



Council of San Benito County Governments
Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
Oversight Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: This Meeting will be held via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 859-3829-1712

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MEMBERS: Victor Gomez, Chair – Latinx Community
Jim Parker – Senior/Disabled Community
Darlene Boyd – Education
John Eade – Agriculture
Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor
John Espinosa – Industry
Elizabeth Dirks -- SBC District 1
Jason Hopkins – SBC District 2
Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3
Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4
Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5

Persons who wish to address the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee must address the Chairperson when public comment is called. Following recognition, persons desiring to speak are requested to state their name for the record. After hearing audience comments, the Public Comment portion of the agenda item will be closed. The opportunity to address the Citizens Oversight Committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda will be provided during Section C. Public Comment.

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

A. ACKNOWLEDGE Certificate of Posting

B. NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR MEASURE G MEETINGS

***(Please see Zoom instructions at the end of the agenda)**

Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's [Executive Order N-29-20](#) issued on March 17, 2020, and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Measure G meeting is closed to the public. The public may join the meeting by Zoom:

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- C. Public Comment (*Opportunity to address the committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 56954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.*)
- D. Member Announcements
- E. Executive Director Announcements

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee Regular Meeting – Gomez
2. **APPROVE** Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee 2022 Meeting Calendar – Gomez
3. **ADOPT** Resolution MG 21-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing Options for Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee meetings for the Period of October 27, 2021 through November 26, 2021 – Rivera

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. **Committee Procedures and Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson** – Gilbert/Lezama
 - a. **RECEIVE** Committee Membership List for 2021-2022
 - b. **REVIEW** Committee Bylaws and Procedures
 - c. **ELECT** Measure G Citizen’s Oversight Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2022
5. **Measure G FY 2020/2021 Annual Report** – Lezama
 - a. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on the Draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report.
 - b. **RECOMMEND** the Draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report for Presentation to the Council of Governments Board of Directors.

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

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- <https://zoom.us/join>

3. Smart device Application:

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- Android App store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=u.s.zoom.videomeetings>

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2. It will then ask for a **Participant ID**, press the **"#"** key to continue.
3. Once you enter the zoom meeting, you will automatically be placed on mute.
4. **Public Comment:** If you are using a phone, please press the **"*9"** to raise your hand, zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

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3. You can launch audio through your computer or set it up through the phone. Follow instructions provided by Zoom.
4. **Public Comment:** *click "Raise hand" icon, the zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.*

Public Comment Guidelines

- If participating on Zoom: Once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted: State your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
- The Council of Governments Measure G Committee welcomes your comments.
- Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
- Please keep your comments, brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have questions, contact the Council of Governments and leave a message at (831) 637-7665 x. 201, or email: monica@sanbenitocog.org.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Pursuant to Government Code Section #54954.2(a) the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Council of San Benito County Governments Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee on **October 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** was posted at the following locations freely accessible to the public:

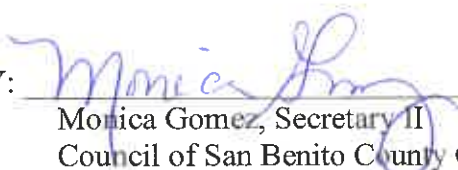
The front entrance of the Old San Benito County Courthouse, Monterey Street, Hollister, CA 95023, and the Council of Governments Office, 330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C-7, Hollister, CA 95023, at the following date and time:

On the 22nd day of October 2021, on or before 5:00 p.m.

The meeting agenda was also posted on the Council of San Benito County Governments website, www.sanbenitoco.gov, under Meetings, Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee, 2021 Meeting Schedule.

I, Monica Gomez, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

BY:


Monica Gomez, Secretary II
Council of San Benito County Governments

**Council of San Benito County Governments
Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee**

**REGULAR MEETING
Via-Zoom**

April 28, 2021 6:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

<i>Attendee Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Attendance Status</i>
<i>Darlene Boyd</i>	Member	Education	Present
<i>John Eade</i>	Member	Agriculture	Present
<i>Victor Gomez</i>	Chair	Latinx Community	Present
<i>Al Gonzales</i>	Member	Trade/Labor	Present
<i>Judi Johnson</i>	Vice Chair	Senior/Disabled Community	Present
<i>Jose Mario Ortega</i>	Member	Industry	Absent
<i>Vacancy</i>	Member	SBC District 1	-----
<i>Hamdy Abbass</i>	Member	SBC District 2	Present
<i>Sandy Hughes</i>	Member	SBC District 3	Absent
<i>Kevin Stopper</i>	Member	SBC District 4	Absent
<i>Andrew Rollins</i>	Member	SBC District 5	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Gilbert, COG Executive Director; Norma Rivera, Administrative Services Specialist; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Regina Valentine, Transportation Planner; Monica Gomez; Secretary; Griselda Arevalo, Office Assistant; Shirley Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Victor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

A motion was made by Judi Johnson, and seconded by Darlene Boyd, the Committee acknowledged the Certificate of Posting. Vote: 7/0 motion passes.

B. NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR MEASURE G MEETINGS

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Chair Gomez called attention to the Notice of Temporary Procedures (Zoom etiquette) for Measure G Committee meetings noted above.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Chair Judi Johnson reported out on the Annual Report and Strategic Planning Subcommittee that she and Darlene Boyd are appointed to. She thanked Executive Director Mary Gilbert for her tremendous help. They worked with staff to send letters to Assemblymember Robert Rivas and Senator Anna Caballero asking for their assistance with interacting with Caltrans. She also mentioned the good news they received at their last meeting regarding the potential \$10 million in funding earmarked for work on Highway 25 from Congressman Panetta. The subcommittee will be sending out a thank you letter to Congressman Panetta.

