

MEASURE G ANNUAL REPORT



Improving Mobility in San Benito County



The Measure G funded pavement milling and overlay of Church Street in the City of San Juan Bautista.

MEASURE G CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

As the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, we look back on Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and we recognize that the cities of San Juan Bautista and Hollister and the County of San Benito made notable progress on the implementation of Measure G projects.

The projects implemented:

- Improved safety and circulation
- Improved pavement conditions
- Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accessibility



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,



Victor Gomez, Chair
Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS(SBCOG)

The Council of San Benito County Governments is San Benito County's Regional Transportation Planning Agency. The Agency provides a public forum for discussion of regional issues such as transportation mobility at its monthly meetings and through public participation opportunities in all of its planning efforts.

SBCOG 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. Both the SBCOG Board and staff are committed to maintaining and improving transportation for all of San Benito County.

SBCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bea Gonzalez, Chair, County of San Benito

Scott Freels, Vice Chair, City of San Juan Bautista

Mia Casey, Director, City of Hollister

Dolores Morales Director, City of Hollister

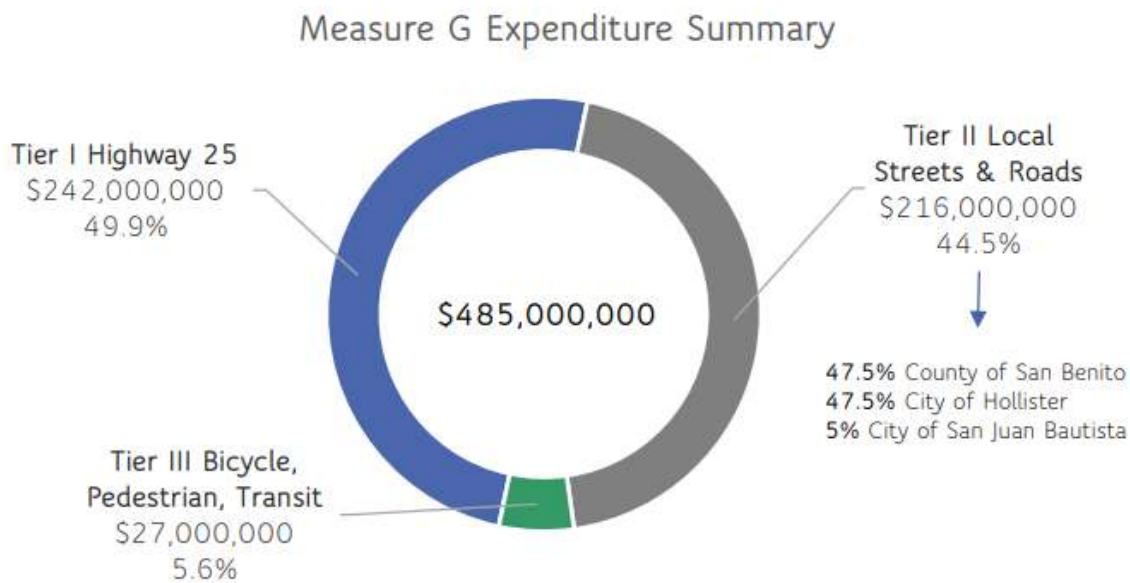
Mindy Sotelo, Director, County of San Benito

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 and includes a one percent local transactions and use (sale) 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 nearly 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 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 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 the 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)

2023 Committee Makeup (As of Oct. 2023)

- Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair)
- Vacant – Senior/Disabled Community
- Darlene Boyd – Education (Committee Vice Chair)
- Neils Ash– Trade/Labor
- Vacant - Agriculture
- 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

2022 Committee Makeup

- Victor Gomez – Latinx Community (Committee Chair)
- Paul Scherer – Senior/Disabled Community
- Darlene Boyd – Education (Committee Vice Chair)
- Al Gonzalez – Trade\Labor
- Vacant – Agriculture
- 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

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

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

TIER 1: SR 25 CONVERSION PROJECT (HIGHWAY 25)

- Caltrans is the lead on the Project Approval & Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) phase of the project with SBCOG support. The PA&ED phase 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/public, and stakeholder participation.
- SBCOG hired a project management consulting firm to provide support services to SBCOG in the fields of engineering and project management. The services are being provided during the PA&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 2022/2023 are summarized on page 10.

