

City of Watsonville
Measure D Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2020/21



1. Annual Report Cover Sheet

Measure D Recipient Agency: CITY OF WATSONVILLE

Measure D Annual Report Cover Sheet

Fiscal Year 2020/21

Submit documents to rmoriconi@sccrtc.org by December 31, 2021.

Dear Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee: The CITY OF WATSONVILLE is pleased to present the following information demonstrating compliance with the voter-approved Measure D Ordinance, Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP), agreements and guidelines. Collectively they make up the Measure D annual report for recipient agencies.

Measure D Financial Information	
FY20/21 Formula Allocations	\$ 1,030,722.10
Unspent Prior Year Allocations	\$ 1,899,058.78
Interest earned on Unspent Prior Allocations	\$ 73,005.43
Total Measure D Funding Available in FY20/21	\$ 3,004,240.90
Total Measure D Funds Spent in FY20/21	\$ 684,221.21
Total Measure D Rollover to FY21/22	\$ 2,320,019.69
Maintenance of Effort	
FY20/21 LOCAL funds spent on transportation projects, operations, and/or services <i>(exclude grants and formula state & fed funds - HUTA, TDA, SB1, STA, etc.)</i>	\$ 1,112,290
Maintenance of Effort Baseline <i>(average amount of <u>local</u> funds spent on transportation projects in 3-5 fiscal years prior to 2017)</i>	\$ 842,263
Measure D Compliance Documents	
Document	✓
1. FY20/21 Annual Report Cover Sheet <i>(this document)</i>	✓
2. FY20/21 Audited Financials for Measure D funds Submitted separately	✓
3. FY20/21 Expenditure Report Spreadsheet: Attached	✓
a. If applicable –Grouped projects supplemental information: Not applicable	✓
4. Map: Attached	✓
5. FY20/21 Performance Measures Report. Attached	✓
6. Maintenance of Effort Compliance Spreadsheet: List of local funds spent on transportation projects through FY20/21 as compared to the 3-5 years prior to FY16/17.	✓
a. If FY20/21 Local funds expended were lower than Baseline amount, explain why: Not applicable as City expenditures exceeded Baseline amount.	NA
7. Indirect cost allocation plan: Does your agency have an indirect cost allocation plan (ICAP)? Not Applicable as City does not have indirect cost allocation plan.	NA

8. 5-Year Program of Projects (5-Year Plan): See attached documents as noted below	
a. Evidence that the 5-year program of projects was approved through a public process. See attached 10/21/20 staff report on adoption of 5-year program of projects.	✓
b. Date of 5-Year Plan Public Hearing. See attached 10/21/20 staff report on adoption of 5-year program of projects.	Date:10/27/20
c. Date annual 5-year Plan approved by Governing Board. See attached Watsonville City Council resolution, dated 10/27/20, adopting 5-Year Plan.	Date:10/27/20
9. Complete Streets Compliance: The City is still developing a Complete Streets policy.	
10. Annual Report Narrative <i>(may be included in Management & Admin section of audit)</i>	
a. Fund Balances, Carryover Projects, and Description of planned, longer-term and future uses of Measure D revenues, if known. Per the City's FY20/21 Measure D 5-Year Expenditure Plan, the City has retained a large carryover balance to provide construction funds in future years for construction of the Lee Rd Trail, reconstruction of two segments of Freedom Blvd and construction of Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2. The City's finance software allows staff to track the amount and availability of Measure D funding. Please see the Annual Audit and Report for more detail.	✓
b. Future Liabilities: Future cost liabilities include scope changes and increased construction costs. They will be addressed on a project by project basis. Increases are addressed by securing additional funding or adjusting the project scope. Other funding sources include Gas Tax, SB1 funds and grants.	✓
c. Compliance with Applicable Laws: The City confirms that projects were implemented in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, requirements, standards of practice, guidelines, etc. which are applicable to public funded transportation project, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, State design standards and procurement requirements.	✓
Public Outreach/Notification of Use of Measure D Funds	
11. Public Outreach/Process: Public outreach included the City's Measure D webpage, the public hearing held by the City Council when adopting the Measure D 5-Year Expenditure Plan and signage provided at the City's Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 1 project.	✓
12. Sample(s) of public outreach on Measure D-funded projects 7/1/19-6/30/20	
a. Website with Measure D information (attach PDF): Web address: https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/1417/Measure-D	✓

b. News Article: Attached are articles on the opening of the Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 1 project and the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Airport Blvd & Holm Rd.	✓
c. Signage: Attached is a photo of the sign displayed at the Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 1 project site.	✓
13. Photos: Attached are before and after photos for the Airport Blvd At Holm Rd Traffic Signal, the Lower Struve Slough Trail culvert replacement and the Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 1 projects.	✓
14. Fact Sheets: Attached are Fact Sheets for the Maintain Roads, Lee Road Trail, Green Valley Road Improvements, Pennsylvania Drive Reconstruction, Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction, Freedom Boulevard Improvements and Rail Trail Phase 2 projects.	✓

Contacts

Designated staff available to report on or answer any and all inquiries in regard to Recipient Agency's audit, projects and expenditures, and/or compliance with Measure D before the RTC and/or the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee or RTC advisory committees, as applicable.

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Murray Fontes	Principal Engineer	(831) 768-3117
Marissa Duran	Assistant Finance Director	(831) 768-3471

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2. Audited Financials for Measure D funds

City of Watsonville
Measure D Fund Financial Statements
Watsonville, California
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
MEASURE D FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City
Council of the City of Watsonville, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure D Fund (Measure D) of the City of Watsonville, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the City's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing such an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure D Fund as of June 30, 2021, and the change in financial position and the budgetary comparison as listed in the Table of Contents, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure D Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Watsonville as of June 30, 2021, the changes in its financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2021, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Maze & Associates

Pleasant Hill, California
December 17, 2021

CITY OF WATSONVILLE
MEASURE D FUND
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 2,469,383
Accounts receivable	197,862
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,667,245
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 80,455
Accrued salaries payable	712
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Total Liabilities	81,167
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FUND BALANCE

Restricted for:	
Admin cost	4,117
Other Measure D programs	2,581,961
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Total Fund Balance	2,586,078
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,667,245
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See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

CITY OF WATSONVILLE
MEASURE D FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

REVENUES

Measure D allocation	\$ 1,100,350
Intergovernmental	75,289
Interest	1,455
Total Revenues	<u>1,177,094</u>

EXPENDITURES

Street Sidewalks	680,105
Administrative costs	4,117
Total Expenditures	<u>684,222</u>

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	492,872
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FUND BALANCE

Beginning Fund Balance	2,093,206
Ending Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 2,586,078</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
MEASURE D FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For The Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Sales tax - Transportation	\$ 621,600	\$ 1,100,350	\$ 478,750
Intergovernmental	1,550,000	75,289	(1,474,711)
Interest Revenue	5,000	1,455	(3,545)
Total Revenues	2,176,600	1,177,094	(999,506)
EXPENDITURES			
Street Sidewalks	2,819,898	680,105	2,139,793
Administrative costs	-	4,117	(4,117)
Total Expenditures	2,819,898	684,222	2,135,676
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ (643,298)</u>	492,872	<u>\$ 1,136,170</u>
FUND BALANCE			
Beginning Fund Balance		2,093,206	
Ending Fund Balance		<u>\$ 2,586,078</u>	

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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CITY OF WATSONVILLE
MEASURE D FUND
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Santa Cruz County, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act (the Act), California Public Utilities Code, Division 19, Section 180000 et seq. adopted an ordinance approving the Santa Cruz County Transportation Improvement Plan Measure (Measure D), thereby authorizing Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, referred to herein as the Local Transportation Authority (Authority), to administer the proceeds from a retail transaction and use tax of one-half of one-percent (0.5%) that will last for 30 years from the initial date of collection. The Measure D Ordinance authorizes the Authority to allocate, administer, and oversee the expenditure of all Measure D revenues and to distribute revenues no less than quarterly to local jurisdictions (including City of Watsonville), Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, and the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency.

