MEASURE G
ANNUAL REPORT

Improving Mobility in San Benito County



A Measure G funded project on Santa Ana Road in the City of Hollister.

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MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we look back on Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and we recognize that the cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, and the County of San Benito made notable progress on the implementation of Measure G projects and programs.

The projects implemented include:

- Improved safety and circulation
- Improved pavement conditions
- Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accessibility
- Supported project planning and development efforts for projects that will get constructed later.



The Council of San Benito County Governments continued to allocate 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,

Neils Ash
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Neils Ash, Vice Chair
Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

The Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) is San Benito County's Regional Transportation Planning Agency. The Agency provides a public forum for discussion of regional issues such as transportation mobility and housing at its monthly meetings and through public participation opportunities on all 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. Both the SBCOG Board and staff are committed to maintaining and improving transportation for all of San Benito County.

SBCOG MISSION

SBCOG 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.

SBCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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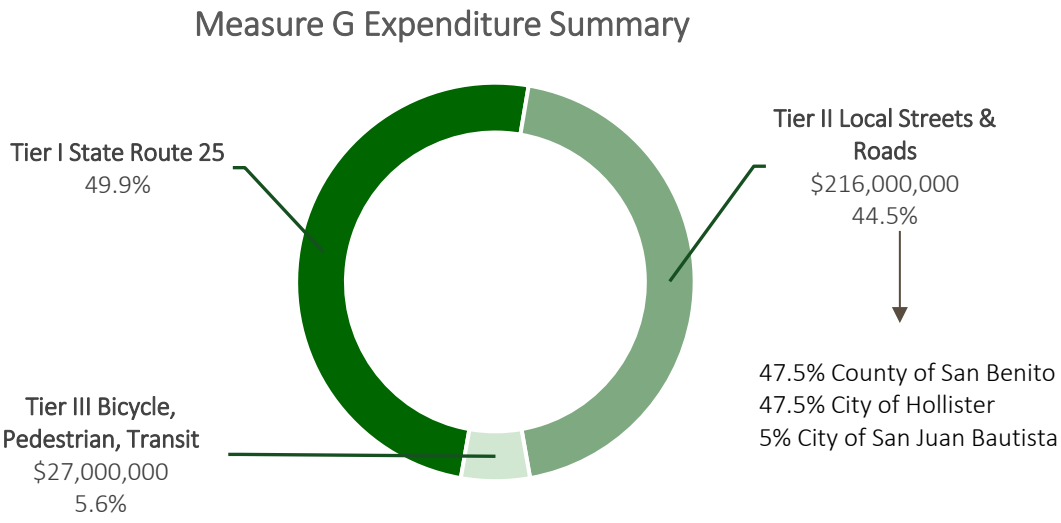
Rolan Resendiz, Council Member, City of Hollister

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Transportation projects in the San Benito region are funded through a variety of federal, state, regional, and local funding sources. One of the most important sources of local funding is Measure G.



Measure G (SBCOG Ordinance 2018-01 Roads, Transportation Safety Investment Plan) was approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018. The measure is administered by SBCOG 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 has emerged as a critical source of funding for a wide range of improvements that have been constructed or are in an earlier stage of development. 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 State Route 25 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, safety improvements and fund mobility-for-all programs. Specifically, the Investment Plan includes a project list that divides transportation projects into three tiers: Tier I for State Route 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 SBCOG'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 project delivery schedules and make recommendations to SBCOG on any proposals for changing project delivery priorities
6. Prepare annual reports regarding the administration of the program, to be presented to the SBCOG Board of Directors and posted to the SBCOG's website (SanBenitoCOG.org)

2026 Committee Makeup

Neils Ash – Trade/Labor, Vice Chair

John Espinosa – Industry

Raymond Martinez – SBC District 1

Jason Hopkins – SBC District 3

Clark Stone – SBC District 4

Jason Lomanto – SBC District 5

VACANT– Latinx Community

VACANT – Agriculture

VACANT – SBC District 2

VACANT – Senior/Disabled Community

VACANT – Education

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
- Secured Federal Funds



PRIORITIES

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



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Meetings & Input
- Review Audit Reports & Expenditures
- Prepare Annual Report

TIER 1: STATE ROUTE 25

The Measure G Expenditure Plan and Ordinance prioritizes State Route 25 (SR 25) corridor improvements. This corridor is a lifeline trucking and commuter route between Hollister and Santa Clara County. Caltrans studies have shown that the corridor has ongoing safety problems and peak period traffic volumes that already significantly exceed the capacity of the existing two-lane rural roadway. Due to the unsafe intersections and bottlenecks and average travel speeds that are often less than 30 mph, SR 25 needs significant investments to support San Benito's economy and improve the quality of life for residents. About fifty percent of the total Measure G revenue is designated as Tier I funding and will be spent to improve safety and relieve congestion on SR 25.

