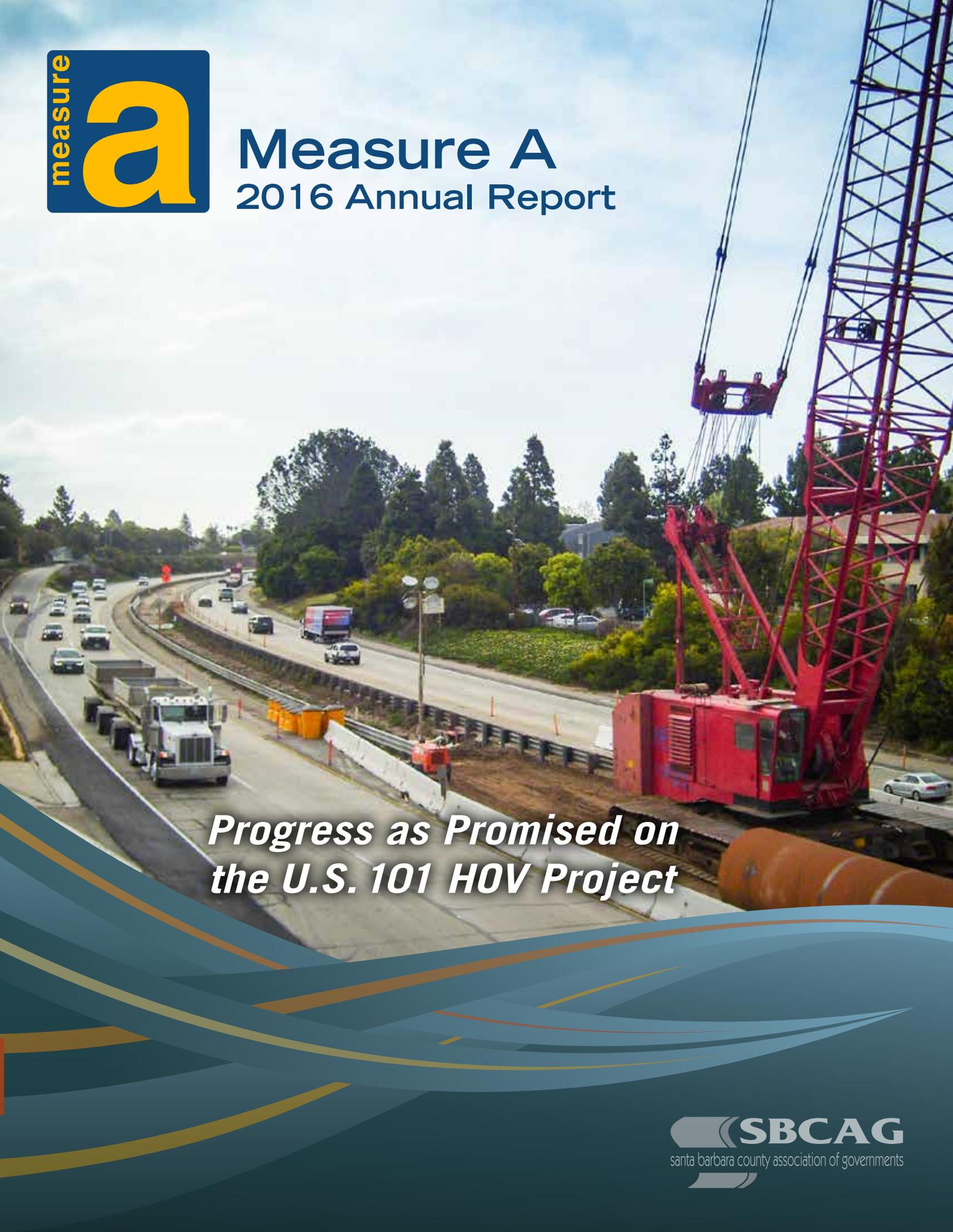




# Measure A

## 2016 Annual Report



*Progress as Promised on  
the U.S. 101 HOV Project*

## Leveraging \$6.8 Million in Active Transportation Program Funds

One of the most invaluable benefits of Measure A is that it provides local agencies with the ability to leverage funding. Leveraging is using existing funds to get a commitment of additional funding from a different source. This means that besides the sales tax revenue that Measure A directly provides, those funds have brought in even more funding for Santa Barbara County agencies.

