



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee**



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**AGENDA  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
5:30 p.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**  
**SCCRTC Office: 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250  
Santa Cruz, CA**

**Remote Participation**

*Members of the public may participate in person or via zoom. Committee Members who need to participate remotely should provide justification prior to the meeting to [ttravers@sccrtc.org](mailto:ttravers@sccrtc.org). Committee members that are unable to attend in person due to an "emergency" or "for cause" as defined in AB2449, may participate remotely only if at least a quorum of the members of the committee participate in person from a singular physical location identified on the agenda.*

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**Taxpayer Oversight Committee Members**

<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>
Supervisory District 1	Frederick Harron, Vice-Chair
Supervisory District 2	Mark Johannessen
Supervisory District 3	Philip Hodsdon, Chair
Supervisory District 4	Antonio Rivas
Supervisory District 5	Jennifer Merchant

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Consider AB2449 request(s) to participate in the meeting remotely due to just cause or emergency circumstances (described at end of agenda)
4. Additions, deletions, or other changes to consent and regular agendas

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items appearing on the consent agenda are considered to be minor or non-controversial and will be acted upon in one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes an item be removed and discussed on the regular agenda. Members of the Committee may raise questions, seek clarification or add directions to Consent Agenda items without removing the item from the Consent Agenda as long as no other committee member objects to the change.*

5. Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Oversight Committee Meeting

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Overview of Committee Purpose, Scope of Responsibilities, Membership and Composition and Bylaws  
(Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner)
  - a. Staff Report
  - b. Attachments
    1. Section 32 of the Measure D Ordinance
    2. Excerpts of the RTC Rules and Regulations related to Committee Bylaws and the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee

### 3. Brown Act at a Glance

#### 7. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Measure D Audits and Expenditure Reports for Direct Recipient Agencies

*(Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner)*

a. Staff Report

b. Attachments

1. FY24/25 Reports from recipient agencies, including Audited Financial Statements and Expenditure Reports *(see files online at: <https://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/taxpayer-oversight/#reports>)*

*(Annual reports/audits for Santa Cruz METRO, Lift Line, Scotts Valley, and SCCRTC will be reviewed at a future committee meeting.)*

#### 8. Oversight Committee Annual Report

*(Shannon Munz, Communications Specialist)*

a. Staff Report

b. Attachment

1. TOC FY22/23 Annual Report

#### 9. Oral Communications

*Any member of the public may address the Committee on any item within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is **not already on the agenda**. At the discretion of the chair, the amount of time for oral communications may be limited. Committee members will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communications presented, but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, or on a subsequent Committee agenda.*

*Speakers are requested to state their name clearly so that their names can be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

#### 10. Adjourn

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#### **HOW TO REACH THE RTC OR MEASURE D OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**

*Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission*

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#### **REMOTE PARTICIPATION –Committee Members (AB2449)**

*This meeting is being held in accordance with the California Ralph M. Brown Act as amended by AB2449 of 2022 and AB2302 of 2024 and as interpreted by Attorney General Opinion 23-1002.*

- 1. Members of the committee may attend by teleconference if the location from which they are attending is open to the public to participate and the remote meeting location is listed on the agenda.*
- 2. Members of the committee may attend via zoom up to two times per year due to an emergency or for cause according to requirements set forth in Government Code Section 54953, as long as a quorum of the committee is present in person at one meeting location within the county. The remote location from which the member is participating does not need to be listed on the agenda and does not need to be available to the public.*
  - Government Code Section 54953(j) defines "just cause" as:*
    - Care of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner;*
    - a contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;*
    - a need related to a physical or mental disability as defined by statute; or*
    - travel while on official business of the RTC or another state or local agency*
  - Government Code Section 54953(j) defines "emergency circumstances" as a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person. The committee member must provide a general description of the circumstances relating to your need to appear remotely at the given meeting (not exceeding 20 words). Medical condition does not need to be disclosed. The ITAC must take action to approve the request to participate due to an emergency circumstance at the start of their regularly scheduled meeting.*
- 3. Per Attorney General Opinion 23-1002, members with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) qualifying disability that precludes their in-person attendance may participate remotely as a reasonable accommodation due to their disability.*
- 4. **Under any circumstance that a member is participating remotely:** The members must be connected in real time through both audio and visual means, and they must disclose the identities of any adults present with them at the remote location.*

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*[https://rtcsc.sharepoint.com/sites/programming/shared documents/measured/committee meetings/2026/april 1/agendameasd-toc-2026-04-1.docx](https://rtcsc.sharepoint.com/sites/programming/shared%20documents/measured/committee%20meetings/2026/april%201/agendameasd-toc-2026-04-1.docx)*



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee**



**Draft Minutes  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Location: SCCRTC Conference Room  
1101 Pacific Ave, Ste 250A, Santa Cruz, CA**

**Taxpayer Oversight Committee Members**

<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>
Supervisory District 1	Frederick Harron
Supervisory District 2	Mark Johannessen, Chair
Supervisory District 3	Philip Hodsdon, Vice-Chair
Supervisory District 4	Jeannene Rawlsky
Supervisory District 5	Jennifer Merchant

1. Call to Order: Committee Chair Johannessen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Introductions

**Members Present (all in person):**

Mark Johannessen, District 2  
Jeannene Rawlsky, District 4  
Jennifer Marchant, District 5

**Excused Absences:**

Frederick Harron, District 1  
Philip Hodsdon, District 3

**RTC Staff:**

Sarah Christensen, Executive Director  
Rachel Moriconi, Sr. Transportation Planner  
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

**Guests:**

Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges  
Douglas Underhill, Community Bridges

Jesus Bojorquez, Community Bridges  
John Urgo, Santa Cruz METRO  
Kristina Mihaylova, Santa Cruz METRO (in person)

3. Consider AB2449 request(s) to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances (a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person): None
4. Additions, deletions, or other changes to consent and regular agendas: Staff announced that a written public comment for Item 7 was posted online.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*A motion (Merchant/Rawlsky) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Johannessen, Rawlsky, and Merchant voting in favor.*

5. Approved Minutes of the April 17, 2025 Oversight Committee Meeting

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Measure D Audits and Expenditure Reports for Direct Recipient Agencies and Regional Categories and Projects

Representatives from Community Bridges (operator of Lift Line), Santa Cruz METRO, and the RTC described the projects and services for which they used their formula shares of Measure D funds in FY23/24.

Individual Committee members posed several questions and made comments to the representatives related to aspects of the expenditure reports and audits including different accounting methods leading to different revenues reported, transit performance metrics, and donor funding. Committee members noted that all Measure D recipient agencies received clean audits and indicated that expenditures conformed to what is allowable by the Measure D Ordinance.

For future years, they also requested that staff include footnotes briefly explaining differences in the revenues shown in recipient agencies' audits and in the allocation reporting of the RTC caused by differences in accounting methods such as earned or unearned revenues as well as cash-basis versus accrual-basis, and also to draft such explanations for this year's annual report.

7. Oversight Committee Annual Report

Tommy Travers discussed the Committee's role of producing an annual report, which was introduced at the previous meeting. Committee members discussed a desire to better highlight and include more information regarding leveraging Measure D funds to secure outside funds.

8. Election of Officers

Philip Hodsdon was nominated (Rawlsky/Merchant) for Chair. The election occurred with members Johannessen, Rawlsky, and Merchant voting in favor.

Frederick Harron was nominated (Johannessen/Rawlsky) for Vice Chair. The election occurred with members Johannessen, Rawlsky, and Merchant voting in favor.

9. Oral Communications: None.

10. Adjourn: Committee Chair Johannessen adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner*

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April 1, 2026

**TO:** Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee

**FROM:** RTC Staff

**RE:** Oversight Committee Purpose, Scope of Responsibilities, Membership and Composition, and Bylaws

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee:

1. Review Section 32 of the voter-approved Measure D Ordinance related to the Independent Oversight Committee ([Attachment 1](#));
  2. Review the Bylaws for Commission Committees and the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee description ([Attachment 2](#)).
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## **BACKGROUND**

Measure D includes a number of safeguards, audits and accountability provisions to protect Santa Cruz County taxpayers' investment. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), as the Measure D Authority, is responsible for forming the oversight committee.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Committee Purpose**

Per Section 32C ([Attachment 1](#)) of the voter approved ballot measure, the oversight committee is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- Reviewing Expenditure Plan expenditures on an annual basis to ensure they conform to the Ordinance.
- Reviewing the annual audit and report prepared by an independent auditor, describing how funds were spent.
- Producing a publicly available Annual Report of oversight activities.