The financial statements presented only the activities of the City Measure D Fund, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of the City, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Measure D Fund of the City is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. As such, revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred (when goods are received or services rendered).

C. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at June 30, 2021, consist of the following:

Pooled cash and investments with the	
City of Watsonville	\$2,469,383

Please refer to the notes of the City's June 30, 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report regarding cash and investments for additional detail.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS
AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City
Council of the City of Watsonville, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the City of Watsonville Measure D Fund (Measure D) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Measure D financial statements, we considered the Measure D's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Measure D's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Measure D's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Measure D's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Measure D's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

Our procedures included the applicable audit procedures and tests of compliance with the Master Funding Agreement (Agreement) between the Authority and City, and the applicable provisions of the Authority Ordinance No. 2016-01 (Ordinance). The Ordinance Section. 32 Taxpayer Safeguards, Audits, and Accountability requires that: (a) Each agency receiving Measure Revenue shall annually adopt an annual report; (b) No less than annually, an independent annual audit shall be conducted of the expenditure of all funds generated by the transportation tax. The audit, which shall be made available to the public, shall report on evidence that the expenditure of funds is in accordance with the Plan as adopted.

However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We have also issued a separate Memorandum on Internal Control dated December 17, 2021, which is an integral part of our audit and should be read in conjunction with this report.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Measure D's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Measure D's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council, others within the City, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties; however, this restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of the report, which is a matter of public records.



Pleasant Hill, California
December 17, 2021

3. Expenditure Report Spreadsheet

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT - Direct Allocations

Reporting Year **FY20/21**

Recipient Agency **City of Watsonville**

Project Description/Location					
#	Project Name	Project Description <i>(may include additional project components, ex. complete streets, traffic calming, crossing improvements, drainage upgrades, etc.)</i>	Location/Limits (if grouped project, list each location/limit)	Work Done in FY20/21	Construction or Implementation schedule
1	Citywide Bicycle Facilities (14320)	Safety training, permit acquisition, engineering design services, assistance with grant application	NA	Safety training, permits, design, grant assistance	NA
2	Maintain & Improve Trails (14321)	Title report, design services, culvert replacement, permit acquisition, utility relocation	Various Locations	Title report, design services, culvert replacement, permit acquisition, utility relocation	NA
3	Pedestrian & Traffic Safety (14322)	Traffic signal installation, construction compliance services, geotechnical testing & inspection, survey, permit acquisition, traffic control materials, street smart materials	Various Locations	Traffic signal installation, construction compliance services, geotechnical testing & inspection, survey, permit acquisition, traffic control materials, street smart materials	NA
4	Maintain Roads (14405)	Place three-layer coating system on road surface, sidewalk repair, traffic marking installation	Various Locations	Sidewalk repair, traffic marking installation	FY22/23
5	Lee Rd Trail (14522)	Prepare design, environmental documents and construction of pedestrian and bicycle trail	Lee Rd from Harkins Slough Rd to RR Xing and Harkins Slough Rd from Pajaro Valley High School driveway to Lee Rd	Complete 65% design, submit permit applications.	Phase 1 FY22/23
6	Lake Avenue Utilities (14731)	Prepare base maps and preliminary plans for underground existing overhead utilities, remove utility poles, install street lighting, replace curb, gutter and sidewalk.	East Lake Ave from Brennan St/Union St to Main St and West Lake Ave from Main St to Rodriguez St	Preparation of base maps	TBD
7	Bridge St Reconstruction (14816)	Repair and resurface damaged roadway. Address sidewalk and curb ramp deficiencies. Includes design, environmental documentation & construction.	Bridge St from Blackburn St to Beck St	Preparation of geotechnical report	FY22/23
8	Audit and Expenditure Report Prep (00000)	Preparation of annual audit and expenditure report	NA	Audit & report prepared	NA
					Total

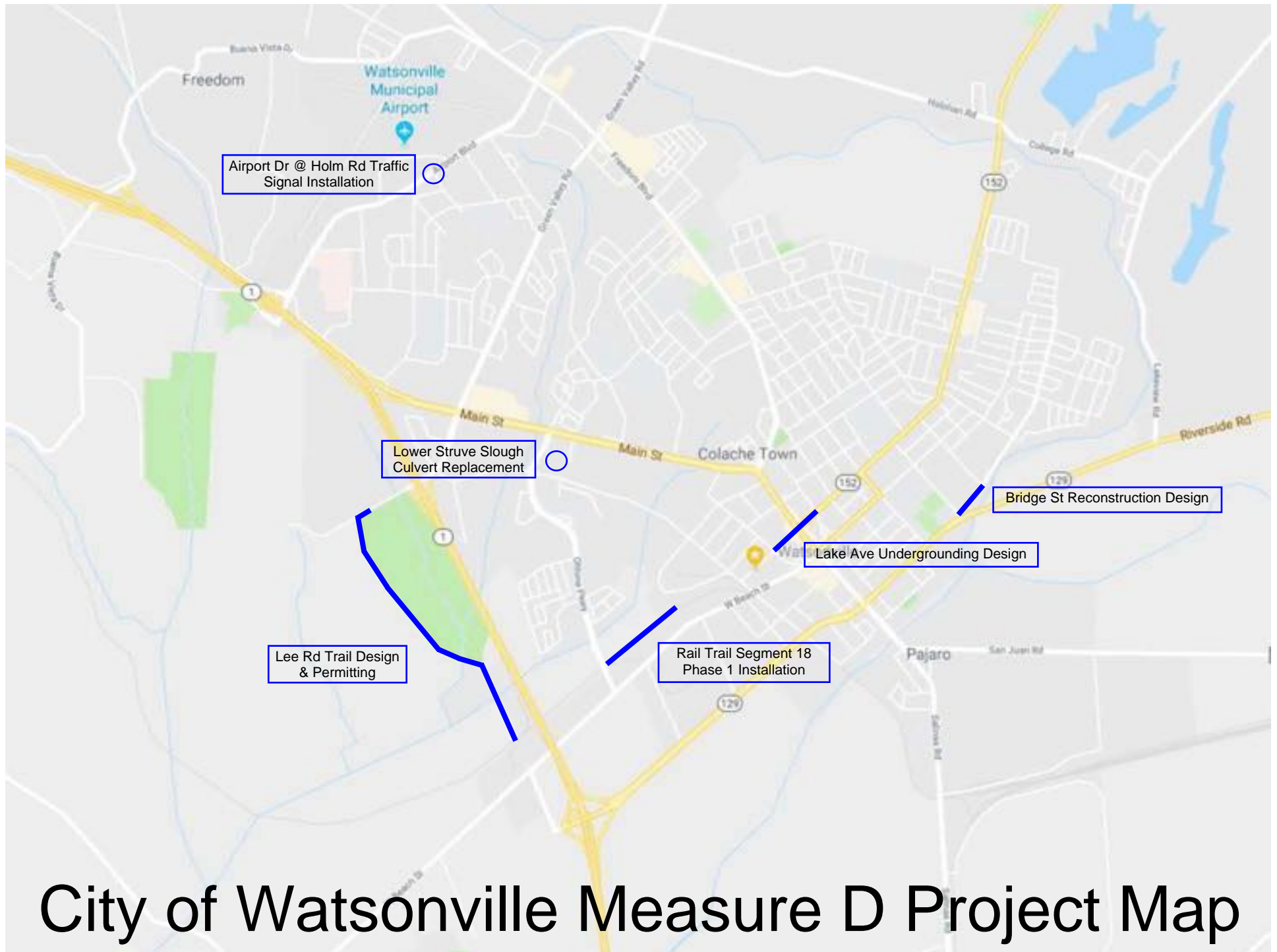
MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT

