

# The Greenbelt

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## News from TAMC

Stay informed! Here's the latest news from TAMC (Transportation Agency of Monterey County)

### Highway 156 West Corridor Widening Project:

- A Traffic and Revenue Study is in progress that is being paid for by TAMC and Caltrans to determine if a toll road will be a viable choice to fund the project. What will people be willing to pay as a toll? Who will be tolled – visitors and/or locals? Anticipated traffic volume? How long to pay off the construction? The Study should be completed in February, 2013 and another round of community meetings will be scheduled.
- An EIR (Environmental Impact Report) is being conducted by Caltrans to evaluate potential noise, traffic reduction impact, protection of animal species, etc. and should be completed in early 2013.
- By completing the 156 West Corridor Widening Project, emergency responders will have better and faster access and the current Highway 156 will become a frontage road, increasing traffic safety for locals. The challenge is how to fund the project in today's environment so a toll road is being evaluated to avoid tax increases.
- Scheduled for completion in 2015, the Prunedale Improvement Project includes construction in a high accident corridor of three new interchanges / overpasses along US 101 through North Monterey County at: Russell/Espinosa, Blackie/Reese, and Crazy Horse Canyon/Echo Valley Roads. The project will also close the remaining gaps in the concrete median barrier from Crazy Horse Canyon to Russell/Espinosa, resulting in one continuous barrier. Additional Improvements will also be made to the San Miguel flyover and to local roads throughout the corridor to improve access and local circulation. The San Juan Interchange has started construction to increase safety in the area of the Red Barn. Scheduled to open in January is the new Prunedale South Road overcrossing, near Blackie Road.

Please continue to voice your questions and concerns at TAMC community meetings or via letters and emails to TAMC and Supervisor Lou Calcagno (831-755-5022). For further information: [www.tamcmonterey.org/](http://www.tamcmonterey.org/)

## Oak Hills HOA News

- The brick wall at the entrance of Oak Hills has recently been repaired. Let us know how you like the new look!
- A handicap path from the recreation facility parking lot to the entrance of the pool/hot tub building is scheduled for construction within the next few weeks (weather permitting).
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training may be held in the near future. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Starting February 1st, 2013 the Hot Tub will have new hours: 6am—Midnight**

*The community is cordially invited to...*

### North Monterey County Chamber of Commerce Installation & Awards Dinner

#### All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM - \$40 per person

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### *Introducing Wendy Brickman Greenbelt Newsletter Editor*

Wendy has offered to take on the task of being our Greenbelt Newsletter Editor. She is a homeowner in Oak Hills as well as a business woman who is very community oriented. She will keep us informed on what is happening in the Oak Hills area as well as North Monterey County. Welcome aboard Wendy!

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