



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Measure D 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Consider approval of the Measure D 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve the Measure D 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26; and
2. Authorize Public Works to submit a copy of the approved board package to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC).

Executive Summary

To receive Measure D funding, the County must annually update its 5-Year Expenditure Plan. These updates must be approved by the Board at a public meeting, and proof of this approval must be provided to the SCCRTC.

Discussion

On November 8, 2016, Santa Cruz County voters passed Measure D, a one-half cent sales tax that funds transportation projects for a 30-year period. Included in the Measure was an Expenditure Plan (Plan) that specified the amount of funds and the types of projects that it would support. This funding will be managed and spent only in the County and cannot be taken away by the State or used for other projects. The three top priorities ranked by the community were maintenance and repair of County roadways, neighborhood resurfacing projects, and neighborhood safety projects.

Section 32A of the Measure D ordinance states that each agency receiving Measure D revenue shall hold a public hearing and adopt a five-year program of projects including information about each of the projects to be funded with Measure D revenues. This five-year plan is meant to be a continuous plan, updated each fiscal year. This item has been placed on the regular Board agenda to satisfy the public hearing requirement of the ordinance.

Attached for the Board's review and approval is the current proposed Measure D 5-Year Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Upon approval by the Board, the 5-Year Plan will be provided to the SCCRTC for inclusion in their overall Measure D Expenditure Plan.

The work identified in the recommended plan considers several factors, including:

- Condition of the existing roadway;
- Potential to concentrate work in a neighborhood or localized area to reduce construction costs and minimize disruption;
- Potential to combine work with other County projects in the same location to reduce costs;
- Leveraging grants and other funding sources; and
- Avoiding conflicts with work planned by others, and potential partnerships with utilities and other agencies for more competitive bidding.

CDI works closely with each individual Supervisor's office to determine objectives for the Measure D 5-Year Plan to meet the varied needs of each district.

For each five-year update, estimated Measure D proceeds are allocated by Supervisorial District based on the percentage of County maintained roadways within the district.

Maintained Roadway Mileage by District		
Supervisorial District	Total Road Miles	Percent of Road Network
District 1	166.7	28%
District 2	178.0	30%
District 3	59.7	10%
District 4	46.6	8%
District 5	144.1	24%

This assures that each district is allocated funding commensurate to the amount of roadway miles in their district. CDI then coordinates with each Supervisor's office to craft a scope of work that is consistent with the factors outlined above for the upcoming five-year plan.

It is important to note that because this is a five-year time horizon, it is possible that unforeseen circumstances such as construction cost increases or conflicting utility work may require certain Measure D work to be delayed or altered. In such cases, CDI will work with the affected Supervisor's office to identify alternate roads to target for that cycle.

The 2020 approved plan included the addition of several years of new work to the plan beyond five years. For this reason, only a few plan additions are being made in this cycle.

Financial Impact

The County's allocation of Measure D funds according to revenue projections from the SCCRTC in March 2025 is \$3,932,000 for FY 2025-26. Based on a review of overall available Measure D funding, a total amount of \$4,000,000 is estimated to be used for project budgeting for the FY 2025-26 cycle.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure
Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation
Climate Action - Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.