



SURF! Busway & Bus Rapid Transit Project Update

Highlights

The Project continues to make progress towards an anticipated start of construction in fall 2024. Key accomplishments this past month include:

- ✓ The construction management oversight services contract was executed and the Notice to Proceed letter was issued. Consulting works has begun.
- ✓ The Marina Tree Committee recommended approval of a tree removal permit.
- ✓ MST, PG&E, and TAMC conducted a site visit at Playa and California in Sand City for utility relocations and new power connections associated with the project.
- ✓ FTA shared results of their risk review of the Project at the 65% design milestone with an overall positive analysis of cost, scope, and schedule.
- ✓ MST SURF! website pages updated: www.mst.org

Project Budget

Update:

Federal, State, and local grants awarded for the SURF! Project match anticipated costs. Indications in the economy point to a stabilization of construction costs after three years of higher-than-average increases as reported by the CA Construction Cost Index.

Grant Funding Secured	Amount	Project Costs	Amount
Federal Capital Investment Grant (CIG)	\$22.1M	Env./Preliminary Design	\$2.4M
Federal 5307 Formula	\$69K	CIG Support Services	\$396K
Earmark from Senator John Laird	\$2.5M	Final Design	\$5.2M
Transit & Intercity Rail Capital (TIRCP)	\$25.0M	CM/GC* PreCON Services	\$932K
State Local Partnership Program	\$100K	Construction Oversight	\$5.7M
TAMC – Measure X	\$27.4M	Construction*	\$56.0M
MST General Fund	\$852K	Enviro Mitigations*	\$901K
	Total \$78.0M*	Contingency*	\$6.0M
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**Information is current as of March 1, 2024. Future construction costs are subject to change with market conditions or changes in scope of work. Numbers are rounded. CM/GC is construction management/general contractor.*

Project Schedule

Update:

The current Project schedule identifies meeting the following key milestones before construction begins in fall 2024:

- March 2024 Submit additional required documents to FTA at 95% design milestone
- April 2024 Coastal Development Permits from Sand City and Marina, various permits from Caltrans and the jurisdictions for grading, construction, building, misc. There are nearly 40 permits/agreements needed.
- May 2024 Long lead items contract
- June 2024 Coastal Development Permit from California Coastal Commission
- Aug. 2024 Allocation from California Transportation Commission for \$25M TIRCP
- Sept. 2024 Construction contract award
- Oct. 2024 Construction mobilization begins

Project Scope

Design Progress:

1. Fall 2023 - 95% design plans were submitted to Sand City, Seaside, and Marina for review. The MST design team is working through Cities' comments as well as preparing additional information as requested.

Regulatory and Permitting:

1. Coastal Development Permit: MST staff and consulting team will have submitted a fourth (4th) response to Coastal Commission staff by the March 11th meeting. Coastal staff had additional questions and revised Coastal Commission jurisdiction boundaries for MST to address in this latest submission.
2. City of Marina: MST staff is working through the tree removal permit and coastal development permit process. The Marina Tree Committee recommended approval of a tree removal permit to their Planning Commission after conducting a site visit at the future 5th Street Station on February 10th and hearing the matter

a second time on February 26th. The boundaries of the Marina Coastal zone area reduced when the Coastal Commission retained their original jurisdiction as noted above.

3. City of Sand City: Staff is working through the coastal development permit approval process. A reimbursement agreement was to be executed to restart Sand City staff review of the project.
4. Caltrans Encroachment Permit: MST staff and design team continue to work with Caltrans through the permitting process for locations where the busway and Caltrans right-of-way intersect and overlap.
5. Federal Transit Administration: In late March, MST staff will submit additional required documentation to support a Small Starts Grant Agreement for the project.

Project Outreach:

- 4,280 Community members reached
- 139 Meetings where MST staff attended, presented at, or otherwise shared SURF! Project information within our community
- 50 Letters of support from community organizations and residents

Risks:

California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit – MST's application to the Central Coast office was submitted on March 31, 2023. To date, MST has spent over \$300,000 on consultant work to prepare and respond to Central Coast staff requests for additional information. To date and at the Commission staff's request, MST has analyzed 6 different alternatives to the MST Board-approved Project. All alternatives proposed by Coastal Commission staff result in greater impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and to aesthetics.