### **Committee Bylaws**

The Measure D Oversight Committee is subject to the committee bylaws and description included in the RTC's Rules and Regulations ([Attachment 2](#)). The Rules and Regulations cover the purpose, responsibilities and membership of the committee as established by voter approved Measure D. State requirements to satisfy the Brown Act are also addressed along with terms of service and quorum.

## **Committee Composition**

Measure D limits the oversight committee membership to five (5) members who must reside in Santa Cruz County. In order to ensure representation of residents throughout the county, the bylaws establish that one resident from each of the five county supervisorial districts will compose the committee. Measure D also states that committee members:

- Cannot be elected officials of any government;
- Cannot be employees of any agency or organization that either oversees or implements projects funded from the proceeds of Measure D;
- Will fairly represent the geographical, social, cultural, and economic diversity of Santa Cruz County; and
- Include at least one person with an accounting or fiscal management background.

The applications for committee membership asked applicants to provide information on how they may represent the social, cultural and economic diversity of the county. The application also asked applicants to provide information regarding their accounting and fiscal management background. This information was used by the RTC when it chose new members to appoint to the committee and members to reappoint earlier in 2026.

## **Conduct of Meetings**

Consistent with RTC Rules and Regulations, the Oversight Committee meetings are subject to the California Brown Act and shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of "Rosenberg's Rules of Order." A summary of the Brown Act is included as Attachment 3. The Brown Act or "Open Meeting Law" was enacted to guarantee the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local agencies.

## **Meeting Schedule**

The ordinance limits the total number of oversight committee meetings to no more than four per year. Oversight committees for many other ballot measures meet one or two times per year. Committee activities are expected to focus on review of audits and prior year expenditures. It is expected that audited expenditure information will be available for committee review in the March-May timeframe each year. Reports of prior year expenditures and completed audits are due from recipient agencies by February 1.

## **SUMMARY**

Measure D requires the formation of an oversight committee and addresses duties, membership, and number of meetings per year for the committee. Staff recommends the Measure D Oversight Committee review bylaws and other materials related to the committee.

Attachments:

1. Section 32 of the Measure D Ordinance
2. Excerpts of the RTC Rules and Regulations related to Committee Bylaws and the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee
3. Brown Act at a Glance

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**Measure D Ordinance:**  
**Section 32. TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS, AUDITS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

Accountability is of utmost importance in delivering public investments with public dollars. In order to ensure accountability, transparency and public oversight of all funds collected and allocated under this Measure and to comply with state law, all of the following shall apply:

- A. Annual Report.** Each agency receiving Measure Revenue shall annually adopt, after holding a public hearing, an annual report which includes 1) a five-year program of projects including information about each of the projects to be funded with Measure Revenues allocated according to the Expenditure Plan. Local and regional agencies shall submit their program of projects to the Authority in a format that can be easily understood by members of the public. 2) Description of expenditures of Measure Revenues from the most recently completed fiscal year. The purpose of requiring the most recently completed fiscal year expenditures is to allow the Authority to prepare a comprehensive report to the public on the expenditure of funds generated by this Ordinance.
  
- B. Annual Audit.** No less than annually, an independent annual audit shall be conducted of the expenditure of all funds generated by the transportation tax. The audit, which shall be made available to the public, shall report on evidence that the expenditure of funds is in accordance with this Plan as adopted by the voters in approving the Ordinance on November 8, 2016. The Authority will also prepare a publicly available annual report on past and upcoming activities and publish an annual financial statement.
  
- C. Independent Oversight Committee.** An Independent Oversight Committee shall be formed by the Board of Directors of the Authority to review the annual independent fiscal audit of the expenditure of the Transportation Tax funds and issue an annual report on its findings regarding compliance with the requirements of the Expenditure Plan and the Ordinance to the Authority Board of Directors. The total membership of the Independent Oversight Committee shall not exceed five (5) members and any vacancy which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the Board of Directors of the Authority as soon as reasonably possible.

Members of the Independent Oversight Committee shall be residents of Santa Cruz County who are neither elected officials of any government, nor employees from any agency or organization that either oversees or implements projects funded from the proceeds of the sales tax. Members will fairly represent the geographical, social, cultural, and economic diversity of Santa Cruz County to ensure maximum benefit for transportation users. The Committee shall include at least one person with an accounting or fiscal management background.

Independent Oversight Committee meetings will be announced in advance and will be open to the general public. The Independent Oversight Committee shall meet at least once but no more than four times per year.

The responsibilities of this Committee include:

- Reviewing Expenditure Plan expenditures on an annual basis to ensure they conform to the Ordinance.
- Reviewing the annual audit and report prepared by an independent auditor, describing how funds were spent.
- Produce a publicly available Annual Report of Oversight Activities.

D. Decisions regarding implementation of this Ordinance will be made by the Authority in public meetings, subject to the Brown Act.

**Excerpts from RTC Rules & Regulations:**  
**Committee Bylaws and Measure D Oversight Committee Description**

## Exhibit 2

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Bylaws for Commission Committees**  
**November 3, 2022**

**CREATION OF COMMITTEES**

As needs arise, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (Commission) can establish working Committees to serve as advisory or oversight bodies to the Commission for any designated length of time. Such Committees will adopt the bylaws below, as approved by the Commission, for rules and procedures.

**PURPOSES, POWERS AND DUTIES**

A separate attachment describing the purpose, membership, quorum and meeting frequency and location of each authorized Committee is included with these bylaws.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Consistent with state law and local ordinance, the Commission shall designate the number of members and affiliations to serve on each Committee at the Commission's pleasure. Committees may include Commissioners and non-Commission members, representatives from other agencies and jurisdictions, and members of the general public as deemed appropriate by the Commission, state statute, or local ordinance. For each committee, an individual may be appointed to one membership seat only, as either member or alternate.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner appointments to Committees with RTC board member membership are made by the Commission Chair with the concurrence of the Commission. The Chair shall ensure fair Committee representation by the entities represented on the Commission itself. Non-Commissioner appointments to agency membership slots for Committees are made by the represented agency. Each represented agency shall inform the Commission in writing of its appointment. Appointments to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee of members of the general public representing county supervisorial districts are made by the corresponding county supervisor for that district. Appointments of other members of the general public to Committees are made by the Commission based on an open application process and consistent with state law and local ordinance. Each of the cities is encouraged to nominate members to the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee. The nominations are limited to representation for the nominating entity's jurisdiction. The nominations will be considered along with any other applications for the seats to be filled. Current membership lists shall be maintained by the Commission's Executive Director.

Commissioner appointments to committees shall be made annually at the March Commission meeting by the Chair with concurrence of the Commission. When a Commissioner vacancy on a Committee is created, the Commission Chair shall make an interim appointment with concurrence of the Commission at the next meeting.

### ALTERNATES

Commissioners' designated alternates shall serve as their alternates on Committees. Alternates for non-Commissioner committee member seats shall be appointed in the same manner as appointments to the corresponding regular membership slot.

### VACANCIES

A vacancy may be created when an appointed member of the Committee misses three consecutive regular meetings without good cause so entered in the minutes. A vacancy shall be created when due to death, disability, or extenuating circumstances, an appointed member can no longer carry out responsibilities; when an appointed member resigns as a Committee member; or when a Commissioner appointed to a Committee resigns from the Commission. Vacancies are to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

Commission staff shall notify Committee members when they have missed two consecutive meetings without good cause so entered in the minutes, in order to inform them of the potential creation of a vacancy.

For membership slots filled by members of the public not appointed by County Supervisors, Commission staff shall advertise the opening on the Commission website and in other manners as to notify the public of the membership opportunity.

The membership structure, including alternates and ex-officio members, of each Committee is included as separate attachments to these bylaws.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

A Committee Member on a given Committee shall be responsible for contacting his or her Alternate in the event the Committee Member cannot attend a scheduled meeting.

A Committee Member or Alternate on a given Committee shall be responsible for notifying staff 24 hours prior to the meeting that the Alternate will be serving as the representative to that Committee on behalf of the Committee Member or that neither the member nor alternate will be in attendance.

Should a Committee Member comply with the above (contacting the Alternate and notifying staff), in the event the Alternate does not attend the meeting, it will be noted in the minutes that the Committee Member is excused.

Should a Committee Member fail to notify staff that his or her Alternate will be serving as the representative to the Committee, and should the Alternate not be in attendance at the meeting, the Committee Member shall be entered in the minutes as absent without cause and subject to the Vacancies requirement.

