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# Measure A Program of Projects

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## Executive Summary

Per the voter approved Measure A Ordinance, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) must annually adopt a Program of Projects for the Measure A program, Santa Barbara County's half-cent sales tax for transportation. The Program of Projects shows how every dollar of Measure A funding will be expended by SBCAG, local agencies and transit operators for fiscal years 2022/23 to 2026/27.

For the five-year period, approximately \$252.7 million will be available for allocation projects included in the Measure A Investment Plan. Of this amount, approximately \$147 million will be made to local agencies for local transportation investments while \$105 million in new investments will be made to named projects included in the Investment Plan. Local agencies have identified approximately \$215 million in additional non-Measure A funding for local projects for the five-year period.

**\$253 million will be allocated for the 5-year period**

Per the Measure A Ordinance, each jurisdiction must spend a minimum percentage of their Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible alternative transportation projects. **Each local agency has indicated that they will meet the Alternative Transportation requirement for FY's 22/23 to 26/27 in their POPs.**

Regarding Named Projects, Measure A funding will be used for the U.S. 101 HOV Widening Project, the Highway 166 Safety and Transportation Improvements project, supported local public transit service, reducing transit fares for the elderly and disabled, providing safer routes to school, improving the regional bike network and relieving congestion on U.S. 101 with the operation of interregional transit services, to name a few.

## What is Measure A?

Measure A is Santa Barbara County's half-cent sales tax for transportation. Measure A was approved by Santa Barbara County voters in 2008 with 79% approval. The measure will generate approximately \$1.050 billion (2010 dollars) in revenue over a thirty-year period from 2010 to 2040 for transportation projects in Santa Barbara County.



The measure calls for North County and the South Coast of the county to each receive 43.3 percent of revenues, or an estimated \$455 million, generated over the 30 years. The measure is in effect for high priority transportation projects and programs. The highest priority project in the Measure A program, the widening of U.S. 101 on the South Coast of the county, will receive 13.4 percent of revenues generated, estimated at \$140 million (2008 dollars), which will be used to match an estimated \$285 million in state and federal funding to fully fund the project.

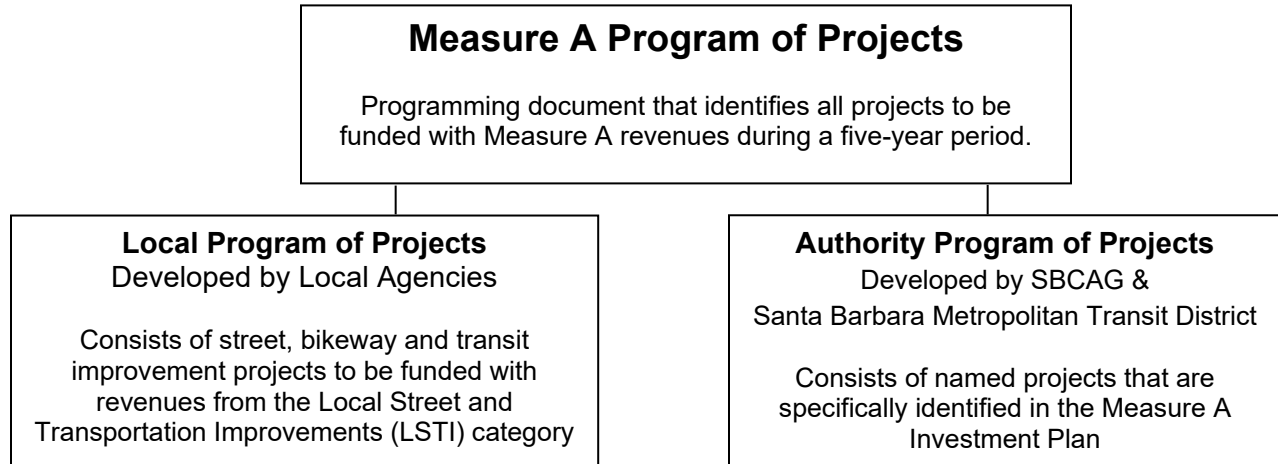
As the Local Transportation Authority, SBCAG is responsible for allocating Measure A transportation sales tax revenues to local agencies, transit operators and state highway projects that are identified in the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan. Allocations are made

according to the delivery priorities for projects and programs in the updated Measure A Strategic Plan adopted in December 2020.

## **What is the Measure A Program of Projects?**

The SBCAG Board must annually adopt a program of projects identifying all transportation projects to be funded with Measure A revenues during a five-year period. Only projects that are included in the approved program of projects are eligible for Measure A funding.

