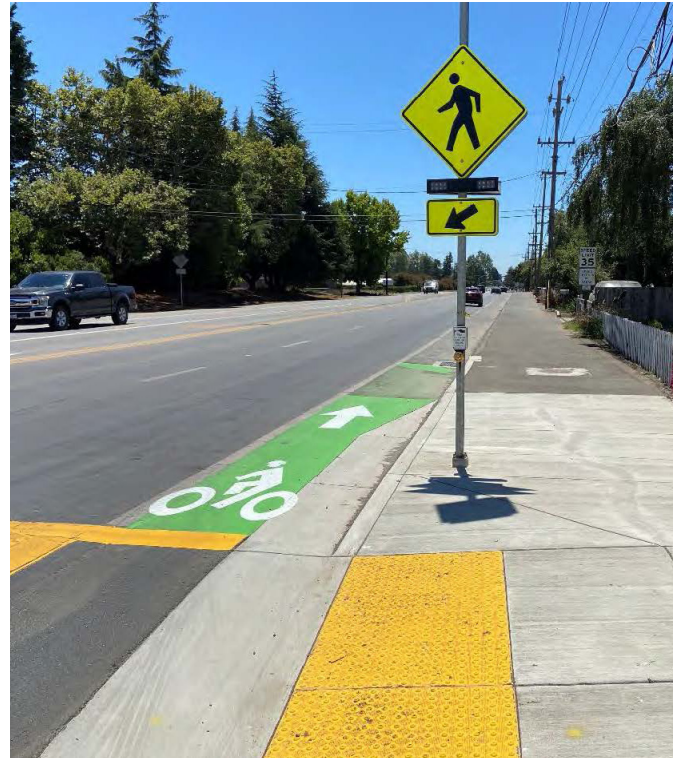




Measure D Transportation Sales Tax

*Taxpayer Oversight Committee
Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2024/2025*



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 2025, Measure D has generated over **\$223 million** for local transportation projects, with **\$27.6 million** collected in the 2024/2025 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 nearly **\$500 million** in outside grants through June 2025, 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, 2025

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.

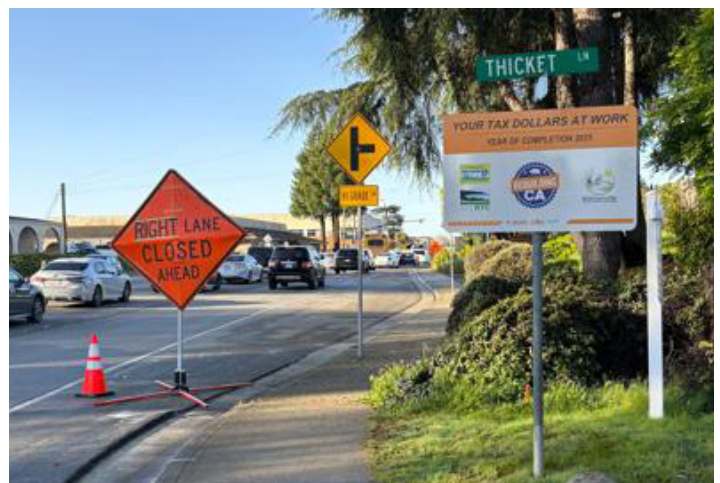
The tax became effective on April 1, 2017. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is designated as the Local Transportation Authority to implement the provisions of Measure D. Consistent with the Measure D Transportation Improvement Expenditure Plan, the RTC allocates, administers,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

Through June 2025, over \$223 million in tax revenues were generated and over \$154 million of Measure D funds expended by the RTC and the other recipient local agencies. \$53 million of carryover Measure D Funds add to the anticipated future annual revenues of over \$28 million per year; these funds 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, Vice-Chair
- Supervisorial District 2: Mark Johannessen
- Supervisorial District 3: Philip Hodsdon, Chair
- Supervisorial District 4: Antonio Rivas
- Supervisorial District 5: Jennifer Merchant



The Committee held in-person meetings on April 1 and August 17, 2026, to review FY 2024/25 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 audits contained no material findings. All agencies' expenditures in FY 2024/25 were found to be consistent with the Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. The Committee took action not to accept METRO's audit because the auditor did not provide a clear, unqualified opinion in support of METRO's compliance with Measure D. After following up with the auditor, the firm indicated that the language was unintentional and that it will express direct opinions in its audits of METRO and of the County of Santa Cruz for subsequent fiscal years; however, it did not act to revise the FY 2024/25 audit.

