MST COVID-19
Response/Recovery Update
June 24, 2020
California Transportation Commission
The future ain't what it used to be.

(Yogi Berra)
MST Service Area

California

San Francisco

San Jose

Santa Cruz

Salinas

Monterey

King City

Paso Robles

Templeton

Los Angeles
Local Economic Impacts

Unemployment Has Spiked Throughout the Region

Monterey Bay Region Unemployment Claims

April 2019: 3,683
April 2020: 40,810

San Benito County: 5.2% (2019), 19.8% (2020)
Santa Cruz County: 5.3% (2019), 17.4% (2020)
Monterey County: 7.1% (2019), 20.2% (2020)

Projected Sales & Total Occupancy Tax
Monterey Bay Region Cities

- Annual Average: $166M
- FY20 Projection: $126M
- FY21 Projection: $44M

24% decline from annual average
74% decline from annual average

WARN Notices by County
(Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification)

State law requires all companies with 75 or more workers to give notice of layoffs or closures. The following numbers are based on the number of employees laid off and reflect all the notices received by state officials through June 1, 2020.

- San Benito County: 147
- Santa Cruz County: 3,835
- Monterey County: 7,801

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MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
MST Revenue Projections

"Would you please elaborate on 'then something bad happened'?"
FY 2020 Revenue - $53M

- State Sales Tax: $16,749,684
- Measure Q: $10,516,428
- Passenger Fares: $3,830,172
- PPP: $5,737,560
- Other: $454,476
- State Fuel Tax/Fees: $6,340,296
- Federal Fuel Tax: $9,829,368
FY 2021 Revenue (est) - $42M

- State Fuel Tax/Fees: $5,072,237
- Federal Fuel Tax: $9,829,368
- State Sales Tax: $12,562,263
- Measure Q: $7,887,321
- Passenger Fares: $1,915,086
- PPP: $4,303,170
- Other: $227,238
- Revenue Loss (est): $11,661,301
CARES Act Impact on Budget

Monterey-Salinas Transit Revenue Sources

- CARES ACT
- Other
- Partnerships
- Passenger Fares
- Measure Q
- Federal Fuel Tax (5307)
- State Fuel Tax/Fees (STA)
- State Sales Tax (LTF)

FY19 Actual
FY20 Estimate
FY21 Budget
FY22 Projection

$10,000,000
$20,000,000
$30,000,000
$40,000,000
$50,000,000
$60,000,000
Immediate Response

- Initiated EOC before State of Emergency Declared
- Continued and enhanced bus and facilities cleaning regimen.
- Continued to maintain adequate inventory of Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gloves, HazMat suits, disinfectants, and other COVID-19 related equipment and services.
- Suspended fare collection and instituted rear door boarding.
- Procured disinfectant fogging equipment for buses/facilities.
- Initiated procurement of driver compartment barriers.
- Reduced service levels by 40% (modified Sunday schedule).
- Implemented facemask requirements before Health Officer order.
- Promoted social distancing, essential travel, and personal hygiene
Spreading the Word To Stop the Spread:

Safte Travels
Viajes Seguros

Essential Trip?
¿Su Viaje es Esencial?

Yes / Sí
Okay to ride
Usted puede abordar el autobús

No
Why are you even here reading this?
¿Por qué estás aun aquí leyendo esto?
Go home.
Vete a casa.

Stay home.
Stop the spread.
Quédate en casa y deten la propagación.
Spreading the Word To Stop the Spread:
Community Support Activities

- Expanded meal delivery services with Meals On Wheels of Salinas Valley – over 8,000 meals delivered to date.

- WiFi enabled buses made 279 site visits to rural and underserved communities providing 3,793 individual internet connections.

- Coordinating delivery of 7,500 masks to high risk communities in East Salinas, Castroville, and South County cities.

- Initiated TeleWellness Unit with MST mobility staff providing wellness check-ins with elderly, disabled and other vulnerable community members.


- Conducted meeting with County Health Officer to receive guidance.
The Administration is estimating that sales tax revenue will be **down 27.2%**

**California Transit Association is promoting legislation to:**

- Temporarily eliminate counterproductive financial penalties for non-compliance with various transit funding efficiency measures;
- Create more flexibility in the use of existing transit funding; and
- Temporarily postpone the time-lines for various enforcement actions, regulatory milestones and the use of funding requirements that would otherwise shift agency resources away from the core mission during the COVID-19 crisis.

Encourage DMV to implement testing for commercial driver’s license

**Job Creation Through Sustainable Transportation COVID-19 Recovery Act: SB 288**

Provides statutory exemptions from environmental documentation for certain transit projects.
FEMA Whole Community Recovery Evaluation Criteria

Rating each project value on scale 1 (Low) – 3 (High)

- Post disaster community needs
- Project feasibility
- Project economic sustainability
- Economic Impact on the community
- High visibility and increases community capacity
- Linkage throughout the community and leverages other projects & funding
- Enhancement of the quality of life within the community
Recovery Team Evaluations

- Increase frequency on busiest lines
- Monterey trolley
- POM services
- South County intercity

- Quality of life
- Linkage and leverages
- Visibility and increases capacity
- Economic Impact
- Economic sustainability
- Project feasibility
- Community needs
Recovery Next Steps

- Continue to Solicit Input from the Community:
  - MST Board Member Survey (Completed May 11)
  - Community Survey (Completed June 12)
  - Customer Survey (Begins June 15)
  - Employee Survey (Begins June 19)

- Monitor Re-Opening Activities of Major Employers, Schools, Shopping/Entertainment Destinations, Medical Care Facilities

- Implement July 11 Service Change to increase frequency/capacity on highest demand routes

- Install contactless fare collection system

- Develop Final Plan and Submit to Board for Approval

- Implement and Monitor Plan and Provide Feedback
We are rebuilding the plane while trying to fly it. We all have a piece.
Questions?