

MEASURE G ANNUAL REPORT



Improving Mobility in San Benito County



Construction and roadway excavation for the Measure G funded Southside Road – 5000 Block project.

MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we look back on 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)

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.

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 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.

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ignacio Velazquez, Chair, City of Hollister

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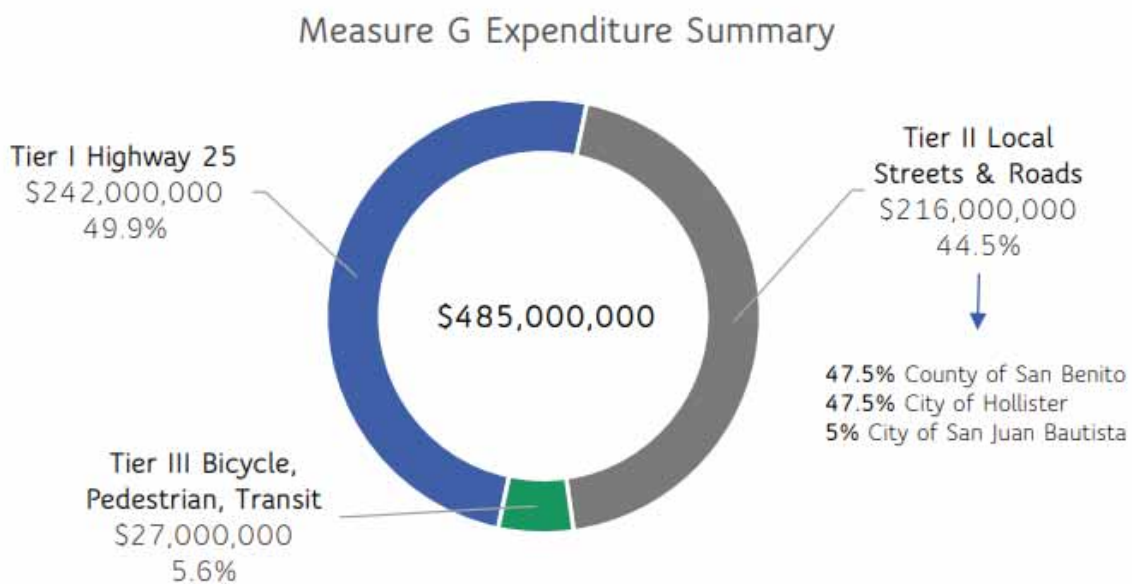
MEASURE G

Measure G (COG Ordinance 2018-01 Roads, 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 percent 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.





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 Committee represents 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)

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*

2021 Committee Makeup

- 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

MEASURE G OVERVIEW

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: SR 25 EXPRESSWAY CONVERSION PROJECT (HIGHWAY 25)

- Caltrans is the lead on the Project Approval & Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) phase of the project with COG support. The PA&ED includes the completion of the Final Environmental Document and the Project Report, which documents the project alternative selection at a preliminary engineering level. PA&ED activities include collecting environmental and technical information within the area of project effect, defining the project purpose and need, conducting project development team meetings, consultation with regulatory and resource agencies, and public and stakeholder participation.
- COG initiated the process for hiring a project management consultant firm to provide support services to COG staff in the fields of engineering and project management. The services will be provided during the PS&ED phase and design of the project.

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. Projects completed in FY 2021/2022 are summarized on page 10.

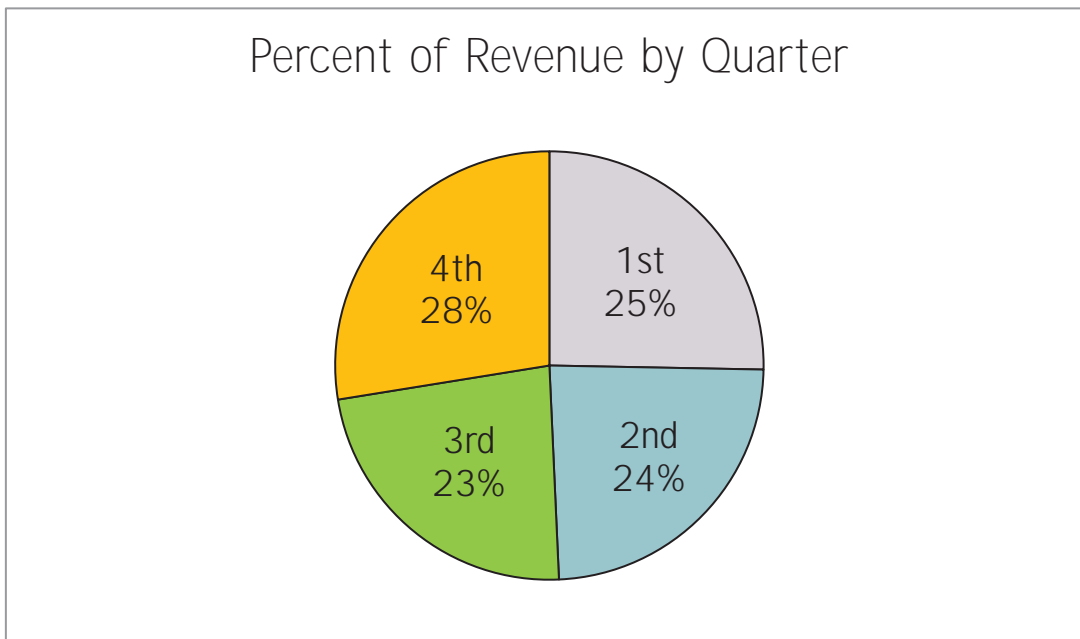
TIER 3: TRANSIT, BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN

