



Measure D Updates

Fall 2018

Two years ago Santa Cruz County voters passed Measure D, providing stable, local funds to maintain and improve local roads, highways, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit. Measure D, in combination with the Senate Bill 1 gas tax, is helping local agencies address some of the significant backlog of transportation needs in Santa Cruz County. The following highlights a few of the projects Measure D is funding.

METRO Rebuilding Fleet with SB1 and Measure D

METRO is the process of acquiring 10 fixed-route buses to replace aging vehicles with more efficient and cleaner running equipment. Acquisition of the new vehicles was made possible because of Measure D and SB1. The new vehicles include METRO's first four electric buses and six replacement CNG buses. In addition, Measure D is funding the cost of 9.5 fixed-route and ParaCruz operators this year.



Lift Line – Paratransit Services

- Lift Line expanded service from five to seven days, providing over 3,500 additional rides in FY17/18.
- Community Bridges/Lift Line was able to use Measure D revenues to leverage approximately \$270,000 for its all Electric Vehicle Project through the state of California Air Resources Board (CARB). Two new fully electric 16 passenger paratransit buses to replace two gas engine buses are expected to arrive and begin service in Spring 2019.
- Lift Line has installed two Charge Point charging stations capable of charging 4 electric vehicles at once. The stations will be open to the public during Lift Line hours.

New Bike Facilities, Smoothing Local Roads, and Pedestrian Safety Projects

City and County public works departments have been busy repairing local roads and improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the county.

- Scotts Valley :
 - Kings Village Road Sidewalk construction contract, funded by a combination of Measure D and SB1 STIP funds, was awarded to Anderson Pacific Engineering. Construction is scheduled to begin in October and be complete by December 2018.
 - Glenwood Active Transportation Project: Roadway improvements are currently in the design phase. Construction of new trails through Glenwood Preserve is expected to begin in January 2019, using a combination of SB1 and Measure D funds.
 - Green Hills Road bicycle lanes and roadway rehabilitation project was completed in October 2018.
- Capitola
 - 2018 Slurry Seal – This fall the City of Capitola completed their 2018



Green Hills Road

Slurry Seal Project, which included pavement repairs, crack seal, slurry seal, and updated pavement markings along approximately 2.5 miles of 11 city streets.

- Brommer Street Improvements – The city began initial survey and design work for this project, which includes complete street and roadway improvements on Brommer Street to improve access for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians from 38th Avenue to 41st Avenue.

Highway Projects Moving Forward

- The FHWA and Caltrans are wrapping up the final environmental document for the Highway 1 corridor, with an expected completion of December 2018.
- The RTC awarded a contract for engineering services in order to accelerate design work for construction of auxiliary lanes between 41st Avenue and Soquel Drive, and a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in 2020.
- The RTC in partnership with METRO began preparing the “Highway 1 Bus on Shoulders Concept of Operations” report that considers hours of operation, facility objectives, enforcement, incident management, and other operational factors associated with buses using the shoulders on Highway 1 between Morrissey Boulevard and Freedom Boulevard.

Rail Corridor

- Storm damage repairs to the Santa Cruz Branch Rail corridor have been ongoing, with work underway on construction documents and necessary permits to construct the repairs.
- The 30 bridges along the Rail Corridor were inspected in October, with recommendations forthcoming.
- Ongoing preventative maintenance efforts have continued along the rail corridor to control overgrown vegetation and repair the drainage system. Maintenance requests can be directed to info@sccrtc.org.
- The results of the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS) – Draft Step 2 Scenario Analysis, which includes analysis of trail, transit, and freight uses in the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, is undergoing public review. The results were presented at over a dozen meetings in October, including well attended workshops in Live Oak and Watsonville, RTC board and advisory committee meetings, and meetings with stakeholder groups. Public comments can be submitted to ucs@sccrtc.org.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Rail Trail

- The City of Santa Cruz is soliciting contractors for the San Lorenzo River Trestle Widening, which will improve access for bicycles and pedestrians traveling next to the railroad tracks near the Boardwalk. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2019.
- Santa Cruz is updating construction documents and gearing up to re-advertise for construction of the section of the Rail Trail between Natural Bridges Drive to Bay St/California Ave (phase 1 of Segment 7).
- The North Coast Rail Trail project from Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park (Segment 5) project team is preparing the final environmental document, responding to comments submitted on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). Public meetings on the draft document were held in Davenport and Santa Cruz this summer.



Implementation and Oversight

- The RTC reviewed applications and approved members for the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee. The first committee meeting is October 29, 2018. At future meetings, the committee will be reviewing FY17/18 expenditures to ensure revenues have been spent in accordance with the Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.