



MONTEREY COUNTY
HOSPITALITY
ASSOCIATION

July 4, 2023

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
Attn: Executive Director Todd Muck

SUBJECT: Support for Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project

Dear Director Muck:

On behalf of Monterey County Hospitality Association, I am writing to express support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment and urge state and federal agencies to provide funding for this important project.

Monterey County Hospitality Association supports protecting Monterey County's vulnerable transportation infrastructure from the effects of climate change. Hazards brought on by climate change pose a serious threat to transportation infrastructure and thus the safety and quality of life of residents. Monterey County is already experiencing the impacts of climate change related events on the county's transportation infrastructure.

The Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment will identify transportation infrastructure in coastal areas of the county to examine hazards affiliated with sea level rise, coastal flooding, and erosion. Through an equity lens, the assessment will identify critical priority projects and project areas, gaps, and opportunities for data collection and analysis, and facilitate coordination for regional structures to promote resilient and equitable transportation facilities.

TAMC is seeking to identify the transportation infrastructure at highest risk in our county, prioritizing infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. This is a transformative project that will facilitate the long-term climate adaptation planning for transportation infrastructure across Monterey County and the region.

Monterey County Hospitality Association strongly supports this important regional climate vulnerability assessment effort and asks that you approve the grant request. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Cursio", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary Cursio
Director, Government Affairs