			Prior Year Measure D Expenditures (if applicable)						Leveraged Funds, if any		
#	Project Name	FY20/21 Measure D Expenditures	FY16/17 Measure D Expenditures on this project	FY17/18 Measure D Expenditures	FY18/19 Measure D Expenditures	FY19/20 Measure D Expenditures	Measure D TOTAL SPENT <i>through reporting year</i>	(Est) Future Year(s) Measure D Expenditures	Leveraged Fund Amounts <i>(grants & other funds where Meas. D used as match)</i>	Leveraged Fund Source(s) Name(s)	Total Project Cost
1	Citywide Bicycle Facilities (14320)	\$ 26,053.13	\$ -	\$ 20,050.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 15,284.00	\$ 89,387.13	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	89,387
2	Maintain & Improve Trails (14321)	\$ 96,545.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,345.71	\$ 152,890.77	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	152,891
3	Pedestrian & Traffic Safety (14322)	\$ 199,225.57	\$ -	\$ 10,565.00	\$ 85,604.00	\$ 311,101.53	\$ 606,496.10	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	606,496
4	Maintain Roads (14405)	\$ 63,687.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 69,261.81	\$1,130,000	\$ 1,130,000.00	RSTPX-1,130,000	1,193,688
5	Lee Rd Trail (14522)	\$ 248,686.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,324.00	\$ 176,260.48	\$ 529,271.37	\$1,375,000	\$330,000	Coastal Conservancy - 330,000 Mea D - 1,293,687	1,623,687
6	Lake Avenue Utilities (14731)	\$ 35,370.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,370.75	\$274,000	\$ 49,000.00	Dev Fee - 49,000 Mea D - 260,371	309,371
7	Bridge St Reconstruction (14816)	\$ 10,535.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,535.00	\$739,465	\$ 550,000.00	TBD - 550,000 Mea D - 200,000	750,000
8	Audit and Expenditure Report Prep (00000)	\$ 4,117.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,598.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 13,715.00	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	13,715
		\$ 684,221									

MEASURE D EXPENDITURE REPORT

#	Project Name	Project in approved 5-year plan? (yes/no)	CEQA compliance (List type of doc & certification date - ex. CE, 5/1/18)	Project Completion Date (actual or estimate)	Stats - If applicable					Measure D use		Other
					New Bike Lane Miles	New Ped Path or Sidewalk Miles	Miles of pavement rehab/repair (pothole, seals, etc)	Rehab of bikeways, sidewalks, or ADA ramps included? (describe)	If Complete Streets not incorporated into project, why not?	FY20/21 Measure D-funded Capital Costs	FY20/21 Measure D-funded Non-capital (non-infrastructure,	Other Notes or Information (optional)
1	Citywide Bicycle Facilities (14320)	Yes	NA	NA	0	0	0	No	Safety education, permits, design services, grant assistance	\$ -	\$ 26,053.13	Used on bicycle safety training; Lee Rd Trail permits, design services; grant assistance
2	Maintain & Improve Trails (14321)	Yes	NA	NA	0	0	0	No	Title report, design services, culvert replacement, permit acquisition, utility relocation	\$ 86,975.06	\$ 9,570.00	Used for title report, Lee Rd trail design services, lower struve slough culvert replacement, Lee Rd Trail permit acquisition, Rail Trail utility relocation
3	Pedestrian & Traffic Safety (14322)	Yes	NA	NA	0	0	0	No	Traffic signal installation, construction compliance services, geotechnical testing & inspection, survey, permit acquisition, traffic control materials, street smart materials	\$ 87,888.33	\$ 113,233.45	Traffic signal installation at Airport & Holm; construction compliance services & geotechnical testing & inspection for Rail Trail, survey for Lee Rd Trail, permit acquisition for pipeline project, traffic control materials for neighborhood safety plans, street smart materials
4	Maintain Roads (14405)	Yes	CE	FY22/23	0	0	7	No	Slurry seal project	\$ -	\$ -	No project activity during FY20/21
5	Lee Rd Trail (14522)	Yes	IS/MND 03/18/21	Phase 1 FY22/23	1.4	1.4	0	No	Trail Project	\$ -	\$ 248,686.89	Used for environmental documents & permits, design services
6	Lake Avenue Utilities (14731)	Yes	CE	???	0	0	0	Yes - upgrade curb ramps	Complete Streets incorporated	\$ -	\$ 35,370.75	Used for design services
7	Bridge St Reconstruction (14816)	Yes	CE	FY22/23	0	0	0.15	Yes - upgrade curb ramps	Complete Streets incorporated	\$ -	\$ 10,535.00	Used for geotechnical services
8	Audit and Expenditure Report Prep (00000)	Yes	NA	NA	0	0	0	No	NA	\$ -	\$ 4,117.00	Used to prepare annual audit and expenditure report

4. Map

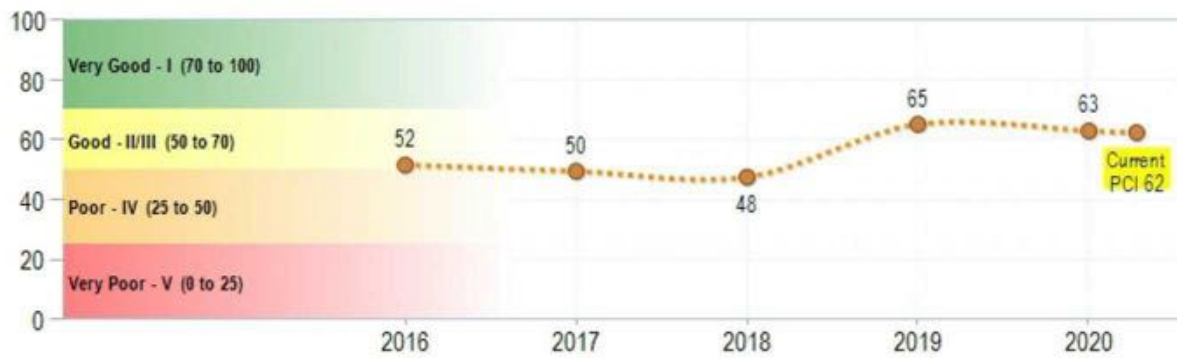


5. Performance Measures Report

FY20/21 Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Performance Metric and Standard	Corrective Action
Pavement State of Repair	City PCI in 2021 is 62 (see enclosed graph). Decreased from 63 in 2020. No new paving projects completed and added to PCI program in 2021 so score decreased due to estimated annual wear.	City has paving projects on Airport Blvd, Freedom Blvd & Green Valley Rd scheduled for next two years that will increase PCI.
Complete Streets Implementation Expenditure of LSR Measure D funds on bicycle and pedestrian projects elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% of expended funds supported bicycling & walking. • 1600 lineal feet of bicycle/pedestrian trail added with Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 1 project. • 190 lineal feet of sidewalk and 2 curb ramps installed on East 5th St. • Traffic safety media campaign and youth pedestrian and bicycle safety training funded. • Grant preparation for successful application for \$11.7M ATP grant to construct Harkins Slough Rd Pedestrian Bridge at Hwy 1 Project that provides improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities for students traveling to school. 	NA
Capital Project and Program Investment Amount expended on capital projects and programs by phase (design, right-of-way, construction and capital support)	Capital = \$643,972 (94%) Administration = \$40,248 (6%)	NA
Leveraged Funds	During FY20/21, no funds were secured using Measure D funds. However, \$319,954 (47%) of FY20/21 funds were used for design, environmental documentation and permits which may be used as leverage for future grant applications.	Identify future funding opportunities that where Measure D funds can be used as leverage.

