

# Agenda Report



**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
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**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION  
PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE D AND SB 1 FOR FY24/25

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt resolutions approving project lists for transportation projects to be funded by:

1. Measure D in FY24/25 through FY28/29; and
2. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) in FY24/25.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The City's proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY24/25 includes several transportation projects which are funded from various sources. Two are the Measure D and SB 1 programs. Each of these programs requires that the city develop and approve an annual project list and expenditure plan. The projects included in these plans are part of the larger CIP which Council will be approving during the current budget process.

## **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 with the city's projected share for FY24/25 totaling \$1,178,000. The City will spend these funds and others that have carried over from previous years. Requirements of the funding include the development of a five-year expenditure plan that is presented at a public hearing and approved by the City Council. The Plan is entitled "Measure D: 5-Year Program of Projects (FY24/25-28/29)" and is included with the resolution. The Plan and Council Resolution of approval are to be submitted to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission by June 30th of each year. Attached to this staff report is a map showing the projects receiving Measure D and SB 1 funding in FY24/25.

In FY24/25, the Plan proposes to allocate Measure D to partially or completely fund the following projects:

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety through annual funding for activities and improvements that involve citywide bicycle facilities, maintenance, and improvement of trails, and supporting pedestrian & traffic safety;
- Prepare plans and environmental documents for bicycle and pedestrian improvements within the downtown area and at eight schools within the southeast area of the City; for installation of sidewalk on the east side of Freedom Blvd between Green Valley Rd and Airport Blvd; and for pedestrian amenities recommended by the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan.
- Construct Lee Rd Trail Phase I which includes sidewalk and bike lanes on a portion of Harkins Slough Rd and a pedestrian and bike path on a portion of Lee Rd;
- Implement pavement repair and maintenance projects identified in Year 1 of the Pavement Management Plan.

In future years, the Plan provides funding for the following projects:

- Pennsylvania Dr Trail Repair from Clifford St to Winding Way;
- Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 3 from Watsonville Slough Trail trailhead to Walker St.

FY24/25 projects to receive Measure D funding that was allocated previously and carried over to this year include:

- Bridge St Reconstruction from Blackburn St to Beck St;
- Green Valley Rd Reconstruction from Freedom Blvd to City Limits;
- Highway 1/Harkins Slough Rd Pedestrian Bridge & Safe Routes to School project design;
- Lake Ave sidewalk and lighting improvements from Rodriguez St to Union St/Brennan St design;
- Lee Rd Trail design and permitting;
- Pennsylvania Dr Reconstruction from Clifford St to Winding Way design.

### 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 FY24/25 is \$1,325,000. The City will use these funds and others that have rolled over from previous years for projects to be constructed in this and future fiscal years.

To be eligible for SB 1 funding in FY24/25, the City must provide the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with a list of projects that have been approved by the City Council. The list is due to the CTC by July 1, 2024. The list is included with the resolution. Attached to the staff report is a map showing the location of the proposed SB 1 and Measure D funded projects.

In FY24/25, the city will allocate SB 1 funding for:

- Preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for Year 1 Pavement Management Plan projects;
- Reconstruct and repair roads at various locations within the city;

- Project management and construction oversight services for Year 1 Pavement Management Plan projects;
- Road repair work includes repair of potholes and pavement damage at various locations within the city.

FY24/25 projects to receive SB1 funding that was allocated previously and carried over to this year include:

- Citywide Restriping
- Green Valley Rd Reconstruction (Carey Ave to City Limits)
- Green Valley Rd Safety
- Pennsylvania Dr Reconstruction

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

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

- 2-Infrastructure & Environment
- 5-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 a local match.

#### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known currently.

#### **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

1. Watsonville Measure D & SB 1 FY24/25 Projects Map