

November 2021 Bicycle Committee Meeting Handout – Item 13

Statement from the County of Santa Cruz DPW Concerning County Roads:

The County maintains nearly 600 miles of roadway with an estimated funding backlog of approximately \$490 Million for deferred pavement needs alone, given this immense unfunded backlog the County aggressively pursues road maintenance and puts every funding source we can obtain toward these needs. RSTP/STBG & STIP grant funds are important components in road maintenance for the County, which is generally reflected in our grant requests. The County Road network is spread out geographically, traversing steep terrain, watercourses, and difficult geology, making it more difficult to maintain compared to the systems of our neighboring City jurisdictions (as an example the County incurred over \$100 Million in roadway storm damage in 2017 which has tied up the bulk of our SB-1 funding since that time). Among the local jurisdictions, the County has 49% of the population, maintains 67% (two thirds) of roadways by lane mileage, and the County roadways have the lowest pavement condition. In past requests the County has based its total amount of grant requests on 50% of available grant funding as we view this as the County's fair share of these funds based on maintained mileage and population, however over the past four competitive grant cycles (2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) the County has been awarded an average of 30% of total available funding, the current proposal for this cycle is 36% of total funding. While maintenance of existing infrastructure is becoming a greater priority Statewide, the County feels that our requests locally to put grant funding toward roadway maintenance have not been met with great success. We believe the maintenance of our system is important, serving all user groups (motor vehicles, emergency services, transit routes, bicycles, and pedestrians) and providing connectivity to the other local jurisdictions. We strongly urge RTC staff and Committees to consider recommending full funding of proposed County pavement maintenance projects (Jamison & Alba Roads, San Andreas Road, Soquel San Jose Road/Porter Street, and Holohan Road).

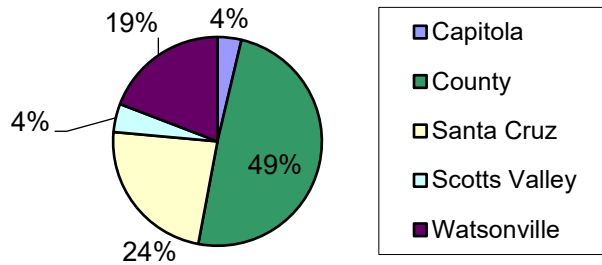
Analysis of Population & Lane Mileage in Santa Cruz County by Jurisdiction

Population & Mileage by Jurisdiction						
Agency	Population		Lane Miles		Other Stats	
	#	%	#	%	Maint.Miles	Avg PCI
Capitola	10108	3.73%	53	3.01%	26	65
County	133493	49.22%	1188	67.54%	596	46
Santa Cruz	64424	23.75%	272	15.46%	136	67
Scotts Valley	11693	4.31%	72	4.09%	32	58
Watsonville	51515	18.99%	174	9.89%	85	53

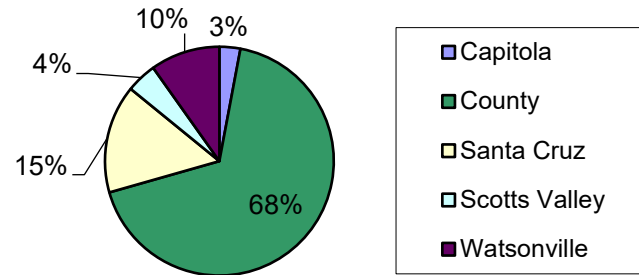
Totals:	271233	100.00%	1759	100.00%
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*Data From Latest RTC Measure D Formula Apportionment Schedule and Agency Reporting

Population by Jurisdiction



Lane Mileage by Jurisdiction



Review of Funding Distribution to County in Past RTC Grant Cycles			
Grant Cycle	Total Available Grant Funding	Funding Awarded to County	% of Total
2013 RSTP	\$5,309,000	\$2,251,000	42%
2014 STIP/RSTP	\$9,353,000	\$2,708,000	29%
2016 STBG	\$7,000,000	\$2,024,000	29%
2018 RTIP	\$22,420,000	\$6,317,000	28%

Total:	\$44,082,000	\$13,300,000
	Average Awarded to County=	30%

(in past 4 competitive grant cycles)

Review of RTC Recommendations for 2022 RTIP Grant Funding Distribution

District	Grant Package	County Requested Funding	RTC Recommended Funding	% of Request
1&2	Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lanes & Congestion Mitigation Project (5.6 miles of Soquel Avenue/Drive in unincorporated County between La Fonda and State Park.)	\$5,500,000	\$1,000,000	18%
2	San Andreas Road Resurfacing Project	\$1,650,000	\$825,000	50%
1	Soquel San Jose Rd/ Porter St - Road Resurfacing & Multimodal Improvements	\$1,540,000	\$750,000	49%
3&5	Emergency Routes Resurfacing Project: Alba & Jamison Creek Roads RTC recommendation=Jamison	\$1,870,000	\$900,000	48%
4	Holohan Road Resurfacing Project	\$440,000	\$440,000	100%

Total:	\$11,000,000	\$3,915,000
RTC Proposal - % of Total Funding =		36%

