

San Mateo County

Transportation Authority Fast Facts



The San Mateo County Transportation Authority was formed in 1988 with the passage of Measure A, which authorized a half-cent sales tax to be used for transportation projects and programs throughout the county. The original measure expired in 2008. In 2004, county voters overwhelmingly approved a reauthorization of the measure through 2033.

The TA is an independent agency governed by an appointed board of seven directors, elected officials who represent the county, the cities in the county and the San Mateo County Transit District. The San Mateo County Transit District provides administrative support for the TA.

The TA Strategic Plan 2014-2019 provides the policy framework for the programming and allocation of Measure A funds. It provides guidance on funding prioritization and evaluation criteria for the selection of projects, procedures for sponsors to initiate and implement projects, and key initiatives for plan implementation.

Goals

- Reduce commute corridor congestion
- Enhance safety
- Make regional connections
- Meet local mobility needs

Program Categories

The measure's proceeds are allocated by category to projects that fulfill the TA's goals.

Transit	30 %	Pedestrians/bicycles	3%
Highways	27.5%	Alternative congestion relief	1%
Local share/transportation	22.5%	Administrative costs	1%
Grade separations	15 %		

Leveraging Funds

The TA has demonstrated an ability to leverage local funds to secure state and federal matching funds. These funding partnerships have led to project partnerships with city, county, state and federal officials. The original measure brought in \$1.4 in state and federal dollars for every \$1 in local sales taxes for a total investment of \$2.4 billion in local transportation improvements.

Highlights

Projects

US 101/Broadway Interchange (Total Measure A Highway Program allocations - \$51.7M)

Reconstruction of the US 101/Broadway Interchange in Burlingame began fall 2014. This project replaces the 50+ year old four-lane overcrossing with a new seven-lane overcrossing including bike lanes and sidewalks to better accommodate all modes of transportation. As part of the project, Broadway will be realigned to extend straight across US 101 from the Rollins Road intersection to the intersection of Bayshore Highway and Airport Boulevard, which will improve the operation and safety in the area of US 101 and Broadway Avenue. Construction is scheduled to be complete spring 2017. Measure A Highway Program funds have been allocated to support all phases of work from initial planning studies through construction.

US 101 Managed Lanes (Total Measure A Highway Program allocations - \$10.5M)

The TA in collaboration with C/CAG and Caltrans will begin the environmental process in summer 2016 to explore implementation of managed lanes from Santa Clara County to I-380 in San Mateo County in an effort to improve mobility on the heavily congested US 101 Corridor. Managed Lanes can employ strategies like pricing and occupancy or time-of-day restrictions to more efficiently and reliably control or manage the operation of the corridor. The US 101 Managed Lanes Project will study HOV and HOT alternatives in order to reduce congestion in the corridor. Measure A Highway Program funds have been allocated to fund the planning and environmental phases of work.

Highlights

South San Francisco Caltrain Station Improvement Project (Total Measure A Caltrain allocations - \$49.1M)

This project consists of the construction of a new center boarding platform and track re-configuration that will improve station safety and disabled access, enable longer train consists to stop at the station, and include a new pedestrian underpass improving access to the station as well as the central business district to the west and major employment centers to the east. This project is projected to be completed by 2019. Measure A funds from the Caltrain category have been used to support the design and construction phases of work.

Funds allocated through “Call for Projects” in Fiscal Year 2017

Pedestrian and Bicycle - \$5.0M

Three percent of all Measure A tax dollars are allocated to capital projects that encourage and improve walking and bicycling conditions. Fifteen jurisdictions submitted 23 applications for pedestrian and bicycle projects through a “call for projects” process, which exceeded the available funds. A total of \$5.0M was allocated to 10 projects.

Local Shuttle Program Funds - \$8.1M

The TA’s Local Shuttle Program provides operating funds for commuter shuttles connecting with transit stations, as well as community shuttles. Four percent of Measure A sales tax revenue is available to support shuttles. In 2016, the TA used a “call for projects” process to award approximately \$8.1M in TA to 36 shuttle projects for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Revenue (millions)		Expenditures (millions)	
Sales tax	\$83.0	Annual allocations	\$30.3
Interest Income	\$ 3.0	Local entities	18.7
Rental Income	\$ 1.2	Caltrain operations	6.6
		Paratransit	3.3
Total	\$87.2	SFO BART extension	1.7
		Program Expenditures	\$69.5
		Alternative Congestion Relief	0.8
		Dumbarton	0.3
		Caltrain Capital	6.6
		Pedestrian/Bicycle Call for Projects	2.5
		Local Shuttle Call for Projects	10.5
		Streets and Highways	48.8
		Oversight	\$ 1.2
		Administration and support	\$ 1.0
		Total	\$102.5