The Program of Projects is composed of a **Local Program of Projects** and an **Authority (or Regional) Program of Projects**. The Local Program of Projects is developed by local agencies to identify expenditures using Local Street and Transportation Program (LSTI) funding allocated by SBCAG. Projects in the Authority POP include named projects or those that are specifically identified in the Measure A Investment Plan approved by voters. The Authority Program of Projects is developed by SBCAG and Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (SBMTD).



## **Expected Measure A Revenue for five-year period**

The Measure A revenue estimates are based on revenues provided by SBCAG’s revenue monitoring firm, HdL. The estimates are the basis for deriving the respective annual shares of funding that each program and project in Measure A will be allocated. For the five-year period, FY 22/23 to 26/27 Measure A is projected to generate \$252.7 million in funding for allocation.

**Table 1. Measure A Funding Available for Allocation, FYs 22/23 to 26/27**

<b>FY 22/23</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 24/25</b>	<b>FY 25/26</b>	<b>FY 26/27</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$49.2 M	\$50.3 M	\$51.8 M	\$49.7 M	\$51.6 M	\$252.7M

**Table 2A. Measure A Local Allocations by North County Agency**

Buellton	Guadalupe	Lompoc	Santa Maria	Solvang	County of Santa Barbara – North	Total
\$2.4 M	\$3.4 M	\$15 M	\$37.2 M	\$2.4 M	\$21.7 M	\$82 M

**Table 2B. Measure A Local Allocations by South Coast Agency**

Carpinteria	Goleta	Santa Barbara	County of Santa Barbara – South	Santa Barbara MTD (Operations)	Total
\$4.9 M	\$10.8 M	\$25.8 M	\$23.9 M	\$14.1 M	\$79.5 M

## **Planned Measure A Expenditures**

### **Local Program of Projects**



The local policy board of each designated recipient is required to adopt and submit to SBCAG by February 28 an itemized program of projects, after holding a public hearing, which explains how their respective share of the revenue estimate will be expended over the next five years of the program. SBCAG must also adopt the program of projects before revenues can be released to the recipient. The draft Program of Projects is typically presented to the SBCAG Board for review in April/May of each year. Adoption of the Measure A Program of Projects typically occurs every June with revenues released to recipients in July. This year the draft Program of Projects is presented in April.

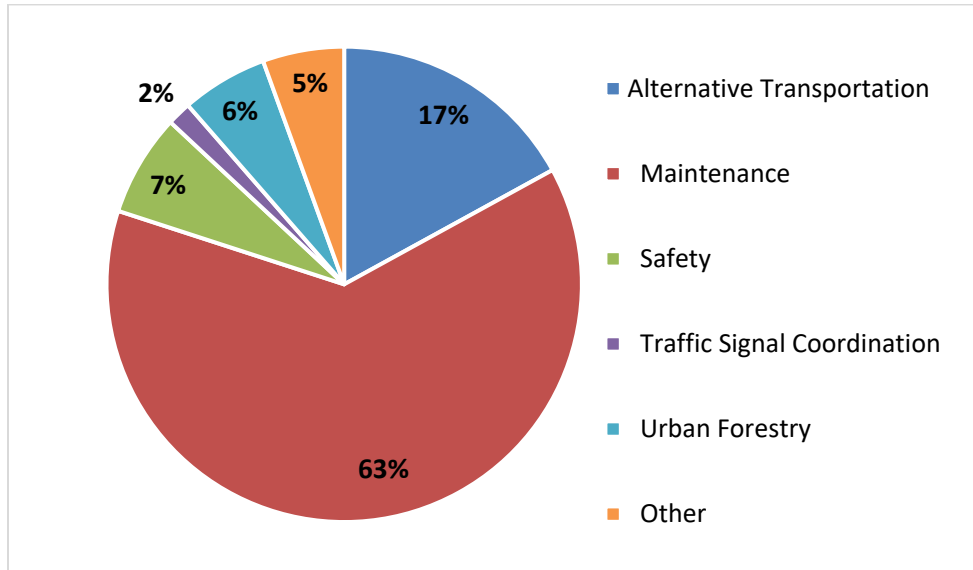
The local program of projects consists of street, bikeway and transit improvement projects to be funded by the cities and the County with revenues from the Local Street and Transportation Improvements (LSTI) category in the North and South sub-programs. Each local agency is required to adopt a Program of Projects for their respective share of funding after holding a public meeting.

