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## **AGENDA**

### **San Mateo County Transit District**

#### **Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) Meeting**

May 11, 2026, 4:30 pm

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

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**San Mateo County Transit District Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee Members:** Rosanne Foust (Chair), Adrian Brandt (Vice Chair), Rich Hedges, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Ben Mangiafico, Gus Mattammal, Seema Patel, Mario Rendon, Malcolm Robinson, John Selin, Gabriel Terry, Michael Wooley-Ousdahl

**Staff Liaisons:** Peter Skinner, Chief, Transportation Authority  
Charlsie Chang, Government Affairs Officer

**COC Secretary:**  
Lauryn Ko

**Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee:** The Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) oversees administration of Measure W funds to ensure tax proceeds have been invested in a way that is consistent with the Measure's Congestion Relief Plan.

The Measure W COC has the following responsibilities:

1. Receive the San Mateo County Transit District's annual audit report on receipts and expenditures of Measure W tax proceeds and expenditures under the Congestion Relief Plan during the prior fiscal year.
2. Hold an annual public hearing on the audit report.
3. Issue an annual report on the audit results.

**Monday, May 11, 2026**

**4:30 pm**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for One-Year Terms Motion
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2026 Motion
5. Consideration and Approval of Annual Committee Report on Use of Measure W Tax Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) Motion
6. Update on Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership - Recruitment for Vacancies and Terms Ending in 2026 Informational
7. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda  
At this time, persons in the audience may speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Brown Act (the State local agency open meeting law) prohibits the Committee from acting on any matter that is not on the agenda. Comments by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
8. Committee Member Comments/Communications Regarding Transportation Matters
9. Date / Time / Location of Next Meeting: To Be Announced  
The meeting will be accessible via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030. Dates or location may be subject to change. Any changes to the meeting location will be posted in advance in compliance with the Brown Act.
10. Adjournment

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SamTrans Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC): Frequency of meetings to be determined.  
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**San Mateo County Transit District  
Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California  
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**DRAFT Minutes of March 2, 2026**

**Members Present:** John Baker, James Chan, Rich Hedges, Karen Kuklin, Ben Mangiafico, Gus Mattammal (arrived at 4:06 pm), Seema Patel, Malcolm Robinson, John Selin, Gabriel Terry, Michael Wooley-Ousdahl, Adrian Brandt (Vice Chair)

**Members Present via Teleconference:** Rich Hedges

**Members Absent:** Sandra Lang, Marion Rendon, Rosanne Foust (Chair)

**Staff Present:** J. Cassman, K. Huie, L. Ko, P. Skinner, K. Jordan Steiner, D. Susantin

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Acting Chair Adrian Brandt called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

Lauryn Ko, COC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for One-Year Terms**

Election of Chair and Vice Chair to be postponed to next meeting.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Robinson

Ayes: Baker, Chan, Hedges, Kuklin, Mangiafico, Patel, Robinson, Selin, Terry, Wooley-Ousdahl, Brandt

Noes: None

Absent: Lang, Mattammal, Rendon, Foust

*Member Mattammal arrived at 4:06 pm.*

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2025**

Motion/Second: Brandt/Baker

Ayes: Baker, Chan, Hedges, Kuklin, Mangiafico, Mattammal, Patel, Robinson, Selin, Terry, Wooley-Ousdahl, Brandt

Noes: None

Absent: Lang, Rendon, Foust

**5. Public Hearing: Annual Audit of Measure W Tax Revenues and Expenditures in Accordance with Congestion Relief Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

**a. Open Public Hearing**

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Hedges

Ayes: Baker, Chan, Hedges, Kuklin, Mangiafico, Mattammal, Patel, Robinson, Selin, Terry, Wooley Ousdahl, Brandt

Noes: None

Absent: Lang, Rendon, Foust

**b. Independent Auditor's Presentation**

Danny Susantin, Acting Director, Accounting, and Ahmad Gharaibeh, Auditor, Eide Bailly LLP, provided the presentation on "clean" opinion for compliance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025's Measure W tax revenues and expenditures.