TIER 2: LOCAL STREETS & ROADS

Many of the roads in San Benito County and its two incorporated cities are crumbling after decades of underinvestment. In 2023, the California Statewide Needs Assessment Project published their latest study of road conditions. The survey concluded that the San Benito County road network has the third lowest average county pavement condition index (PCI) in the state. The county's overall PCI average of 38 is within the "poor" category (0-49) and is significantly worse than the statewide average. The needs assessment report suggests that more than $343 million will be needed over the next 10 years to improve road conditions in San Benito County.

Funds are distributed annually by SBCOG (according to the adopted funding strategy) so that the local jurisdictions can implement cost-effective road maintenance and rehabilitation improvements. Local agency priorities are

based on their pavement management plans, General Plan Circulation Elements, and the Regional Transportation Plan. Local funds are typically used to match grant awards and state gas tax funds.

Tier II funding is provided to each local jurisdiction (City of Hollister, City of San Juan Bautista, and San Benito County) on a population-based formula: 47.5 percent to San Benito County, 47.5 percent to the City of Hollister, and 5 percent to the City of San Juan Bautista.

TIER 3: TRANSIT, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS; ADMINISTRATION

Tier III funds are a relatively small share of total Measure G expenditures. The category includes a broad range of investment types, with a focus on expanding mobility options. Eligible investments include the following:

- Projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, including implementation of Safe-Routes-to-School programs and projects identified in the Countywide Bicycle, Pedestrian Master Plan, and in SBCOG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);
- Services for seniors, people with disabilities, and youth as described in the RTP project list;
- Projects that enhance safety and improve traffic flow on local roadways, including operational improvements, traffic calming, and "complete streets" measures;
- SBCOG staff and financial consultant expenses related to the administration of Measure G funds;
- Future Planning & Contingencies. (Any expenditures of this type must be reviewed and approved by the SBCOG Board and Measure G Oversight Committee before funds are spent.)

MEASURE G FUNDING

Since the passage of Measure G, revenues collected total $86.5 million. During the 2025/2026 fiscal year reporting period, tax revenue collected totaled $13.6 million. A breakdown of the revenues by quarter is provided below.[1]

Revenue by Quarter	2025/2026
First Quarter	$3,434,271
Second Quarter	$3,594,560
Third Quarter	$3,085,263
Fourth Quarter	$3,503,424
Total	$13,617,517

Measure G funds allocated for the year 2025-26 to each tier of the program is as follows[2]:

Appointment by Tier	2025/2026
Tier I: State Route 25	$13,481,342
Tier II: Local Streets & Roads	$0
Tier III: Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian	$0
Administration	$136,175
Total	$13,617,517

In June 2020, the SBCOG Board of Directors approved a funding strategy that prioritized local street and road improvements by allocating a greater portion of sales tax revenue to Tier II and Tier III projects, and a reduced share to Tier I, for a period spanning 2020 to 2024. As of July 2024, funding allocations for Tier II and Tier III will be suspended for a ten-year period, with all Measure G revenues redirected to the Tier I SR 25 priority project, in accordance with the adopted funding strategy.

SBCOG is conducting a review of this funding strategy and will provide updates on any funding strategy adjustments.

[1] Numbers are unaudited

[2] Based on June 2020 SBCOG Board adopted funding strategy

PROJECT SPONSORS

SBCOG disburses funds for local road projects to the County of San Benito, 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.

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Measure G funds for State Route 25 will be administered and spent by SBCOG. Caltrans is the implementing agency for the State Route 25 project. SBCOG maintains an online, interactive map that identifies planned and completed projects funded under Measure G (sanbenitocog.org).

MEASURE G INVESTMENTS

FY 2020/2021 through FY 2025/2026

TIER I: STATE ROUTE 25 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In 2016, two years before San Benito County voters approved the Measure G sales tax, a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was completed that adopted a new alignment for the SR 25 Corridor Improvement Project. In order to move forward with the route alignment approved in the 2016 FEIR, SBCOG has spent Measure G funds to complete advance planning work in collaboration with Caltrans, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA), the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), and local member agencies.