***Historical Pavement Condition Trends**



6. Maintenance of Effort Compliance Spreadsheet

Measure D Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Baseline CalculationJurisdiction: City of WatsonvilleYear: FY2020/21Date of Report: 12/17/2021

BASELINE = pre-Measure D

Calculation of Annual Average Transportation Expenditures/Baseline MOE:

Total Expenditure by Year

Revenues Spent - Enter the total revenues expended in previous Fiscal Years (for transportation) from all local sources and state/fed formula programs.	FY20/21	FY19/20	FY18/19	FY17/18	FY16/17	FY15/16	FY14/15
General Fund (150)	\$841,888	\$748,429	\$683,401	\$38,565	\$630,186	\$572,100	\$816,136
LLMAD (285)	\$337	\$788	\$594	\$0	\$1,162	\$594	\$594
Impact Fees (340, 344, 347)	\$270,065	\$118,440	\$141,640	\$5,000	\$149,742	\$137,807	\$218,469
Net Investment Gain from Local Sources	\$0	\$0	\$29,630	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other City Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$21,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual MOE Revenues Spent	\$1,112,290	\$867,657	\$876,531	\$43,565	\$781,090	\$710,501	\$1,035,199

MOE Average Baseline revenues SPENT for FY14/15 to FY16/17

\$842,263**MOE Exclusions* - Formula Funds & Special Grants**

Gas Tax (305)	\$954,776	\$1,156,476	\$1,028,446	\$1,498,900	\$996,896	\$1,119,956	\$1,312,560
Traffic Congestion Relief Fund Loan Repayment	\$0	\$59,607	\$60,258	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-time Grant Funds (260)	\$2,267,641	\$1,682,001	\$934,772	\$6,539,936	\$308,573	\$196,998	\$84,128
SB1 (306) - RMRA	\$260,648	\$264,659	\$999,078	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Measure D (312)	\$684,222	\$808,856	\$927,019	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

MOE Exclusions

\$4,167,287**\$3,971,599****\$3,949,573****\$8,788,836****\$1,305,469****\$1,316,954****\$1,396,688****Total Revenues SPENT for Transportation Projects****\$5,279,577****\$4,839,256****\$4,826,104****\$8,832,401****\$2,928,822****\$2,027,455****\$2,431,887**

How funds were spent: Enter amount expended on various transportation purposes	FY20/21	FY19/20	FY18/19	FY17/18	FY16/17	FY15/16	FY14/15
General Fund (150) - Engineering & Streets	\$841,888	\$748,429	\$683,401	\$509,414	\$630,186	\$572,100	\$816,136
One Time Grant (260)	\$2,267,641	\$0	\$1,034,182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gas Tax (305) - Includes One-time Grant Funds	\$954,776	\$2,898,084	\$2,795,387	\$7,529,669	\$2,264,770	\$1,161,242	\$687,245
SB 1 (306)	\$260,648	\$264,659	\$873,633	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Measure D (312)	\$684,222	\$808,856	\$225,100	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$5,009,175	\$4,720,028	\$5,611,703	\$8,189,083	\$2,894,956	\$1,733,342	\$1,503,381

Average EXPENDITURES on transportation FY14/15 to FY16/17

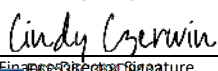
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Source/location of supporting budget or fiscal statement documentation.

2021 Annual Street Report, MUNIS Acct 0260 FY20/21 information**Certification:**☒ YES The City of Watsonville has budgeted and will meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement for the reporting year.☐ NO The City of Watsonville did not meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement for the reporting year for the following reasons:

If revenues spent in a year did not match 3-year Baseline average, explain here.

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Financial Director

1/5/2022 | 11:31 AM PST

Date

*Funding sources excluded from MOE calculation are listed for information purposes and will make it easier to reconcile this report against annual budgets. Excluded sources include special, non-formula, competitive grants, and/or past revenues carried over for special projects and/or emergencies. This includes formula funds from state and regional agencies and one-time grants - such as RSTP/STBG, STIP, ATP, ARRA, FEMA, HSIP, FTA5310, No & Low Emission Bus program.

7. Indirect Cost Allocation Plan

Not Applicable

8. 5-Year Program of Projects

- 10/27/21 Staff Report for Measure D Expenditure Plan
- 10/27/21 Council Resolution for Measure D Expenditure Plan

**City of Watsonville
Public Works & Utilities Department**

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: October 21, 2020

TO: Matthew D. Huffaker, City Manager

FROM: Steve Palmisano, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Maria Esther Rodriguez, Assistant Director
Murray A. Fontes, Principal Engineer

SUBJECT: Council Approval of Revised Five-Year Expenditure Plan for
Transportation Projects Funded by Measure D

AGENDA ITEM: October 27, 2020 City Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council adopt a resolution approving a revised five-year expenditure plan of transportation projects to be funded by Measure D.

DISCUSSION:

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. Requirements of the funding include development of a five-year expenditure plan with Council approval, on an annual basis.

The Council adopted Resolution No. 32-20 (CM) at its March 10, 2020 meeting, approving a five-year expenditure plan for transportation projects to be funded by Measure D. The amount of funding included in the project list was estimated by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) prior to the current pandemic and financial recession.

The RTC revised its projected funding amounts to account for the COVID-19 related recession and asked that recipient agencies adjust their five-year expenditure plans and adopt the revised plans. RTC projections showed a 21% reduction in funding in FY20/21, an 18% reduction in FY21/22 and 14% reductions in FY22/23, FY23/24 and FY24/25. A revised expenditure plan that includes the decreased funding is attached to the proposed resolution. The revised plan also includes the Rail Trail Phase 2 project, to be constructed in FY22/23.