For the current five-year POP period, FY 22/23 to 26/27, Measure A will provide approximately \$147 million to local agencies. **Chart 1** below provides an overview of planned expenditures by all local agencies for the next five-year period. Planned expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Street and Road Maintenance – 63%
- Alternative Projects (Sidewalk Repairs, Transit Operations, etc.) – 17%
- Safety Improvements - 7%
- Urban Forestry and Street Tree Programs – 6%
- Traffic Signal Coordination – 2%

- Other Improvements – 7%

**Chart 1. Local Agency Expenditures**



## FY 20/21 Actual Expenditures

Per the Measure A Ordinance, the local programs of projects must include a detailed description of local jurisdiction expenditures from the most recently completed fiscal year, including expenditures on alternative mode projects as defined in the Investment Plan. The purpose is to help determine if a local agency is meeting its prescribed alternative transportation percentage and to include the information in the Measure A Annual Report. Included in the local agency POPs is a column that identifies LSTI expenditures made in FY 20/21 including for alternative transportation projects.

## Alternative Transportation Expenditures

Per the Measure A Ordinance, each jurisdiction must spend a minimum percentage of their Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible alternative transportation projects according to the percentages identified for their respective jurisdiction in the Measure A Investment Plan. The local minimum alternative transportation percentage requirement for local jurisdictions will be calculated cumulatively, with the percentages having to be met in the fifth year and every fifth year thereafter. The alternative transportation percentage requirement needs to be met by local jurisdictions by FY 26/27. Each program of projects includes a section that displays the amount of Measure A funding a jurisdiction will expend for the five-year period. Eligible alternative transportation projects include, but are not limited to, maintaining and improving bikeway and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to school improvements and reducing transit fares for the



elderly and the disabled. **Each local agency has indicated that they will meet the Alternative Transportation requirement for FY 26/27 in their POPs.**

## **Summary of Expenditures by Local Agency**

### **North County**

The cities of Buellton, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang and County of Santa Barbara receive LSTI funding from the North County subprogram based on population. The following are summaries of expenditures by jurisdiction for the five-year Program of Project period. Detailed information by jurisdiction is included in Appendix A.

#### **City of Buellton (Appendix A-1):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$2.3 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$2.3 million
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$0
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 5%

#### **City of Guadalupe (Appendix A-2):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$3.4 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$4.3 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$2.5 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 5%

#### **City of Lompoc (Appendix A-3):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$15 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$17 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Overlays & Rehabilitation and Street Maintenance
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$0 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 15%

#### **City of Santa Maria (Appendix A-4):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$37.2 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$40 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$0
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 15%

#### **City of Solvang (Appendix A-5):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$2.4 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$3.5 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$6.2 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 15%

**County of Santa Barbara – North County (Appendix A-6):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$21.7 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Expenditures: \$21.7 million
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Urban Forestry
- Other Revenues included POP: \$67 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 10%

**South Coast**

The cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, and Santa Barbara and County of Santa Barbara receive LSTI funding from the South Coast subprogram based on population. The following are summaries of expenditures by jurisdiction for the five-year Program of Project period. Detailed information by jurisdiction is included in Appendix A.

**City of Carpinteria (Appendix A-7):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$5 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Allocation: \$5 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance, Alternative Transportation and Safety
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$27.7 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 10%

**City of Goleta (Appendix A-8):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$10.8 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Allocation: \$17.7 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance, Alternative Transportation and Traffic Signal Coordination
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$78 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 10%

**City of Santa Barbara (Appendix A-9):**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$25.8 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Allocation: \$26.5 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$5.1 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 10%

**County of Santa Barbara – South Coast (Appendix A-10)**

- Available Measure A 5-year Revenue: \$23.9 million
- Adopted Measure A 5-year Allocation: \$24.7 million (includes carry-over funding)
- Top LSTI expenditures: Street Maintenance and Alternative Transportation
- Other Revenues included in POP: \$28 million
- Required Alternative Transportation Percentage: 10%



## Authority (Regional) Program of Projects

Projects in the Authority POP include improvements on Highway 101 on the South Coast, “named” highway improvements in North County, circulation improvements in Buellton, Guadalupe, Carpinteria and Solvang (named projects are those that are specifically identified in the Measure A Investment Plan approved by voters). Additional projects include Santa Barbara MTD’s operating and capital projects, providing reduced transit fares for the elderly and disabled, bicycle, pedestrian and safe routes to school improvements, interregional transit, formation of carpools and vanpools, and commuter/passenger rail on the South Coast.

