



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

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: This Meeting will be held via Zoom

Attendance at the Measure G meeting is closed to the public per Executive Order N-29-20 and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361). The public may join the meeting by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join> per the instructions provided at the end of the agenda:

Meeting ID: 859-4239-3954

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MEMBERS: Victor Gomez, Chair – Latinx Community
Darlene Boyd, Vice Chair – Education
Paul Scherer – Senior/Disabled Community
Vacant – Agriculture
Vacant – Trade/Labor
John Espinosa – Industry
Jim Parker -- 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,

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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. **ADOPT** Resolution MG 22-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing Options for Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee meetings for the Period of October 26, 2022, through November 25, 2022 – Rivera
2. **RECEIVE** the 2023 Schedule of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee Meetings - Lezama

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. **RECEIVE** Update on the State Route 25 Expressway Conversion Project (Highway 25) – Lezama
4. **Measure G FY 2021/2022 Annual Report** - Steve VanDenburgh, Cathedral Oaks
 - a. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on the Draft FY 2021/2022 Measure G Annual Report.
 - b. **RECOMMEND** the Draft FY 2021/2022 Measure G Annual Report for Presentation to the Council of Governments Board of Directors.

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

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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.

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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 26, 2022**, at **6:00 p.m.** was posted at the following locations freely accessible to the public:

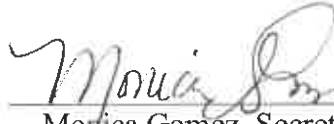
The front entrance of the Old San Benito County Courthouse, Monterey Street, Hollister, CA 95023, and the Council of Governments Office, 330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C-7, Hollister, CA 95023, at the following date and time:

On the 21st day of October 2022, 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
Council of San Benito County Governments

Staff Report

To: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee
From: Norma Rivera, Administrative Services Specialist Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: October 26, 2022
Subject: Assembly Bill 361 Teleconferencing Options For Measure G Transportation
Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee

Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution MG 22-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing Options for Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee meetings for the Period of October 26, 2022 through November 25, 2022.

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 25, 2022, 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.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) caution that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is spreading quickly throughout 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/omicron-variant.html>).

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 25, 2022. Staff does not recommend a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting option due to limits on staff resources for meeting administration.

Counsel Review: Yes

Supporting Attachment(s):

1. Resolution MG 22-01
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 22-01

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 Omicron 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>); 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, on January 5, 2022, Dr. Gellert, San Benito County Public Health Officer, issued an updated recommendation on continued Social Distancing at public meetings of legislative bodies within San Benito County, 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, November 9, 2021, November 23, 2021, December 14, 2021, January 25, 2022, February 22, 2022, March 22, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 24, 2022, June 28, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 13, 2022, and October 11, 2022, 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 Nos. 2021-128, 2021-140, 2021-148, 2021-160, 2022-04, 2202-21, 2202-38, 2202-47, 2022-59, 2022-73, 2022-88, 2022-107, and 2022-122, making the findings and determinations required by AB 361; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meetings on October 21, 2021, November 18, 2021, December 16, 2021, its special meeting on January 11, 2022, and its regular meetings on January 20, 2022, February 17, 2022, March 17, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 16, 2022, July 21, 2022, August 18, 2022, September 15, 2022, and October 20, 2022, 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 Nos. 2021-11, 2021-12, 2021-13, 2022-01, 2022-02, 2022-03, 2022-04, 2022-05, 2022-07, 2022-12, 2022-13, 2022-16, 2022-18, and 2022-20, 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, at its regular meetings on October 27, 2021, the Measure G Oversight Committee 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 No. 2021-01, making the findings and determinations required by AB 361 for and on behalf of 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 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

Victor Gomez, Chair

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

Dated: Oct. 20, 2022

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

ATTEST:

Dated: _____

By: _____
Norma Rivera
Administrative Services Specialist

EXHIBIT A



SAN BENITO COUNTY

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

GEORGE GELLERT MD, MP, MPA
HEALTH OFFICER

TRACEY BELTON
AGENCY DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

January 5, 2022

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 and more recently the Omicron variant, I strongly urge 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. The conduct of public meetings in a remote or hybrid manner enables members of the community to participate from the comfort of their homes without having to risk contracting these viruses by attending in-person meetings.