Tier III funds are set-aside for improving pedestrian facilities and bicycle safety, and protecting and enhancing bus services for seniors, people with disabilities, and youth. No new projects were initiated during FY 2021/2022. COG staff expenses related to the administration of Measure G funds are also funded from Tier III. 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, revenues collected total \$37.4 million. During the 2021/2022 fiscal year reporting period, tax revenue collected totaled \$12.7 million. A breakdown of the revenues by quarter is provided below.*

Revenue by Quarter	2021/2022
First Quarter	\$3,220,612
Second Quarter	\$3,053,222
Third Quarter	\$2,949,066
Fourth Quarter	\$3,506,253
Total	\$12,729,153



*Numbers are unaudited



FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Measure G funds were allocated to each tier of the program as follows:

Apportionment by Tier	2021/2022
Tier I: Highway 25	\$3,665,996
Tier II: Local Streets & Roads	\$8,002,818
Tier III:	
Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian	\$933,047
Administration	\$127,291
Total	\$12,759,122

Within Tier II, Measure G revenues are sub-apportioned to Local Agencies for Local Streets and Road purposes according to percentages defined in the Roads, Transportation Safety and Investment Plan. San Benito County and the City of Hollister receive 47.5% each, and the City of San Juan Bautista, 5%.

Apportionment by Local Agency	2021/2022
City of San Juan Bautista	\$400,140
City of Hollister	\$3,801,339
County of San Benito	\$3,801,339
Total	\$8,002,818

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).

FY 2021/2022 COMPLETED PROJECTS



No Measure G funded projects were constructed in the City of San Juan Bautista during FY 2021/2022.



No Measure G funded projects were constructed in the City of Hollister during FY 2021/2022.

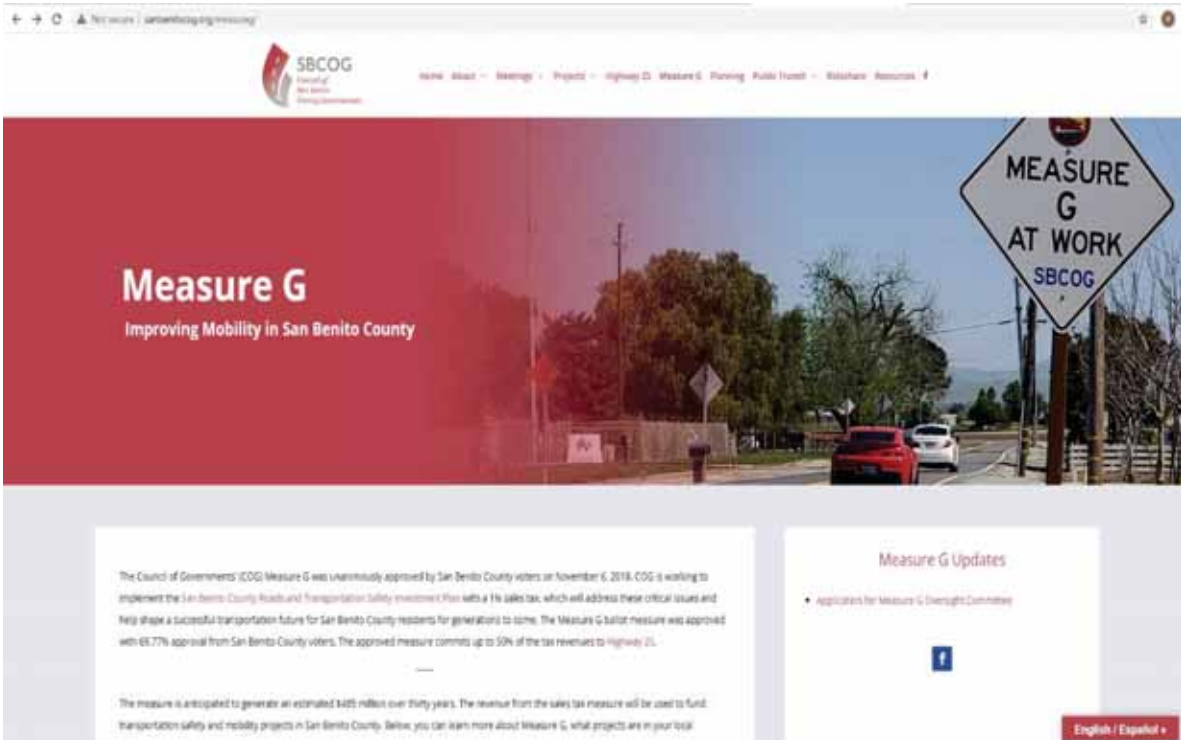


SOUTHSIDE ROAD

Construction Date: 2021

The County of San Benito completed .4 miles of pavement rehabilitation along the 5000 block of Southside Road.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



The Measure G website includes updates on complete projects, Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee meetings, Annual Reports, etc.



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