Milestones completed with Measure G funding include a cooperative agreement for the SR 25 Corridor Improvement Project between SBCOG and Caltrans that was signed in 2021. This agreement confirmed that SBCOG is the sponsor for the SR 25 Expressway Conversion Project (renamed as the SR 25 Corridor Improvement Project) and is responsible for establishing the scope of the project and securing the financial resources to fund the work/project. The cooperative agreement also defined roles for Caltrans as the implementing agency for the SR 25 project and made the agency responsible for managing the scope, cost, schedule, and quality of the work activities and products of the project. For the current stage of work, Caltrans is the implementing agency for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase that includes the completion of the final environmental document and project report that documents the project alternative analysis and selection work.

Over the last three years, SBCOG has continued using Measure G funding for technical work and inter-agency collaborations with Caltrans, VTA, and local member agencies. Consulting firms provide support services to SBCOG staff in the fields of planning, engineering, design, and project management. This support is anticipated to continue during the PA&ED phase and design phase of the project.

In early 2024, the SBCOG board was briefed on SR 25 corridor improvement options and planning requirements that need to be undertaken. Through a workshop and later briefings, board members and stakeholders offered insights and directions to the staff.

SBCOG efforts in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 focused on the introduction of seven potential corridor alternatives for the new SR 25 environmental study. Board concurrence to study the seven alternatives proposed was

followed by the release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) that formally began the environmental planning process. The NOP included the Purpose and Need previously adopted by the SBCOG board and a description of the seven alternatives to be analyzed.

In Jan 2025, SBCOG and Caltrans met with the landowners/concerned property owners along SR 25 to discuss the proposed alternatives. Continued discussions with the property owners led to the board decision to revisit the alternatives currently being analyzed in the EIR and to expand it to include a few more alternatives that will look at widening the existing SR 25 alignment. Pursuant to the public engagement and further feasibility screening analysis of potential alternatives, Caltrans and the SBCOG Board decided to formally include an additional alternative that explores the SR 25 improvements along the existing alignment.

The final environmental document will fully analyze a range of alternatives for the future of SR 25, including their impacts and necessary mitigation. The document will fulfill necessary federal and state requirements and allow the sponsor agencies to move towards implementing critical improvements along the corridor. SBCOG is the responsible agency while Caltrans will be the lead agency for this new environmental study under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Measure G funding will allow SBCOG to make contributions to Caltrans for the technical work they complete on the new environmental document.

Looking beyond the current fiscal year, Measure G and traffic impact mitigation fees will be critical matching funds that help SBCOG compete for state and federal grants that will be needed to fund the construction of the SR 25 corridor improvements.

TIER II: LOCAL STREETS & ROADS

Measure G funds have been used to complete many projects since 2020. These improvements include the following streets and roads. Please note that Measure G funds are also eligible for additional technical project planning & design work by the local agencies that are not project-specific.

FY 2020/2021 Projects:

- City of San Juan Bautista: Funded the 3rd Street Rehabilitation Project, which consisted of road rehabilitation of 3rd Street between Tahualami Street and Muckelemi Street. (2020)
- County of San Benito: Union Road resurfacing (2021)
- County of San Benito: Buena Vista Road resurfacing (2021)

- County of San Benito: **Southside Road, resurfacing** of a 1.7 mile section (2021).

FY 2021/2022 Projects:

- County of San Benito: **Southside Road resurfacing** of a 0.4 mile section (2021)

FY 2022/2023 Projects:

- City of Hollister: **Central Avenue Traffic Calming** (2022)
- City of San Juan Baptista: **citywide street, curb, gutter, and sidewalk repair project.** Improvements included crack-sealing for 12 streets, as well as modifying curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on six streets. Project also included ADA-compliant ramps at seven intersections (2023)
- County of San Benito: **Cienega Road rehabilitation and embankment repairs** at two locations (2022)

FY 2023/2024 Projects:

1. City of Hollister: **2024 Citywide Roadway Improvement Plans**. Improvements included pavement grind and overlays, slurry seals, re-striping, driveway replacements, safety features, and ADA ramp upgrades in various areas. Measure G funds were either spent as a portion of the project development work or towards the capital improvements. Corridors improved include the Ladd Lane/Southside Road Restoration Project, the Santa Ana Road Re-Striping Project, McCray Street Driveway Replacement Project, Memorial Drive Pedestrian Crosswalk, and the Wentz, Brown and Swope Alleys Reconstruction.
- City of San Juan Bautista: **Citywide Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project.** Project Planning for Citywide Street and Pedestrian Improvement Projects for future years.
- County of San Benito: project development work for improvements on **San Benito Street between Nash Road to Union Road,** including intersection control. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.
- County of San Benito: project development work for improvements on **Wright Rd between Buena Vista Rd to SR 25**. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.
- County of San Benito: **Cienega Rd Bridge at Bird Creek Replacement:** Environmental assessment and final design work towards the construction phase anticipated to begin in Summer of 2026.
- County of San Benito: **Carr Ave Bridge Replacement:** Environmental assessment and final design work towards the construction phase anticipated to begin in Spring of 2026.

FY 2024/2025 Projects:

- City of Hollister: The Section 1 Grind and Overlay project will repair multiple segments of roadway in the City of Hollister through cold planning and a hot mix asphalt overlay along with isolated areas of base failure repair. In addition, curb ramps within the limits of the project will be reconstructed to meet current ADA standards. The location of the project includes Verde Circle, Ortiz Court, Ranchito Court, and Gonzales Drive (2025).
- City of Hollister: 2024 Citywide Roadway Improvement Project includes various types of improvements throughout the City of Hollister. The work to be performed includes, but is not necessarily limited to base failure repair, HMA overlay, slurry seal, signage and striping improvements, concrete curb, curb ramps, sidewalk, drainage improvements, radar speed feedback signs, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Improvements on various streets throughout the city, including but not limited to Monterey Street, 5th Street, 4th Street, 3rd Street, Virginia Street, McCray Street, Santa Ana Road, Ladd Lane, Southside Road, Wentz Alley, Swoop Alley, Browns Alley, etc (2025).
- City of San Juan Bautista: Construction of sidewalk repairs and ADA improvements at various locations, including corners on 5th Street at Polk and Muckelemi Streets.
- City of San Juan Bautista: Construction of pavement repairs at First Street and Lavagnino Street roundabout.
- City of San Juan Bautista: Planning and design of Highway 156 right-hand turn lane at the Alameda Street.
- County of San Benito: Design and environmental analysis performed for the Cienega Road Bridge project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.
- County of San Benito: Design and environmental analysis performed for the Carr Avenue Bridge project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.
- County of San Benito: The design of improvements along San Benito Street from River Parkway to Union Road has progressed, however, the County is currently seeking additional grant funding to begin construction of a roundabout, pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

FY 2025/2026 Projects:

- County of San Benito: Design, Construction and Construction Management for the Frazier Lake Road Rehabilitation Project.
- County of San Benito: Design, Environmental analysis and utility coordination for the Cienega Road Bridge Replacement Project.

- County of San Benito: Design, Environmental analysis and utility coordination for the Carr Ave. Bridge replacement project.
- County of San Benito: Design, Construction and Construction Management for the San Juan Highway Road Rehabilitation Project.
- County of San Benito: Design/Preliminary Engineering of San Benito Street Widening Project.
- City of Hollister: The **San Felipe Road Roadway Pavement and Intersection Improvements (CIP C2604)** project will rehabilitate roadway segments throughout the City of Hollister through cold planing, hot-mix asphalt overlay, and localized base failure repairs. The project will also reconstruct curb ramps to meet current ADA standards, construct raised medians and intersection improvements at San Felipe Road and Maple Street and San Felipe Road and Gateway Drive. Additional improvements will include street lighting, bike lanes, pedestrian crosswalks and landscaping.
- City of Hollister: The **Smart Lighting 3rd Street and McCray Street** project includes the purchase of solar-powered lights to be installed at the intersection of 3rd Street and McCray Street to improve lighting and enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- City of Hollister: Out of State Tax expenditure for the **2024 Citywide Roadway Improvement Project (CIP C2404).**
- City of San Juan Bautista: The City did not expend any Measure G funds during Fiscal Year 2025/26. The funds are currently being reserved for a future Preventive Maintenance (PMP) slurry seal project.

TIER III: ADMINISTRATION, TRANSIT, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The only expenditure was towards the administration of Measure G funds. This includes supporting SBCOG staff and financial consultants in the preparation of the annual financial audit, annual financial statements, and the disbursement of funds to local agencies.

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