



SAN BENITO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN RTP 2018-2040



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (COG)

On the Move in the San Benito Region

The Council of San Benito County Governments prepares a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the San Benito region inclusive of the County of San Benito and Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista. The Plan sets forth the vision and guide for transportation investments and sets policy over the next 22 years.

The Plan looks at population, housing and employment growth, and provides a comprehensive plan for transportation investments needed to support the planned growth.

Public Outreach and Community Input

The Plan is a collaboration between the Council of San Benito County Governments, the County of San Benito, the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, resource agencies, Caltrans, and those in the community who want to improve the place where they call home.

The Plan will be better with your valuable input. We want to hear your ideas throughout the entire project, May 2017 through June 2018. The best way to help make the San Benito region a safer, stronger, and more sustainable place is to get involved. Look for Plan updates on our website and on Facebook.

RTP Project Schedule:

- December 4, 2017: Draft RTP released for public review
- December 4, 2017 – February 5, 2018: Public Comment Period
- January 18, 2018: Public hearing on the Draft RTP
- June 21, 2018: COG Boards considers adopting the 2040 RTP

Regional Transportation Plan Goals

- **Accessibility and Mobility** – Provide convenient, accessible, and reliable travel for people and goods in the region.
- **System Preservation & Safety** - Preserve and ensure a sustainable and safe regional transportation system.
- **Economic Vitality** - Raise the region’s standard of living by enhancing the performance of the transportation system.
- **Healthy Communities** - Protect the health of our residents: foster efficient development patterns that optimize travel, housing, and employment choices encouraging active transportation.
- **Social Equity** - Provide an equitable level of transportation services to all segments of the population.
- **Environment** - Promote environmental sustainability and protect the natural environment.



Mission:

The Council of San Benito County Governments improves the mobility of San Benito County travelers by planning for and investing in a multi-modal transportation system that is safe, economically viable, and environmentally friendly.

Transportation Needs

Over the next 22-years, the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan identifies a transportation system need of over \$1.8 billion in projects across all modes, as illustrated in Figure 1. The greatest financial need (90%) is identified for local roads and the regional highway system.

*TDM/TSM: Transportation Demand Management/Transportation System Management

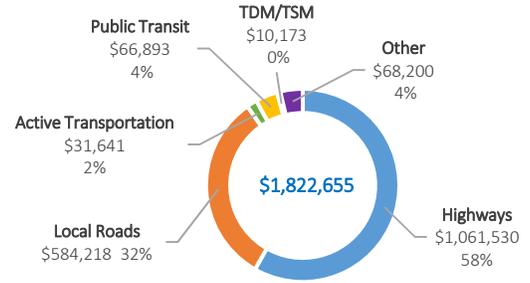


Fig. 1: 22-year San Benito Transportation Needs (000's)

Projected Revenues

Transportation projects in the San Benito region are funded through a variety of federal, state, regional, and local funding sources. Based on projected revenue sources, \$1.1 billion is reasonably anticipated to be available to finance \$1.8 billion in transportation projects between the years 2018 and 2040. *Funding forecasts show that project costs exceed the projected revenues – affecting the number of identified projects.* There is a \$709 million deficit in transportation funding needed to meet the entire needs of the San Benito region over the next 22-years.



Fig. 2: Transportation Need vs. Projected Revenue (000's)

Transportation Investments

The identified list of *Financially Constrained* transportation projects that are expected to be funded with the projected revenues, \$1.1 billion, include a host of multimodal improvements. These projects include maintenance of local streets and roads, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as the strategic expansion of our transportation to provide the San Benito region with its future mobility needs.

Planning for the Future

As the San Benito region transforms, locating employment opportunities where there is an increased potential for transit usage, as well as walking and biking opportunities, will become critical. Land use planning and transportation options will dictate how people travel within the San Benito region. Integrating the two will have a key role in shaping the region and in delivering social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

The San Benito Regional Transportation Plan was developed in close coordination with AMBAG's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy. The AMBAG Plan will provide local jurisdictions with forecasted development patterns that when paired with appropriate transportation investments are intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. For example, the AMBAG Plan identifies locations ideal for compact development with a focus on infill development, and access to travel options including transit and bike/pedestrian facilities.



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