## SURF! Highway 1 Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Monterey, California Small Starts Project Development Information Prepared April 2020

Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in a six-mile corridor between the cities of Marina, Sand City, and Seaside, in Monterey County, California. The project includes five stations and a dedicated busway along a former rail right-of-way parallel to California Highway 1. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$55 million. MST anticipates seeking \$40 million (73 percent) in Small Starts funding.

MST is pursuing the project to help reduce congestion impacts, improve on-time performance, and expand transit ridership in the increasingly congested Highway 1 corridor.

MST and its partners completed an alternatives study in 2018, anticipate selecting a Locally Preferred Alternative in early 2022, and adopting it into the regional constrained long range transportation plan shortly thereafter. MST expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Documented Categorical Exclusion in late 2022. MST hopes to receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in 2024, and start revenue service in 2027.