#### ALTERNATES ATTENDANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

An Alternate shall be required to attend Committee meetings only in the event that his or her Committee Member is unable to attend; however, the Alternate may attend and may participate as a member of the public (but may not vote) at Committee meetings even if the Committee Member is present.

#### TERMS OF OFFICE

Commissioners appointed to Committees shall serve a term of one year, and continue to serve until a new appointment is made. Committee members appointed by County Supervisors shall serve four-year terms beginning in April after election of the corresponding County Supervisor and will serve at the will of the appointing supervisor. Other non- Commissioner members of Committees shall serve three-year terms. Alternates shall serve a term that coincides with the term of the committee member for whom they are an alternate. Terms of office for all Committee members are renewable. At their discretion the Commission and other appointing entities may review and change Committee appointments at any time.

#### OFFICERS

A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for each Committee shall be elected to serve for a term of one or two years. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson shall maintain order and decorum at the meetings, decide all questions of order, and announce the Committee's decisions. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence. In the event both officers are absent from the Committee, the majority of quorum may appoint a presiding officer for that meeting. All officers shall continue in their respective offices until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.

#### COMMITTEE STAFF

The Executive Director of the Commission shall appoint a staff member to serve as the primary staff to each Committee.

#### ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES

- a) Meetings. Committee meetings are to be open and public in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). The meetings are to be held in a freely accessible location in order to facilitate the attendance of disabled members of the Committee and community in general. The scheduled meeting time for each committee is listed on the separate attachments but may be changed at the decision of a quorum of the Committee. The date, time and place

of the meeting may also occasionally be changed due to availability of members or timeliness of agenda items.

- b) Quorum. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No official action shall be taken during any Committee meeting at which a quorum is not present. No act of a Committee shall be valid unless a majority of the members present concur therein.
- c) Voting. Voting on all matters shall be on a voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by any member in attendance. Ex officio members of the Committee shall not be eligible to vote although they may participate freely in any and all discussions of the Committee.
- d) Agenda. Except as otherwise specified, all Committees shall comply with the notice and agenda requirements applicable to the Commission. All issues requiring a vote or Committee discussion must be included on the meeting's agenda. Written materials concerning these items must be included in the agenda packet of the meeting for which that item is scheduled for discussion. A Committee member may request that an issue not on the agenda be put on the next meeting's agenda for discussion and/or vote. By majority vote, the Committee may approve continuation of an agenda item to the next meeting.

Members who wish to place items on the agenda shall notify commission staff and provide appropriate documentation to staff at least two weeks prior to the meeting except for emergency items considered pursuant to requirements of the Brown Act.

- e) Limitation of Discussion. Discussion on any particular matter by either Committee members or by any member of the general public may be limited, at the discretion of the Chairperson, to such length of time as the Chairperson may deem reasonable under the circumstances.
- f) Conduct of Meetings. The meetings are to be conducted in accordance with the principles of Rosenberg's Rules of Order (see Exhibit 11).
- g) Minutes. Official minutes recording the members and visitors present, motions entertained, actions taken, and the votes cast at each Committee meeting, shall be prepared by staff and submitted to the Committee for approval and to the Commission for its acceptance.
- h) Oral Communications. A time for Oral Communications will be included on all agendas to hear comments from non-committee members on items not on the Committee agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee's business. Permission to address the Committee must first be secured from the Presiding Officer. The general time limit is three minutes, unless more time is granted by the presiding officer. Matters raised during oral communications, or at other

times, which require further information or investigation can be referred by the Committee to staff, and if action is required, placed on a future agenda.

- i) Bylaws. The information set forth herein shall be deemed sufficient to serve as the bylaws for the Commission's Committees subject to approval by the Commission. The committee descriptions included in the Commission's Rules and Regulations can be amended by a majority vote of the subject committee's members with approval by the Commission.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A member of the Commission or its committees is prohibited from participating in a governmental decision, including, but not limited to the making of a contract, in which he or she has a financial interest.

Exhibit 2A

**Committee: MEASURE D TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Committee Objectives:** Review the annual independent fiscal audit of the expenditure of the Measure D Transportation Tax funds and issue an annual report on its findings regarding compliance with the requirements of the Expenditure Plan and the Ordinance.

1. Review Measure D Expenditure Plan expenditures on an annual basis to ensure that they conform to the Measure D Ordinance;
2. Review the annual audit and report prepared by an independent auditor, describing how funds were spent; and
3. Produce a publicly available Annual Report of Oversight Activities issued to the Regional Transportation Commission with findings regarding compliance with the requirements of Measure D and its Expenditure Plan.

**Committee Membership:** The total membership shall not exceed five (5) members. Members shall be residents of Santa Cruz County who are neither elected officials of any government, nor employees from any agency or organization that either oversees or implements projects funded from the proceeds of the sales tax. Members will fairly represent the geographical, social, cultural, and economic diversity of Santa Cruz County to ensure maximum benefit for transportation users. The Committee shall include at least one person with an accounting or fiscal management background.

One resident from each of the five county supervisorial districts 5

**Appointments:** Appointments shall be made by the Regional Transportation Commission. Any vacancy which may occur from time to time shall be filled by the Board of Directors of the Authority as soon as reasonably possible.

**Term:** Members will serve without compensation for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed up to three (3) times. Members will not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, if there are other eligible applicants for the position.

**Quorum:** A quorum is three members, assuming that there are no vacant positions. If there are vacant positions, a quorum will be the lowest whole number representing more than fifty percent (50%) of filled positions.

**Meeting Frequency and Time:** The Measure D Oversight Committee shall meet at least once but no more than four times per year. Meetings will be announced at least 72 hours in advance and will be open to the general public.

**Meeting Location:** The Regional Transportation Commission conference room at 1523 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz unless otherwise announced at least 72 hours in advance.

## **The Ralph M. Brown Act at a Glance**

The Brown Act or “Open Meeting Law” is officially known as the Ralph M. Brown Act and is found in the California Government Code § 54950 et seq. 1. The Brown Act was enacted in 1953 to guarantee the public’s right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies, and as a response to growing concerns about local government officials’ practice of holding secret meetings that were not in compliance with advance public notice requirements. The Brown Act is pivotal in making public officials accountable for their actions and in allowing the public to participate in the decision making process.

### **Who is Governed by the Brown Act?**

The Brown Act governs local agencies, legislative bodies of local government agencies created by state or federal law and any standing committee of a covered board or legislative body, and governing bodies of non-profit corporations formed by a public agency. Examples of these would be city council, county board of supervisors, special district, school boards, standing committees, and even some types of Home Owners Associations (if they were created by a public entity and constituted as some sort of public district.)

### **What is a “Meeting?”**

A meeting, as defined by the Brown Act, is “any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and place to hear, discuss or deliberate upon any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body” (§ 54952.2 (a)). For instance, when the quorum for an oversight committee reaches the number necessary to be a majority (i.e. 3 out of 5), that is considered a meeting under the Brown Act. Also, when the same or a greater number of supervisors are attending a social gathering, for which no meeting notice was given, and they start discussing business under the jurisdiction of their legislative body, that would be considered a meeting that falls under Brown Act regulations.

The key elements for a meeting are quorum and discussion, hearing or deliberation of issues; the meeting needs not to be formally convened in order to be subject to the act. That means that “informal”, “study,” “discussion,” “informational,” “fact-finding,” or “pre-council” gatherings of a quorum of the members of a board are within the scope of the Act as meetings.

### **Exceptions (Meetings Not Covered by the Brown Act)**

Conferences and retreats, other public meetings, meetings of other legislative bodies, social or ceremonial events are exempt from the Brown Act provided that legislative members follow certain rules such as limiting the discussion to the agenda in the conference; or that legislative members do not discuss amongst themselves business of their legislative body. Regulations for these exceptions to meetings are contained in § 54952.2(c). Also excluded from the application of the Brown Act are individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person (§ 54952.2(c) (1)). Any other person is defined as a non-staff or non-board member.

## **Serial Meetings**

The Brown Act explicitly prohibits the use of “direct communication, personal intermediaries, or technological devices that is employed by a majority of the members of the legislative body to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken on an item by the members of the legislative body” (§ 5495.2(b)). Serial meetings involve communication between members of a legislative body that are less than a quorum, but when all participants are considered, it constitutes a majority. “For example, a chain of communications involving contact from member A to member B who then communicates with member C would constitute a "serial meeting" ... Similarly, when a person acts as the hub of a wheel (member A) and communicates individually with the various spokes (members B and C), a serial meeting has occurred. In addition, a serial meeting occurs when intermediaries for board members have a meeting to discuss issues.

