and veteran transportation needs – lines 61, 91, 94, 95, and 96.
- ✓ **MST Navigators** are volunteers who provide assistance to MST in promoting transit services and mobility programs to the public.
- ✓ **Special Medical Trips** to San Jose and San Francisco for residents of Monterey County to access specialized medical care.
- ✓ **MST Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program** which provides reimbursement to individuals who rely on friends or family for transportation and who live outside of MST's service area.

In FY 2023, these services provided 219,404 trips to meet mobility needs of veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Audit Letter dated March 27, 2024
2. FY 2023 Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position by Program
3. Letter to the MST Board of Directors

Prepared by:  Reviewed by: 
 Lisa Rheinheimer
 Assistant General Manager
 Carl G. Sedoryk
 General Manager/CEO

March 27, 2024

To the Governing Board of
Monterey-Salinas Transit
Monterey, California

We have audited the financial statements of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards* and our Compliance Audit under the Uniform Guidance

As communicated in our letter dated October 23, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and to express an opinion on whether MST complied with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on MST's major federal program. Our audit of the financial statements and major program compliance does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of MST solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards as it relates to the audit of MST major federal program compliance, is to express an opinion on the compliance for MST's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. An audit of major program compliance includes consideration of internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, as a part of our major program compliance audit, we considered internal control over compliance for these purposes and not to provide any assurance on the effectiveness of MST's internal control over compliance.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding internal controls during our audit in our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* dated March 27, 2024. We have also provided our comments regarding compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above and internal controls over compliance during our audit in our Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with the Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance dated March 27, 2024.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks Identified

As stated in our auditor's report, professional standards require us to design our audit to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether caused by fraud or error. In designing our audit procedures, professional standards require us to evaluate the financial statements and assess the risk that a material misstatement could occur. Areas that are potentially more susceptible to misstatements, and thereby require special audit considerations, are designated as "significant risks". We have identified the following as significant risks:

- Management override of internal controls – Professional standards require auditors to address the possibility of management overriding controls. Accordingly, we identified as a significant risk that management of MST may have the ability to override controls that the organization has implemented. Management may override the organization's controls in order to modify the financial records with the intent of manipulating the financial statements to overstate MST's financial performance or with the intent of concealing fraudulent transactions.
- Revenue recognition - Professional standards require auditors to assess the possibility of revenue recognition as a significant risk. Accordingly, we identified revenue recognition as a significant risk that revenues may be misstated based on the volume of transactions and the significance of revenues to MST.
- Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, effective July 1, 2022.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by MST is included in Note 2 to the financial statements. As described in Note 2, MST changed accounting policies related to accounting for right-to-use subscription assets to adopt the

provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to the financial statements beginning July 1, 2021. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are related to MST's pension liabilities and insurance liabilities.

Management's estimates of the pension and insurance liabilities are based on actuarial valuations performed by MST's specialists. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the pension and insurance liabilities and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting MST's financial statements relate to the discount rate used in estimating the net pension liability.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit. There were no uncorrected or corrected misstatements identified as a result of our audit procedures.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. An emphasis of matter is included in the report regarding MST's adoption of GASBS Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated March 27, 2024.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with MST, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as MST's auditors.

Other Information Included in Annual Reports

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information, whether financial or nonfinancial, included in the MST's annual report, does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the other information and considered whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the governing board and management of MST and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sacramento, California

Monterey-Salinas Transit

Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position by Program
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Fixed route Bus Service	Rides	Sales Tax	Total
Revenues				
Fares	\$ 3,220,661	\$ 229,323	\$ -	\$ 3,449,984
Operating assistance				
Sales tax revenue	-	5,290,373	7,677,665	12,968,038
Federal grants	12,271,685	-	-	12,271,685
Local and state grants	30,586,070	-	-	30,586,070
Interest income	663,002	-	-	663,002
Other	256,926	-	-	256,926
Total	46,998,344	5,519,696	7,677,665	60,195,705
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits	25,918,100	181,860	409,902	26,509,862
Professional and technical services	3,519,771	29,576	3,547	3,552,894
Materials and supplies	3,900,565	637,649	182,177	4,720,391
Utilities	688,707	783	2,234	691,724
Insurance	1,608,494	-	-	1,608,494
Taxes	155,748	-	-	155,748
Purchased transportation	2,972,547	4,494,283	1,573,409	9,040,239
Sales tax state admin fees	-	168,911	258,789	427,700
Interest expense	146,292	-	9,617	155,909
Other	596,222	6,634	(114)	602,742
Inter-program transfers	(5,096,333)	-	5,096,333	-
Total	34,410,113	5,519,696	7,535,894	47,465,703
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue before Capital and Financing Items Over Expenditures	12,588,231	-	141,771	12,730,002
Income (Expense) from Capital and Related Financing				
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	52,587	-	-	52,587
Capital contributions	9,687,312	-	-	9,687,312
Depreciation and amortization	(9,626,952)	(108,933)	(130,685)	(9,866,570)
Total	112,947	(108,933)	(130,685)	(126,671)
Change in Net Position	12,701,178	(108,933)	11,086	12,603,331
Net Position, Beginning of Year, Restated	112,020,750	(981,575)	(5,234,678)	105,804,497
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 124,721,928	\$ (1,090,508)	\$ (5,223,592)	\$ 118,407,828