**c. Committee Questions**

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee questions, which included the following:

- Material threshold at 0.5 percent of total revenues; smaller items included
- Internal controls and audit scope, relating to financials
- Listed item expenditure amounts and coverages; assisted contributions and impacts
- Assurance of responsible spending; sampled from both for San Mateo County Transit District (SMCTD) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA); fund allocation breakdown
- Project-specific Measure W expenditures and spending percentages; grade separations
- Lower FY25 sales tax offset by interest income
- SMCTD Measure W funds determined by SMCTD Board of Directors (Board)-approved budget, while SMCTA's funds determined by local investment share and Call for Project recommendations approved by the SMCTA Board

**d. Public Comment** – There were none.

**e. Close Public Hearing**

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Robinson

Ayes: Baker, Chan, Hedges, Kuklin, Mangiafico, Mattammal, Patel, Robinson, Selin, Terry, Wooley Ousdahl, Brandt

Noes: None

Absent: Lang, Rendon, Foust

**f. Committee Comments** – There were none.

**g. Committee Discussion on Drafting of Committee Report**

Peter Skinner, Chief Officer, Transportation Authority, noted the request for the Committee member volunteers to provide feedback on the draft of the Committee Report. Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee questions on the Committee review period. Members Robinson, Selin, Baker, Brandt, and Hedges (alternate) volunteered.

**6. Update on Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership - Recruitment for Vacancies and Terms Ending in 2026**

Charlsie Chang, Government Affairs Officer, noted the filled vacancies for the Measure W COC.

**7. Public Comment on Items Notes on the Agenda – There were none.**

**8. Committee Member Comments / Communications Regarding Transportation Matters**

- San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)-coordinated Senate Bill (SB) 63 return-to-source funding meeting
- May 11, 2026, 4:30 pm meeting start time

**9. Date / Time / Location of Next Meeting:** Monday, May 11, 2026, at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be accessible via Zoom and in-person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Per Item 8, Committee Member Comments, the meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

**10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.**

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San Mateo County Transit District

**Report of the Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee**

Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024 – June 2025)

The Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) is pleased to provide its Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) annual report on the expenditure of proceeds from the San Mateo County Transit District's (District) 2018 Measure W.

The principal duties of the COC are to ensure that the proceeds have been expended for the purposes set forth in the Measure W ballot language and to provide a report on the independent audit conducted pursuant to the ballot language and the District Ordinance (Ordinance), which placed Measure W on the ballot. This report is being issued in accordance with Section 7h of the 2018 San Mateo County Transit District Retail Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, commonly referred to as Measure W.

Measure W tasks the COC with providing information on the expenditure of sales tax revenue to the taxpayers of San Mateo County in the following ways:

- Receive the District's annual audit report on receipts and expenditures of Measure W tax proceeds and expenditures under the Congestion Relief Plan
- Hold an annual public hearing on the audit report
- Issue an annual report of the COC on the audit results

The Board of Directors of the District and the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) are responsible for the prioritization and distribution of funds received pursuant to the provisions of Measure W. The independent audit conducted by the District and the COC's report are intended to provide additional accountability with respect to the expenditure of these proceeds by both the District and the SMCTA.

