2016 Measure B Update

February 2018

Download the 2016 Measure B update to committees in February 2018.

Santa Clara County voters have approved 2016 Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent countywide sales tax to enhance transit, highways, expressways and active transportation (bicycles, pedestrians and complete streets). The measure passed by nearly 72%, the highest level of support for any Santa Clara County transportation tax.

VTA looks forward to working with the community and our partners including the cities and Santa Clara County to advance the investments this sales tax will enable.

Over the next 30 years, 2016 Measure B is anticipated to generate $6.3 billion in 2017 dollars. Collection of the tax began on April 1, 2017. VTA is developing a web presence that will track the performance of 2016 Measure B projects and programs and report how funding recipients are delivering on promises made to the taxpayers.

Program Categories and Guidelines

The categories and transportation projects eligible for 2016 Measure B funds are as follows:

- **$1.5 Billion**
  - VTA's BART Silicon Valley, Phase II
  - Six miles, four stations
  - New regional rail corridor
  - Links to major transit

- **Downtown San Jose & Santa Clara**

- **$250 Million**
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
  - Close gaps
  - Improve connections, mobility
  - Safer, more convenient
The VTA Board of Directors adopted guidelines for each of the nine Program Categories at their October 2017 and November 2017 meetings. These guidelines are intended to direct the implementation of each program category and propose how the program category funds should be allocated.

- BART Phase II Program Guidelines
- Bike & Ped Program Guidelines
- Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements Program Guidelines
- Caltrain Grade Separation Program Guidelines
- County Expressways Program Guidelines
- Highway Interchanges Program Guidelines
- Local Streets & Roads Program Guidelines
- SR 85 Corridor Program Guidelines
- Transit Operations Program Guidelines

Transportation projects, especially larger projects, are typically built using a variety of funding sources. A countywide sales tax provides a local revenue source that can be
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leveraged to help obtain additional funds through regional, state and federal fund sources.

What's Next

A lawsuit challenging the validity of 2016 Measure B was filed earlier this year. Though the judge ruled in favor of VTA, the plaintiff in the case filed an appeal at the end of August 2017. As the appeal works its way through the legal process, funds continue to be collected and held in escrow until the lawsuit is resolved. However, this process could take a year or more from the filing, and 2016 Measure B funds cannot be distributed until then.

We will continue to work with member agency staff, committees and advocates to develop the 2016 Measure B Program to the extent possible to avoid additional delays once the lawsuit is resolved.

Check back periodically as we will provide updates regularly.

Citizens Oversight Committee

At its September 2017 meeting, the VTA Board of Directors appointed seven individuals to serve on the 2016 Measure B Citizen’ Oversight Committee.

An orientation for the members of the committee was held on December 5, 2017.

Contact Us

Please email us at community.outreach@vta.org with any questions, input or feedback about this program.
Status of Lawsuit – February 2018 Update

- Currently awaiting Plaintiff to file brief – March 2018
- VTA has 30 days to respond
- Plaintiff has 20 days to respond
- Working through appeals process – 6-12 months before resolution

Solutions that move you
Sales Tax Receipts –
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- Approximately $117 Million – on a cash basis*
- Interest earned - $155k*

*As of December 31, 2017
Local Streets & Roads – February 2018 Update

- Definition, Eligible Use of Funds, Design Standards, and Distribution through TAC and CIPWG

- Draft Master Agreement circulating internally

- Advance amount, as approved by BOD, is in addition to FY18 and FY19 allocation amount

- Local Agency allocation amounts do not expire and will carry-forward
• No 2016 Measure B action
Bicycle/Pedestrian – February 2018 Update

- Draft Master Agreement for Education & Encourage in development

- Capital projects competitive grant program in development

- Planning projects competitive grant program initial development
Caltrain Grade Separation – February 2018 Update

- VTA, Caltrain and Cities staff have met throughout 2017
- Recent meeting: VTA, Caltrain and Cities staff – January 2018
- Implementation Plan on hold pending resolution of lawsuit
Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements –
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- VTA and Caltrain staff have met regularly through 2017

- South County Rail Service Study being scoped
• Discussions to clarify non-2016 Measure B contributions
County Expressways – February 2018 Update

- VTA and County staff meetings to discuss implementation of Program Category
SR 85 Corridor – February 2018 Update

- Transit Guideway Study Task 1 - Travel Market Analysis & Corridor Constraints Analysis: Underway with other funding

- Task 2 – Alternatives Development

- Study will pause in March 2018 unless additional funding is identified for Task 2
Transit Operations –
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- Innovative Mobility Solutions
  Competitive Grant Program in
development
Complete Streets Reporting Requirements – February 2018 Update

- June 1, 2017 Board Approval
- Working with Member Agencies to ensure Council approval of Complete Streets Resolutions
Questions?