For example, when a representative of member A meets with representatives of members B and C to discuss an agenda item, the members have conducted a serial meeting. In *Stockton Newspapers, Inc. v. Redevelopment Agency* (1985) 171 Cal.App.3d 95, the Court concluded that a series of telephone conversations conducted by the agency's attorney as an intermediary constituted a meeting within the scope of the Brown Act. (See also, 65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 63 (1982); 63 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 820 (1980)).”<sup>3</sup> Thus, the use of email to create consensus among the legislative members might be in violation of the Brown Act.

## **Teleconference Meetings**

The Brown Act allows teleconference meetings if they comply with the following specifications:

- The teleconference location is accessible to the public and it is noted in the agendas;
- The meeting is useful to the public and the legislative body;
- All votes are taken by roll call, and;
- At least a quorum of the members of the legislative body are located within the boundaries of the territory over which it exercises jurisdiction (§ 54953(b)).

## **Closed Sessions**

The Brown Act allows closed sessions under the scope of a regular meeting. It stipulates that they shall comply with agenda posting and be held within the jurisdiction of the legislative body (§ 54954), which shall include a description of the items to be discussed (§ 54954.2). In addition, prior to holding any closed session, the legislative body shall disclose, in an open meeting, the item or items to be discussed in the closed session (§ 54957.7). Items that can be discussed by the legislative body are according to § 54954.5:

- License or permit determination (§ 54956.7)
- Conference with real property negotiators (§ 54956.8)
- Conference with legal counsel regarding existing or anticipated litigation (§ 54956.9)
- Liability claims (§ 54956.95)
- Threat to public services or facilities (§ 54957(a))
- Public employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal or release (§ 54957(b))
- Conference with labor negotiators (§ 54957.6)

- Case review or planning (§ 54957.8)
- Report involving trade secret or hearings (§ 54956.87, California Health and Safety code §§1461,32106 and 32155; or California Government Code §§ 37606 and 37624.3)
- Charge or complaint involving information protected by federal law (§ 54956.86).
- The legislative body should publicly report actions, along with the vote and abstention count, taken as result of a closed session (§ 54957.1). Documentation relative to the reports should be available to any person on the next business day following the meeting (§ 54957.1(c)).

### **Special Meetings**

Either the presiding officer or the majority of members of the legislative body may call special meetings at any time by delivering each of its members a written notice and by notifying the media (which has previously requested notification of special meetings): the notice shall be received at least 24 hours in advance before the meeting. Special meetings notice shall be also posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and it should be held in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. The discussions at the special meeting are limited to the issues posted in the agenda. No other business shall be considered (§ 54956).

### **What Rules Must a Meeting Follow?**

Local agencies, in order to comply with the Brown Act, shall:

Hold open and public meetings (§ 54953 (a)). In addition, no legislative body shall conduct any meeting in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person(s) on the basis of: race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex; or that is inaccessible to disabled persons, or where the public, in order to gain access to the facility, needs to pay or purchase something (§ 54961 (a)).

- Vote publicly, no secret ballots are allowed (§ 54953 (c)).
- Comply with the protections and prohibitions of Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (§ 54953.2).
- NOT require public registration, as a condition for attendance; the public is not required to register, provide any other information –such as self-identification--, or fulfill any condition precedent to its attendance. If an attendance list is circulated, it shall clearly state that the signing, registering, or completion of the document is voluntary (§ 54953.3)
- Allow recording of the proceeding (video tape, audio tape) provided that recording is done in an undistruptive way (§ 54953.5)
- NOT prohibit or restrict broadcasting unless there is a finding that this would be disruptive to the proceedings (§ 54953.6)
- Post notice of meetings, information shall include specified time and location, except for advisory or standing committees (§ 54954 (a))
- Post agendas at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting and it shall contain a brief general description of each item of business (§ 54954.2(a))
- NOT take action or discuss any item not appearing on the posted agenda except under certain conditions (§ 54954.2(a), conditions appear on subsection (b)) \
- Hold meetings in the jurisdiction of the legislative body (§54954 (b))

- Allow and honor any person's request to provide and mail a copy of the agenda at the time the agenda is posted (at least 72 hours in advance) or of all the documents of the agenda packet of any meeting (§ 54954.1)
- Provide an opportunity for comment from members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public on every agenda for regular meetings (§ 54954.3(a))
- Allow public criticism of the legislative body (§ 54954.3(c))
- Hold at least one public meeting, allowing for public comment, before adopting any new or increased general tax or increased assessment, and
- the legislative body shall provide at least 45 days public notice of such meeting (§ 54954.6)5
- Not charge fees for the attendance to a meeting or for carrying out any provision in the Brown Act (§ 54956.6). The only exception is when legislative bodies are allowed to charge a fee that covers the cost of mailing an agenda or agenda packet (§ 54954.1). A related requirement is found on § 54961(a) that prohibits meetings in a place where the public needs to pay or purchase something
- Disclose to the public agendas of public meetings and any other writings, when distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of a legislative body of a local agency. In addition, under the California Public Records Act these documents shall be made available upon request and without delay (§ 54957.5)
- Preserve the order in meetings. Moreover, if a group willfully interrupts a meeting and the order can only be restored by the removal of disruptive individuals, then the legislative body may order the meeting room to be cleared. The session might be reinitiated and representatives of the media shall be allowed to stay and attend the session. The legislative body may also establish a procedure for readmitting individual(s) not responsible for the disruptive conduct that caused the meeting room to be cleared (§ 54957.9).

### **Violations of the Brown Act**

Each member of a legislative body who has taken action in violation of any provision of the Brown Act, and where there was willful deprivation of information to the public, is guilty of a misdemeanor (§ 54959). Civil remedies (injunction, mandamus, declaratory relief and voiding past actions of the body) are provided in case of violation of the Brown Act (§§ 54960 and 5490.1) pursuant to §§ 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, and 54956.5 (that is, for violations to requirements for: general open meeting, agenda posting, closed sessions, tax and assessment, special meetings and, emergency meetings). A court may award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to §§ 54960 and 5490.1.

In order to correct a violation to the Brown Act, a complaint to cure and correct has to be filed by the interested party:

- within 30 days of the date the action was taken during an open meeting and in violation of agenda requirements
- Within 90 days of the date the action was taken for all other cases
- Once the legislative body has received the complaint, it has 30 days to cure or correct the challenged action, if it fails to do so, a person then may file suit to void the action (§ 54960.1.)

**TO:** Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee

**FROM:** Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

**RE:** Fiscal Year 2024/25 Measure D Audits and Expenditure Reports for Direct Recipients

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee review Measure D FY2024/25 annual reports, including expenditure reports and independent fiscal audits for the County of Santa Cruz and the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville, to ensure that expenditures conform to the Measure D Ordinance.

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## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2016, Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D, a half-cent transaction and use tax (sales tax) for transportation. Each year, agencies that receive Measure D revenues are required to prepare expenditure reports and independently audited financial statements for the prior fiscal year. The audits and expenditure reports should provide evidence that the expenditure of funds is in accordance with the [Measure D Ordinance](#) and [Expenditure Plan](#) and Measure D Funding Agreement with recipient agencies.

Per Section 32C of the voter-approved Measure D Ordinance, the oversight committee is tasked with the following responsibilities:

1. Reviewing Expenditure Plan expenditures on an annual basis to ensure they conform to the Ordinance.
2. Reviewing the annual audit and report prepared by an independent auditor, describing how funds were spent.
3. Producing a publicly available Annual Report of oversight activities.

## **DISCUSSION**

Nearly 50% of Measure D revenues are allocated to the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville, the County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz METRO, and Community Bridges/Lift Line (Direct Recipients). These agencies have prepared annual reports which include expenditure reports and audited financial statements showing how they spent Measure D allocations in Fiscal Year 2024/25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Representatives from the **County of Santa Cruz** and the cities of **Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville will be available to**

**answer questions at this meeting.** The audits for Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz METRO, Lift Line, and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission will be available for review at the next committee meeting.

### **Summary of Revenues and Expenditures**

FY2024/25 was the eighth full year that Measure D revenues were collected. For this year, the RTC allocated a total of \$27.7 million in net Measure D revenues to recipient agencies and RTC-managed categories based on formulas set forth in the voter approved Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. These revenues can only be used for transportation purposes described in the Measure D Expenditure Plan, agreements, and guidelines.