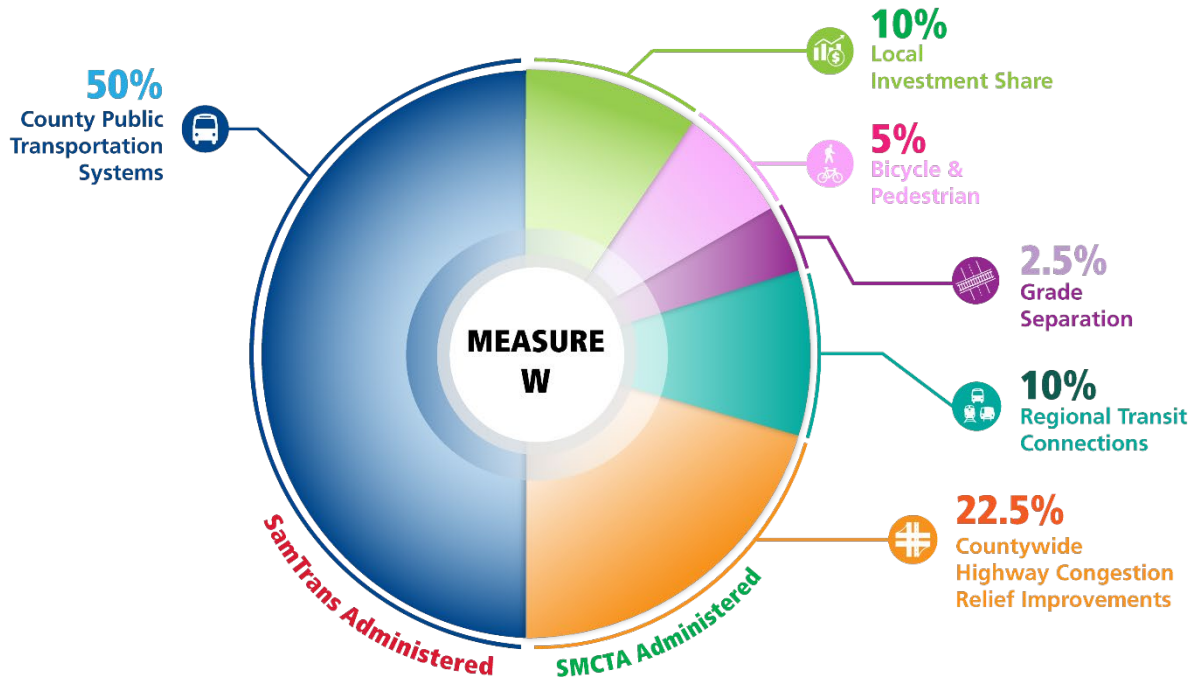
The District's FY25 audit report for Measure W tax was conducted by Eide Bailly, LLP, an independent accounting firm with several years of experience conducting independent audits of the financial results of both the District and the SMCTA. In its audit, Eide Bailly, LLP provided what is known as an unmodified opinion (what is often referred to as a "clean" opinion) on the Measure W financial statements prepared by District staff. An unmodified opinion means the auditors concluded that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The COC held a public hearing on the report on March 2, 2026. A copy of the audit report is attached as Appendix A.

### **Measure W Funding Categories and Principles**

In 2018, San Mateo County voters approved [Measure W](https://www.smcta.com/media/6747/download) (<https://www.smcta.com/media/6747/download>), a 30-year half cent sales tax beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2049, by a vote of 66.9 percent. In doing so, they provided the county with additional resources to improve transit and relieve traffic congestion. The District levies the tax and administers investments for 50 percent of the program under the County Public Transportation Systems category in Measure W's Congestion Relief Plan, and the SMCTA is responsible for

administering the other categories, which make up the remaining 50 percent of the measure revenues.

**Figure 1. Measure W Funding Categories**



*Figure Source: SMCTA Strategic Plan 2020-2024*

Measure W contains 11 Core Principles to guide program implementation where applicable:

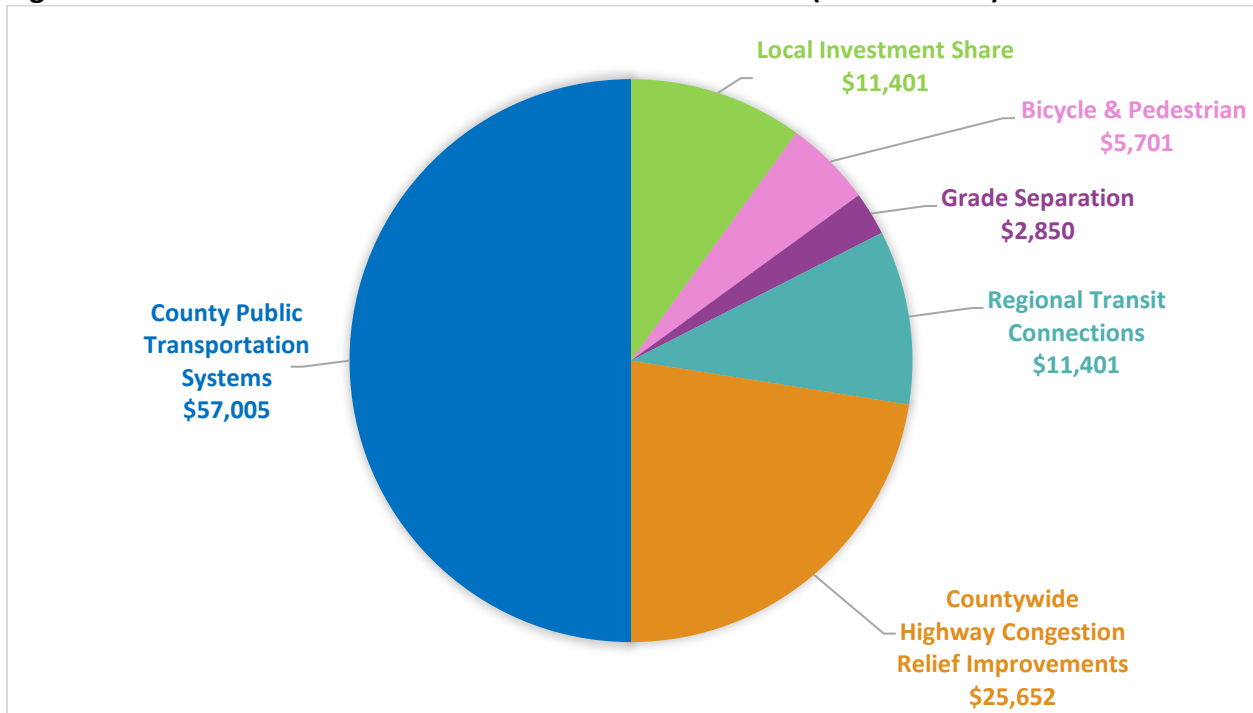
1. Relieve traffic congestion countywide.
2. Invest in a financially sustainable public transportation system that increases ridership, embraces innovation, creates more transportation choices, improves travel experience, and provides quality, affordable transit options for youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and people with lower incomes.
3. Implement environmentally-friendly transportation solutions and projects that incorporate green stormwater infrastructure and plan for climate change.
4. Promote economic vitality, economic development, and the creation of quality jobs.
5. Maximize opportunities to leverage investment and services from public and private partners.

6. Enhance safety and public health.
7. Invest in repair and maintenance of existing and future infrastructure.
8. Facilitate the reduction of vehicle miles traveled, travel times and greenhouse gas emissions.
9. Incorporate the inclusion and implementation of complete street policies and other strategies that encourage safe accommodation of all people using the roads, regardless of mode of travel.
10. Incentivize transit, bicycle, pedestrian, carpooling and other shared-ride options over driving alone; and
11. Maximize traffic reduction potential associated with the creation of housing in high-quality transit corridors.

**A. Receipt and Distribution of Measure W Funding**

A total of \$114 million in Measure W sales tax was received in FY25. Per Measure W, the funds are divided equally between the District and SMCTA as shown in Figure 1 above. Figure 2 provides the specific breakdown of funding apportioned between the District and the SMCTA program categories based on the funding received.

**Figure 2. Fiscal Year 2025 Measure W Revenue Distributions (in thousands)**



*Data Source: Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report*

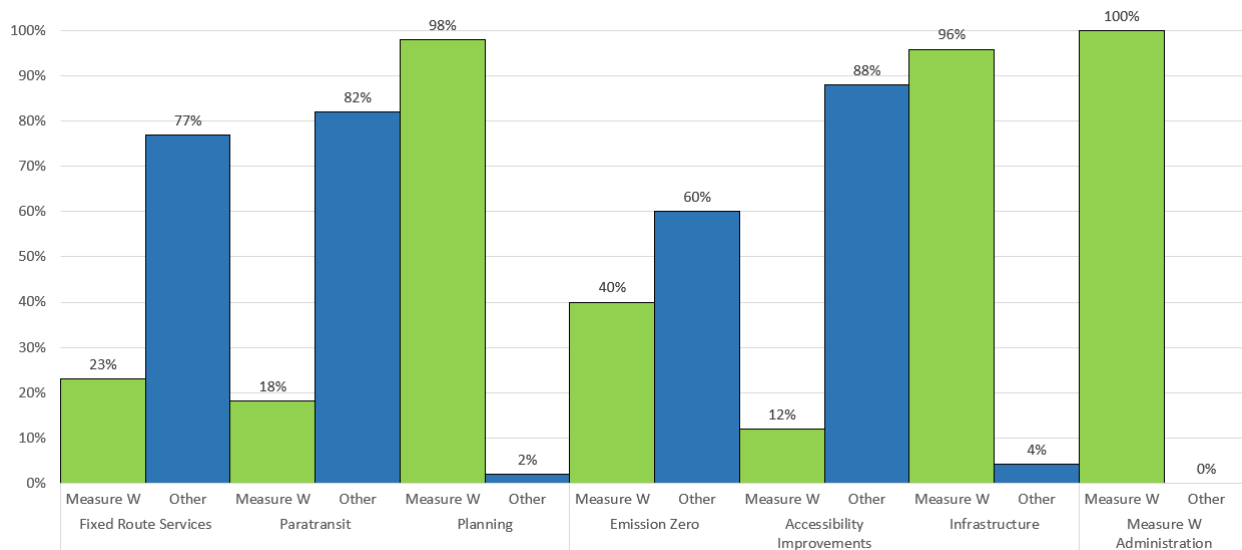
**B. District Expenditures of Measure W in Fiscal Year 2025**

