

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: **SALINAS INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Resolution approving the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) MOU.

DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2015, the City Council received the latest update on the Rail Service Extension to Monterey County Project. The update outlined the “*Kick Start*” phase for the rail project (see Kick Start Exhibit) that takes advantage of secured funds. More important for the City, *Kick Start* advances the construction of improvements to the Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) to begin in 2018 in anticipation of future expansion of train service to Salinas. *Kick Start* includes the reconfiguration of the Salinas ITC, including extension of Lincoln Avenue, construction of parking areas, bus transit facility, and other amenities that support future train service expansion to Salinas. The project nears completion at 75% of its design phase with construction anticipated to begin in 2018 and completion in 2020.

Council is requested to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines the understanding of partner agencies: The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), City of Salinas (City) and Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) regarding the project, roles, responsibilities and the disposition of property after the *Kick Start* Project is completed. The MOU was developed through the years by a steering committee composed of staff members from the partner agencies with periodic consultation with each agency’s counsel. The MOU reflects the scope of improvements for the *Kick Start* Project to the ITC, in comparison to the full Rail project scope (MOU Exhibits B and C). It also shows which properties will be owned by partner agencies after the *Kick Start* project is completed (MOU Exhibits D and E). Council’s approval of the MOU thus supports implementation of the *Kick Start* Project.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council approve the Salinas ITC MOU in support of completion of the *Kick Start* Project?

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct impact to the General Fund. The *Kick Start* Project is fully funded and will result in the improvement of a very important City asset in downtown Salinas.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

TAMC would like to formalize the understanding among agency partners as the project approaches the completion of its design phase. The TAMC Board approved the MOU at their October 2016 meeting. The MST Board approved the MOU on November 14, 2016. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Council may decide not to approve the ITC MOU. This is not recommended since the MOU was developed through several years with collaboration of agency partners including review by City staff and counsel.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Approving the MOU in support of completing the *Kick Start* Project supports the Council Goals of Excellent Infrastructure.

CONCLUSIONS:

Council is requested to approve a Resolution approving the ITC MOU in support of the completion of the *Kick Start* Project.

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