Recipient agencies expended \$10.7 million of Measure D revenues on projects and services in the fiscal year. Allocations not expended can be carried over for use in future years on projects identified in the 5-year programs of projects (also called 5-Year Plans) that are annually updated by each agency.

### **Audit and Expenditure Reports Compliance**

The Measure D Ordinance states: ***Annual Audit.*** *No less than annually, an independent annual audit shall be conducted of the expenditure of all funds generated by the transportation tax. The audit, which shall be made available to the public, shall report on evidence that the expenditure of funds is in accordance with this Plan as adopted by the voters in approving the Ordinance on November 8, 2016.*

The FY2024/25 annual reports for the recipient agencies (including audits, expenditure reports, and additional documentation) are online at: <https://www.sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/taxpayer-oversight/#reports> and again linked at the end of this report.

Whereas the audited financials summarize total Measure D expenditures, the expenditure reports and supporting documents break out what projects and services Measure D funds were spent on and provide information on compliance with the Ordinance and fund agreements.

As shown in the expenditure report spreadsheets included in their annual reports, the recipient agencies used Measure D funds on a wide range of projects including roadway resurfacing projects and transportation network maintenance, new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, traffic safety education programs, bus and paratransit services and vehicle purchases.

**In accordance with Section 32C of the Measure D Ordinance, staff recommends that the Oversight Committee review the annual FY2024/25**

**audits, expenditure reports, and annual updates describing how Measure D funds were spent to ensure expenditures conform to the Ordinance.**

Based on committee review of the audits, expenditure reports, and associated annual documents, the Committee will produce an Annual Report to the public. The front section of each recipient agencies' reporting called "Highlights" will assist in improving the Annual Report for public consumption.

A few things the Committee may note:

1. Financial statements from recipient agencies were stated on a full or modified accrual basis. In most instances the revenue amounts reported in recipient agency audits differed slightly from apportionment amounts shown in the RTC's financial statements because the RTC reports apportionments on a full accrual basis – including payments made a few months later for revenues generated through June 30, 2025, whereas some agencies reported revenues and expenditures on a cash basis for funds they received from RTC July 2024 – June 2025.
2. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Measure D Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, auditors performed tests of compliance which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
3. While the Measure D Ordinance requires the audit to report that expenditures are in accordance with the Expenditure Plan in the ordinance approved by the voters, since fiscal audits do not typically cover compliance, agencies provided supplemental information in the annual reports.
4. Section 26 of the Ordinance and PUC 180001(e) requires that funds generated by Measure D be used to supplement and not replace existing revenues used for transportation purposes. The annual reports include Maintenance of Effort (MOE) information on the amount of discretionary local transportation-related expenditures which agencies have used for transportation purposes. The Measure D guidelines for recipient agencies (Section 7.G.) allow agencies 3 years to meet adjusted average minimum local MOE expenditures.

**SUMMARY**

Agencies that receive Measure D funds are required to annually submit audited financial statements and expenditure reports showing how Measure D funds were expended in the prior fiscal year. The oversight committee is responsible for reviewing and reporting on those documents.

Attachments:

1. Audited Financial Statements and Annual Expenditure Reports

**ONLINE AT:**

<https://www.sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/taxpayer-oversight/#reports> for:

- a) County of Santa Cruz
- b) City of Capitola
- c) City of Santa Cruz
- d) City of Watsonville

*[https://rtcsc.sharepoint.com/sites/programming/shared documents/measured/committee meetings/2026/april 1/7. draft measd-fy24audits&expenditures-toc-sr.docx](https://rtcsc.sharepoint.com/sites/programming/shared%20documents/measured/committee%20meetings/2026/april%201/7.%20draft%20measd-fy24audits&expenditures-toc-sr.docx)*

**TO:** Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee  
**FROM:** Shannon Munz, Communications Specialist  
**RE:** Oversight Committee Annual Report

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee:

1. Prepare an Annual Report from the committee to the public and SCCRTC board regarding Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Measure D expenditures and audits
  2. Discuss and agree on content for the report, authorize the Chair to prepare a letter from the Committee commenting on whether Measure D Ordinance provisions and requirements were met in FY24/25, and direct staff to assist in preparing and making the report available to the public
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## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2016, Santa Cruz County voters approved the Measure D transportation sales tax. Each year, agencies receiving Measure D revenues provide an expenditure report and audited financial statements showing how they spent Measure D funds in the prior fiscal year (*see separate agenda item*).

Per Section 32C of the voter approved Measure D Ordinance, the oversight committee is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- Reviewing Expenditure Plan expenditures on an annual basis to ensure they conform to the Ordinance.
- Reviewing the annual audit and report prepared by an independent auditor, describing how funds were spent.
- **Producing a publicly available Annual Report of oversight activities.**

## **DISCUSSION**

Based on review of the FY24/25 audits and expenditure reports from recipient agencies (*see separate agenda item*), the Taxpayer Oversight Committee will prepare an annual report commenting on whether expenditures conform to the provisions and requirements of the Measure D Ordinance. Last year's report included a letter from the Chair, focused on the financials and findings of the audits, a one-page executive summary, leveraging Measure D to secure outside money, and highlights of most of the projects that were funded by Measure D funds in

FY23/24 (Attachment 1). **Staff recommends that the Oversight Committee discuss and agree on content for the FY24/25 annual report and authorize the Chair to prepare a letter from the Committee commenting on whether Measure D Ordinance provisions and requirements were met in the reporting year and direct staff to assist in preparing and making the report available to the public.** The committee may want to use a similar format to last year's report, or identify any changes.

## **SUMMARY**

The Measure D Ordinance requires the Oversight Committee to prepare an annual report regarding its oversight of Measure D expenditures and annual audits.

### Attachments:

1. Taxpayer Oversight Committee FY23/24 Annual Report (previous year's) for reference



# Measure D Transportation Sales Tax

*Taxpayer Oversight Committee  
Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2023/2024*



## Executive Summary

In 2016, Santa Cruz County voters overwhelmingly approved **Measure D**, a half-cent sales tax dedicated to improving transportation across the county. This 30-year measure funds five key areas:

- Local streets and roads
- Public transit and paratransit
- Highway improvements
- Rail preservation and studies
- Coastal Rail Trail

Since it took effect in April 2017 through June 2024, Measure D has generated over **\$196 million** for local transportation projects, with **\$27.6 million** collected in the 2023/2024 fiscal year. These funds are being used for dozens of projects—fixing roads, improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians, expanding transit options, and tackling major infrastructure needs.

The **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission** oversees Measure D and distributes half the funds directly to local cities, the county, Santa Cruz METRO, and Community Bridges' Lift Line. Each agency is required to prepare a five-year spending plan annually, outlining how current and future funds will be used.

Measure D dollars have also helped bring in more than **\$350 million** in outside grants through June 2024, multiplying the impact of local tax dollars and speeding up progress on key regional projects.

Thanks to voter support, Measure D continues to be a reliable and direct source of funding for transportation improvements that reduce traffic congestion, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and make it easier and safer for everyone to get around Santa Cruz County.



# MEASURE D TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

### FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

In November 2016, over two-thirds of Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D, an ordinance with a comprehensive and inclusive package of transportation improvements to be developed in the county that would be funded by the imposition of a retail transactions and use tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for a period of 30 years.

The tax became effective on April 1, 2017. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is designated as the Local Transportation Authority to implement the provisions of Measure D. Consistent with the Measure D Transportation Improvement Expenditure Plan, the RTC allocates, administers, and oversees the expenditure of all Measure D revenues which are not directly allocated by formula to other agencies.

Through June 2024, over \$196 million in tax revenues were generated and over \$123 million of Measure D funds expended by the RTC and the other recipient local agencies. As shown in the table below, \$57 million of carryover Measure D Funds and anticipated future revenues will be used on transportation projects identified in each agency's 5-year program of projects (5-year plans).

The voter-approved Measure D Ordinance specifies that an independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (Committee) review the annual independent fiscal audit of the expenditure of Measure D funds and issue an annual report on its findings regarding compliance with the requirements of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance. The Committee consists of five members who are residents of Santa Cruz County and are neither elected officials of any government nor employees from any agency or organization that oversees or implements projects funded from the proceeds of the tax.

Committee members are appointed for two-year terms. The current Committee Members are:

- Supervisorial District 1: Frederick Harron
- Supervisorial District 2: Mark Johannessen, Chair
- Supervisorial District 3: Philip Hodsdon, Vice-Chair
- Supervisorial District 4: Jeannene Rawlsky
- Supervisorial District 5: Jennifer Merchant



*ADA curb ramp construction, City of Capitola*



*METRO Pacific Station construction*

The Committee held in-person meetings on April 17 and June 10, 2025, to review FY 2023/24 expenditures. Meeting materials and minutes are available for review on the RTC website: <https://sccrtc.org/meetings/measure-d-taxpayer-oversight-committee/>.