The following are summaries of expenditures by named project for the five-year Program of Project period. For detailed information on expenditures by project or program, please see **Appendix B** which includes the locally developed and adopted Local Program of Project form by project or program.

### North County Named Projects and Programs

#### • Specialized Transit for Elderly and Disabled (Appendix B-1)



Measure A will provide **\$1,082,205** to reduce fares charged to the elderly, handicapped, and the transportation disadvantaged by funding operating expenses of transit service providers in North County. These providers include City of Lompoc Transit (COLT), Guadalupe Transit, Santa Maria Area Transit, Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers and Santa Ynez Valley Transit.

#### • Carpool and Vanpool Program – North County (Appendix B-2)



**\$480,980** will be allocated to SBCAG’s Traffic Solutions division for employer consulting and outreach, carpool matching system management, vanpool formation assistance, community education and outreach, general marketing and incentives in North County.

#### • Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (Appendix B-3)



Six projects, totaling **\$458,838** in Measure A, are programmed in the North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.

• Interregional Transit Program (Appendix B-4)



The Interregional Transit Program will allocate approximately **\$5,411,027** million for planning, operations, capital and marketing and promotional expenditures related to the Clean Air Express commuter bus service which operates from Santa Maria and Lompoc to Goleta and Santa Barbara.

• North County Regional Projects (Appendix B-5 and B-6)

Measure A will provide \$35 million in funding for numerous projects included in the North County for projects of regional significance. These projects include the Highway 166 safety and operational improvements and construction of the Highway 246 Passing Lanes project. Measure A will provide \$9 million in funding for circulation improvement projects.

**South Coast Named Projects and Programs**

• Specialized Transit for Elderly and Disabled (Appendix B-7)



Measure A will provide approximately **\$1,442,941** million to reduce fares charged to the elderly, handicapped, and the transportation disadvantaged by funding operating expenses for Easy Lift Transportation on the South Coast.

• Carpool and Vanpool Program (Appendix B-8)



**\$1,683,431** million will be allocated to SBCAG's Traffic Solutions division for employer consulting and outreach, carpool matching system management, vanpool formation assistance, community education and outreach, general marketing and incentives on the South Coast.

• Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (Appendix B-9)



Eleven projects, totaling \$1.4 million in Measure A, are programmed in Cycle 4 of the South Coast Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Projects include Carpinteria's Bailard Avenue Street Improvements and County of Santa Barbara's Modoc Multi-Use Pathway Design. Estimated revenues available for Cycle 5 (FY22/23 - FY24/25) is \$2,159,633. Cycle 5 projects are scheduled for approval at the May Board meeting.

• Safe Routes to School Program (Appendix B-10)



Six projects, totaling \$1.5 million in Measure A, are programmed in the South Coast Safe Routes to School Program. Projects include the La Cumbre Junior High Multiuse Path along Modoc Road Ultra-Safe Route to School and Hollister

Class I Bike Path Lighting. Estimated revenues available for Cycle 5 (FY22/23 - FY24/25) is \$2,188,900. Cycle 5 projects are scheduled for approval at the May Board meeting.

• Interregional Transit Program (Appendix B-11)

The Interregional Transit Program will allocate **\$6,096,424** million for planning, operations, capital and marketing and promotional expenditures related to the Coastal Express commuter bus service which operates from Ventura County to the Santa Barbara South Coast.

• Commuter and Passenger Rail Program (Appendix B-12)



**\$6,012,252** million in Measure A funds will be used for planning, operations and capital improvements for commuter rail service from Ventura County to Santa Barbara County. The service has been paused due to the COVID19 pandemic.

• South Coast Transit Capital Program (Appendix B-13)



Measure A will provide **\$6,493,232** million to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for various capital improvements. These projects include buses, bus rehabilitation, facilities, radios & fare boxes, service vehicles, bus stop amenities, shop equipment, office equipment and furniture, or any other valid public transit purchase.

• South Coast Transit Operations Program (Appendix B-14)

**\$14,130,693** million in Measure A funds are allocated to Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for costs related to operating general public bus services, planning, marketing and promotions.

• South Coast Regional Projects (Appendix B-15)

Measure A will provide **\$1.2 million** for the Carpinteria Circulation Improvements project for project development and construction.

**Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara Project**



Measure A funding will provide funding for project development, right of way capital and construction of the Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara project. With support from the SB1 competitive grants awarded by the California Transportation Commission in 2018, three segments of the project are currently under construction with support by Measure A.