



AGENDA

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

5:00 P.M. Closed Session

6:30 P.M. Open Session

SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION,
MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

Council Chambers
211 Hillcrest Avenue
Marina, California

VISION STATEMENT

Marina will grow and mature from a small town bedroom community to a small city which is diversified, vibrant and through positive relationships with regional agencies, self-sufficient. The City will develop in a way that insulates it from the negative impacts of urban sprawl to become a desirable residential and business community in a natural setting. **(Resolution No. 2006-112 - May 2, 2006)**

MISSION STATEMENT

The City Council will provide the leadership in protecting Marina's natural setting while developing the City in a way that provides a balance of housing, jobs and business opportunities that will result in a community characterized by a desirable quality of life, including recreation and cultural opportunities, a safe environment and an economic viability that supports a high level of municipal services and infrastructure. **(Resolution No. 2006-112 - May 2, 2006)**

1. CALL TO ORDER



2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

Lisa Berkley, Adam Urrutia, Frank O'Connell, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair, Gail Morton, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado

3. CLOSED SESSION: *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency) may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the City's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel, one case of existing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of CA Govt. Code Section 54956.9: (1) City of Marina and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency v. County of Monterey; Monterey County Board of Supervisors; County of Monterey Groundwater Sustainability Agency; California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and Director Karla Nemeth in her official capacity; Monterey County Superior Court Case No.19CV005270.
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel, anticipated litigation – initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of CA Govt. Code Section 54956.9 – three potential cases

6:30 PM - RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

4. **MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Please stand)
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Background information has been provided to the City Council, Airport Commission, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, and Redevelopment Agency on all matters listed under the Consent Agenda, and these items are considered to be routine. All items under the Consent Agenda are normally approved by one motion. Prior to such a motion being made, any member of the public or the City Council may ask a question or make a comment about an agenda item and staff will provide a response. If discussion or a lengthy explanation is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of Other Action Items.*
 - a. City Council consider directing staff to move forward with conducting a resident satisfaction survey.
 - b. City Council adopting Resolution No. 2020-, authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council supporting pursuing the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant for *Surf!* Highway 1 Busway Project paralleling Highway 1.
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/OTHER ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 2020-, receive a presentation on the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for a portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Sub-basin; provide direction to staff on any needed changes to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan; approve the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and direct staff to file the Groundwater Sustainability Plan with the Department of Water Resources for their review and determination. ***(To be Continued to January 14, 2020)***
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

CERTIFICATION

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ANITA SHARP, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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January 4, 2020

Item No: **5a**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of January 7, 2020

**CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD WITH CONDUCTING
A RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY**

REQUEST:

It is requested that the City Council:

1. Direct staff to move forward with conducting a resident satisfaction survey.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 17th City Council meeting the Council directed staff to move forward with conducting a resident satisfaction survey and continuing to work with an intern who is doing this project as part of her graduate program. (**"EXHIBIT A"**)

In approving the project, the Council directed staff to consider expanding the scope of the survey to include an online capability to increase the access to the survey; expand the number of languages to as many as possible; and asked Councilmember Berkley to look at the survey to give her professional feedback from experience in working with surveys.

ANALYSIS:

To meet the timelines needed by the intern to complete the graduate program project, there is not sufficient time to expand the scope of the survey to include the online, multiple languages, and other modifications to the survey.

The survey as proposed is modeled after the Citizen's National Survey which is conducted by thousands of cities nationwide. While the survey is short, it will provide feedback on public safety, services & quality of life living in Marina, and assist the city in decision making in the future.

The data collection method being used is simple and staff and the intern are able to do this within our current resources.

If the survey is successful, we can consider adding this to our work program and doing a more expanded version of the survey next year which could include online access, multiple languages, and more in-depth questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Frost
Finance Director
City of Marina

REVIEWED/CONCUR:

Layne Long
City Manager
City of Marina

December 17, 2019

Item No: **11c**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City CouncilCity Council Meeting
of December 17, 2019**RECOMMENDATION TO CONSIDER DIRECTING STAFF TO
CONDUCT A RESIDENT OPINION AND SATISFACTION SURVEY****REQUEST:**

It is requested that the City Council:

1. Consider directing staff to conduct a resident satisfaction survey.

BACKGROUND:

This summer, the City employed an intern in the City Manager's office. One of the projects the intern worked on was a potential resident satisfaction and opinion survey. At the time, the project did not move forward because of other priorities. However, the intern is now looking for a public policy project she could do as part of her graduate work. The Public Opinion and Satisfaction survey would qualify as one of those projects. She has asked if she could work with the City to conduct the first of such surveys. She is offering her time to assist the City in completing this project. Finance would assist this effort.