Watsonville's revised Measure D funding amount for the current fiscal year is \$695,582. The total cost of Measure D projects for this fiscal year is \$970,788. Fortunately, there are unexpended Measure D funds from previous years that will make up the difference so the City

can fund projects originally proposed and the current year's budget does not need to be adjusted. Funding for future years will be revisited when the City adopts a new five-year plan as part of next year's budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project supports strategic plan goals #3 Infrastructure & Environment and #6 Public Safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

cc: City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 191-20 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE REVISED 2020 MEASURE D 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (FY 2020/2021 - FY 2024/2025) FOR THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FUNDED BY MEASURE D APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Rescinds Resolution No. 32-20 (CM)

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County voters approved a one-half cent sales tax (Measure D) on November 8, 2016, to fund transportation projects for the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Measure D requires annual review of a five year expenditure plan with public input and City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution No. 32-20 (CM) approving the City of Watsonville's 2020 Measure D Five-Year Program of Projects [FY 2020-2021 through FY 2024-2025] for transportation projects to be funded by Measure D; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission revised its projected funding amounts to account for the COVID-19 related recession and asked that recipient agencies revise and adopt their five-year expenditure plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville's revised Measure D funding amount for FY 2020-2021 is \$695,582.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby approves the revised 2020 Measure D 5-Year Program of Projects (FY20/21 – FY24/25) for the City of Watsonville attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A."

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 27th day of October, 2020, by Member Gonzalez, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member Parker, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García**

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

DocuSigned by:

Rebecca J. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

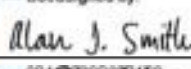
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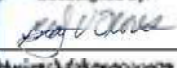
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DocuSigned by:


City Attorney

I, Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 191-20 (CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 27th day of October, 2020, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.

DocuSigned by:


Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

Date 10/29/2020 | 10:39 AM PDT

City of Watsonville 2020 Revised Measure D Five-Year Program of Projects [FY 2020-2021 through FY 2024-2025]

Measure D: 5-Year Program of Projects [FY20/21-24/25]

Agency: City of Watsonville

Expenditure Plan Category: Neighborhood Projects

Approval Date: 3/10/2020 Revised 10/27/2020

Measure D Revenues

	Prior	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
Estimated Annual Measure D Allocations	\$ 2,645,530	\$695,582	\$735,179	\$776,788	\$790,509	\$806,470

City Project No.	Project Name/location	Description (Include project purpose and complete streets components if applicable)	Total Measure D	Prior Years Spent	Prior Years Rollover	Amount of Measure funds to be used					Total cost estimate	Other Funds \$	Other fund sources	Est. Construction start date	Major project? (yes/no)
						FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25					
14319	Downtown Revitalization	Provide complete streets improvements including but not limited to pedestrian crossings, bus stops, parking, sidewalks and traffic management. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.	\$50,000	\$28,150	\$20,850						\$50,000	\$0	None	Spring 2021	No
14320	Citywide Bicycle Facilities (Various Locations)	Provide signage and traffic markings along bicycle corridors and provide educational programs.	\$300,000	\$53,669	\$96,131		\$100,000		\$50,000		\$300,000	\$0	None	Spring 2021 Spring 2022 Spring 2024	No
14321	Maintain & improve Trails (Various locations)	Develop, maintain and enhance existing pedestrian and bicycle trails	\$350,000	\$40,255	\$109,745	\$100,000		\$100,000			\$350,000	\$0	None	Spring 2021 Spring 2023	No
14322	Pedestrian & Traffic Safety (Various Locations)	Install or upgrade safety and traffic calming measures such as striping, markers, signage, signals, lighting, flashing beacons, curb extensions and speed humps and provide educational programs.	\$900,000	\$156,227	\$293,773	\$50,000	\$140,000	\$160,000	\$100,000		\$900,000	\$0	None	Spring 2021 Spring 2022 Spring 2023 Spring 2024	No
14405	Maintain Roads (City-wide, All Districts)	Place three-layer coating system on road surface. Includes Airport Blvd to 600 ft west.	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$900,000	\$400,000					\$2,525,000	\$1,225,000	Gas Tax - \$700,000 SBI - \$525,000	Spring 2021	Yes
14522	Lee Rd Trail (Lee Rd from RR xing to Harkins Slough Rd and Harkins Slough Rd from Lee Rd to Pajaro Valley High School driveway)	Prepare design, environmental documents and construction of pedestrian and bicycle trail	\$1,044,788	\$252,995	\$51,005	\$90,788			\$650,000		\$1,376,788	\$330,000	Coastal Conservancy - \$330,000	Spring 2021 Spring 2025	Yes
14523	Green Valley Rd Reconstruction from Freedom Blvd to City Limits	Reconstruct roadway. Install median island, remove and replace non-compliant driveways & curb ramps, resurface roadway & provide bike lanes where none exist.	\$550,000	\$12,394	\$537,606						\$2,000,000	\$1,450,000	Gas Tax - \$800,000 SBI - \$650,000	Spring 2021	Yes
14619	Freedom Blvd Improvements from Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd	Repair and resurface damaged roadway and bike lanes, replace damaged sidewalks, add pedestrian facilities where none exist. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.	\$900,000	\$0	\$195,000		\$150,000	\$595,000			\$2,645,000	\$1,705,000	Gas Tax - \$500,000 SBI - \$500,000 TBD - \$705,000	Spring 2022 Spring 2023 Spring 2024	Yes
14816	Bridge St Reconstruction from Blackburn St to Beck St	Repair and resurface damaged roadway and bike lanes, replace damaged sidewalks, resurface roadway. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000				\$750,000	\$550,000	TBD - \$550,000	Spring 2021 Spring 2022	Yes
14817	Pennsylvania Dr Reconstruction from Clifford St to Winding Way	Reconstruct roadway, bike lanes and pedestrian facilities, resurface roadway. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000				\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	TBD - \$1,300,000	Spring 2021 Spring 2022	Yes
14838	Freedom Blvd Improvements from Alta Vista Ave to Green Valley Rd	Reconstruct roadway, remove & replace non-ADA compliant driveways & curb ramps, install high visibility crosswalks, upgrade existing bus shelter, install new traffic signal at Sydney Ave. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.	\$570,000	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$445,000				\$3,125,000	\$2,555,000	Gas Tax - \$505,000 SBI - \$500,000 STIP - \$1,550,000	Spring 2021 Spring 2022	Yes
PW786	Pajaro Valley High School Connector Trail (Airport Blvd to Harkins Slough Rd)	Design and environmental documentation for 8' wide pedestrian and bike trail.	\$200,000	\$0	\$0			\$100,000	\$100,000		\$850,000	\$650,000	TBD - \$650,000	Spring 2025	Yes
RTP2	Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2	Construct pedestrian and bicycle trail within railroad corridor between Lee Rd and Ohlone Pkwy and Watsonville Slough Trail Trailhead and Walker St	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0			\$1,000,000			\$6,020,000	\$5,020,000	RTC Measure D - \$2,800,000 TBD - \$2,220,000	Spring 2023	Yes
AC	Administrative Costs	Cost of annual audit.	\$402,000	\$11,588	\$402	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$40,000	\$0	None	Spring each year	No
Estimated Annual Measure D Expenditures						\$970,788	\$1,040,000	\$1,960,000	\$905,000	\$5,000					
Carry over from previous fiscal year						\$2,096,531	\$1,829,560	\$1,531,634	\$349,978	\$236,551					
Balance at end of current fiscal year						\$1,821,325	\$1,524,739	\$348,402	\$235,487	\$1,036,021					
Annual Interest Earnings on Measure D Revenues (-0.45219%)						\$8,236	\$6,895	\$1,575	\$1,065	\$4,685					
Carry over to next fiscal year						\$1,829,560	\$1,531,634	\$349,978	\$236,551	\$1,040,706					

*For Major Projects (e.g. require CEQA, over \$1M, and/or lists of public interest), provide separate one-page summary with longer description, describe consistency with the Complete Streets Act; Cost/Funding/schedule by phase)

9. Complete Streets Compliance

The City is still developing a Complete Streets Policy

10. Annual Report Narrative

Annual Report Narrative

A. Fund Balances, Carryover Projects, and Description of planned, longer-term and future uses of Measure D revenues.

Per the City's FY20/21 Measure D 5-Year Expenditure Plan, the City has retained a large carryover balance to provide construction funds in future years for construction of the Lee Rd Trail, reconstruction of two segments of Freedom Blvd and construction of Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2. The City's finance software allows staff to track the amount and availability of Measure D funding. Please see the Annual Audit and Report for more detail.