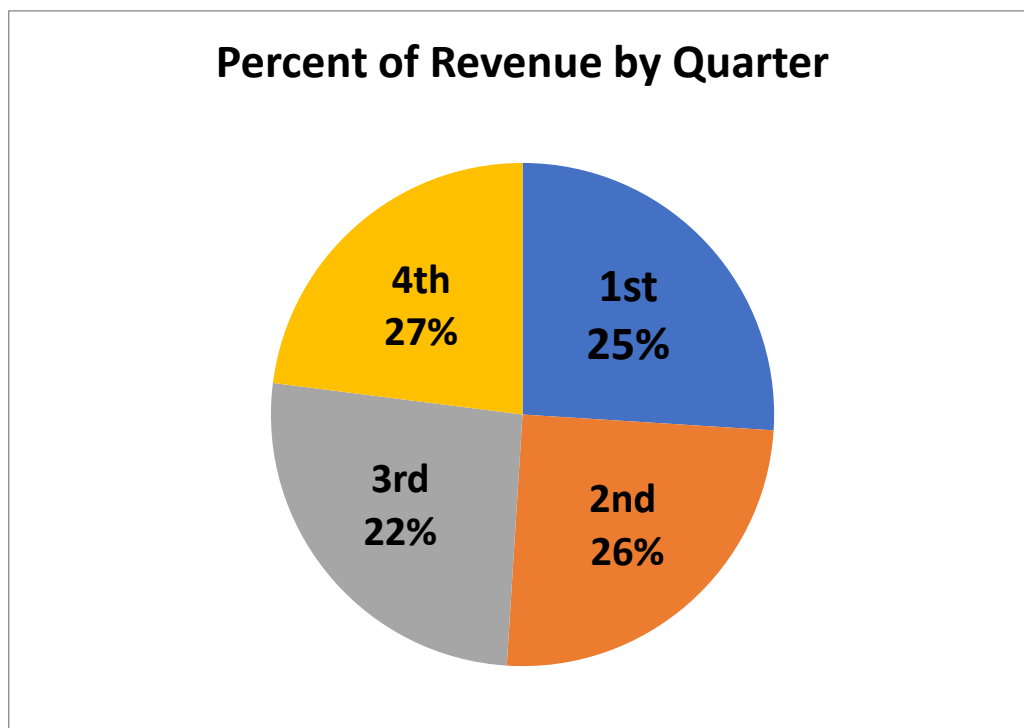
TIER 3: TRANSIT, BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN

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 2022/2023. SBCOG 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 \$49.1 million. During the 2022/2023 fiscal year reporting period, tax revenues collected totaled \$13.4 million. A breakdown of the revenues by quarter is provided below.*

Revenue by Quarter	2022/2023
First Quarter	\$3,412,546
Second Quarter	\$3,447,927
Third Quarter	\$2,988,754
Fourth Quarter	\$3,592,942
Total	\$13,442,169



**Numbers are unaudited*



FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

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

Apportionment by Tier	2022/2023
Tier I: Highway 25	\$3,871,345
Tier II: Local Streets & Roads	\$8,451,092
Tier III:	
Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian	\$985,311
Administration	\$134,421
Total	\$13,442,169

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	2022/2023
City of San Juan Bautista	\$422,554
City of Hollister	\$4,014,269
County of San Benito	\$4,014,269
Total	\$8,451,092

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.