It is in the interest of Council to consider authorizing a community opinion survey. Council needs a method to obtain information from the public to better understand community needs. Many cities conduct citizen surveys and benefit from the wealth of knowledge year after year. Staff's recommendation is to use a survey that both provides:

- 1) Level of Satisfaction questions to monitor community satisfaction with City Services;
and,
- 2) Topical questions to assist the City in assessing various issues the City needs to address.

This information can be a useful tool as the Council completes and/or readdresses their priority list in the future.

A sample survey is attached to this memo.

ANALYSIS:***Instrument & Method***

The aim is to create a short, satisfaction survey, to be conducted in-person with the help of volunteers, outside of local grocery stores throughout the city. The alternatives that were also considered were:

Mail Survey: The is option is not recommended because the response rate is fairly low and busy people will tend not to answer mail surveys. This method also extends the data collection period. In contrast, an in-person request can not be ignored like a pile of mail.

Telephone Survey: This method was not recommended because the City does not have access to resident cell phones. Although the City can obtain land line phone numbers, many people no longer have land lines. Surveys by landline limit access to a population that is decreasing in size and that typically skews older in age. In contrast, a busy person might be willing to give a few responses if asked to do so in person.

Internet Survey: The challenge with this method is that the survey results may not capture those individuals who are not motivated to fill out the survey. Further, this method may limit participation. Surveys conducted online require an electronic device, internet access, and a level of comfort using technology. In contrast, the City expects a higher responses rate when directly asking an individual to answer some questions in person.

The proposed in-person survey would find locations to ask individuals to participate in a City of Marina Public Opinion survey. Potential locations are Lucky's, Grocery Outlet, and Walmart pending permission from the retailers. The potential volunteer base to administer surveys may include the Marina Police Department VIP's, CSUMB students, and/or interested community volunteers.

Ideal conditions would be to conduct surveys on a series of weekends; Saturday and Sunday, mid-morning to mid-afternoon, during January until between 200 and 300 surveys are collected. An estimated time frame for data collection would span 4-6 days (2-3 weekends), during which surveys are conducted in a four-hour window. A version of the survey should also be prepared and available in Spanish.

Surveys should be conducted in-person to ensure the survey is reaching a wide population base. Conducting the survey in person engenders confidence and a willingness to participate from the public. Further, in-person surveys possess low barriers to participate unlike other methods considered. The City may unintentionally restrict participation if surveys are administered by landline or online.

Surveys should be short enough to ensure an inclination to participate from the community. This estimate is around the 10-minute range. Looking at other models, some cities in California have hired outside firms to conduct surveys via phone. These surveys were approximately 20 to 30 minutes in length. We believe this is too long and only further skews the sample population as you tend to engage people with a large amount of free time to devote to a survey. It is also a costly method to conduct a longer survey by phone.

Content

Areas of focus would include safety, services, and topical questions. The survey would ask members of the public to rate the quality of a variety of services in Marina (see sample survey for list). It would also be of interest to get an idea of the frequency by which the public is using a variety of services, visiting specific city areas, and/or attending activities in the city.

The survey would include an overall rating of the city's effort at providing a safe community. This includes, contact with the Marina Police Department and/or Fire Department as well as general feelings of safety when in Marina.

The section entitled, "Topical Questions," is intentionally left blank for Council's input and suggestions. Council may wish to pursue questions within a specific focus, i.e., recreation, cannabis policy, housing types, etc. For example, citizen outreach is a vital area for city improvement. Given that this is the first survey of its ilk for Marina, questions on preferred modes of communication might be included. The city may also wish to ask about social media use or how to best convey city information to the public.