The Committee reviewed the Measure D Financial Statements, audited by independent Certified Public Accounting firms, and also reviewed the annual expenditure reports submitted by each of the Measure D recipient agencies:

- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- County of Santa Cruz
- City of Capitola
- City of Santa Cruz
- City of Scotts Valley
- City of Watsonville
- Santa Cruz METRO
- Community Bridges’s Lift Line

The only material finding of any audit was that the City of Watsonville had not included their Impact Fee Special Revenue Fund in their annual budget. City staff has stated that they have already corrected this for FY 2024/25.

All agencies’ expenditures in FY 2023/24 were found to be consistent with the Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. Regarding requirements of the Measure D Ordinance, it was found that the City of Capitola had not updated their Measure D 5-Year Plan. City staff have confirmed that they will resume annual updates to their 5-Year Plan in 2025.

The Measure D Transportation Improvement Expenditure Plan provides for the allocation of investments of Measure D funds for neighborhood projects (30%), highway corridors (25%), transit for seniors and people with disabilities (20%), active transportation (17%) and the rail corridor (8%). For FY 2023/24, the RTC allocated \$26.9 million in net Measure D revenues to cities, the County, Santa Cruz METRO, Community Bridges, and regional investment categories and projects based on formulas set forth in the voter approved Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. The RTC expended \$19.8 million in the regional categories and the other recipient agencies expended \$18.6 million of Measure D revenues on projects and services in FY 2023/24. This was a significant increase over previous years, as several major projects initiated design and construction work. Any balance of allocations not expended through FY 2023/24 are carried over for use in future years on projects identified in the 5-Year Plans.



Coastal Rail Trail Segment 5 construction,  
North Coast



METRO CNG Articulated Bus

A summary of Measure D revenues and expenditures from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and balances follows:

Investment Category	%	FY 23/24 Allocations* (Accrual basis)	FY 23/24 Expenditures	Balances (include prior years carryover & interest)
Neighborhood	30%	\$8,076,107		
SLV/Hwy 9		\$333,333	\$25,953	\$2,094,959
Hwy 17 Wildlife Crossing		\$166,667	\$56,816	\$109,657
City of Capitola		\$361,462	\$366,000	\$562,300
City of Santa Cruz		\$1,717,387	\$1,974,096	\$2,349,914
City of Scotts Valley		\$373,237	\$338,095	\$551,998
City of Watsonville		\$1,184,373	\$1,010,069	\$4,772,078
County of Santa Cruz		\$3,939,648	\$6,294,868	\$6,589,590
Transit/Paratransit - METRO**	16%	\$4,294,955	\$7,148,077	\$5,508,631
Paratransit - Lift Line	4%	\$1,073,739	\$1,469,256	\$772,163
Highway Corridors	25%	\$6,721,948	\$9,000,897	\$20,745,021
Active Transportation/ MBSST	17%	\$4,559,728	\$10,111,979	\$6,600,455
Rail Corridor	8%	\$2,145,594	\$594,490	\$6,448,942
<b>Net Revenues</b> <i>(net fees, admin/ implementation)</i>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$26,872,071</b>	<b>\$38,390,596</b>	<b>\$57,105,708</b>
Admin. salaries & benefits	1%	\$275,729	\$285,179	
Implementation & Oversight	varies	\$477,278	\$418,040	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,625,078</b>	<b>\$39,093,815</b>	
State CDTFA (BOE) Fees	actuals	\$187,050	\$187,050	

**Figure 1: FY 2023/24 Revenue & Expenditures Summary**

**Notes:**

\*This table includes a combination of information from the RTC and local agency audited financial information and project expenditure reports. Audited financials are typically presented on a modified or full accrual basis which means revenues are recognized when earned, not when received. FY 2023/24 allocations shown reflect RTC payments on an accrual basis, whereas audits for some agencies showed revenues on a modified accrual or cash basis depending on what month they accrued revenues.

\*\*METRO: The difference in carryover balance between the audited \$10.5M and the \$5.5M in the expenditure reporting is that the deferred revenue as of 06/30/24 was \$10,519,055, of which \$5,508,631 was Unearned Income and \$5,010,424 was inter fund payable reimbursements for capital expenses incurred in FY24. In other words, only \$5,508,631 was unearned revenue that could be allocated to projects and operations in subsequent fiscal years.

As shown in the table above, the total Measure D funds collected and allocated (on an accrual basis) for FY 2023/24 by the RTC were \$27,625,078; this is \$261,828, or 0.96%, higher than in FY 2022/23.

Over \$57 million in Measure D revenues were carried over to FY 2024/25. Each agency develops and annually updates 5-year plans that indicate the projects that will be funded with the carryover funding and future anticipated revenues. This information can be found in each agency's most recent plan online at: <https://scrtc.org/funding-planning/measured>.

Measure D continues to serve as a crucial source of local transportation funding for the Santa Cruz County community and has been leveraged to secure more than \$350 million through June 2024 in outside funding for our transportation system. More details are included in this annual report.

**The Measure D Oversight Committee hereby finds that the RTC and Recipient Agencies are proceeding in accordance with the Measure D Ordinance, based on our review of the audited financial statements and the expenditure reports for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.**

**Mark Johannessen, Chair 2025**

Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee  
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission



## Your Measure D Dollars at Work

In FY 2023/24, recipients used Measure D funds to provide comprehensive and inclusive transportation projects throughout Santa Cruz County. In addition to addressing local street and road maintenance, improving bicycle and pedestrian safety, enhancing transit and paratransit service, designing and initiating construction of major infrastructure projects, and providing traveler information and assistance programs, the funds were used as leverage to secure outside grant funding, to prepare upcoming projects for future construction, to improve sustainability, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Highlights of Projects Funded by Measure D in FY 2023/24

Each of the agencies that receive Measure D revenues prepare reports and an audit showing how funds were spent. Additional information on expenditures is included in each recipient agency's annual Expenditure Report, available online at: [sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/taxpayer-oversight/](https://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/measured/taxpayer-oversight/).

## Neighborhood Projects: 30% of Measure D Revenues

### County of Santa Cruz

- ▶ 2023 Pavement Management Project: 16.81 miles of roadway resurfaced and restriped with bike lane and pedestrian crossing improvements.

### Santa Cruz

- ▶ Rail Trail Segment 7, Phase 2: Continued construction of 0.79 mile Rail Trail between Bay/California Street and Pacific Avenue with completion in 2025.
- ▶ Street Smarts Traffic Safety Program: Media and public outreach for the ongoing regional traffic safety campaign.
- ▶ City Arterial & Collector Street Reconstruction and Overlay (Ocean Street Pavement Rehabilitation): Completed rehabilitation of Ocean Street from Felker to Water. Included multimodal improvements for bike, pedestrian, and transit.



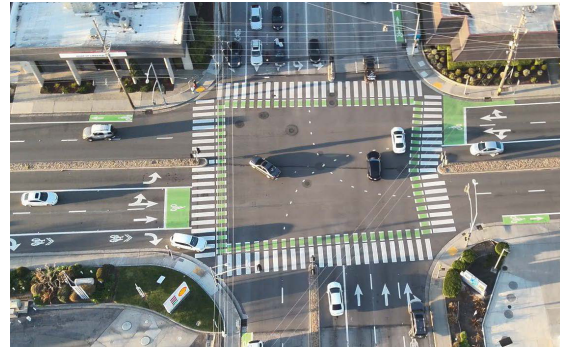
*Pavement rehabilitation on Hillcrest Drive (before & after), County of Santa Cruz*



*Ocean Street Pavement Rehabilitation, City of Santa Cruz*

## Capitola

- ▶ 41st Avenue/Capitola Road Rehabilitation Project: Rehabilitation of pavement at the intersection of Capitola Road and 41st Avenue and on Capitola Road from 41st Avenue to 30th Avenue. Vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle lane markings at intersections updated to meet the latest complete streets guidelines. Project included green bike lanes, green bike boxes, improved crossings, 10 new ADA ramps, modified push buttons for better access and leading pedestrian phases added.