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 2024/25, the RTC allocated \$27 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 \$20.7 million in the regional categories and the other recipient agencies expended \$10.7 million of Measure D revenues on projects and services in FY 2024/25. Any balance of allocations not expended through FY 2024/25 are carried over for use in future years on projects identified in the 5-Year Plans.



A summary of Measure D revenues and expenditures from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and balances follows:

Investment Category	FY24/25 Allocations* (Accrual basis)	Distributions (Cash Basis, Paid 7/1/24-6/30/25)	FY24/25 Recipient-reported spending
Neighborhood	\$8,043,811	\$8,044,420	\$6,206,666
SLV Hwy 9	\$277,778	\$333,332	\$5,810
Hwy 17 Wildlife	\$138,889	\$166,666	----**
City of Capitola	\$368,856	\$364,858	\$17,869
City of Santa Cruz	\$1,724,352	\$1,705,651	\$1,754,142
City of Scotts Valley	\$382,570	\$378,424	\$675
City of Watsonville	\$1,187,516	\$1,174,632	\$1,266,205
County of Santa Cruz	\$3,963,850	\$3,920,857	\$3,807,423
Transit/Paratransit - METRO	\$4,298,342	\$4,290,359	\$2,761,110
Paratransit - Lift Line	\$1,074,586	\$1,072,590	\$1,136,223
Highway Corridors	\$6,749,297	\$6,703,682	\$13,034,190
Active Transportation	\$4,824,689	\$4,558,502	\$4,253,000
Rail Corridor	\$1,991,649	\$2,145,178	\$3,358,759
Subtotal (net fees, admin/implementation)	\$26,982,374	\$26,814,731	\$31,395,406
Admin. salaries & benefits	\$244,257	\$274,648	\$231,859
Implementation & Oversight	\$372,466	\$375,757	\$85,489 ***
Total	\$27,599,097	\$27,465,136	\$31,712,754
State CDTFA (BOE) Fees	\$189,850	\$173,710	

Figure 1: FY 2024/25 Revenue & Expenditures Summary

Notes:

*Allocations shown reflect RTC payments on an accrual basis, whereas some agencies showed revenues on a modified accrual or cash basis in their audits. Interest earning and other adjustments are not shown in this table.

**\$210,573 was applied towards repayment of an inter-program loan and is therefore not included as FY2024/25 recipient expenditure.

***Excluding Services and Supplies in the amount of \$6,403

As shown in the table above, the total Measure D funds collected and allocated (on an accrual basis) for FY 2024/25 by the RTC were \$27,599,097; this is nearly the same as in FY 2023/24.

Approximately \$53 million in Measure D revenues were carried over to FY 2025/26. 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://sccrtc.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 nearly \$500 million through June 2025 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Philip Hodsdon, Chair 2026

Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission



Your Measure D Dollars at Work

In FY 2024/25, 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 2024/25

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/.

Neighborhood Projects: 30% of Measure D Revenues

County of Santa Cruz

- ▶ 2024 Measure D Resurfacing Project + East Cliff Drive Resurfacing: 5.75 miles of roadway resurfaced & restriped, 1.08 miles of bike lane upgrades (East Cliff + Portola) which included green bike lane enhancements with buffering where feasible and upgraded crosswalks.
- ▶ Green Valley Road Multi-Use Path Project: Construction of a new 2 mile 8-10' wide bike & pedestrian pathway along Green Valley Road from Airport Boulevard to Mesa Verde Drive. The project included landscaping, transit improvements, public art, and bike education at the local school located on the path.
- ▶ Mountain Charlie PM 1.63 Emergency Landslide Repair Project: Temporary restoration of roadway from major landslide to restore County road access to local community.
- ▶ Paulsen Rd PM 0.94 Emergency Restoration Project: Temporary restoration of roadway from washout to restore County road access to local community.
- ▶ 2025 Pavement Management Project: 11.68 miles of various County roadways resurfaced & restriped.