Potential Topic Questions might be:

The City Council is considering a number of capital projects to improve the community. Please place in rank order of what you think are most important the following:

Rank	Project
_____	A public swimming pool with aquatic play features
_____	An expanded public gym
_____	Larger Parks
_____	Other Priority: _____

A diverse number of cities have contracted with research firms to conduct surveys with similar intentions. Cities have repeatedly implored this method to assess community opinion about possible future ballot measures. By creating a standard format now, Marina will have an economical means of performing this function for itself.

In summary, the survey as designed now offers a two-pronged approach. First, it allows the City and Council to conduct the survey yearly on a number of fluctuating topics as described. Second, by keeping questions on safety and services constant, the format allows for a clear comparison of public opinion year to year. Thus, with repeated use the value of this survey increases.

Validity

Demographic questions and sample size work to ensure the validity of the survey. The suggested survey size is a minimum of 200 participants so that results can be reported at the 90% confidence level with a 6% margin of error. This means that with 200 surveys, the City is 90% confident that results of the entire population of Marina, if everyone had been surveyed, are within plus or minus 6% of the value reported by the sample population. A lower sample size diminishes the confidence that results are indicative of the population in Marina at large. On the other hand, increasing the sample population to 300 survey participants means the margin of error decreases to 5% at the 90% confidence level. Thus, the total goal indicated is a range of 200-300 surveys. Depending on collection, whether the number is at the low or high end of the range, the results provide a relatively low margin of error at the 90% confidence interval.

In the interest of keeping the survey a reasonable length, demographic questions should be focused on those that work to ensure a good sampling population and ensure the validity of the process. These would include ethnicity, gender, age group, number of children under 18, and income level.

Answers to these questions would then be cross-compared to the City demographics. Survey answers should be relatively split among categories similar to what we see in the city data. This would help to indicate if the survey responses represent a breakdown close to that of Marina. If responses over-represent one demographic, fall too heavily towards one gender, or fail to span all income levels this may be indicative of decreased validity.

**Margin of Error Based on
Confidence Level & Sample Size**

	90%	95%
100	8.20	9.80
200	5.78	6.90
300	4.71	5.62
400	4.07	4.86

A final demographic question may be, in which part of the city do you live? It may be beneficial to divide the city into areas for deeper analysis or to show any possible correlations between area of residence and public opinion. Suggested areas are: the Former Fort Ord, Preston and Abrams Park (city owned property), North of Reservation Road, and South of Reservation Road. This demographic question will also ensure we are reaching a wide population base.

Results

Results would then be compiled into a report by June after data collection has ended by staff for the Council. As mentioned, findings would offer insight into the public opinion of the City. However, the benefit grows with continued employment of the survey method. Continued use would allow for following reports to show feedback as it relates to the years prior.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated costs are \$1,000 dollars. This includes material costs to print and administer the surveys as well as possible costs for staff time to compile the report.

An alternative is for the City to hire an outside firm to conduct a satisfaction survey. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$30,000.

CONCLUSION:

This request is submitted for City Council consideration and possible action.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Frost
Finance Director
City of Marina

REVIEWED/CONCUR:

Layne Long
City Manager
City of Marina

City of Marina 2020 Public Opinion Survey

1. Are you a Marina resident?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

2. Which part of the city do you live in?

- 1 Preston or Abrams Park
- 2 Former Fort Ord
- 3 North of Reservation Road
- 4 South of Reservation Road

PUBLIC SAFETY

3. How do you rate the city's efforts at providing a safe community?

1 - Very poor 2 - Poor 3 - Average 4 - Good 5 - Excellent

4. Have you had a business contact with the Marina Police Department in the past year?

Yes

No

If you answered yes, how would you rate the service you received?

1 - Very poor 2 - Poor 3 - Average 4 - Good 5 - Excellent

5. Have you had a business contact with the Fire Department in the last year?

Yes

No

If you answered yes, how would you rate the service you received?