*Complete streets elements at the intersection of Capitola Road and 41st Avenue, City of Capitola*

## Scotts Valley

- ▶ Bean Creek Road: Crack seal and type-2 slurry and bike lanes and striping from Scotts Valley Drive to K Street.
- ▶ Granite Creek Road: Repaving of asphalt surface and restriping from Scotts Valley Drive to the intersection at Santas Village Road. Bike lane widening and green treatment, new bike box, and ADA sidewalk improvements.



*Pavement rehabilitation on Bean Creek Road (before & after), City of Scotts Valley*

## Watsonville

- ▶ Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction Project: Road reconstruction, class III bike lanes and a newly installed traffic signal at the intersection of Freedom Boulevard and Sydney Avenue, completed summer 2024.
- ▶ Highway 1 Harkins Slough Road Pedestrian Bridge & Safe Routes to School Project Design: The bi-directional class IV bike lane and pedestrian bridge and 6-mile-long Green Valley Road Class IV bike lane will help provide a safe passage for Pajaro Valley High School students and residents.
- ▶ Citywide Bicycle Programs: Worked with Ecology Action in coordinating Bike Month with several pedestrian and bicycle safety training events and activities held throughout May.
- ▶ Trail Maintenance: Purchased dump truck to assist with ongoing Watsonville bicycle and pedestrian trail maintenance. Maintained existing trails.
- ▶ Pedestrian Traffic Safety: Flashing beacon installation, construction of traffic calming elements, and development of educational traffic safety videos.
- ▶ Pennsylvania Drive Reconstruction Project: Design of pavement repairs and complete street elements.
- ▶ Bridge Street Reconstruction Project: Currently in its design phase.



*Pedestrian traffic safety improvements, City of Watsonville*

# Transit for Seniors and People with Disabilities: 20% of Measure D Revenues

## Lift Line – Community Bridges: 4%

- ▶ Lift Line continued to use Measure D funds to:
  - Expand service hours and provide additional rides
  - Hire additional drivers and staff
  - Support safety and service training for drivers
  - Promote paratransit ride availability
  - Manage facility projects and run operations facility
  - Purchase vehicle/equipment replacements



*Lift Line facility in Watsonville*



*Lift Line paratransit service*



*METRO purchased new electric buses and new ParaCruz vans and continued to provide vital paratransit service to the community.*

## METRO: 16%

- ▶ Initiated construction for redevelopment of Pacific Station/METRO Transit Center in Santa Cruz
- ▶ Fixed-route buses equipped with new technology to provide riders with real-time arrival and departure information
- ▶ Purchased four electric buses to be used on the Highway 17 Commuter Route
- ▶ Replaced seven ParaCruz vans
- ▶ Added 10 CNG articulated buses to increase ridership
- ▶ Continued to increase fixed-route service and sustain ParaCruz service



*Pacific Station/METRO Transit Center construction*

## Regional Investment Categories

### Active Transportation/Coastal Rail Trail Corridor: 17% of Measure D Revenues



During FY 2023/24, Measure D funds were used on environmental review, permitting, design, coordination, construction of new sections of trail, and maintenance of completed sections of Coastal Rail Trail projects, including:

- ▶ Segment 5 (North Coast): In coordination with the RTC, the Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD) completed design of the 7.5-mile coastal rail trail from Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park. Construction began of Phases I and II, which include the rail trail and improvements to two parking lots. Design work for Phase III, a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing over Highway 1 at Yellowbank Beach, continued.
- ▶ Segment 8/9 (Pacific Avenue to 17th Avenue): The City of Santa Cruz, in partnership with the County of Santa Cruz, continued preliminary design and

environmental review of Segments 8 & 9 of the Coastal Rail Trail between the Santa Cruz Wharf and 17th Avenue (2.2 miles), also funded by state and private funds. The city has used local and regional Measure D funds as match to secure over \$40 million in grants to fully fund the project.

- ▶ Segment 10/11 (17th Avenue to State Park Drive): The County of Santa Cruz, in partnership with the City of Capitola, continued environmental review and preliminary design of Segments 10 & 11 of the trail from 17th Avenue to State Park Drive (4.5 miles). Measure D has been used as match to secure over \$68 million from California's Active Transportation Program.
- ▶ Segment 12 (State Park Drive to Rio Del Mar Boulevard): The RTC completed environmental review and began the final design of Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail between State Park Drive and Rio Del Mar Boulevard as part of the Highway 1 Freedom-State Park Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder project, which is being implemented in partnership with Caltrans. This section of trail includes bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Highway 1 and Soquel Drive, connecting coastal neighborhoods and Aptos Village.
- ▶ Coastal Rail Trail Oversight and Coordination: Overall trail planning, legal, stakeholder coordination, and development of future segments/grant applications.
- ▶ Corridor Encroachments and Maintenance: Ongoing corridor maintenance, including vegetation control; tree maintenance; trash and dumping abatement; encampments; drainage maintenance and repairs; and managing, renegotiating, or clearing of unpermitted encroachments.



*Coastal Rail Trail Segment 5 construction, North Coast*



*Goats were utilized to perform vegetation control on the rail line.*

## Highway 9/SLV Corridor and Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing (Funded from Neighborhood Category)

- ▶ San Lorenzo Valley/Highway 9 Corridor technical assistance, oversight, and community outreach, including legal, engineering review, grant preparation, funding agreements, RTC staff coordination with Caltrans, County, schools, and other stakeholders, public outreach, and other planning activities, including preconstruction for walkways in Felton and Boulder Creek.
- ▶ Landscaping and monitoring of the wildlife undercrossing at Highway 17 near Laurel Road that links core wildlife habitat areas on either side of the highway and to allow animals to travel beneath the highway. Mountain lions, bobcats, deer and other wildlife are using the crossing, reducing car crashes with wildlife.



*Wildlife using the Highway 17 Wildlife Undercrossing at Laurel Curve*

## Highway Corridors: 25% of Measure D Revenues

### Highway 1 - Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Projects

The RTC leads the development of and has secured grants to construct five (5) new sets of auxiliary lanes, implement a hybrid bus-on-shoulder program, and build new bicycle and pedestrian crossings along 7.5-miles of Highway 1.

- ▶ **Phase 1: Soquel Drive to 41st Avenue** – This project includes one set of auxiliary lanes on Highway 1 between the 41st Avenue and Soquel Drive/Avenue interchanges with bus-on-shoulder improvements and a new bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue. Construction was completed in 2025.
- ▶ **Phase 2: Bay/Porter to State Park Drive** – This project includes two sets of auxiliary lanes on Highway 1 between State Park Drive and Rio Del Mar Boulevard interchanges and Rio Del Mar Boulevard and Bay Avenue/Porter Street interchanges with bus-on-shoulder improvements and a new bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing at Mar Vista Drive. The project also includes the replacement of the Capitola Avenue overcrossing, soundwalls, and retaining walls. The project broke ground in April 2024. Construction is ongoing and is anticipated to be complete in 2026.
- ▶ **Phase 3: State Park Drive to Freedom Boulevard including Segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail** – This project includes auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder improvements on Highway 1 between Freedom Boulevard and State Park Drive interchanges and the construction of a 1.25-mile-long multiuse trail along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Corridor, including two new bicycle and pedestrian crossings (segment 12 of the Coastal Rail Trail). The RTC and Caltrans were awarded a \$30 million federal MEGA grant to partially fund construction of the project. The project's final design and right-of-way components are ongoing.



*Groundbreaking - Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park project, April 2024*



*Demolition of the Capitola Avenue overcrossing*

## Cruz511 (Traveler Assistance Programs)

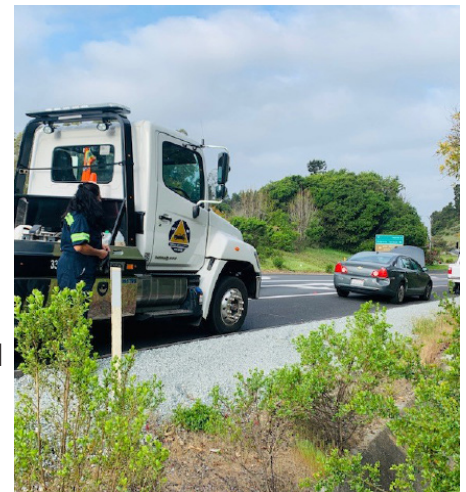
- ▶ The RTC, in partnership with the City of Santa Cruz, UCSC, Ecology Action, and other entities, used Measure D funds to continue to promote “Go Santa Cruz County,” a robust demand management program, including an online commute manager and rewards platform with dynamic carpool ride matching and transit, carpool, and bike trip planning. These services are provided for free and shared with the public via marketing materials, employer toolkits, the program website ([www.gosantacruzcounty.org](http://www.gosantacruzcounty.org)), and social media content. Targeted outreach includes engaging with major employers and providing virtual and in-person commuter workshops to participants.
- ▶ More than 7,200 participants have signed up for Go Santa Cruz County since launching the program in mid-2021, with 1,255 new participants signing up in FY 2023/24. RTC staff attended numerous community events to promote the GO Santa Cruz County Program and sign up new participants. The RTC also continued to provide rideshare, transit, bicycle, active transportation mapping resources, traffic and safety information, and county road and lane closure information to the public, primarily through the [www.Cruz511.org](http://www.Cruz511.org) website and social media.