Chair Gomez thanked the Subcommittee and staff for their work.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Director Mary Gilbert was pleased to report that Congressman Panetta's office recommended the Highway 25 Widening project as a priority project for a \$10 million dollar earmark in the next federal funding cycle. Staff will keep the Committee posted on this funding as the information becomes available.

Ms. Gilbert thanked the Strategic Planning Subcommittee members Judi Johnson and Darlene Boyd for their work and for reaching out to the State elected officials.

Ms. Gilbert reported out on a recent meeting she attended with the Central Coast Coalition and the advocacy work staff has been doing. There is some concern over State guidance regarding greenhouse gas emissions and reducing use of autos. There is concern about widening types of projects like Highway 25. Staff is watching closely and advocating on behalf of other rural counties that need funding for these types of projects.

Ms. Gilbert introduced the newest addition to COG staff, Administrative Services Specialist Norma Rivera. Ms. Rivera filled the position originally held by Kathy Postigo who recently retired.

Lastly, Ms. Gilbert reminded members about upcoming meetings:

San Benito Council of Governments meeting May 19, 2021

Valley Transportation Authority Mobility Partnership meeting June 10, 2021

Chair Gomez thanked Executive Director Mary Gilbert and Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama for their leadership and advocacy work on the potential funding from the Federal Government that Congressman Panetta has been leading.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee Regular Meeting – Gomez

A motion was made by Hamdy Abbass, and seconded by Andrew Rollins, the Committee approved Consent Item 1 with an abstention from Chair Gomez. Vote 6/0/1 motion passes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. San Benito County Measure G Annual Report – Gilbert/Lezama/Rivera
 - a) Receive Presentation on 2020 Measure G Activities and Update on Measure G Quarterly Funding Distribution (FY 2020/2021 January through March) to Local Agencies
 - b) Receive Update on the Draft San Benito County Measure G Annual Report

The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama, Administrative Services Specialist Norma Rivera, and Executive Director Mary Gilbert on the San Benito County Measure G activities, project updates, and an update on the Measure G quarterly funding distribution amounts to local agencies. As well as an update on the Draft San Benito County Measure G Annual Report.

There was discussion regarding funding estimates and projections for Measure G. Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Regarding current vacancy on Measure G Committee for San Benito County District 1, Chair Gomez requested that staff announce/post Measure G vacancy on Facebook and forward vacancy announcement to him so that he may share with members of the public. Staff also received direction to bring back member vacancies (1 year term) at the next meeting in July.

There was no public comment

A motion was made by Andrew Rollins, and second by Judi Johnson, the Committee adjourned the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee Meeting at 6:34 p.m. Vote 7/0 motion passes.

ADJOURNED TO MEETING OF JULY 28, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

Staff Report

To: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee
From: Monica Gomez, Secretary **Telephone:** (831) 637-7665
Date: October 27, 2021
Subject: **Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee 2022 Meeting Calendar**

Recommendation:

APPROVE Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee 2022 Meeting Calendar.

Summary:

Measure G, the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan calls for a Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee to meet at least once per year, but no more than four times per year.

Financial Impact:

The Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee is a volunteer Committee and members are not compensated.

Background:

Measure G is the COG Ordinance 2018-01 and Transportation Safety and Investment Plan that was approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018.

The measure consists of a one cent local transactions and use tax to be collected for 30 years to improve our local streets and roads, improve connectivity, and reduce congestion. Measure G calls for a Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee to be composed of San Benito County residents to oversee compliance with COG Ordinance 2018-01.

Staff Analysis

The Measure G Ordinance 2018-01 states that the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee shall meet at least once but no more than four times per year. The dates and times of regular meetings shall be established by the Committee's annual adoption of a meeting calendar, in consultation with COG staff. Effort shall be made to establish regularly recurring cyclical meeting dates that maximize Committee member attendance. The

calendar for the following year shall be adopted no later than the last meeting of the current year.

Council of Governments staff has prepared the enclosed 2022 meeting calendar for the Committee's consideration (Attachment 1).

Executive Director Review: MG

Counsel Review: No

Attachments: 1. 2022 Meeting Calendar

Staff Report

To: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee
From: Norma Rivera, Administrative Services Specialist Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: October 27, 2021
Subject: Assembly Bill 361 Teleconferencing Options For Measure G Transportation
Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee

Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution MG 21-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing Options for Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee meetings for the Period of October 27, 2021 through November 26, 2021.

Summary:

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361, a bill that codifies certain teleconference procedures that local agencies have adopted in response to the Governor's Brown Act-related Executive Orders. Specifically, AB 361 allows a local agency to continue to use teleconferencing under the same basic rules as provided in the Executive Orders under certain prescribed circumstances or when certain findings have been made and adopted by the local agency legislative body.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Discussion:

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, amending his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and waiving certain provisions of the Brown Act relating to teleconferences/remote meetings by local agency legislative bodies. The Executive Order waived, among other things, the provisions of the Brown Act that otherwise required the physical presence of members of local agency legislative bodies or other personnel in a particular location as a condition of participation or as a quorum for a public meeting. These modifications remained in effect through September 30, 2021.