1 - Very poor 2 - Poor 3 - Average 4 - Good 5 - Excellent

6. Do you feel safe:

- | | | |
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| a. Walking alone in your neighborhood during the day | Yes | No |
| b. Walking alone in your neighborhood after dark | Yes | No |
| c. Walking alone in a retail area during the day | Yes | No |
| d. Walking alone in a retail area after dark | Yes | No |

SERVICES & QUALITY OF LIFE

7. During the last year, how many times have you visited or attended activities at:

	Never	1 day/week	2-4 days/week	1 day/month	2-4 days/month	A few times/year
City Parks	1	2	3	4	5	6
Community Center	1	2	3	4	5	6
Teen Center	1	2	3	4	5	6
Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Downtown Marina	1	2	3	4	5	6
Library	1	2	3	4	5	6

8. Have you contacted a city department in the past 12 months?

Yes

No

If you answered yes, why did you contact the city? _____

If you answered yes, how satisfied were you by the service you received?

1 - Very Unsatisfied 2 - Unsatisfied 3 - Neutral 4 - Satisfied 5 - Very Satisfied

9. How would you rate the quality of life in Marina?

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	No Opinion
As a place to live	1	2	3	4	5	X
As a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5	X
As a place to work	1	2	3	4	5	X
As a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5	X
As a place to visit	1	2	3	4	5	X

11. What is the most important service besides Police and Fire? _____

10. How would you rate the quality of the following services in Marina?

Service	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	Not Observed
Police Emergency Response	1	2	3	4	5	X
Fire Emergency Response	1	2	3	4	5	X
Private Ambulance	1	2	3	4	5	X
City Road Maintenance	1	2	3	4	5	X
Traffic Management	1	2	3	4	5	X
Bus Services	1	2	3	4	5	X
Street Lighting	1	2	3	4	5	X
Community Services for Seniors	1	2	3	4	5	X
Recreation Activities	1	2	3	4	5	X
Park Maintenance	1	2	3	4	5	X
Garbage and Recycling Collection	1	2	3	4	5	X
Water Services	1	2	3	4	5	X

TOPICAL QUESTIONS

12. < As directed by Council >

13.

14.

DEMOGRAPHICS

15. What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Non-Binary
- 4 Decline to State

16. What is your age group?

- 1 18 to 24
- 2 25 to 34
- 3 35 to 44
- 4 45 to 54
- 5 55 to 64
- 6 65 or older
- 7 Decline to State

17. Do you have children under 18 living with you?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

18. What is your ethnicity? Circle One.

- 1 Black or African American
- 2 Asian
- 3 Caucasian or White
- 4 Hispanic or Latino/a
- 5 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 6 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- 7 Two or More Races
- 8 Other
- 9 Decline to State

19. What is your household income level?

- 1 Less than \$45,000
- 2 \$45,000- \$70,000
- 3 Above \$70,000
- 4 Decline to State

20. What is one thing the City should be working on to make Marina better? _____

Thank you for completing this survey!

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RESOLUTION No. 2019-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MARINA DIRECTING STAFF TO CONDUCT A RESIDENT OPINION
AND SATISFACTION SURVEY

WHEREAS, the City of Marina City Council solicits the public's input in the governance of Marina;
and,

WHEREAS, a college student has asked to work with the City in conducting a resident satisfaction
and opinion survey; and

WHEREAS, this information may be useful to the Council in meeting the needs of the residents of
Marina;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council directs staff to conduct a resident satisfaction and opinion survey as
outlined in the staff report.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a special meeting duly
held on this 17th day of December 2019 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

January 3, 2020

Item No: **5b**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of January 7, 2020

**CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF
OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING PURSUING THE TRANSIT AND
INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT FOR SURF! HIGHWAY 1
BUSWAY PROJECT PARALLELING HIGHWAY 1**

REQUEST:

It is requested that the City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2020-, authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council supporting pursuing the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant for *Surf!* Highway 1 Busway Project paralleling Highway 1.

BACKGROUND:

Last year MST completed a feasibility study of operating buses (bus rapid transit) within TAMC's right-of-way on the old light rail Branch Line to help relieve congestion on Highway 1. The Highway 1 Busway project was recently re-branded by Monterey Salinas Transit as the *Surf!* Bus Rapid Transit project. The environmental and preliminary engineering phase kicked-off at the end of November 2019 and will be completed in 2021.

Subject to authorization of the Measure X Funding Agreement these activities will be funded with Measure X revenue (\$1,450,000) and a grant from the State of California's Local Partnership Program (\$100,000). Following the environmental and preliminary engineering will be the final design phase, expected to cost around \$3.5 million, and last for 12-to-18 months.