B. Future Liabilities.

Future cost liabilities include scope changes and increased construction costs. They will be addressed on a project by project basis. Increases are addressed by securing additional funding or adjusting the project scope. Other funding sources include Gas Tax, SB1 funds and grants.

C. Compliance with Applicable Laws.

The City confirms that projects were implemented in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, requirements, standards of practice, guidelines, etc. which are applicable to public funded transportation project, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, State design standards and procurement requirements.

11. Public Outreach Process

See Section 12 – Samples of Public Outreach

12. Public Outreach

a. Website

- Watsonville Measure D Website Page

b. News Articles

- 02/21/21 Rail Trail Update
- 03/05/21 Traffic Signal Update
- 07/17/21 Rail Trail Ribbon-Cutting
- 07/19/21 Rail Trail Opening

c. Signage

- Rail Trail Sign



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Watsonville Rail Trail Update

Friends of the Rail and Trail(<https://coastconnect.org/author/friends-of-the-rail-and-trail/>)

February 18, 2021(<https://coastconnect.org/2021/02/18/>)

Photo provided by Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville Public Works & Utilities Department

The Next Rail Trail Segment Opens in Watsonville

After the spirited response to the opening of the Westside Rail Trail in the City of Santa Cruz (also known as Segment 7) many are wondering when and where other Coastal Rail Trail sections will open to the public. Because of Watsonville City Council's early and enthusiastic support of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSSTN) Master Plan back in 2014 the next section in the pipeline is Segment 18, the Watsonville Slough Open Space segment.

We reached out to Murray Fontes, the Principal Engineer for the City of Watsonville Public Works & Utilities Department, for an update on trail construction in Watsonville. It turns out that a key portion of Segment 18 is now nearing completion, and Murray filled us in on the details.



Connection being built between the Watsonville Slough Trail and the new Coastal Rail Trail

This newly-paved section of Segment 18 is 1500 feet in length, 12 feet wide, and slated to open in Spring 2021. This first section of the Rail Trail in Watsonville will extend from Ohlone Parkway to a brand new Watsonville Slough Trail connection. Two of the firms working on the project are the design firm Harris & Associates and the construction contractor Graniterock Company.

Construction on Phase 2, from Lee Rd to Ohlone Parkway, will be next, and then Phase 3 construction, extending from the Watsonville Slough Trail connection towards downtown and ending at Walker Street, will follow. Exact dates for starting construction of these next phases are uncertain but are expected soon.



Segment 18 Phase 1 extends from Ohlone Parkway to a new trailhead connecting with the Watsonville Slough Trail

Rail Trail Provides Connections

Ultimately, Segment 18 will enable bicyclists and pedestrians to safely travel along the publicly-owned railroad right-of-way from the intersection of Walker and Beach streets to Lee Road.

In addition to the Coastal Rail Trail, the City of Watsonville has [two other trail projects](https://pajaronian.com/city-district-pass-plan-for-street-improvements/) in design, the Lee Road Trail and the Harkins Slough Road Pedestrian Bridge at Hwy 1, both of which connect to Segment 18. These trails connect with both Pajaro Valley High School and the Watsonville Slough Farms property owned by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. The network of trails will make Watsonville safer and provide access for pedestrians and cyclists to get to school and to enjoy Watsonville's beautiful natural environment. You can find out more about the future of Watsonville trails in the [City of Watsonville Trails & Bicycle Master Plan](https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/DocumentCenter/View/3207/Trails--Bicycle-Master-Plan-PDF?bidId=).

Murray Fontes told us he is pleased that the community has been supportive of the project and also noted that support for this segment of the Coastal Rail Trail hasn't been limited to the City of Watsonville: the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Friends of the Rail &

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Watsonville Traffic Signal To Remain Out Until Next Week

Activation of the signal has been delayed by several weeks.



Courtney Teague, Patch Staff 


Posted Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 9:30 am PTUpdated Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 12:33 pm PT

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A pre-turn on inspection was performed this week, the city said. (Scott Anderson/Patch)

WATSONVILLE, CA — Watsonville's traffic signal at Airport Boulevard and Holm Road is slated to for activation Tuesday — more than a month after activation wa

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Pacific Gas & Electric Co. delays caused the postponement of the signal's activation, the city said. Officials initially hoped to turn it on Jan. 28.

[ENG] Update on traffic signal between Airport Boulevard and Holm Road: Initially scheduled for activation on January...

Posted by [City of Watsonville - City Gov't](#) on [Thursday, March 4, 2021](#)



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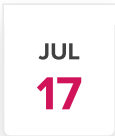
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This post was contributed by a community member. The views expressed here are the author's own.

Watsonville | Local Event

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Rail Trail Segment 18



Judy Gittelsohn, Neighbor

Watsonville
Rail Trail Segment 18

Ribbon-Cutting

**Saturday, July 17th
10am - 12pm**

Entrance across the street from Second Harvest Food Bank at 800 Ohlone Parkway next to railroad track.

Celebrate the inauguration of Segment 18 of the Rail Trail. Learn about our local wetlands, the future of our trails system. Participate in a guided bike ride or walk along our scenic Watsonville Slough Trail and earn conservation prizes.

(Please bring your own bike.)

Questions? email amy.cebada@cityofwatsonville.org, (831) 768-3164.



Event Details

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 Sat, Jul 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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 **800 Ohlone Pkwy, Watsonville, CA, 95076**

This weekend, we are celebrating the inauguration ceremony of Segment 18 of the Rail Trail! On Saturday July 17th from 10 am to 12 pm, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony where participants can learn about our local wetlands and the future of our trails system. You can even participate in a guided bike ride or walk along the scenic Watsonville Slough Trail and earn conservation prizes (bring your own bike for more fun!). The location is across the street from Second Harvest Food Bank at 800 Ohlone Parkway next to the railroad track. Come check it out, bring the family and lets celebrate a momentous occasion for our community!

Sticker Artwork by Judy Gittelsohn

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Judy Gittelsohn, Neighbor

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Sticker artwork by Judy Gittelsohn will be available at the event.



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G.Bball Varsity N.Salinas Tourney - Watsonville High

🕒 Friday, 12:00 am 📍 Watsonville, CA



Watsonville Mayor Jimmy Dutra, center, City Councilman Lowell Hurst and City Councilwoman Rebecca J. Garcia cut the ribbon to the 18th segment of the Coastal Rail Trail on July 17 in Watsonville. — Tony Nuñez/The Pajaronian

Local News

Watsonville celebrates completion of Rail Trail portion

By: **TONY NUÑEZ** 📅 July 19, 2021

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WATSONVILLE – Roughly 60 people – many of them on bikes – gathered on the southwest outskirts of Watsonville on July 17 to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the city's segment of the Coastal Rail Trail.

The ribbon-cutting for the 12-foot wide, quarter-mile-long strip of asphalt between Walker Street and Ohlone Parkway flanked by the county's rail line featured speeches from Watsonville Mayor Jimmy Dutra, Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Executive Director Guy Preston and Watsonville Principal Engineer Murray Fontes.