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 361, when the state of emergency lasts longer than 30 days, as is the case presently, the legislative body must make findings every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules. AB 361 mandates that the legislative body must find that there is a continuing need for teleconferencing due to dangers posed by the ongoing state of emergency. This means that local agencies will have to put an item on the public meeting agenda at least every thirty days to make findings regarding the circumstances of the emergency and to vote to continue relying upon the law's teleconference provisions.

To continue to meet under those modified rules after November 26, the Committee will again need to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and again make one of the additional findings required by AB 361.

Reducing the circumstances under which people come into close contact remains a vital component of the San Benito County and COG's COVID-19 response strategy. Local agency public meetings are an essential government function and the last 18 months have proven that the teleconferencing format protects public access while minimizing exposure to COVID-19.

Staff recommends that the Committee adopt findings that conducting in-person meetings at the present time would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect and directing staff to return each 30 days to afford the Committee the opportunity to reconsider such findings, is included herewith. If the Committee adopts the proposed resolution, then it may continue to meet under the modified Brown Act teleconference rules of AB 361 through November 26, 2021.

Executive Director Review: MG

Counsel Review: Yes

Supporting Attachment(s):

1. Resolution MG 21-01
2. Letter from San Benito County Health Officer



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY
GOVERNMENTS' MEASURE G TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY
AND INVESTMENT PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF SAN)
 BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS' MEASURE G)
 TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY AND INVESTMENT)
 PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZING)
 CONTINUED REMOTE TELECONFERENCE)
 MEETINGS OF THE MEASURE G)
 TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY AND INVESTMENT)
 PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO)
AB 361)

Resolution No. MG 21-01

WHEREAS, the Council of San Benito County Governments ("COG") and its Measure G Transportation, Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee ("Measure G Oversight Committee") are committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Measure G Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting Law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the "Brown Act"), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Governor Newsom clarified that the "reopening" of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, clarifying the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act, provided the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Dr. Ghilarducci, Interim San Benito County Public Health Officer, issued a recommendation on Social Distancing, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, COG is a joint powers authority formed under the joint exercise of powers provisions of California Government Code Sections 6500-6522 and the California Code of Civil Procedure section 1240.140, among the County of San Benito, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, municipal corporations located in San Benito County; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018, COG's Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 2018-01, the Roads, Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, which was presented to and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the electorate of the County of San Benito at the November 6, 2018 election as Measure G, authorizing a San Benito County Roads and Transportation Safety and Investment Plan and imposing a retail transactions and use tax to be allocated toward transportation safety and investment projects, consistent with the provisions and priorities of the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Measure G Transportation, Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee ("Measure G Oversight Committee") was established pursuant to section 10 of Ordinance No. 2018-01; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors is empowered by Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution to take actions necessary to protect public, health, welfare, and safety within the County of San Benito; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 12, 2021, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the Board of Supervisors identified herein, including any supporting

reports by County Staff, and any information provided during public meetings, including but not limited to the current circumstances related to the state of emergency, and adopted Resolution 2021-128, making the findings and determinations required by AB 361; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 21, 2021, the Council of San Benito County Governments Board of Directors considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the Board of Supervisors and Council of San Benito County Governments identified herein, including any supporting reports by County and COG Staff, and any information provided during public meetings, including but not limited to the current circumstances related to the state of emergency, and adopted Resolution 2021-11, making the findings and determinations required by AB 361 for and on behalf of the COG and its advisory bodies, including the Measure G Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council of San Benito County Governments and the Measure G Oversight Committee have an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in meetings of the Council of Governments' Measure G Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Measure G Oversight Committee deems it necessary to find that a requirement to meet in person for meetings of the Measure G Oversight Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus, intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Measure G Oversight Committee has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the Measure G Oversight Committee identified herein, including any supporting reports by the Council of Governments' Staff, and any information provided during public meetings, including but not limited to the current circumstances related to the state of emergency, which continues to remain in effect.

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the California Legislature have exercised their respective powers, pursuant to California Government Code section 8629, to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature, and the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Measure G Oversight Committee further finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of San Benito County Governments' Measure G Transportation, Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee as follows:

1. Recitals. The Measure G Oversight Committee finds that the facts set forth in the Recitals to this Resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Measure G Oversight Committee hereby proclaims that a local emergency continues to exist throughout the County, and social distancing orders are currently in place and needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens.
3. Consideration of Future Extensions of Resolution. As long as the State Emergency remains in effect or until directed otherwise by the Measure G Oversight Committee, staff shall present to the Measure G Oversight Committee at every meeting an item necessary to continue the findings required by AB 361.
4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Measure G Oversight Committee adopts a subsequent Resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Measure G Oversight Committee may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.
5. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff, Counsel, and Measure G Oversight Committee are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS' MEASURE G TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY AND INVESTMENT PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

Victor Gomez, Chair

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
SAN BENITO COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

Dated: Oct. 21, 2021

By: Shirley L. Murphy
Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

ATTEST:
Mary Gilbert, Executive Director

Dated: _____

By: _____



SAN BENITO COUNTY

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Attachment: 2

DAVID GHILARDUCCI, MD, FACEP
INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER

TRACEY BELTON
AGENCY DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

September 30, 2021

CAO Ray Espinosa
San Benito County Administration

Re: Recommendation on Social Distancing and Hybrid Meetings

Given the considerable impact on our community from the COVID-19 virus and the Delta variant, I strongly recommend that all legislative bodies, including but not limited to the County, cities, and special districts, local commissions and committees, and subsidiary bodies, continue social distancing measures for public meetings, including offering, at the legislative body's discretion, a remote or hybrid format for public meetings. Social distancing and masking remain crucial strategies in our fight to prevent contagion. Conducting public meetings in a remote or hybrid manner allows for members of the community to participate from the comfort of their homes without having to risk contracting the virus by attending in-person meetings.