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

FY 2022/2023 COMPLETED PROJECTS

CENTRAL AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING

Construction Date: 2022

The City of Hollister installed a roundabout, curb bump-outs, lane delineators and other traffic calming features at various locations on Central Avenue.

Measure G funded 100% of the \$737,000 construction cost.



SPEED HUMPS

Construction Date: 2022, 2023

The City of Hollister installed speed humps at various locations.

Measure G funded 100% of the \$55,000 project cost.



FY 2022/2023 COMPLETED PROJECTS

CIENEGA ROAD

Construction Date: 2022

The County of San Benito completed road rehabilitation and embankment repairs at two locations on Cienega Road.

Measure G funded 75% (\$500,000) of the \$671,000 project cost.



CITYWIDE STREET, CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK PROJECT

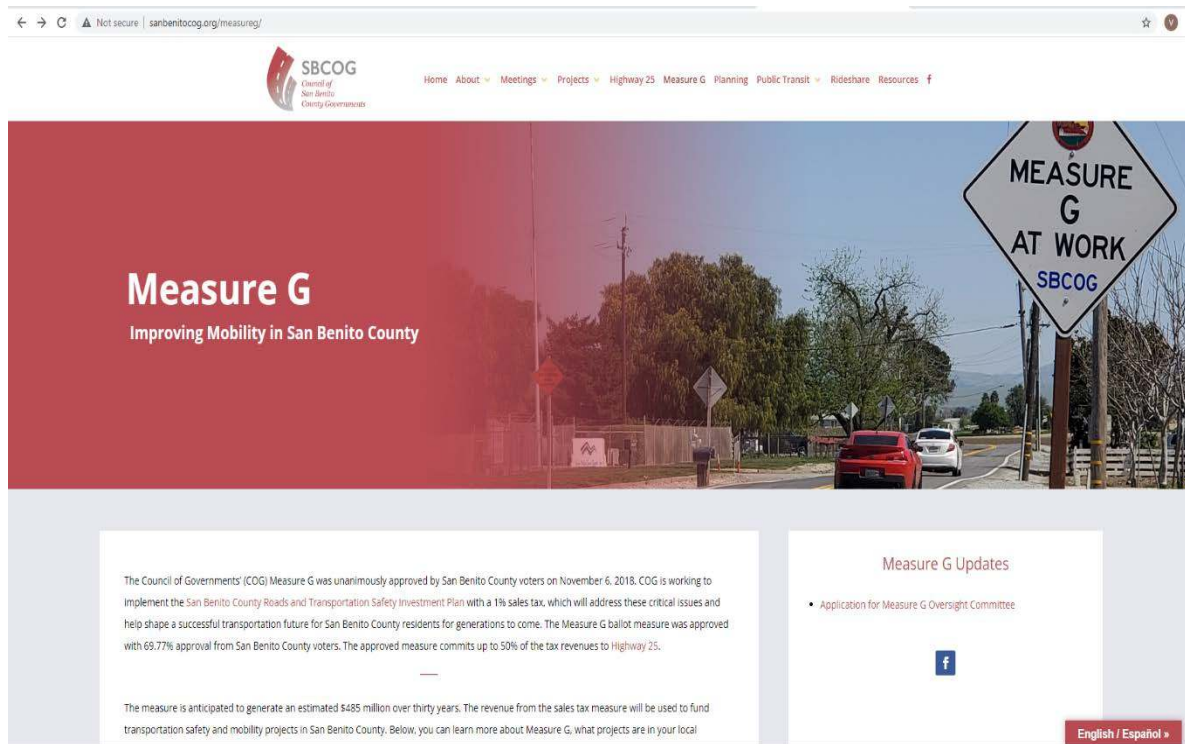
Construction Date: 2023

The City of San Juan Bautista overlaid, or crack sealed 12 streets, modified curb, gutter or sidewalk on six streets, and installed Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant ramps at seven intersections.

Measure G funded 100% of the \$1,197,599 project.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



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