Measure X is funding a portion of the construction phase, but there is still a large funding gap to complete the project. TAMC and MST will submit a joint application to the State of California for approximately \$25 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding.

ANALYSIS

The total project is expected to cost around \$48M. Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) and Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) will be submitting a joint application to the State of California seeking \$25M from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for the construction phase.

Local Measure X will contribute up to \$15M to the project, and the remainder will likely come from federal sources.

CONCLUSION:

This request is submitted for City Council consideration and possible action.

Respectfully submitted,

Layne Long
City Manager
City of Marina

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING PURSUING THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY
RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT FOR *SURF!* HIGHWAY 1 BUSWAY PROJECT
PARALLELING HIGHWAY 1

WHEREAS, the Highway 1 Busway project was recently re-branded by Monterey Salinas Transit as the *Surf!* Bus Rapid Transit project. The environmental and preliminary engineering phase kicked-off at the end of November 2019 and will be completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, subject to authorization of the Measure X Funding Agreement these activities will be funded with Measure X revenue (\$1,450,000) and a grant from the State of California's Local Partnership Program (\$100,000). Following the environmental and preliminary engineering will be the final design phase, expected to cost around \$3.5 million, and last for 12-to-18 months; and

WHEREAS, Measure X is funding a portion of the construction phase, but there is still a large funding gap to complete the project. TAMC and MST will submit a joint application to the State of California for approximately \$25 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marina does hereby:

1. Authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council supporting pursuing the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant for *Surf!* Highway 1 Busway Project paralleling Highway 1. (Exhibit A)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a special meeting duly held on this 7th day of January 2020 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk



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January 8, 2020

David S. Kim, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capital Mall, Suite 350B
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Support for pursuing Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant
for *SURF!* Highway 1 Busway Project paralleling Highway 1**

Dear Secretary Kim:

The Highway 1 corridor is an important transportation link in the Monterey Peninsula region. Three regional higher education facilities, tourism, and the local workforce depend upon this corridor daily. Efforts to reduce congestion along this corridor are important for the City of Marina and for the economic future of our region. Additionally, all efforts to reduce congestion and emissions of greenhouse gases are equally as important.

This City of Marina supports efforts of Monterey-Salinas Transit, in partnership with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, in pursuing a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant for the *SURF!* Busway Project. This grant will support the construction of a key regional investment to provide a reliable alternative and congestion relief along Highway 1.

The *SURF!* Busway will utilize the right-of-way of the Monterey Branch Line, owned by the Transportation Agency, to operate a bus in its own right-of-way between Marina and Sand City, with future connections to Monterey.

Once constructed, the *SURF!* Busway will open the doors to ridership that could support future passenger rail service along the Monterey Branch Line. The *SURF!* Busway will provide our community with a safe, fast and reliable alternative to commuting along Highway 1 during peak morning and afternoon hours.

The proposed project will provide additional needed public transportation options within our region. The merits of the application are outstanding and deserve your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Delgado
Mayor
City of Marina

to Contra Costa Street in Sand City, a single lane, bi-directional busway (southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon) would be developed in the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way. Beyond Contra Costa Street the buses would operate on Del Monte Boulevard all the way to Monterey. The busway would underpass the Monterey Road, California Avenue, Fremont Boulevard intersection to avoid conflicts with traffic at this complex set of intersections. The City of Seaside is currently studying alternative solutions to this intersection, which could be a less costly approach as compared with the cut-an-cover underpass, which would cost about \$2.1 million. There would be traffic signals or roundabouts at the three other street crossings in this area. There is also no connection to the planned Intermodal Center at Fort Ord with this alternative.

