

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

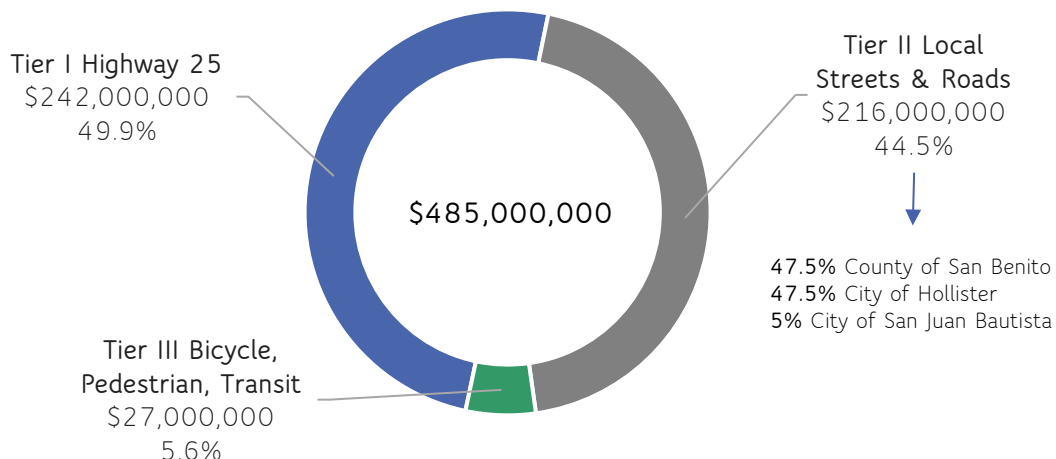
MEASURE G

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



Left to right: Jim Parker – Senior/Disabled Community, John Espinosa – Industry, Jason Hopkins – SBC District 2, Kevin Stopper – SBC District 4, Al Gonzales – Trade/Labor, Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair), Andrew Rollins – SBC District 5, Darlene Boyd – Education (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth “Betsy” Johnson – SBC District 1, and Sandy Hughes – SBC District 3 (not in photo).

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

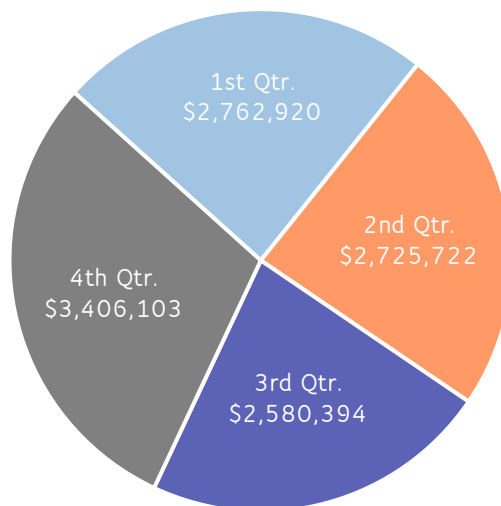
Administration funds are set-aside to pay for COG staff time and expenses related to administration of Measure G funds. This includes preparation of the annual audit, preparing financial statements, and disbursing funds to local agencies.

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	\$841,127
Administration	\$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 Muckelemy 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

San Benito TRANSPORTATION

LOCAL Transportation Info:

- Vote-approved Measure G pays for urgent transportation needs like expanding Highway 25, repairing local streets and roads, adding public transit, and improving our streets to make them safer when you want to walk or ride a bike. All Measure G funds stay local to improve San Benito County roads.
- Highway 25 is scheduled for expansion over the next several years. Learn more at: www.Hwy25.org
- Learn more at: www.sanbenitocog.org/MeasureG

BACK TO SCHOOL: Stay Alert!

Do you need transportation options? County Express has NEW services!