In addition, these measures help contain the spread of the disease and protect the community. All events public gatherings, including public meetings, create environments where these virus variants can potentially spread among attendees and participants. However, when combined with social distancing and effective masking practices, along with continued efforts to increase vaccination uptake within San Benito County, a remote or hybrid format for meetings maximizes avenues for public access and input and minimizes the risk of infection for the public, agency staff, meeting presenters, and legislative body members as well.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Gellert", written over a light blue horizontal line.

George Gellert MD, MPH, MPA
Health Officer

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Staff Report

To: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee
From: Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planning Manager **Telephone:** (831) 637-7665 Ext. 206
Date: October 26, 2022
Subject: Measure G Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee Meeting Calendar

Recommendation:

RECEIVE the 2023 schedule of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee meetings.

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 will meet at least once per year, but no more than four times per year.

Council of Governments staff has prepared the enclosed 2023 Fiscal Year meeting calendar for the Transportation Safety and Investment Plan Oversight Committee's information (Attachment 1).

Reviewed by: VL

Counsel Review: No

Attachments: 1. 2023 Measure G Oversight Committee Meeting Calendar

MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2023 MEETING CALENDAR

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2023 – Calendar Meeting Dates1st Quarter (January, February, March) - Meeting date: **January 25, 2023**2nd Quarter (April, May, June) - Meeting date: **April 26, 2023**3rd Quarter (July, August, September) – **July 26, 2023**4th Quarter (October, November, December) – **October 25, 2023**

Staff Report

To: Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee
From: Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planning Manager Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: October 26, 2022
Subject: **State Route 25 Expressway Conversion Project**

Recommendation:

RECEIVE Update on the State Route 25 Expressway Conversion Project (Highway 25).

Summary:

The Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee will receive an update on the SR 25 Expressway Conversion Project.

Financial Considerations:

San Benito COG has allocated \$5 million towards the first phase of the SR 25 Expressway Conversion Project (Highway 25). The initial phase is the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. Project funds are provided by two funding sources, which include State SB1 Local Partnership – Formulaic dollars totaling \$2.5 million and an additional \$2.5 million in local Measure G funds. SB1 Local Partnership – Formulaic funds were made available to COG due to its Self-Help County status. Self-Help agencies are those with approved sales tax measures dedicated solely to transportation improvements.

Background:

On May 12, 2021, the Council of San Benito County Governments (COG) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) entered into a Cooperative Agreement on the SR 25 Expressway Conversion Project. Caltrans is the implementing agency for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase as outlined in the approved Cooperative Agreement. PA&ED includes the completion of the Final Environmental Document and the Project Report (documenting the project alternative selection).

Discussion:

On September 21, 2022, Caltrans held an Interagency Project Development Team (PDT) meeting. PDT members include representatives from the COG, City of Hollister, City of San Juan Bautista, County of San Benito, CHP, and Caltrans. The agenda included the following items for discussion with the PDT members.

1. Introductions
2. Project overview
3. Purpose and Need Statement
4. Project Schedule
5. Funding Overview
6. Action items and decision review
7. Closing comments/questions

During the meeting, Caltrans presented the draft Purpose and Need Statement for the SR 25 Expressway Conversion Project for PDT input. San Benito COG staff and COG contractor Mark Thomas & Company Project Manager, and Caltrans are currently working on refining the Purpose and Need Statement, which will be presented to the COG Board at a future meeting.

