In November of 2014, the voters of Monterey County approved Measure Q, a new countywide 1/8-cent sales tax measure for public transit to be used solely to protect transportation programs that serve veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities, and to identify new programs that will meet the mobility needs of these communities.

**Introduction**

- Central location in Monterey County
- Engage residents in mobility program activities that remove barriers to transportation services
- Customer participation in existing and new mobility programs
- Sensitivity training environment for new and existing coach operators

**Goals of the Mobility Services Center**

- MST RIDES ADA Eligibility
- Travel Training Services
  - Train the Mobility Trainer Certification Workshop
  - One-on-one or group training
- Taxi Voucher Services
- Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program
- MST Navigator Volunteer Program
- Coach Operator Sensitivity Training
- Senior Shuttle Coordination Service Planning and Information

**Programs and Services**

**Steps Taken**

- Measure Q Funding
- Identify and Secure Central Location
- Design Development
- Construction

**Dedication**

MST gives me my mobility

- Alma Almanza

**Lessons learned**

- Funding is essential
- Support from Leadership Team is key from start to finish
- Location site is important
- Feedback from staff and communities served is a must
- Choosing the right project manager and vendors is vital

**Recommendations**

- Research what already exists
- Make sure to establish a project team
- Project status check-in meetings are important to have
- Keep track of the project milestones to meet deadlines

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