



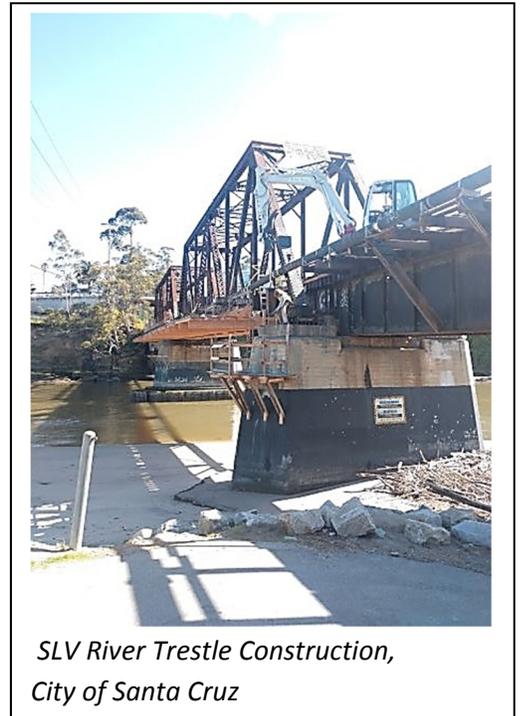
Measure D Updates

Spring 2019

In November 2016 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 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.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) Rail Trail

- The City of Santa Cruz started construction of the new bike/walk bridge at the San Lorenzo River Trestle near the Boardwalk. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2019.
- This spring the City of Santa Cruz will be advertising for construction of the Rail Trail between Natural Bridges Drive and Bay St/California Ave (Phase 1 of Segment 7).
- Santa Cruz is finalizing environmental review, design and permitting this Spring for the section of the Rail Trail between Bay St/California St and the Wharf intersection roundabout (Phase 2 of Segment 7).
- The RTC certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North Coast Rail Trail project from Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park (Segment 5) on March 7, 2019. Construction will follow the federal environmental clearance, permitting and final design process, and is expected to occur in 2021.



*SLV River Trestle Construction,
City of Santa Cruz*

Highway 9/SLV Corridor and Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing

- In January the RTC released the draft Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Complete Streets Corridor Plan for public review and is now updating the plan based on input received. Measure D funds are expected to leverage other funds for priority projects identified in the plan.
- Caltrans continues design of the wildlife crossing under Highway 17; construction is funded by a combination of Measure D and Land Trust revenues.

Highway 1 Projects Under Design

- Design work continues 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.

Rail Corridor

- On January 17, 2019, the RTC approved the Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCS) preferred scenario and affirmed the RTC's commitment to include trail and transit, freight and recreational rail uses in the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line corridor. The RTC will be working with METRO to do more detailed analysis of high-intensity transit options.
- Storm damage repairs and preventative maintenance, including vegetation and drainage work, continues in the rail corridor. Maintenance requests can be directed to info@sccrtc.org.

More Local Road Repairs Coming Soon

City and County public works departments are gearing up for a busy spring and summer, repairing local roads and improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the county.

- County of Santa Cruz
 - The County plans to resurface 5.75 miles of roads in the Live Oak, Ben Lomond, Rio Del Mar, and Bonny Doon areas starting in June 2019.
- Scotts Valley
 - New sidewalks along Kings Village Road are nearly complete.
 - Construction of new trails through Glenwood Preserve is will begin this spring.
- Santa Cruz
 - Reconstruction of Cedar Street in the downtown area is anticipated to be completed this Spring. The project includes pavement reconstruction, new access ramps, bike lanes and international crosswalk striping.
 - The city is advertising a residential slurry seal project to be constructed this summer, which will improve a number of streets citywide.
 - Design work continues on a paving project for River Street, between Water and Highway 1, that is anticipated to start this fall. It will include new access ramps, bike lane and crosswalk striping.
 - Elementary school bike safety classes are ongoing
- Watsonville
 - Bicycle Safety Improvements – Watsonville contracted with Ecology Action to provide BikeSmart bicycle safety training in schools
 - Bicycle Safety Improvements - Contracted with Bike Santa Cruz County to provide the Earn A Bike Program in Watsonville schools, which includes provides students with safety training and opportunities to receive a bike and bike helmet.
 - Pedestrian Traffic Safety - Contracted with a traffic engineer to analyze collision data to assist with implementing pedestrian safety programs and improvements.
 - Lee Rd Trail - Contracted with consulting engineer to assist with design of the Lee Road Trail project.

Measure D-funded road resurfacing – Before & after in Boulder Creek, 2018



Lift Line – Paratransit Services

- Lift Line continued its expanded services seven days per week utilizing two additional drives. For the first half of FY18/19 Lift Line provided 2,886 additional rides funded through Measure D.
- Two new fully electric 16 passenger paratransit buses, which replace two gas engine buses, have been ordered and are expected to begin service in Spring 2019.
- Lift Line is actively look for a new operating facility/site and is reviewing a possible property in Watsonville.
- Since July 2018 Lift Line, in partnership with the Santa Cruz Downtown Seniors Center, has expanded service to Louden Nelson Community Center for seniors to take classes and participate in activities.

Implementation and Oversight

- The Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee is reviewing FY17/18 audits and expenditure reports to ensure that revenues have been spent in accordance with the Measure D Ordinance.