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April 22, 2024

Chair Anna Velazquez
MST Board of Directors
19 Upper Ragsdale Dr., Ste. 200
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Measure Q Oversight Committee Review of Measure Q Expenditures in FY 2023

Dear Chair Velazquez:

As Chair of the Measure Q Oversight Committee, I am writing to inform the MST Board of Directors that at its meeting of April 22, 2024 the Committee unanimously voted to approve this letter.

The Committee reviewed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2023 which included Measure Q-eligible expenses. Without concerns raised, the Committee found that Measure Q funds were spent on eligible expenses as intended by the voters of Monterey County and in accordance with the adopted Expenditure Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Sid Williams
Chair
Measure Q Oversight Committee

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To: Measure Q Oversight Committee

From: Lisa Rheinheimer, Assistant General Manager

Subject: Measure Q Research, Voter Polling, and Possible Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on Measure Q research, voter polling, and possible renewal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Since April 1, 2015, MST has collected \$81.3M in Measure Q county-wide sales tax funding. During the first full year of FY2016, Measure Q revenues came in at \$8.2M and in FY2023, revenues were at \$12.5M.

In late February, MST hired a consulting team to help conduct research and voter polling in an amount not to exceed \$122,500. This amount is included in MST's budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The MST Board adopted a strategic and action plan which includes conducting research and voter polling to gauge opinion about support for long-term funding for transit. Measure Q is limited to services to meet the mobility needs of veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Also, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Measure X program is limited largely to streets, roads, and highways. Only 7% is set aside for transit capital projects and programs for seniors and persons with disabilities. Monterey County lacks a voter-approved measure to support regular public transit services for all riders. Of the 58 California counties, 29 have voter support for public transportation in some form.

DISCUSSION:

Measure Q was passed by the voters in November 2014 with 72.56% in support and provides a 1/8 cent retail sales tax for MST beginning April 1, 2015. The Measure is limited to special mobility programs as stated below (emphasis added):

The Ordinance established an Expenditure Plan to ensure that Measure Q funds would be dedicated solely to services that support transportation planning, specialized equipment and operating expenses required to **meet the special mobility needs of veterans, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities**, including trips required for vital medical appointments and for veterans' job training/placement services.

Measure Q is limited to 15 years and sunsets in 2030 unless extended. With only three (3) election cycles away, the MST Board's action plan calls for conducting research and voter polling to gauge opinion about support for long-term funding for transit.

Without Measure Q assistance, MST's mobility services including popular programs would be significantly limited. MST's mobility services including the following:


- ✓ **Tavel training** for individuals and groups to learn how to ride MST fixed-route buses.
- ✓ **Taxi vouchers** for seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans.
- ✓ **Senior and veteran shuttles** which are designed around senior and veteran transportation needs – lines 61, 91, 94, 95, and 96.
- ✓ **MST Navigators** are volunteers who provide assistance to MST in promoting transit services and mobility programs to the public.
- ✓ **Special Medical Trips** to San Jose and San Francisco for residents of Monterey County to access specialized medical care.
- ✓ **MST Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program** which provides reimbursement to individuals who rely on friends or family for transportation and who live outside of MST's service area.

Since 2015, these MST mobility programs and services have reached tens of thousands of Monterey County veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities, providing over 2 million trips.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.

Prepared by: 
Lisa Rheinheimer
Assistant General Manager

Reviewed by: 
Carl G. Sedoryk
General Manager/CEO