These measures serve to help contain the spread of the disease and protect the community. All events public gatherings, including public meetings, create environments where a virus can potentially spread among attendees and participants. However, when combined with social distancing and masking policies, and the continued effort to increase vaccination within San Benito County, a remote or hybrid format for meetings maximizes avenues for public access and input and minimizes the risk of contagion for not only the public, but for agency staff, presenters, and legislative body members as well.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ghilarducci MD".

David Ghilarducci MD
Interim Health Officer

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08/23/21

Staff Report

To: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee
From: Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner **Telephone:** (831) 637-7665
Date: October 27, 2021
Subject: Committee Procedures and Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Recommendation:

- a. **RECEIVE** Committee Membership List for 2021-2022
- b. **REVIEW** Committee Bylaws and Procedures
- c. **ELECT** Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2022.

Summary:

The Committee has several new members appointed by the COG Board for terms in 2022. Staff will lead the Committee through a review of the committee bylaws. The bylaws require that the Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee annually elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Financial Impact:

The Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee is a volunteer Committee and members are not compensated.

Background:

Measure G is the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) Ordinance 2018-01 and Transportation Safety and Investment Plan that was approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018.

The measure consists of a one cent local transactions and use tax to be collected for 30 years to improve local streets and roads, improve connectivity, and reduce congestion. Measure G calls for a Citizens Oversight Committee to be composed of San Benito County residents to oversee compliance with COG Ordinance 2018-01.

Staff Analysis

There are 11 members on the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee (Attachment 1). The Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee bylaws outline the process for electing the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and role and responsibilities (Attachment 2). Election of a

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall take place at the Committee's last meeting of the calendar year to serve for a two-year term effective January 1 of the next calendar year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are eligible to serve multiple terms.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and represent the Committee. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications shall come from the Chairperson acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chairperson shall only release information that reflects the majority view of the Committee. Opinions or statements from a Committee member must include a disclaimer that the opinion or statement is that of the individual only, and not of the Committee.

At the meeting, the acting Chair will ask the committee for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson nominations to serve for the 2022 term.

Executive Director Review: MG

Counsel Review: N/A

Attachments:

1. List of Measure G Committee Members Effective October 21, 2021
2. Measure G Oversight Committee Bylaws



MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2021 COMMITTEE
(AS OF OCTOBER 2021)

- Victor Gomez – **Latinx Community (Current Committee Chair)**

- Jim Parker – **Senior/Disabled Community**

- Darlene Boyd – **Education****

- John Eade – **Agriculture**

- Al Gonzales – **Trade/Labor**

- John Espinosa – **Industry***

- Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson – **SBC District 1***

- Jason Hopkins – **SBC District 2***

- Sandy Hughes – **SBC District 3**

- Kevin Stopper – **SBC District 4**

- Andrew Rollins – **SBC District 5****

*Denotes new members

**Denotes reappointed members#

Exhibit A

Article I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§1.1 Purpose

Measure G is a Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (COG Ordinance 2018-01 and Expenditure Plan) approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018. The Measure consists of a one cent local transactions and use tax to be collected for 30 years to improve the City of Hollister, City of San Juan Bautista, and the unincorporated areas of San Benito County's local streets and roads. COG Ordinance 2018-01 specifies the Council of San Benito County Governments ("COG") as the administrator of the tax, shall establish and convene a citizens' oversight committee to be designated as the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee to provide oversight, prior to expenditure of any funds collected.

The COG Ordinance also lists the Committee's specific duties and responsibilities, which are incorporated into these bylaws (§2.1). These Bylaws govern the proceedings of the Committee. The Committee shall be in existence during the term of the sales tax (June 20, 2019 – December 31, 2050) and for a reasonable period thereafter necessary for the Committee to complete its work.

§1.2 Definitions

- a. As used in these Bylaws, "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG).
- b. As used in these Bylaws, "chairperson" means the chairperson of the Committee.
- c. As used in these Bylaws, "Member Agency" means the County of San Benito, a legal subdivision of the State of California, the City of Hollister, and incorporated city located within San Benito County and/or the City of San Juan Bautista, an incorporated city located within San Benito County.
- d. As used in these Bylaws, "2018 Measure G" or "Measure G" means the 2018 Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018.

§2.1 Mission and Duties

The Committee is a citizens' oversight body, established by the COG Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions and intent of the 2018 Measure G ballot. Its purpose shall be to ensure that Measure G funds are being expended consistent with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

Policy-related decisions for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, including the composition, implementation, completion schedule, and funding level of specific projects in the Program Categories specified in the 2018 Measure G ballot and Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, are the responsibility of the COG Board of Directors and/or Member Agencies.

The Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Independent Audits: The Committee shall have full access to the COG's independent auditor and review the annual audits, have the authority to request and review the specific financial information, and provide input on the audit to assure the funds are being expended in accordance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan;
- b. Plan Changes: The Committee shall review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, prior to the COG Board of Directors' consideration, subject to 2/3 vote of the voting Committee members;
- c. Project Delivery and Priorities: The Committee shall review and comment on the project delivery schedules and make recommendations to the COG on any proposals for changing project delivery priorities; and
- d. Annual and Final Reports: The Committee shall prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the COG's Board of Directors. The committee shall submit the report to the COG Executive Director for inclusion in the next available meeting agenda and COG will ensure that the report shall be made available for public review on the COG website (SanBenitoCOG.org). The annual written report shall include at a minimum the following:
 - A statement indicating whether COG is in compliance with the requirements of the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, per the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

§2.2 Limitations on Authority

The Committee shall have no independent duties other than those specified in these bylaws, the 2018 Measure G ballot, and the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. The Committee shall have no authority to take actions that bind COG or the COG Board of Directors. No expenditures or requisitions for services and supplies shall be authorized by the Committee. No individual member of the Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel or other expenses.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

§3.1 Membership

The Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The Committee shall not have alternate members due to its need for expertise, specific experience and continuity of knowledge. To be a qualified person, members must be at least 18 years of age.

To assure independence, no member of the Board of Directors or alternate, or other elected public official shall be appointed to the Committee. Appointees to other COG committees are not eligible to serve. During their terms, Committee members may not be employed by COG or any of its Member Agencies, nor by any agency or organization that either oversees or benefits from the proceeds of the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

The membership shall be comprised of San Benito County residents with relevant expertise and experience needed to assist the Committee in its task of evaluating Measure G revenues and expenditures to determine compliance with the commitments made to and approved by voters in the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan.

The Expenditure Plan Oversight Committee shall include, at a minimum, representatives who are residents of the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, and the unincorporated areas of San Benito County. The Committee will fairly represent the geographical, social, cultural and economic diversity of the County to ensure maximum benefit for road and transportation users. The Committee will gather information and input from outside sources and COG staff when necessary.

The membership will consist of individuals that fulfill the following areas-of-expertise, as defined in COG Resolution 19-03:

- Five (5) at-large members, representing each of the five San Benito County Supervisorial Districts.
- Six (6) members representing each of the following groups or interests:
 - a. Agriculture/Farm Bureau
 - b. Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
 - c. Industry
 - d. Trade/Labor
 - e. Latino/Hispanic
 - f. Education

The COG Board of Directors may redefine these areas of expertise. Each member shall represent only one of the eleven (11) specified areas of expertise.

Members will be required to complete and submit the California Fair Political Practices Commission's Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests at the required intervals.

§3.2 Members' Terms

Committee members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term commencing on January and can be reappointed. Terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity of knowledge and relevant expertise. Members whose terms have expired may continue to serve on the Committee until a successor has been appointed.

In order to achieve staggering of terms, four (4) of the original Committee members' initial terms shall be offset by a one-year interval from the remaining seven (7) original Committee members' terms, to be determined by consensus.

§3.3 Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled from the same category of expertise represented by the original appointee, in accordance with the criteria defined in §3.1. The application process shall be open, upon Committee vacancies, to provide qualified San Benito County residents the opportunity to participate. Applications received will be reviewed and appointed by the COG Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, in their exclusive discretion, may remove any Committee member for any reason, including, but not limited to, failure to attend Committee meetings without reasonable excuse.

Article IV

OFFICERS

§4.1 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be held at the initial meeting of the Committee and take effect immediately. Thereafter, election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall take place at the Committee's last meeting of the calendar year to serve for a two-year term effective January 1 of the next calendar year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are eligible to serve multiple terms.

In the event of a vacancy in the Chairperson's position, the Vice Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson for the balance of the Chairperson's term and the Committee shall elect a successor to fill the vacancy in the Vice Chairperson's position. In the event of a vacancy in the Vice Chairperson's position, the Committee shall elect a successor from its membership to fill the Vice Chairperson's position for the remainder of the Vice Chairperson's term. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent, the Committee may select a member to serve as Chairperson Pro Tempore for

that particular meeting. However, if the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson later arrives, the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall then assume responsibility for the meeting upon arrival.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and represent the Committee. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications shall come from the Chairperson acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chairperson shall only release information that reflects the majority view of the Committee. Opinions or statements from a Committee member must include a disclaimer that the opinion or statement is that of the individual only, and not of the Committee.

§4.2 Secretary

COG staff shall serve as the Committee's Secretary without any voting rights.

Article V

MEETINGS

§5.1 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held in the County building located at 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, California, in the conference room on the second floor, or such other place as may from time to time be determined by the Committee. Meetings shall be open to the public and shall conform to the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code sections 54950 et seq.).

The Committee shall meet at least once but no more than four times per year. Meetings will be held in the months of October, January, April, and July, on the last Wednesday starting at 6 PM at the San Benito County Resource Management Agency (upstairs conference room), 2301 Technology Parkway in Hollister. The calendar for the following fiscal year shall be adopted no later than the last meeting of the current fiscal year.

Whenever a regular meeting falls on a holiday observed by COG, the meeting shall be held on another day, in consultation with COG staff. A rescheduled regular meeting shall be designated a regular meeting.

§5.2 Calling and Noticing of Meetings

All regular and special meetings shall be called, noticed and conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (commencing with Section 54950 of the Government Code). COG Staff shall be responsible for noticing all meetings.

§5.3 Quorum; Vote; Committee of the Whole

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of a majority of the total membership. Committee action may be taken by a majority of those present and voting, and by no less than a majority of a quorum. A roll call vote shall be taken when requested by any member in attendance. At any regularly called meeting not held because of a lack of a quorum, the members present may constitute themselves a "committee of the whole" for the purpose of discussing matters on the agenda of interest to the committee members present. The Committee of the whole shall automatically cease to exist if a quorum is present at the meeting.