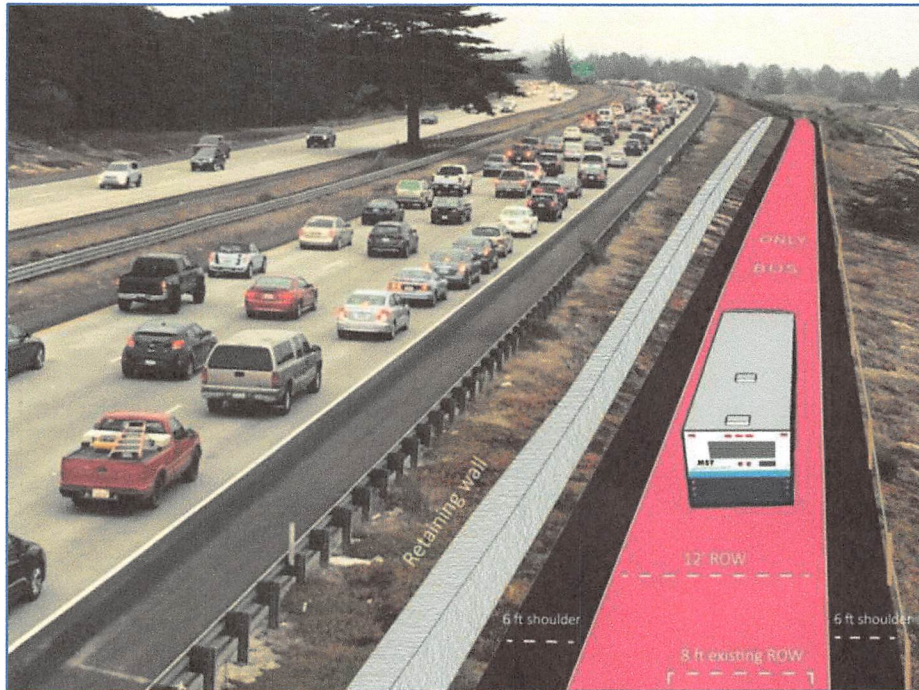
3. **Branch Line** – The Branch Line Alternative uses the rail right-of-way from Reservation Avenue in Marina all the way to Contra Costa Street in Sand City, and then uses Del Monte Boulevard to Monterey. The busway would be a single lane, bi-directional facility which would operate southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon, consistent with peak traffic flow directions. This alternative also provides an underpass of the Monterey Road, California Avenue, Fremont Boulevard intersection and it provides a connection to the Intermodal Center in Fort Ord via an existing underpass of SR 1 that was a rail spur. This would allow a direct connection to the future Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor.

Figure 1-7 – Depiction of Bus on the Monterey Branch Line



4. **Pedestrian/Bike Trail Plus Branch Line** – This alternative is very similar to Alternative 3 except that instead of using the rail right-of-way between Marina and Sand City it uses the alignment of the Monterey Peninsula Recreational Trail. This is the trail closest to SR 1 and there is another existing parallel recreational trail immediately adjacent to the west. This alternative also provides an underpass of the Monterey Road, California Avenue, Fremont Boulevard intersection and it provides a connection to the Intermodal Center in Fort Ord.

Figure 1-8 - Depiction of Bus on the Caltrans Pedestrian/Bike Trail



5. **Northbound Bus-on-Shoulder** – This alternative serves a different purpose from the others in that it is focused strictly on bus-on-shoulder operations on SR 1 in the northbound direction between Casa Verde Avenue in Monterey and Fremont Boulevard in the northern part of Sand City. The shoulder would need to be widened in several areas and there are three structures that the buses would need to bypass by leaving the shoulder and using the right traffic lanes.
6. **No-Build** – This alternative represents current conditions as a baseline for comparison with the build alternatives. It is assumed that there will be some increases in bus service in the corridor by year 2025 and that the Intermodal Center and Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor would be in operation.
7. **HOV Lanes** – This alternative is hypothetical, as it is not included in any regional or local plans. It was included for the purposes of providing a comparison of costs and impacts. It would involve adding a new lane to SR 1 in each direction between Marina and Monterey. The new lanes would accommodate buses, carpools, and other exempt vehicles per the California motor vehicle code. It would involve extensive new

Figure 3-2: Bus-on-Shoulder Concept Focus Area – Monterey County



**CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-,
RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE ADOPTION OF A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR A PORTION OF
THE 180/400 FOOT AQUIFER SUB-BASIN; PROVIDE DIRECTION TO
STAFF ON ANY NEEDED CHANGES TO THE GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN; APPROVE THE GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WITH THE DEPARTMENT
OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THEIR REVIEW AND
DETERMINATION.**

(This Item To be Continued to Tuesday, January 14, 2020)