- **County Express** Tripster added bus service during peak school hours—students and the general public may ride. Rely on County Express to get to Hollister area schools on time. Get more information at: www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org
- **County Express On Demand!** New shared ride on demand service. Use our mobile app or call (831) 650-4161 to ride in Hollister. Learn more at: www.GoCountyExpress.org

MEASURE G projects completed to date:

- Buena Vista Road, Unincorporated
- Third Street, San Juan Bautista
- Southside Road, Unincorporated
- Union Road, No Incorporated

STAY TUNED: Transportation Improvements are Coming.

As Measure G and other local transportation projects are completed over the coming months and years, stay tuned for further updates. Important work now underway will continue to improve COG local streets, roads, highways, and transportation systems so San Benito County keeps moving forward.

BE SAFE. STAY INFORMED. KEEP MOVING.

SBCOG
Council of San Benito County Governments
www.sanbenitocog.org

Approved by the Council of San Benito County Governments on August 2021

The Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) is a non-profit local transportation authority responsible for local government planning, coordination, and development in the San Benito County area. SBCOG is a coalition of 14 local governments in the San Benito County area, including:

- **SBCOG Board Members:**
- Ignacio Valenzuela, San Juan Bautista
- Mary Valenzuela, San Juan Bautista
- Peter Hernandez, San Juan Bautista
- Robert Hernandez, San Juan Bautista
- Paul Tibbitts, San Juan Bautista

San Benito TRANSPORTACIÓN

Información de Información LOCAL:

- La Medida G, aprobada por votantes locales, paga por las necesidades urgentes de transporte como la ampliación de la autopista 25, reparación de carreteras locales, mejora de transporte público, y mejorar nuestros calles para cuando se quiere caminar o andar en bicicleta. Todos los fondos de la Medida G permanecen locales para mejorar las carreteras del Condado de San Benito.
- La autopista 25 está programada para expansión durante los próximos años. Aprenda más en: www.Hwy25.org
- Aprenda más en: www.sanbenitocog.org/MeasureG

¡REGRESO A CLASES: Manténgase Alerta(a)!

¿Necesita opciones de transporte? ¡County Express tiene nuevos servicios! ME VOS!

- **County Express** Tripster: Conductor adicional durante las horas más ocupadas de viaje escolar—estudiantes y el público general pueden usar el servicio. Confía en County Express para llegar a tiempo a las escuelas en la área de Hollister. Más información: www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org
- **County Express Bajo Demanda:** Servicio nuevo con viajes compartidos. Descargue la aplicación o llame al (831) 650-4161. Aprenda más en: www.GoCountyExpress.org

Proyectos de la Medida G realizados hasta la fecha:

- Buena Vista Road, No Incorporada
- Third Street, San Juan Bautista
- Southside Road, No Incorporado
- Union Road, No Incorporado

MANTÉNGASE AL TANTO: Mejoramientos de la Transición están por Venir.

Como estas realizadas los proyectos de la Medida G y otros mejoramientos de la transición, manténgase al tanto de más actualizaciones. Trabajo muy importante que ahora está en marcha continuará a mejorar SBCOG calles, carreteras, y sistemas de transporte para que San Benito siga avanzando.

MEASURE G

Cuidese. Manténgase informado. Sigue moviéndose.

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- **Miembros del Consejo SBCOG:**
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COG prepared an English/Spanish language Measure G community update which was mailed to San Benito County residents in August of 2021.

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The Council of Governments (COG) Measure G was unanimously approved by San Benito County voters on November 6, 2018. COG is working to implement the San Benito County Roads and Transportation Safety Investment Plan with a 1% sales tax, which will address these critical issues and help shape a successful transportation future for San Benito County residents for generations to come. The Measure G ballot measure was approved with 69.77% approval from San Benito County voters. The approved measure commits up to 50% of the tax revenues to Highway 25.

The measure is anticipated to generate an estimated \$485 million over thirty years. The revenue from the sales tax measure will be used to fund transportation safety and mobility projects in San Benito County. Below, you can learn more about Measure G, what projects are in your local

Measure G Updates

- Application for Measure G Oversight Committee

[English / Español](#)

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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