§5.4 Twenty Minute Rule

If a quorum has not been established within twenty minutes of the noticed starting time for the meeting, the Committee may be excused from further attendance at the meeting.

§5.5 Absences

Attendance at all Committee meeting is expected. Member representatives who miss more than two (2) regular meetings within a twelve (12) month period without due cause shall have their appointment automatically terminated. "Due cause" is defined as calling or emailing COG staff in advance of the meeting and providing a reason for not attending.

§5.6 Matters Not Listed On the Agenda Requiring Committee Action

Except as provided below, a matter requiring Committee action shall be listed on the posted agenda before the Committee may act upon it. The Committee may take action on items not appearing on the posted agenda only upon a determination to add it as an urgency item, pursuant to Brown Act requirements.

§5.7 Time Limits for Speakers

Each member of the public appearing at a Committee meeting shall be limited to three minutes. Any person addressing the Committee may submit written statements, petitions or other documents.

§5.8 Impertinence; Disturbance of Meeting

Any person making personal, impertinent or indecorous remarks while addressing the Committee may be barred by the Chairperson from further appearance before the Committee at that meeting, unless permission to continue is granted by an affirmative vote of the Committee. The Chairperson may order any person removed from the Committee meeting who causes a disturbance or interferes with the conduct of the meeting, and the Chairperson may direct the meeting room cleared when deemed necessary to maintain order.

§5.9 Access to Public Records Distributed at Meeting

Writings distributed during a Committee meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting, consistent with the Brown Act, and all records distributed at a meeting shall become public records and shall be treated as such, in compliance with the California Public Records Act.

Article VI

AGENDAS AND MEETING NOTICES

§6.1 Agenda Format and Content

The agenda shall specify the starting time and location of the meeting and shall contain a description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, consistent with Brown Act requirements.

Items may be referred for inclusion on an agenda by: (1) the COG Executive Director; (2) the Committee Chairperson, in consultation with the COG Executive Director; and (3) the Committee, with a quorum present and upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

§6.2 Agenda Posting and Delivery

The written agenda for each regular meeting and each meeting continued for more than five calendar days shall be posted by COG at least 72 hours before the meeting is scheduled to begin, consistent with Brown Act requirements. The written agenda for every special meeting shall be posted by COG at least 24 hours before the special meeting is scheduled to begin, consistent with Brown Act requirements. The agenda shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, consistent with Brown Act requirements. The agenda together with supporting documents shall be delivered to each Committee member at least three days before each regular meeting and at least 24 hours before each special meeting.

§6.3 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 COG staff and submitted to the Committee for approval.

Article VII

MISCELLANEOUS

§7.1 Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws shall be adopted by the COG Board of Directors. Any subsequent amendment thereof shall require approval of the COG Board of Directors.

Section 7.2. Termination.

The Committee shall be disbanded by the COG Board of Directors with the Committee's submission of the final Annual Report which reflects the final accounting of the expenditure of all Measure G monies.

Adopted by the Board of Directors: September 19, 2019.

Staff Report

To: Council of San Benito County Governments
From: Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: October 27, 2021
Subject: **Measure G FY 2020/2021 Annual Report**

Recommendation:

- a. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on the Draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report.
- b. **RECOMMEND** the Draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report for Presentation to the Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Summary:

COG Ordinance 2018-01 specifies the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) as the administrator of the tax, shall establish and convene a citizens' oversight committee to be designated as the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee to provide oversight, prior to expenditure of any funds collected. The Committee shall prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the COG's Board of Directors.

Financial Considerations:

The annual report includes information on Measure G revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Background:

The preparation of an annual report requirement is included as part of the Measure G ordinance approved by voters in November 2018. The duties of the committee as defined in the Policies & Project Descriptions for the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are as follows:

- Ensure all transportation revenue collected from Measure G is spent in accordance with the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan (Ordinance and Expenditure Plan)
- Have full access to the COG's independent auditor and review the annual audits, have the authority to request and review the specific financial information
- Provide input on the audit to assure the funds are being expended in accordance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
- Review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan

- Review and comment on the project delivery schedules and make recommendations to COG on any proposals for changing project delivery priorities
- Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the COG Board of Directors and posted to the COG's website (SanBenitoCOG.org).

Staff Analysis:

The Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee appointed two members to a subcommittee that collaborated with staff to prepare the Measure G Annual Report. The audit subcommittee included previous Vice-Chair Judy Johnson and member Darleen Boyd. The report provides the results of the subcommittee's audit as summarized in the draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report (Attachment 1).

The Committee is being asked to review and provide comments on the enclosed draft FY 2020/2021 Measure G Annual Report. Upon committee agreement, the annual report and will be presented to the COG Board of Directors at their November 18, 2021 meeting. The report will be posted on the COG website for public information.

Executive Director Review: MG

Counsel Review: N/A

Supporting Attachment(s): Measure G FY 2020/2021 Annual Report

MEASURE G ANNUAL REPORT

Improving Mobility in San Benito County





MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we look back on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and we recognize that despite a year of unprecedented challenges, the regional transportation agency for San Benito County, COG, upheld its mission to improve and maintain a transportation system that is safer and more efficient for everyone.

The Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) continued to diligently use local Measure G funds to leverage state and federal monies to plan, fund, and build transportation projects and programs in our community.