It also featured a guided bike tour of the sprawling Watsonville slough trails abutting South County's latest cycling infrastructure.

It was a ceremony some six years in the making. The trail, the [18th segment](#) in the [20-segment Coastal Rail Trail](#), first received environmental approval in 2015, and the city entered into a design contract three years later. Since then, the project has been somewhat of a headache for the city and the RTC.

In 2019, [design work more than doubled](#) to \$329,110 after the city split the project into two phases because it needed additional time to secure permits to install new crossings on the railroad tracks on Ohlone Parkway.

In addition, because of issues with soil and water lines, among other things, the city had to make nine changes to the construction contract with Granite Rock, adding another \$638,329.31 to the original \$1.45 million price tag.

Much like the construction of the trail, the ceremony had its hiccups. A tall, thin display of the trail was knocked over by a strong gust of wind and lightly hit Dutra on the back of his head. Also, the portable speaker system stopped working midway through the ceremony, and the extra-large ceremonial scissors failed to cut through the red ribbon before someone with a switchblade came over and saved the day.

Still, all on hand were mostly joyous about the trail's completion, and civic leaders were bullish about the future of the project. Fontes highlighted how the city's segment would connect to both the Watsonville slough trail system and also Pajaro Valley High School on the northwest side of the city many years down the road. He also touted the 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail and greater 50-mile [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network](#) that will span the entire Santa Cruz County.

"I hope when you look at this trail, I hope you don't just see an isolated quarter-mile," Fontes said. "I hope you see the start of something bigger."

Design on the second half of Watsonville's trail segment is expected to be completed sometime next year, and construction will begin shortly after.

The [city of Santa Cruz also completed a segment](#) of the Coastal Rail Trail last year, and other segments are in various development stages.

The [project recently turned into a confusing, countywide kerfuffle](#) between those for and against a passenger rail line. Advocates envision a convenient, environmentally-friendly transportation alternative that could connect the county and give daily commuters another resource. Opponents see an unsightly, expensive untenable behemoth incompatible with the county that is unlikely to reduce Highway 1 traffic congestion.

RTC staff has said that it will continue to search for the \$17 million needed to fund an environmental review for passenger rail plans to move forward.



13. Before and After Photos

- Airport Blvd/Holm Rd Signal
- Lower Struve Slough Trail
- Rail Trail



Before - Traffic Signal at Airport Blvd & Holm Rd



After - Traffic Signal at Airport Blvd & Holm Rd



Before - Lower Struve Slough Trail



After - Lower Struve Slough Trail



Before - Rail Trail



After - Rail Trail

14. Fact Sheets

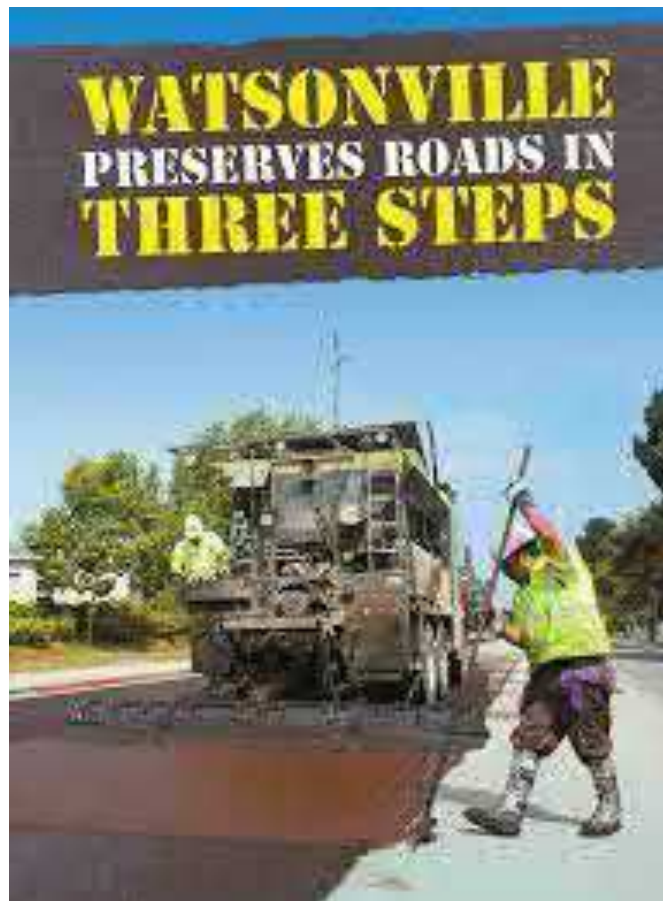
- Maintain Roads
- Lee Road Trail
- Green Valley Road Improvements
- Pennsylvania Drive Construction
- Freedom Blvd Reconstruction
- Freedom Blvd Improvements
- Rail Trail Phase 2



Maintain Roads

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Place three-layer coating system on road surface, sidewalk repair, traffic marking installation
<u>Location</u>	Various Locations to be determined
<u>Benefits</u>	Roadway preservation
<u>Schedule</u>	FY22/23
<u>Funding</u>	\$1,194,000 total. \$1,130,000 RSTPX, \$64,000 Measure D





Lee Road Trail

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Prepare design, environmental documents and construction of pedestrian and bicycle trail
<u>Location</u>	Lee Rd from Harkins Slough Rd to RR Xing and Harkins Slough Rd from Pajaro Valley High School driveway to Lee Rd
<u>Benefits</u>	Increased pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	Phase 1 (On Harkins Slough Rd from Pajaro Valley High School driveway to Lee Rd and on Lee Rd from Harkins Slough Rd to Land Trust driveway) FY22/23, Balance of project to be constructed as funding is secured.
<u>Funding</u>	\$1,624,000 total. \$330,000 Coastal Conservancy grant, \$1,296,000 Measure D

