November 6, 2025 RTC Meeting

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission on the date of November 6, 2025 on the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEASURE D FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMS OF PROJECTS FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, to address immense transportation needs and severe transportation funding shortfalls, Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D in November 2016 by over a 2/3 majority; and

WHERAS, Measure D is a ½-cent transactions and use tax for 30 years to fund five transportation improvement categories; and

WHEREAS, all Measure D funding recipients are required to develop a five-year program of projects (5-year plans) to identify planned expenditures and deliverables, with these plans adjusted annually based on updated revenue and distribution estimates, project schedule and cost information, as well as information on other grants or funds secured for the projects; and

WHEREAS, the RTC is the agency responsible for delivering and distributing funds for regional and other projects in the voter-approved Measure D Expenditure Plan including Active Transportation-Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)/Coastal Rail Trail, Highway Corridors, Rail Corridor, the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, and San Lorenzo Valley Highway 9 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the RTC has prepared five-year programs of projects and solicited input from advisory committees and the public for projected Measure D revenues which are consistent with the Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, Community Bridges is designated as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency in Santa Cruz County that receives four percent (4%) net revenue from Measure D to deliver Lift Line paratransit services to seniors and people with disabilities and uses the RTC 5-year plan public hearing and committee reviews as the venues for public input and adoption of its 5-year plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

- 1. The updated Five-Year Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025/2026-2029/2030 (FY25/26-29/30) for Measure D regional categories and projects: Active Transportation (Coastal Rail Trail), Highway Corridors, Rail Corridor, the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, and San Lorenzo Valley Highway 9 Corridor Improvements are hereby adopted, as shown in Exhibits A through E.
- 2. The Five-Year Program of Projects for FY25/26-29/30 for the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (Community Bridges/Lift Line) paratransit services for seniors and people with disabilities is hereby adopted, as shown in Exhibit F.
- 3. The FY25/26 RTC and Measure D budgets isare hereby amended to incorporate the funds programmed with this resolution in these Five-Year Programs of Projects and corresponding expenditures.
- 4. Staff is authorized to shift approved funds between fiscal years administratively in the 5-year plans and RTC Budget if needed to expedite delivery or reflect actual or updated expenditure schedules.
- 5. Staff and project sponsors are authorized to submit applications for grants showing these programmed Measure D funds as a committed local match.
- 6. The RTC is committed to taking future actions to secure financing, if determined necessary to fulfill programming commitments, in accordance with the Measure D Ordinance and Strategic Implementation Plan.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Eduardo Montecino, Chair

ATTEST:
Sarah Christensen, Secretary

Exhibits A-F: Five Year Program of Projects for Regional Categories and Lift Line

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