A common practice in transportation funding programs is a local match. Funding administrators at the state and federal level want to see that local funds are going towards a project before contributing. Sometimes a local match is required to receive funding at all, as is the case with many federal programs. Sometimes a local match is not required but makes a project significantly more competitive if provided, such as with the Active Transportation Program (ATP). State and federal funding administrators use the local match as a way of determining how invested an applicant is in a project; is the project such an urgent need that the applicant will put scarce local resources towards it? This proves to reviewers that the project is truly a priority for the region and worthy of investment. Serving as a local match is how Measure A leverages funding.

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds projects that promote increased use of active modes of transportation, particularly biking and walking. This competitive, statewide program held a call for projects in spring 2016, with \$263 million available statewide. SBCAG, in partnership with the City of Carpinteria, the County of Santa Barbara, and Caltrans submitted an application for the Rincon Multi-Use Trail project. The Rincon Trail will be a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle Class I path, 4,500 feet long, that connects Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon

County Beach Park. The purpose is to eliminate the last location within 100 miles of L.A. that requires bicyclists and pedestrians on the California Coastal Trail to travel along the shoulder of the 65 mph, 6-lane US 101 freeway. Current alternate routes to U.S. 101 for cyclists and pedestrians are traveling unsanctioned footpaths down the coastal bluffs and trespassing across the Union Pacific Railroad tracks or traveling 4 miles out of direction on a circuitous inland route.



*Above: Currently pedestrians and cyclists travel along the side of the highway. The Rincon Trail project will eliminate the need for this unsafe choice.*

The Rincon Trail was awarded a total of \$175,000 in Measure A through the South Coast Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian competitive program. This amount, combined with another \$75,000 in awards from competitive coastal resource grants obtained by the City of Carpinteria, was sufficient to leverage \$6.83 million in ATP funding for the Rincon Trail project in the 2016 call for projects cycle.

## CLEAN MACHINES FOR MTD

### Measure A Provides Local Match for Fourteen New Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Buses

New buses are on the horizon thanks to Measure A. The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) utilized funds from the Measure A South Coast Transit Capital Program as a local match to federal funds in its successful application for a discretionary grant from the FY 2016 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities Program. The Section 5339(b) program is a nationwide competition for limited funding, and MTD's access to Measure A funds to serve as the required local match was a critical element of its successful application. MTD's award of \$5.68 million in federal funds, combined with \$1 million in local matching funds, will be used to re-place the 14 remaining 1998 40-foot buses with a fleet of new electric and clean diesel buses. This bus replacement project will assist MTD in continuing to provide the high-quality transit service that South Coast residents and visitors have come to expect.



# SAFETY ON HIGHWAY 246

## Highway 246 Passing Lanes Project Continues to Completion

Following an extended suspension of work that ended in the spring of 2016, work resumed with a flourish for the remainder of 2016 and significant grading work was accomplished to lower the profile at Tularosa Road. The profile grade of Highway 246 will be lowered substantially to improve sight distance for vehicles over the crest of the curve. This will also improve access to and from Tularosa Road through improved sight distance and through the construction of a left-turn lane into the residential area.

As the grading was completed, several sizable drainage systems were partially constructed and will be completed when the Stage 2 traffic switch occurs, which is scheduled for spring 2017. Upcoming work, following the rainy season, will include the paving on the newly graded area. The primary operational features to be constructed are an eastbound passing lane and a westbound passing lane. There are also a number of turning lanes and improved shoulders throughout the project limits. The project is being funded primarily from Measure A, with state gas tax dollars also being contributed for the construction management. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2017.