As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we continued our commitment to ensure that the agency's projects and programs enhance our local economy, improve the environment, and promote social equity in San Benito County – no matter what mode of transportation a person may use or where they may reside.

Sincerely,

Victor Gomez, Chair
Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee



COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS(COG)

The Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) is San Benito County’s Regional Transportation Planning Agency. COG provides a public forum for discussion at its monthly meetings and through public participation opportunities in all of its planning efforts.

COG Mission

COG 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.

Our locally elected Board of Directors is composed of five members representing all areas of San Benito County, including the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, and the unincorporated areas of San Benito County including Aromas, Ridgemark, Tres Pinos, and others. Both the COG Board and staff are committed to maintaining and improving transportation for all of San Benito County.

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ignacio Velazquez, Chair, City of Hollister
- Mary Vazquez Edge, Vice Chair, City of San Juan Bautista
- Bob Tiffany, Director, County of San Benito
- Peter Hernandez, Director, County of San Benito
- Rolan Resendiz, Director, City of Hollister

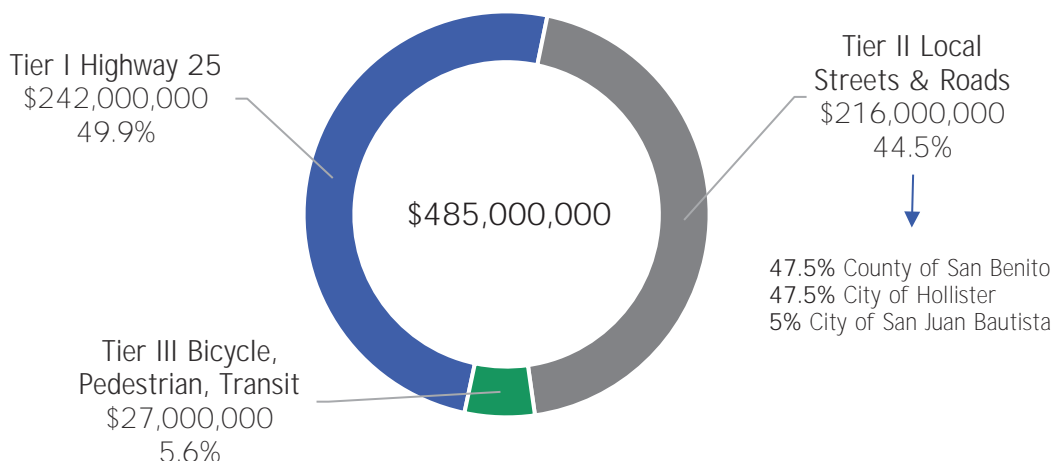
MEASURE G

Measure G (COG Ordinance 2018-01 Roads and Transportation Safety Investment Plan) was approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018. The measure is administered by the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) and includes a one cent local transactions and use tax to be collected for 30 years to improve our local streets and roads, improve connectivity, and reduce congestion. Measure G calls for a Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee to be composed of San Benito County residents to oversee compliance with the Ordinance.



The measure is expected to generate up to \$485 million over thirty years. Fifty percent of the revenues will be set aside for the Highway 25 Conversion Project between Hollister and Santa Clara County. The other fifty percent of the revenue is being used by our two cities and the County to fix potholes and make road repairs and safety improvements in the community. A smaller portion will fund mobility-for-all programs. Specifically, the Investment Plan includes a project list that divides San Benito County transportation projects into three tiers: Tier I for Highway 25; Tier II for Local Street and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation; and Tier III for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements for seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities.

Measure G Expenditure Summary





CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Measure G calls for an independent Citizens Oversight Committee to oversee compliance with the Ordinance. The Committee consists of San Benito County residents that represent the geographical, social, cultural, and economic diversity of the County to ensure maximum benefit for transportation users. The Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee represent a diverse range of community interests to ensure that taxpayer safeguards are met as Measure G projects and programs are implemented.

The responsibilities of the 11-member Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee are to:

1. Ensure all transportation revenue collected from Measure G is spent in accordance with the Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
2. Have full access to the COG's independent auditor and review the annual audits, have the authority to request and review the specific financial information
3. Provide input on the audit to assure the funds are being expended in accordance with the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
4. Review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan
5. Review and comment on the project delivery schedules and make recommendations to COG on any proposals for changing project delivery priorities
6. Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the COG Board of Directors and posted to the COG's website (SanBenitoCOG.org)

2021 Committee Makeup (As of Oct. 2021)

- Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair)
- Jim Parker – Senior/Disabled Community
- Darlene Boyd – Education*
- John Eade – Agriculture
- Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor
- John Espinosa – Industry*
- Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson – SBC District 1*
- Jason Hopkins – SBC District 2*
- Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3
- Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4
- Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5*

*Denotes new or reappointed members

2020 Committee Makeup

- Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair)
- Judi Johnson – Senior/Disabled Community (Committee Vice-Chair)
- Darlene Boyd – Education
- John Eade – Agriculture
- Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor
- Jose Mario Ortega – Industry
- Tim Burns – SBC District 1
- Hamdy Abbass – SBC District 2
- Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3
- Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4
- Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5

2020/2021 Measure G Committee Members

Back row left to right: Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4, Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor, Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5, Jose Mario Ortega – Industry, John Eade – Agriculture, Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair), Hamdy Abbass – SBC District 2, and Tim Burns – SBC District 1 (not shown)

Front row left to right: Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3, Darlene Boyd – Education, Judi Johnson – Senior/Disabled Community (Committee Vice-Chair)



The Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee holds meetings at least once a year to review Measure G expenditures, per the membership bylaws. The Committee agendas and minutes are posted on the COG website at www.sanbenitocog.org.