Pavement resurfacing on East Cliff Drive (before & after), County of Santa Cruz



Green Valley Road Multi-Use Path Project (left) and Ribbon Cutting (right), County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz

- ▶ City Residential and Collector Street Reconstruction: Concrete paving work on Magnolia Street, in the area of Neary Lagoon, and the purchase of a patch truck to continue to maintain roadways.
- ▶ Bay Drive Protected Bike Lane and Pedestrian Path: Design and construction of separated bike lanes in both directions, updated accessibility features, a new pedestrian path, and roadway striping on Bay Drive between Escalona and Nobel.
- ▶ Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 7 Phase 2: Continued work on the 0.8 mile multiuse path connecting to the existing Segment 7 Phase 1 and Segments 8/9 (in Final Design Phase, Construction funding secured).



Bay Drive Protected Bike Lane and Pedestrian Path, City of Santa Cruz



Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 7 Phase 2, City of Santa Cruz

Capitola

- ▶ 2024 Pavement Management Plan: 300 feet of road treatment on San Jose Avenue between Cherry Avenue and Capitola Avenue, including base repairs, type 2 slurry seal, updated striping and installation of street mounted bike rack in the daylighting zone.



Construction on San Jose Avenue, City of Capitola



Road treatment on San Jose Avenue (before & after), City of Capitola

Watsonville

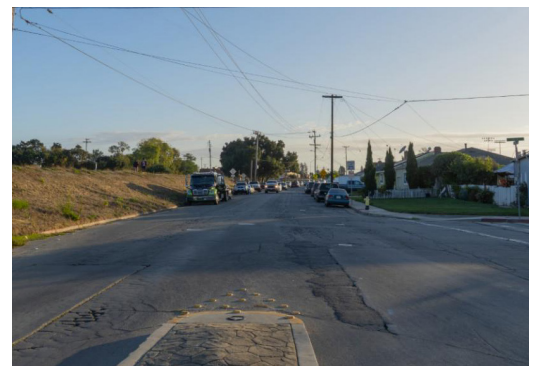
- ▶ **Green Valley Road Improvements:** rehabilitated a 2,200-foot segment of roadway between Carey Avenue and the City Limits at Corralitos Creek. Improvements included replacement of non-compliant curb ramps with ADA-compliant ramps, installation of Class II bicycle lanes throughout the corridor, upgrades to the Carnation Avenue traffic signal with pedestrian-actuated and audible features, and installation of new roadway striping and pavement markings.
- ▶ **Pedestrian Traffic Safety Projects:** installation and repair of rectangular rapid flashing beacons, flashing stop signs, speed feedback signs, high-visibility crosswalk upgrades, roadway restriping with bicycle and pedestrian markings, new traffic signage, and all-way stop conversions at qualifying intersections.
- ▶ **Lee Road Trail Project Phase 1 (Design Phase Complete):** provides a safe, accessible, and connected route for pedestrians and bicyclists along Harkins Slough Road and an easement parallel to Lee Road. The project includes a bike lane and sidewalk on Harkins Slough Road and a bike trail with ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, striping, and culverts along the trail corridor. The design phase covered engineering plans, environmental and building permit applications and fees, and coordination with regulatory agencies.
- ▶ **Pavement Management Plan:** The 2025 Pavement Repair Project implements the Year 1 recommendations of the City of Watsonville's 2024 Pavement Management Program Update Report, which was accepted by City Council on February 11, 2025, through Resolution No. 43-25 (CM). Prepared by Harris & Associates, the report evaluated the condition of the City's roadway network and developed a six-year plan to preserve and improve pavement conditions citywide.
- ▶ **Pavement Management Project Manager:** Hired a consulting firm to act as an extension of City staff to manage the projects proposed in the Pavement Management Plan. Services include coordinating design, managing construction, and ensuring proper inspection and testing for each project.
- ▶ **Freedom Improvements from Green Valley to Airport (Design Phase):** The Freedom Blvd Road Rehabilitation and Traffic Calming Project will upgrade a 1,100-foot segment between Green Valley Road and Airport Boulevard to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity. Improvements include roadway reconstruction, new striping and reflective signage, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and new sidewalk on the north side. Multi-modal enhancements feature continuous Class II bike lanes, a high-visibility crosswalk with a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Roache Road, and improved access to transit stops.