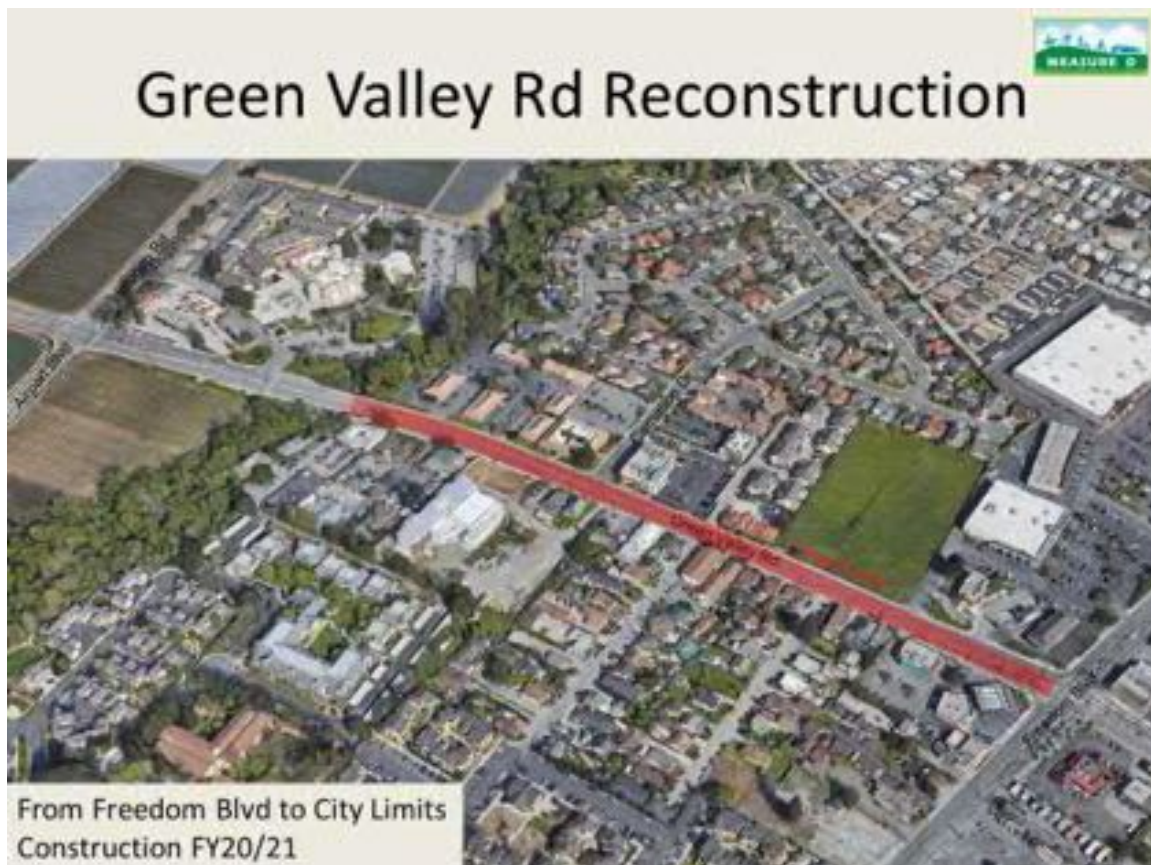




Green Valley Road Improvements

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Reconstruct roadway, install median island, remove and replace non-compliant driveways & curb ramps, restripe roadway & provide bike lanes where none exist.
<u>Location</u>	Green Valley Rd from Freedom Blvd to City Limits
<u>Benefits</u>	Roadway preservation, improved pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	FY22/23
<u>Funding</u>	\$2,321,000 total. \$49,000 Gas Tax, \$1,223,000 SB1, \$1,049,000 Measure D





Pennsylvania Drive Reconstruction

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Reconstruct roadway, bike lanes and pedestrian pathway to address failing shoulder areas adjacent to slough. Includes design, environmental documentation.
<u>Location</u>	Pennsylvania Dr from Clifford Dr to Winding Way
<u>Benefits</u>	Roadway preservation, improved pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	FY23/24
<u>Funding</u>	\$1,500,000 total. \$1,300,000 To Be Determined, \$200,000 Measure D

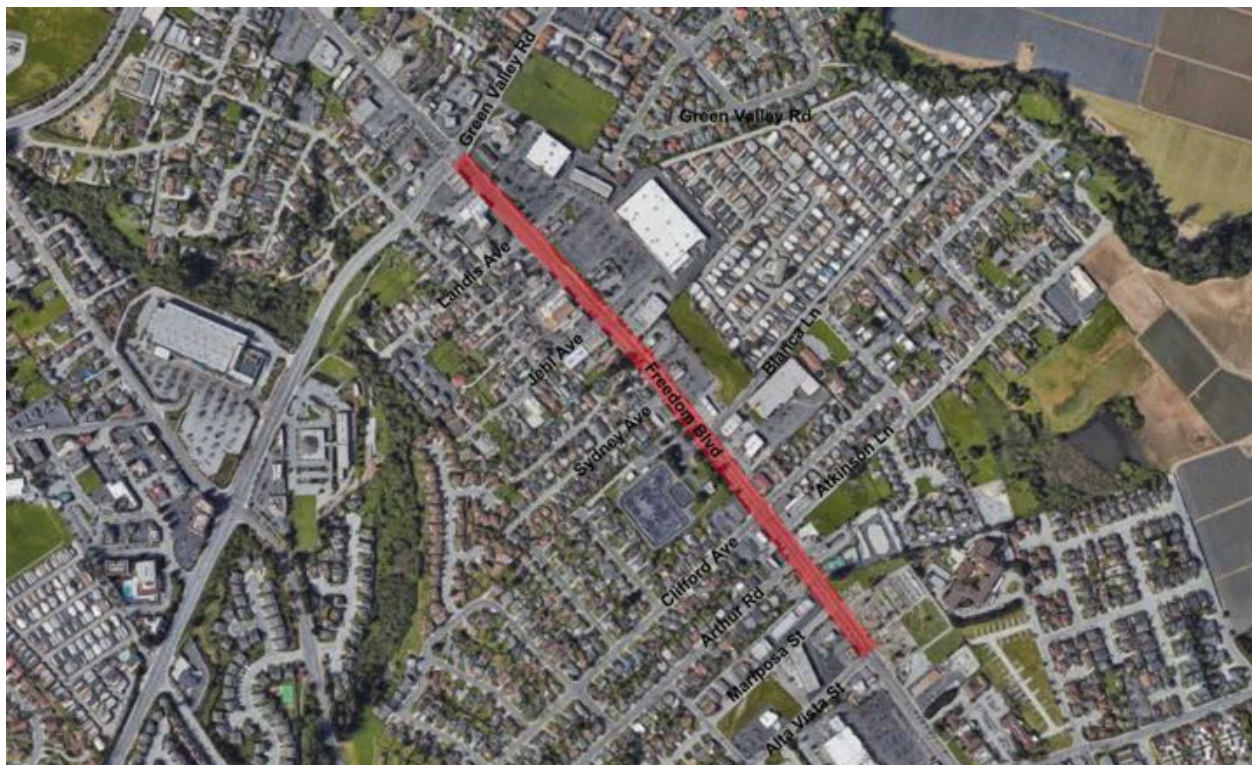




Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Reconstruct roadway, remove & replace non-ADA compliant driveways & curb ramps, install high visibility crosswalks, upgrade existing bus shelter, install new traffic signal at Sydney Ave. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.
<u>Location</u>	Freedom Blvd from Alta Vista Ave to Green Valley Rd
<u>Benefits</u>	Roadway preservation, improved pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	FY22/23
<u>Funding</u>	\$3,125,000 total. \$1,575,000 STIP, \$505,000 Gas Tax, \$500,000 SB1, \$570,000 Measure D. Local funding, including Measure D, used as leverage to secure STIP funds.





Freedom Boulevard Improvements

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Repair and resurface damaged roadway and bike lanes, replace damaged sidewalks, add pedestrian facilities where none exist. Includes design, environmental documentation and construction.
<u>Location</u>	Freedom Blvd from Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd
<u>Benefits</u>	Roadway preservation, improved pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	FY23/24
<u>Funding</u>	\$2,450,000 total. \$500,000 Gas Tax, \$500,000 SB1, \$745,000 Measure D, \$705,000 To Be Determined.





Rail Trail Phase 2

Fact Sheet December 2022

<u>Description</u>	Construct pedestrian and bicycle trail
<u>Location</u>	Within railroad corridor between Lee Rd and Ohlone Parkway and Watsonville Slough Trail Trailhead and Walker St
<u>Benefits</u>	Improved pedestrian and bicycle safety
<u>Schedule</u>	FY22/23
<u>Funding</u>	\$6,020,000 total. \$RTC Measure D \$2,800,000, \$1,00,000 City Measure D, \$2,200,000 To Be Determined.

