

# TAMC – JPB Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Salinas Extension

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## Project Background



- In 2006, the **Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)** certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for their rail extension project.
  - TAMC adopted the “Salinas Extension” south of Gilroy as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for US 101 capacity improvements.
- The Governor and Legislature have expressed support for the Salinas Extension by including the project in the **2018 State Rail Plan**.
  - 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (**TIRCP**) grant award included a commitment to supporting TAMC on Salinas Extension work.
- In 2020, Caltrain and TAMC completed the “**Gilroy-Salinas Feasibility Study**” to evaluate Caltrain operating the Salinas Extension service.



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## Gilroy – Salinas Feasibility Study (2020)

- The Gilroy-Salinas Feasibility Study (“Study”) determined that it was feasible for Caltrain to serve as operator of a future Salinas Extension.
- From the Study, Caltrain and TAMC agreed to **four foundational elements** of any future extension of Caltrain Service from Gilroy to Salinas:
  1. Service must be cost-neutral for Caltrain;
  2. No changes to the Caltrain mainline service (San Francisco-Gilroy);
  3. TAMC must address all risks and liabilities of a new service;
  4. No changes to the JPA governance structure.



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## TAMC – JPB MOU Overview

- The purpose of the MOU is to provide a framework for Caltrain and TAMC’s continuing cooperation on this regionally significant project.
- The **four foundational elements** are incorporated into the MOU. To **recap**:
  1. Service must be cost-neutral for Caltrain;
  2. No changes to the Caltrain mainline service (San Francisco-Gilroy);
  3. TAMC must address all risks and liabilities of a new service;
  4. No changes to the JPA governance structure.
- The roles and responsibilities of Caltrain and TAMC will be set forth in future agreements.



Questions? Thank You.