Green Valley Road improvements, City of Watsonville



Pedestrian traffic safety improvements, City of Watsonville



Bridge Street reconstruction (before & after), City of Watsonville

Scotts Valley

- ▶ Scotts Valley had no significant Measure D expenditures in the year.

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

METRO: 16%

- ▶ Ten CNG Articulated Buses & Bus Components: enabled METRO to relieve overcrowding and reduce pass-ups on the District's most heavily utilized routes. These buses improved access and mobility for the transit riding public by increasing passenger capacity on routes currently experiencing overcrowding and contributed to the increase in ridership in FY2024/25.
- ▶ Continued to increase fixed-route service and sustain ParaCruz service



Lift Line paratransit service



METRO CNG articulated bus



Promoting Lift Line paratransit services at a community event

Regional Investment Categories

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

During FY 2024/25, 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) continued final design and right-of-way of the 7.5-mile coastal rail trail from Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park. Construction of Phases I and II continued, which include the rail trail, two new parking lots and restroom facilities at Panther Beach and Davenport and improvements to the existing parking lot at Bonny Doon Beach. Design work for Phase III, a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing over Highway 1 at Panther Beach, also continued.
- ▶ Segment 10/11 (17th Avenue to State Park Drive): The County of Santa Cruz, in partnership with the City of Capitola, continued support for planning, environmental, design, right-of-way, and RTC oversight 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.
- ▶ 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, tree work, trash, encampments, graffiti, drainage, encroachments, and storm damage repairs, outside of what is required for railroad operations.



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

Coastal Rail Trail Segment 5 construction, North Coast

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.
- ▶ 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). Continuance of right of way work occurred and final design continued in FY2024/25. The Phase 3 project is expected to begin construction in 2027.



Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park project construction



Measure D project signage along Highway 1

Cruz511 (Traveler Assistance Programs)

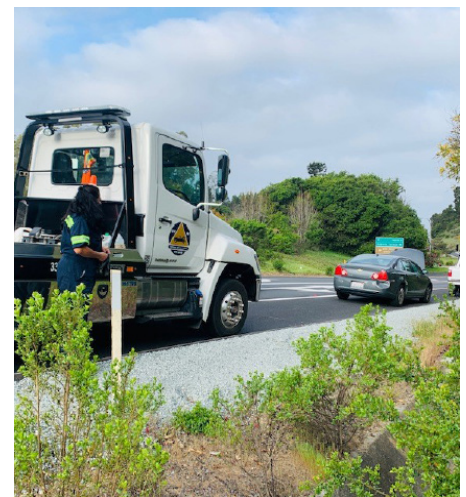
- ▶ The RTC, in partnership with the City of Santa Cruz, UCSC, Ecology Action, and other entities, used Measure D funds to continue to promote “Go Santa Cruz County,” a robust demand management program, including an online commute manager and rewards platform with dynamic carpool ride matching and transit, 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), and social media content. Targeted outreach includes engaging with major employers and providing virtual and in-person commuter workshops to participants.
- ▶ More than 6,800 participants have signed up for Go Santa Cruz County since launching the program in mid-2021, with over 800 new participants signing up in FY 2024/25. In the past year, participants took a total of 78,000 trips using alternative transportation modes. 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 website and social media.



