

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director
RE: Pajaro Station and Salinas Road/Highway 1 Interchange Projects

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

At recent meetings, members of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and some members of the community have had some questions regarding the Pajaro Station and the Salinas Road/Highway 1 Interchange projects and requested additional information. Both of these projects are in Monterey County just south of the Santa Cruz County line and are sponsored by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).

DISCUSSION

The Pajaro Station project is part of the larger \$100 million TAMC Caltrain Extension project to the City of Salinas in Monterey County ([Attachment 1](#)). This project would provide commuter train service to the Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula from Pajaro, Castroville and Salinas. The Project Study Report for this project estimates that 80% of the ridership at the Pajaro Station will originate in Santa Cruz County; therefore, TAMC has requested that the RTC contribute toward the construction of the Pajaro Station.

The \$48 million Salinas Road/Highway 1 Interchange Project ([Attachment 2](#)) will construct a new three lane interchange with three diamond type ramps to improve the safety of this intersection will collision rates above the statewide average. TAMC secured the necessary funds to complete the funding for the project through Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) established by Proposition 1B approved by the voters in November 2006.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director for TAMC, will be at the RTC meeting to provide a presentation on these two projects and address questions.

SUMMARY

Since there have been questions regarding the Pajaro Station and Salinas Road/Highway 1 Interchange Projects a presentation on the two projects will be made.

Attachment 1: Fact Sheet on the Monterey County Caltrain Extension Project
Attachment 2: Fact Sheet on the Salinas Road/Highway 1 Interchange Project