The Purpose and Need Statement is the foundation of every transportation project. A project's Purpose and Need Statement exhibits continuity from planning through project approval and beyond; the designed and constructed project reflects its intended purpose and need. Ultimately, the project's purpose and need reflects the community's needs. The statement also sets the stage for the identification and evaluation of reasonable project alternatives and ultimately the selection of a preferred design alternative.

Reviewed by: VL

Counsel Review: No

Staff Report

To: Council of San Benito County Governments
From: Steve VanDenburgh, Cathedral Oaks Telephone: (831) 637-7665
Date: October 26, 2022
Subject: **Measure G FY 2021/2022 Annual Report**

Recommendation:

- a. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on the Draft FY 2021/2022 Measure G Annual Report.
- b. **RECOMMEND** the Draft FY 2021/2022 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 2021/2022.

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 ensures the completion and reviews the annual report of the Measure G sales and use tax revenues received by the COG.

Upon committee agreement, the annual report and will presented to the COG Board of Directors at their November 17, 2022 meeting. The report will be posted on the COG website for public information.

Reviewed by: SV

Counsel Review: N/A

Supporting Attachment(s):

Measure G FY 2021/2022 Annual Report

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Measure G Annual Report

FY 2021/2022

Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee



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Committee Statement

MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we look ~~back~~ ^{forward} Fiscal Year 2021/2022 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)



- **Regional Transportation Planning Agency**

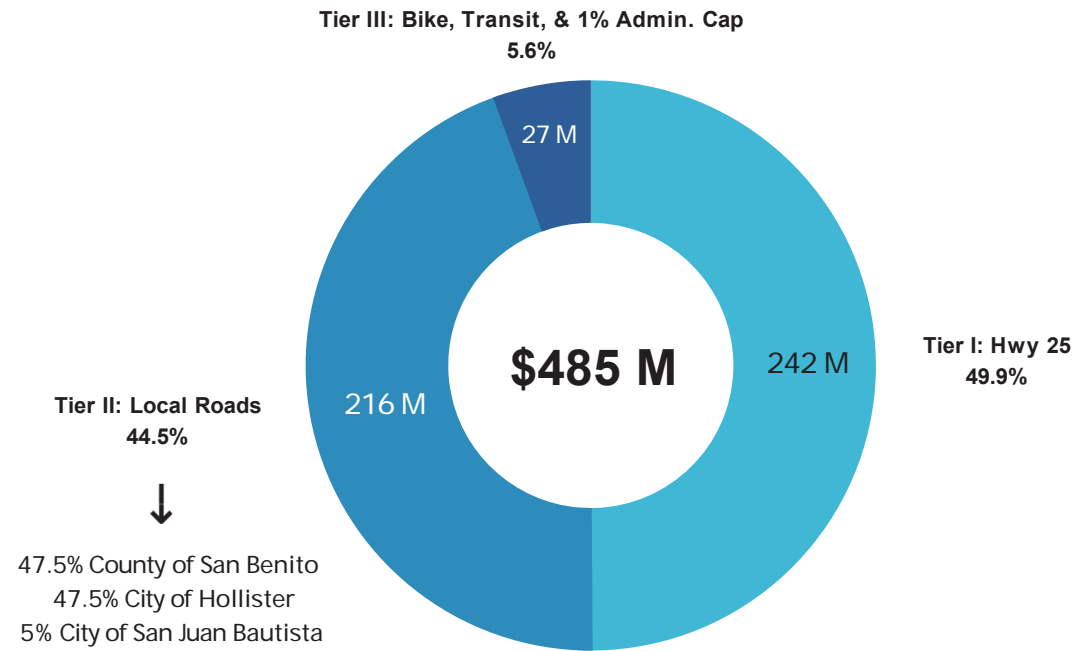
- **Measure G Administrator**

- **Joint Powers Authority**

- **Builds Consensus**



Measure G



Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee

2022 Committee Makeup (As of Oct. 2022)

- ❑ Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair)
- ❑ Paul Sherer – Senior/Disabled Community*
- ❑ Darlene Boyd – Education (Committee Vice-Chair)*
- ❑ Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor
- ❑ John Espinosa – Industry*
- ❑ Jim Parker – SBC District 1*
- ❑ Jason Hopkins – SBC District 2*
- ❑ Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3
- ❑ Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4
- ❑ Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5*