*Before Construction*



*After Construction*

# SIDEWALK MAKEOVER



## Buellton Streetscape Project Progresses

The City of Buellton is excited to undertake filling a long-needed gap in their sidewalk system along the south side of Highway 246 between the Avenue of Flags and Highway 101. The gap in the sidewalk has created a challenging path of travel for pedestrians and bicyclists in the area. The city has partnered with Caltrans to have the improvements implemented and constructed as part of a larger Caltrans pavement re-habilitation project along Highway 246 with the anticipated start in early 2017. The City partnered financially with SBCAG to share the costs of the improvements equally. SBCAG's share comes from North County Regional Measure A funds. A total of \$250,000 in Measure A funds will be contributed by SBCAG toward this improvement.

When completed, the sidewalk will enhance the entire streetscape and will include lighting, tree wells, and reconstructed driveways and curb ramps.

# PROJECT UPDATES



## U.S. 101 HOV Widening Project

The U.S. 101 High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOV) Widening project is more than 50% complete. Construction of Phase 3 is now underway in Carpinteria.

Over the next three years, the Linden & Casitas Pass Interchanges will both be completely rebuilt. The existing two lane bridges will be widened with additional lanes to reduce traffic congestion in Carpinteria and improve bicycle and pedestrian access across the freeway. The new bridges will also be lengthened and raised to accommodate the new freeway lanes coming with Phase 4 of the U.S. 101 HOV project. The Carpinteria Creek U.S. 101 bridge will be widened to accommodate 100 year flood plans and the new HOV lanes. Construction of Phase 4 could begin in late 2018.

The SBCAG Board approved the U.S. 101 HOV Widening project phasing strategy that will continue freeway construction from Carpinteria north toward Santa Barbara. Construction of the rest of the U.S. 101 HOV Widening project will be built in five construction segments planned between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The next phase of freeway construction that will overlap with construction of the Linden & Casitas Pass Interchanges project will complete the new part-time carpool lanes the full length

of the Carpinteria City limits. Full funding is available for construction of this next phase and environmental, design and permitting work will continue on all segments to ensure each is ready for construction as soon as possible.

SBCAG continues to aggressively pursue additional state and federal funding to complete the entire widening project. Governor Brown has included the U.S. 101 HOV Widening project on California's list of 50 high priority infrastructure projects submitted to President Trump for federal funding. Governor Brown also included the U.S. 101 HOV Widening project on a list of only six highway projects in the state of California for federal regulatory and environmental streamlining.

Santa Barbara County residents want the U.S. 101 HOV Widening project to continue as fast as possible. Caltrans is revising the Environmental Impact Report to address legal challenges that could be resolved later this year. The successful conclusion of the EIR process is necessary to keep U.S. 101 construction on schedule. Final certification of the EIR is critical to constructing both the U.S. 101 widening and related improvements because the projects must be "shovel ready" to secure the funding windfall that could be coming soon.



- ① **Milpas—Cabrillo Hot Springs**  
Completed 2012
- ② **Mussel Shoals—Carpinteria Creek**  
Completed 2015
- ③ **Linden-Casitas Interchanges**  
Construction began 2016
- ④ **101 HOV**  
Construction begins in 2018/19



## Competitive Grant Funds Nineteen South Coast Projects in 2016

The Measure A competitive grant program is split into two regions: North County and South Coast. The North County holds one call for projects every five years. The South Coast program has two subcategories: Safe Routes to School and Bicycle & Pedestrian, which hold calls for projects simultaneously, on a three-year cycle.

Projects funded through these programs aim to expand and improve the regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities network through education programs, planning, project development, and the construction of capital projects. The South Coast held a call for projects for its third cycle in October 2015 with a total of \$3.5 million available between the two programs. A total of nineteen projects were awarded funds in March 2016, and are currently underway (listed below).

### COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

- › Obern Trail Paving Project
- › San Jose Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge
- › Youth Bicycle Education Program, administered by the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition
- › Adult Bicycle Education and Safety Outreach, administered by the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition
- › Safe Routes to School Education Program, administered by COAST

### CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

- › North La Cumbre Sidewalk and Pedestrian Enhancement Project
- › Old Coast Highway Sidewalk
- › Green Lane Route Intersection Markings for New Bicycle Master Plan Spine Connections
- › CycleMAYnia, administered by SBCAG Traffic Solutions

### CITY OF GOLETA

- › Fairview Avenue Sidewalk Infill & Bike Lane Project
- › RRFB (Flashing Beacon) Improvements at School Crosswalks Project
- › Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
- › Mid-Block Crosswalk Controlled by a HAWK Signal in addition to a refuge median (across Calle Real east of Encina Lane)
- › Fairview Avenue at Calle Real and 101 Intersection Sidewalk Infill

### CITY OF CARPINTERIA

- › Carpinteria Children's Project at Main Sidewalk Infill Project
- › Fifth St. Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study
- › Carpinteria Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project — Dump Road to Bluffs
- › Carpinteria Avenue/Elm Avenue Crosswalk Relocation Project
- › Rincon Multi-Use Trail (administered by SBCAG)



Students cross safely past a refuge median in a Goleta RRFB crosswalk. Also shown is a new Green Lane for cyclists



The Rincon Trail project will construct a multi-use path across the railroad tracks and connect Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon County Beach Park. Cycle 3 funded preliminary environmental and design work for the project.



Partnering with SBCAG Traffic Solutions, COAST teaches kids safe biking at a CycleMAYnia event hosted by Bob's Bicycles

# ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

## Local Alternative Transportation Projects Funded

The Measure A Investment Plan requires each jurisdiction to spend a minimum percentage of their Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible Alternative Transportation projects. This requirement must be met by the fifth year of the program and every fifth year thereafter. The Alternative Transportation requirements remain the same for each year within the five year period and are tracked annually through an audit process.

JURISDICTION	5 YEAR REQUIRED % FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION	AUDITED ACTUAL FIRST 5 YEAR PERIOD ( FY 10-11 THRU FY 14-15)	ACTUAL FIRST 5 YEAR EXPENDITURES ON ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION
BUELLTON	5%	30.90%	\$535,079
CARPINTERIA	10%	28.11%	\$965,140
GOLETA	10%	17.75%	\$1,199,383
GUADALUPE	5%	6.60%	\$135,256
LOMPOC	15%	25.06%	\$2,461,944
SANTA BARBARA	10%	47.99%	\$7,781,431
SANTA MARIA	15%	16.28%	\$3,667,463
SOLVANG	15%	22.44%	\$421,860
NORTH - COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA	10%	16.06%	\$2,434,991
SOUTH - COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA	10%	17.48%	\$2,745,312

The table above shows the required expenditures by each agency on alternative transportation projects

## REGIONAL TRANSIT GOES GREEN

### Santa Maria Purchases Buses for Clean Air Express with Help from Measure A

Measure A will provide a total of \$47.85 million over 30 years for interregional transit service within Santa Barbara County and between Santa Barbara County and adjacent counties. The funds support two programs, one for the North County and one for the South County, each supporting the needs of the residents, commuters and employers in their respective regions.

The Measure A North County Interregional Transit Program is the sole dedicated funding source for the successful Clean Air Express commuter bus service, which serves residents of Lompoc, Santa Maria, and the San-ta Ynez Valley with thirteen daily round trips to Goleta and Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Maria has stepped up and offered to support the Clean Air Express with \$2.8 million in state and federal transit funds to purchase five new coaches for the Clean Air Express. Measure A funds are providing the crucial local match required to purchase the vehicles, which will replace buses that are currently fourteen years old. Two of the five new coaches SBCAG and the City are purchasing will be fully electric, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region and will be among the first battery-powered buses in the nation to be used in long-distance commuter service.



## Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES • JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016  
(UNAUDITED, INCLUDES CARRYOVER)

### REVENUES

Carryover Revenue from FY 14/15	\$24,233,803
Sales Tax	\$36,952,646
Earnings on Interest	\$134,079
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$61,320,528</b>

### EXPENDITURES

County Auditor & State Board of Equalization	\$453,170
SBCAG Administration 1%	\$370,827
Project \Program Advocacy & Support	\$40,000

**Highway 101 Widening Subprogram** \$2,178,170

#### North County Subprogram

Local Street and Transportation Improvement	\$11,752,979
Hwy 101/Union Valley Parkway Interchange	\$3,459
Union Valley Parkway Phase III	\$0
Hwy 101/Santa Maria River Bridge	\$87,006
Hwy 101/135 (Broadway) Interchange	\$5,377
Hwy 101/Betteravia Interchange	\$1,073
Hwy 101/McCoy Interchange	\$5,377
Hwy 246 Passing Lanes	\$1,413,580
Hwy 246 Santa Ynez River Bridge	\$4,291
Hwy 166 Safety Improvements	\$199,975
Solvang Circulation Improvements	\$0
Buellton Circulation Improvements	\$0
Guadalupe Circulation Improvements	\$0
Specialized Transit, Seniors-Disabled	\$156,844
Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program	\$0
Carpool & Vanpool Program	\$68,343
Interregional Transit	\$871,708

#### South Coast Subprogram

Local Street and Transportation Improvement	\$9,389,347
South Coast Transit Operations Program	\$2,008,536
South Coast Transit Capital Program	\$540,315
Safe Routes to School Program	\$97,418
Bicycle & Pedestrian Program	\$308,398
Interregional Transit	\$799,866
Specialized Transit, Seniors-Disabled	\$206,878
Carpool & Vanpool Program	\$127,608
Commuter/Passenger Rail	\$64,637
Carpinteria Circulation Improvements	\$0
Goleta Overpass Improvements	\$3,761
Cabrillo Underpass	(\$14,481)

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$31,144,462**

**FUND BALANCE, END OF PERIOD** **\$30,176,066**



## UPCOMING

### PROJECT SCHEDULES & MAJOR MILESTONES

#### Highway 246 Passing Lanes

Stage 2 paving on the western end by Spring 2017

#### Black Road/Highway 166

Environmental Clearance by Summer 2017

#### Rail Alternatives Study

Completion of Peak Hour Rail Alternatives Study by Fall 2017



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## RIDING SMART

### Traffic Solutions uses Measure A to Support Local Businesses

SBCAG Traffic Solutions serves Santa Barbara County residents, employees, and the local business community by using Measure A funds for car-pool, vanpool, and bicycle and pedestrian programs. Measure A funding keeps these invaluable programs alive while also allowing Traffic Solutions to leverage more funding.

In Santa Barbara County business leaders strive to provide comprehensive benefits packages, maintain strong employee retention, and be good stewards of the environment and the community. Every year several local businesses use Traffic Solutions to help achieve these goals and develop com-muter benefits programs specifically targeted to their employee de-mographics and needs. Local achievements in 2016 include more than 38,000 alternative transportation trips logged by employees at Sonos and over 135,000 by employees at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Using al-ternative transportation options to get to work results in reduced traffic and emissions and improved employee morale.



Technology in transportation is constantly evolving, and in Santa Barbara County we have a tool that can keep us moving forward. SmartRide.org is a local web service offered by Traffic Solutions. SmartRide.org was select-ed by a committee of local businesses and offers a Trip-Planner to com-pare traveling by

carpool, vanpool, bus, bike, train, walking or diving alone; carpool and vanpool matching; a commute calendar and phone app to track one's commute to calculate savings and qualify for incentives; com-muter benefits management tools offered to local businesses; and a spe-cial-event ridesharing module.

Community events and outreach allow Traffic Solutions to directly support residents and employees, whether it's reaching a goal to live a healthier lifestyle or to save money. Some programs, such as CycleMAYnia, are aimed at increasing biking and walking. Another is Open Streets, which temporarily transforms streets into a public space for exercise and play. Other Traffic Solutions pro-grams focus on bus ridership, such as Try Transit. Traffic Solutions is working to keep our community sustainable, green, and healthy, all made possible by Measure A.



To learn more about Measure A, visit [www.measurea.net](http://www.measurea.net)

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