



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR FONTES
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROJECT LISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
FUNDED BY MEASURE D AND SB 1 FOR FY25/26

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Measure D in FY25/26 through FY29/30
 2. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) in FY25/26
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BACKGROUND:

The City's proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY25/26 includes transportation projects funded from various sources. Two sources are the Measure D and SB 1 programs. Each 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.

DISCUSSION:

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 FY25/26 totaling \$1,213,000. 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 (FY25/26-29/30)" 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 December 30th of each year. Attached to this staff report is a map showing the projects receiving Measure D and SB 1 funding in FY25/26.

In FY25/26, the Plan proposes allocating 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
- Citywide road restriping projects
- Provide Pavement Program Management services for 2025 Pavement Repair Project
- Construct Pavement Repair Project

FY25/26 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
- Freedom Blvd reconstruction and sidewalk infill between Green Valley Rd & Airport Blvd design
- Green Valley Rd reconstruction from Freedom Blvd to City limits
- Lake Ave lighting improvements from Rodriguez St to Union St/Brennan St design
- Lee Rd Trail design, permitting and construction
- Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville project that includes pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements within the downtown area and around eight schools design & permitting
- Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School & Beyond project (Highway 1/Harkins Slough Rd pedestrian bridge) design and construction

In future years, the Plan continues to provide funding for bicycle, pedestrians, and traffic safety, trail maintenance, road maintenance, repair, and striping.

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 FY25/26 is \$ 1,403,164. 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 FY25/26, 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, 2025. 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 FY25/26, the city will allocate SB 1 funding for:

- 2025 Road Maintenance Project

FY25/26 projects to receive SB1 funding that was allocated previously and carried over to this year include:

- Pennsylvania Dr Reconstruction Design
- Pennsylvania Drive Trail Repair Design
- Road Repair Construction
- Sidewalk Repair
- Road Restriping

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution supporting a funding plan does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a "project," is exempt under the "common sense" exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

Infrastructure & Environment

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 FY25/26 Projects Map