RTC staff promoting GO Santa Cruz County at community events

Safe on 17 and Freeway Service Patrol

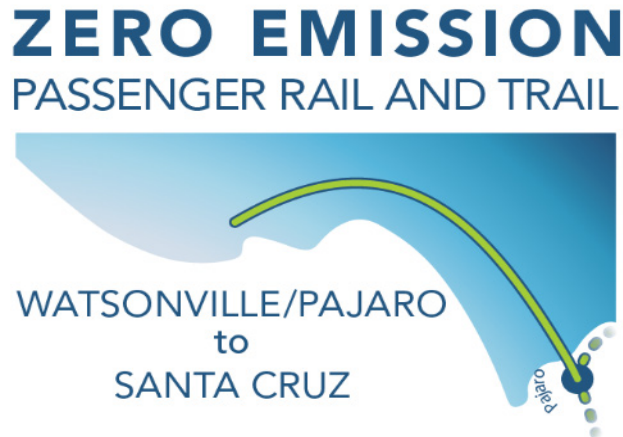
- ▶ Measure D continued to provide critical funding for extra California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement on Highway 17 through the Safe on 17 program which aims to reduce collision rates on Highway 17.
- ▶ Measure D funds were used for the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) to provide tow truck patrols on 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 2024/25, the FSP tow providers worked a total of 3,606 hours and provided approximately 856 assists. 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

- ▶ Ongoing railroad infrastructure preservation to maintain safety, drainage needs, and prevent major impacts to Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line or adjacent properties
- ▶ 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 was completed in October 2025. The RTC continues to seek grant funding to fully fund the environmental phase of the project, and has funding available to serve as local match dollars.



Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail Project (ZEPRT) Public Workshop, Santa Cruz

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), [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 an amount on general "implementation and oversight," as is reported every year, which refers to spending on overhead, materials and supplies, accounting and auditing services, development and updates to 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, these grants would likely 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 if – applicants commit 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.

- ▶ \$235 million in funding from SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors and Local Partnership Program for the Highway 1 projects between Soquel Drive and Freedom Boulevard, plus improvements on Soquel Drive and along METRO routes 1 & 2 for future Rapid service.
- ▶ \$68 million in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding for Segments 10-11 of the Coastal Rail Trail
- ▶ \$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
- ▶ \$19.5 million in federal RAISE funding for the Coastal Rail Trail projects between Segments 8 and 12
- ▶ \$18.7 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
- ▶ \$7 million in Land Trust donations and SHOPP funding for the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing
- ▶ \$3.5 million in state Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Improvement funding for the Zero Emission Passenger Rail & Trail project Concept Report
- ▶ \$2.1 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



Highway 1 Soquel Drive to 41st Avenue improvements

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, several segments of the Coastal Rail Trail, METRO capital improvements, and large local road projects that were under development in FY 2024/25 that started or will be starting construction between FY26 and FY30. 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 borrow against future Measure D revenues in FY2026/27.

Projects To Look Forward To

Measure D recipient agencies are saving up multiple years of Measure D revenues for major work on projects to take place after FY 2024/25, including:

- ▶ Road resurfacing (County)
- ▶ Road resurfacing and the 41st Avenue rehab and multimodal project (Capitola)
- ▶ The Segment 8/9 Rail Trail project and road resurfacing (Santa Cruz)
- ▶ Scotts Valley Drive, Mt Hermon Road, and road resurfacing (Scotts Valley)
- ▶ Bike safety, pedestrian and traffic safety projects, and road resurfacing projects (Watsonville)
- ▶ Facility Paving and EV Infrastructure Project, matching funds for potential vehicle purchases (Lift Line)
- ▶ Hydrogen bus and paratransit van purchases (METRO)
- ▶ Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder projects between Bay Ave/Porter Street in Capitola/Soquel and Freedom Boulevard in Aptos, including new bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Highway 1 (RTC)
- ▶ Coastal Rail Trail project design and construction between Santa Cruz and Aptos and environmental between Aptos and Watsonville (RTC, County, Santa Cruz)
- ▶ Felton and Boulder Creek Complete Streets projects (RTC)



Road resurfacing, City of Watsonville



Mar Vista bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing construction, Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park project

The measure D taxpayer oversight committee welcome the public to review all materials made available on the [RTC website](https://www.sccrtc.org). 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/.