



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO
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SUBJECT: COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE D AND SB 1

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Measure D and SB 1 provide transportation funding and require that the City provide annual expenditure plans for each.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt resolutions approving a list of transportation projects to be funded by:

1. Measure D in Fiscal Years 21/22 through 25/26;
2. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) in Fiscal Year 21/22.

DISCUSSION:

The City receives transportation funding from Measure D and SB 1. As explained below, each requires that the City develop and approve an annual expenditure plan.

Measure D

In 2016, Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D, a one-half cent sales tax that funds transportation projects for 30 years. The Measure allocates a portion of the funding to individual agencies and the City's projected share for FY21/22 is \$927,420. The City will use these funds and others that have rolled over from previous years.

Requirements of the funding include development of a five-year expenditure plan with Council approval, on an annual basis. The Plan is due by June 30, 2021. The Plan is attached to the resolution as "Measure D: 5-Year Program of Projects (FY21/22-25/26)."

In FY21/22, Measure D funding will be used for the following:

- Increased pedestrian and bicycle safety through projects involving Downtown Revitalization, Citywide Bicycle Facilities and Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvements;

- Improvements to the City trail system with maintenance, design or project management of the Harkins Slough Road Pedestrian Bridge, Lee Road Trail Phase 1 and Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2 projects;
- Design, preparation of environmental documents and construction for roadway reconstruction or improvement projects on Green Valley Road and Freedom Blvd.

SB 1

In 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 1, providing additional funding for road maintenance, rehabilitation and safety projects. The funding is apportioned by formula to cities and counties. Watsonville's projected annual share for FY21/22 is \$1,036,000. The City will use these funds and others that have rolled over from previous years.

To be eligible for SB 1 funding in FY21/22, the City must provide the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with a list of projects that have been approved by Council. The list is due to the CTC on July 1, 2021. The list is attached to the resolution as "City of Watsonville - SB 1 Project List FY21/22."

In FY21/22, the City will use SB 1 funding for the following projects:

- Freedom Blvd Improvements from Alta Vista Ave to Green Valley Rd;
- Green Valley Rd Reconstruction from Freedom Blvd to City Limits;
- Road Repair at various locations within the City.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The proposed expenditure plans are consistent with the following Strategic Plan Goals:

03-Infrastructure & Environment

06-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Measure D and SB 1 will provide funding for transportation projects and help the City qualify for additional grant funds by serving as local match.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None