*RTC staff promoting GO Santa Cruz County at community events*

## Safe on 17 and Freeway Service Patrol

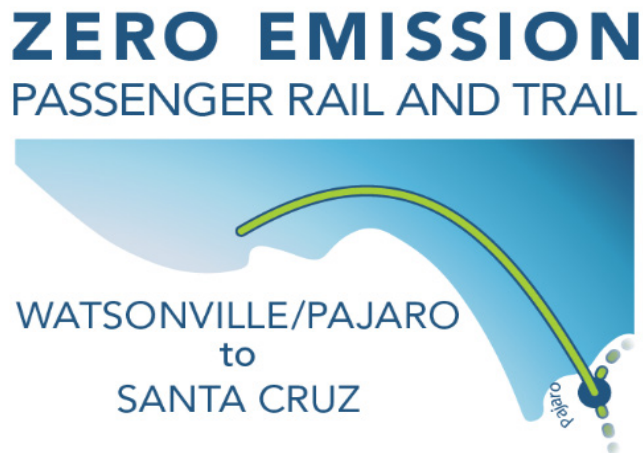
- ▶ Measure D continued to provide critical funding for extra California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement on Highway 17 through the Safe on 17 program which aims to reduce collision rates on Highway 17.
- ▶ Measure D funds were used for the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) to provide tow truck patrols on Highway 1 and Highway 17 during peak travel times, which work in tandem with CHP to reduce incident related congestion, and improve traffic flow and safety by removing debris, assisting motorists with broken down vehicles, and clearing collisions. In FY 2023/24, the FSP tow providers worked a total of 3,640 hours and provided approximately 1,005 assists, with an average of 0.27 assists per hour. The most frequent types of motorist aid provided by FSP included assistance with collisions, mechanical quick fixes, and flat tire repairs.
- ▶ Measure D funds were used for the emergency call box program that connects stranded motorists with roadside assistance through a network of 70 cellular phone service call boxes located along Highways 1, 9, 17, 152, and 129. The call box system includes assistive technologies that can help people with disabilities communicate more easily with the call answering center.



*An FSP tow provider assists a broken down vehicle.*

## Rail Corridor (Rail Infrastructure and Studies): 8% of Measure D Revenues

- ▶ Storm damage repairs, infrastructure preservation, and preventative maintenance for railroad infrastructure
- ▶ Ongoing engineering and construction oversight, administrative review and coordination for utility companies and other entities to perform maintenance or construction on facilities affecting the rail line
- ▶ In fall 2023, the RTC began the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project Concept Report which evaluates transit options. The Project Concept Report is scheduled to be completed in late 2025.



*Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project (ZEPRT) Public Workshop, Watsonville*

## Administrative and Implementation Activities

- ▶ Policies and procedures were followed to safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure they are expended per voter direction.
- ▶ Accounting and fiscal systems were used to manage each of the accounts and disburse funding to direct recipients per voter approved formulas.
- ▶ Five-year plans were prepared and amended as needed to delineate planned projects using Measure D revenues.
- ▶ Ongoing outreach and community engagement was conducted via website updates ([www.sccrtc.org/move](http://www.sccrtc.org/move)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), NextDoor, and eNews.
- ▶ Staff prepared, assembled, and reviewed RTC and recipient agency expenditure reporting documents for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee to review and to create the annual report.
- ▶ The Ordinance requires that all administrative, implementation and oversight costs for the measure be borne by revenues generated by the measure. The Ordinance also restricts the RTC from spending more than 1% of Measure D net revenues on salaries and benefits for administration of the tax measure. The RTC also spends a small amount on general "implementation and oversight," as is reported every year, which refers to spending on the Measure D Strategic Implementation Plan, strategy for potential Measure D financing, and some cash flow modeling and early planning work for projects that are not yet under development.

## Leveraging Measure D Funds

One of the benefits of Measure D is the ability to use the funds to bring even more money into the county for transportation projects. Measure D funds have been used to leverage additional grant funds for numerous projects. Without Measure D, many of these grants would not have been available for transportation projects in Santa Cruz County. Most transportation grant programs either require that – or are more likely to be awarded to – applicants commit some amount of local funds; in addition, the largest programs also require that projects already be under development and near shovel-ready. The largest grants secured for regional projects through June 2024 are listed below.

- ▶ Over \$107 million in funding from Highway Infrastructure Program and SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors for the Highway 1 projects between Soquel Drive and State Park Drive.
- ▶ \$67.6 million in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding for Segments 10-11 of the Coastal Rail Trail
- ▶ Over \$47 million in funding from the Federal Lands Access Program, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and the Coastal Conservancy for the North Coast Rail Trail (Segment 5)
- ▶ \$39 million in ATP funding for Segments 8-9 of the Coastal Rail Trail
- ▶ \$30 million in Federal MEGA funding for the Highway 1 State Park to Freedom and Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 project
- ▶ Over \$18 million in State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funding for the SLV Schools safety project
- ▶ \$12.7 million in ATP, Coastal Conservancy, Congressional Earmark, and local NGO donation funding for Segment 7 of the Coastal Rail Trail
- ▶ \$8.6 million in SHOPP funding for Highway 9 Felton complete streets improvements
- ▶ \$3.5 million in state Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Improvement funding for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail project Concept Report
- ▶ \$3 million from the Land Trust and \$4 million in SHOPP funding for the Wildlife Crossing
- ▶ \$1.8 million in LPP-Formula funding distributed to local roadway preservation, transit, and highway projects
- ▶ \$1.5 million in Congressional Earmark from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo for the Boulder Creek Complete Streets project
- ▶ \$1.5 million in STIP funding for the Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction Project



*Construction on the Highway 1 auxiliary lane and bus-on-shoulder project between Bay Avenue/Porter Street and State Park Drive*

## Carryover Balances

Funds that are not expended can be carried over to use in future years on projects identified in Measure D 5-year plans. Some agencies build up several years of funding for construction of larger projects. For example, carryover balances are being used for the construction of projects such as Highway 1 auxiliary/bus-on-shoulder lanes and bicycle/pedestrian overcrossings, the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, several segments of the Coastal Rail Trail, METRO capital improvements, and large local road projects that were under development in FY 2023/24 that started or will be starting construction 2024-2027. As large projects go to construction, large carryover balances are starting to decrease. The Measure D ordinance allows for the RTC to secure financing against future revenues. To accelerate delivery of sections of the Coastal Rail Trail and Highway 1 improvements through Aptos in the next few years, the RTC will need to borrow against future Measure D revenues.

## Projects To Look Forward To

Measure D recipient agencies are saving up multiple years of Measure D revenues for major work on projects, including:

- ▶ Swanton, Whiting, Murphy, and Trout Gulch roads resurfacing (County)
- ▶ Bay Drive Protected Bike Lane and Protected Pedestrian Path (Santa Cruz)
- ▶ Scotts Valley Drive, Bean Creek Road, Mt Hermon Road, and Lockwood Lane projects (Scotts Valley)
- ▶ Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction project (Watsonville)
- ▶ Facility Paving and EV Infrastructure Project (Lift Line)
- ▶ Hydrogen bus purchases (METRO)
- ▶ Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder projects between Soquel Drive in Santa Cruz/Live Oak and Freedom Boulevard in Aptos, including new bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Highway 1 (RTC)
- ▶ Coastal Rail Trail project construction between Santa Cruz and Aptos and design in Watsonville
- ▶ Environmental analysis of passenger rail on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line



*Freedom Boulevard, City of Watsonville*



*Highway 1 auxiliary lane and bus-on-shoulder construction, Bay/Porter to State Park*

**The measure D taxpayer oversight committee welcome the public to review all materials made available on the [RTC website](#). Sign up for the RTC enews list to stay up to date on Measure D projects and for information on opportunities to provide public input on planned Measure D projects: [www.sccrtc.org/about/esubscriptions/](http://www.sccrtc.org/about/esubscriptions/).**