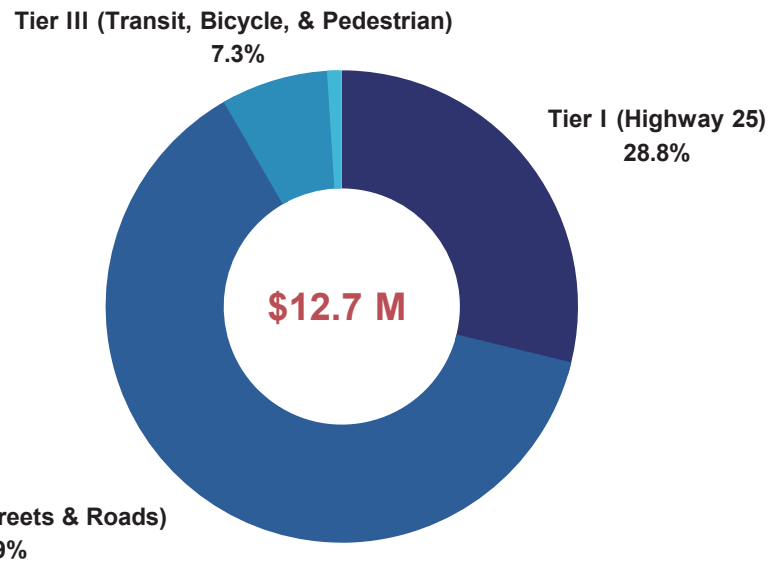
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2021 Committee Makeup

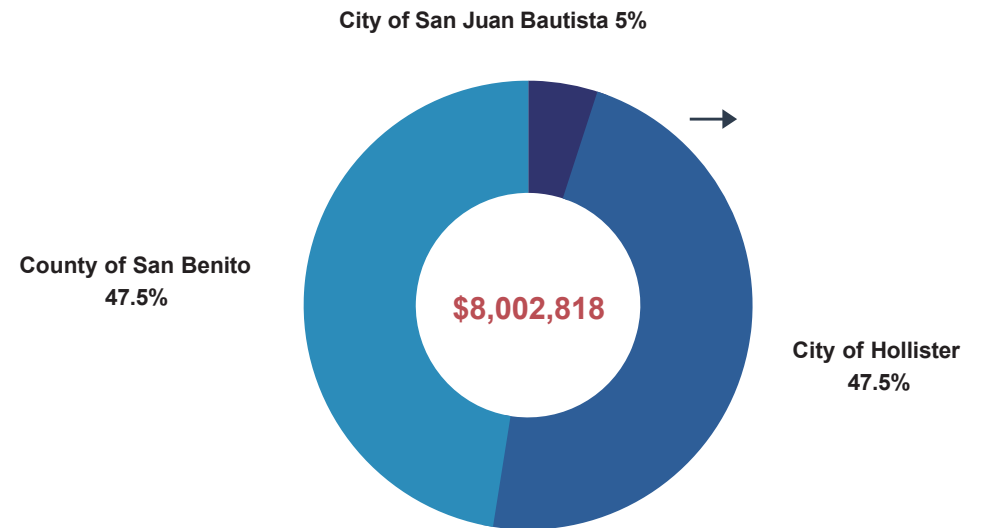
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- Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5



Apportionment by Project Type Tier I, II, & III



Apportionment by Local Agency Tier II Local Streets & Roads



FY 2021/2022



Projects Completed During FY 21/22

SOUTHSIDE ROAD -- 5000 BLOCK PROJECT



Measure G Website

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Completed Projects Map



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