MEASURE G OVERVIEW & UPDATE

Measure G includes a project list that divides San Benito County transportation projects into the following three tiers. An update on the progress made under each tier is provided below.



FUTURE MATCHING FUNDS

- State Funding Programs
- Matching Developer Impact Fees
- Secure Federal Funds



PRIORITIES

- Prioritize Local Road Improvements
- Fast-Track Highway 25
- Invest in Quality of Life: Transit & Bikeways



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Regular Meetings
- Review Audit Reports and Expenditures
- Prepare Annual Report

TIER 1: HIGHWAY 25

Tier I funds were approved and set-aside for the Highway 25 Conversion Project Environmental Study

- COG secured state funds to match Measure G for the environmental review and project design.
- COG submitted a funding proposal to Congressman Panetta for \$10 million under the *Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act* (INVEST)
- COG adopted a priority improvement plan for the Highway in August of 2020
- Caltrans will lead the preparation of the environmental study with COG support.

TIER 2: LOCAL STREETS & ROADS

The County of San Benito, City of Hollister, and City of San Juan Bautista received Measure G funds to make road repairs on the Measure G project list. Four road rehabilitation projects were completed during the report period:

- Third Street (San Juan Bautista)
- Buena Vista Road (Unincorporated San Benito County)
- Union Road (Unincorporated San Benito County)
- Southside Road (Unincorporated San Benito County)

TIER 3: MOBILITY

Tier III funds are set-aside for increasing pedestrian, bike safety, and protecting and enhancing bus services for seniors, people with disabilities, and youth. No new projects were initiated.

ADMINISTRATION

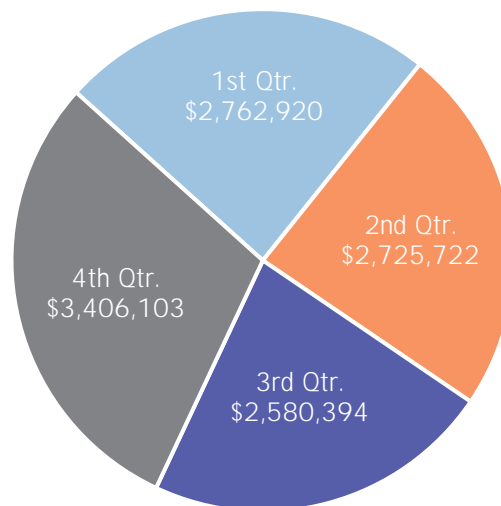
Administration funds are set-aside to pay for COG staff time and expenses related to administration of Measure G funds. This includes preparation of the annual audit, preparing financial statements, and disbursing funds to local agencies.

MEASURE G FUNDING

Since the passage of Measure G to fund critical transportation programs and projects, revenues collected total \$22.9 million. During the 2020/2021 fiscal year reporting period, tax revenues collected totaled \$11.4 million, a breakdown of the revenues is provided below.

Revenue by Quarter	2020/2021
First Quarter	\$2,762,920
Second Quarter	\$2,725,722
Third Quarter	\$2,580,394
Fourth Quarter	\$3,406,103
Total	\$11,475,138

REVENUE BY QUARTER





FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Measure G apportionments, which is the divide and share out according to a plan, were provided to each of the local agencies and tiers.

Apportionment by Local Agency	2020/2021
City of San Juan Bautista	\$360,720
City of Hollister	\$3,426,849
County of San Benito	\$3,426,849
Total	\$7,214,419

Apportionment by Tier	2020/2021
Tier I: Highway 25	\$3,304,839
Tier II: Local Streets & Roads	\$7,214,419
Tier III: Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian Administration	\$841,127
	\$114,751
Total	\$11,475,138

COG followed the requirements of the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan, per the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

PROJECT SPONSORS

The Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) disburses funds for local road projects to San Benito County, the City of Hollister, and the City of San Juan Bautista in accordance with the Roads and Transportation Safety Investment Plan. These sponsors are accountable for implementation of their Pavement Management Plans to rehabilitate area roadways within their jurisdiction.



Measure G funds for Highway 25 will be administered and spent by COG. Caltrans is a partner in the delivery of the Highway 25 Project. COG maintains an online, interactive map that identifies planned and completed projects funded under Measure G (sanbenitocog.org).

COMPLETED PROJECTS

3RD STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT



Construction Date: 2020

The City of San Juan Bautista constructed the first project funded under Measure G.

The project consisted of road rehabilitation of 3rd Street between Tualami Street and Muckelemi Street.



There are no reportable MEA G projects constructed in the City of Hollister. At this time, the City is resurfacing roadways with other non-Measure G funds.

n/a



BUENA VISTA ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Construction Date: 2021

The County of San Benito resurfaced approximately .70 miles of roadway along Buena Vista Road.



UNION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Construction Date: 2021

The County of San Benito resurfaced approximately .40 miles of roadway along Union Road.





SOUTHSIDE ROAD

Construction Date: 2021

The County of San Benito resurfaced approximately 1.70 miles of roadway along Southside Road.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



COG prepared an English/Spanish language Measure G community update which was mailed to San Benito County residents in August of 2021.



COG launched the Measure G website in July of 2021, which includes updates on complete projects, Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee meetings, Annual Reports, etc.



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