District Measure W revenues were spent on supporting SamTrans transit services in several operating and capital projects. Measure W generated \$57 million to the District and expenditures totaled \$37 million in FY25. The District will spend the remaining Measure W funding in future years.

In FY25, Measure W District funds were spent in the following categories:

- Fixed Route School Oriented Services: \$17.7 million
- Paratransit: \$4.3 million
- Planning: \$4.4 million
- Emission Zero Projects: \$9.6 million
- Infrastructure: \$0.7 million
- Accessibility Improvements \$0.1 million
- Measure W Administration: less than \$0.1 million

**Figure 3. Fiscal Year 2025 District Category Expenditures by Funding**



Note: Funding percentages relate specifically to FY25 District Measure W projects ([Measure W Audit Report, https://www.samtrans.com/media/36857](https://www.samtrans.com/media/36857), page 12)

### C. SMCTA Expenditures of Measure W in Fiscal Year 2025

In 1988, San Mateo County voters approved [Measure A](https://www.smcta.com/media/3705/download), (<https://www.smcta.com/media/3705/download>), a 20-year half-cent sales tax to fund and leverage additional funding for transportation projects and programs in San Mateo County. The approval of Measure A created the SMCTA to manage and administer the sales tax revenues generated in conformance with the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). The 1988 sales tax expired on December 31, 2008, and in 2004, the San Mateo County voters [reauthorized the Measure A](https://www.smcta.com/media/3706/download) (<https://www.smcta.com/media/3706/download>) half-cent sales tax and a new TEP for an additional 25 years (from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2033). The TEP describes programs and projects, as identified by the cities, local agencies and citizens of San Mateo County, and includes funding for multiple modes to help meet the County's transportation needs.

Unlike the District, which expends Measure W funds on projects and programs directly, the SMCTA is primarily a granting agency and provides Measure W funds to cities and other local agencies throughout San Mateo County. The SMCTA's investments in FY25 are guided by the SMCTA's [Strategic Plan 2025-2029](https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029), (<https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029>) which was adopted in December 2024 by the SMCTA Board of Directors. The Strategic Plan outlines the principles, vision, goals, and implementation procedures for both Measure A and Measure W funds over a five-year period. Adoption of a Strategic Plan every five years is a requirement of both the SMCTA's [Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan](https://www.smcta.com/files/smcta/Assets/SMCTA/Documents/2009-2033%2BTransportation%2BExpenditure%2BPlan.pdf) (<https://www.smcta.com/files/smcta/Assets/SMCTA/Documents/2009-2033%2BTransportation%2BExpenditure%2BPlan.pdf>) and the [Measure W Congestion Relief Plan](https://www.smcta.com/files/samtrans/Assets/public%2Baffairs/pdf/Ordinance.pdf) (<https://www.smcta.com/files/samtrans/Assets/public%2Baffairs/pdf/Ordinance.pdf>).

With the notable exception of the local investment share (Local Safety, Pothole and Congestion Relief Improvements as identified in the Measure W expenditure plan), which is provided directly to cities and the County by the SMCTA, the remainder of the SMCTA's Measure W funding is programmed and allocated through competitive calls for projects (CFP) for each program category. The SMCTA's CFPs typically occur on biennial cycles for each category, with the Regional Transit Connections Program (RTC) occurring every four years. While funds are awarded and allocated to projects in each CFP cycle by the SMCTA Board of Directors, the expenditure of those funds are based on reimbursements to project sponsors for eligible project expenses.

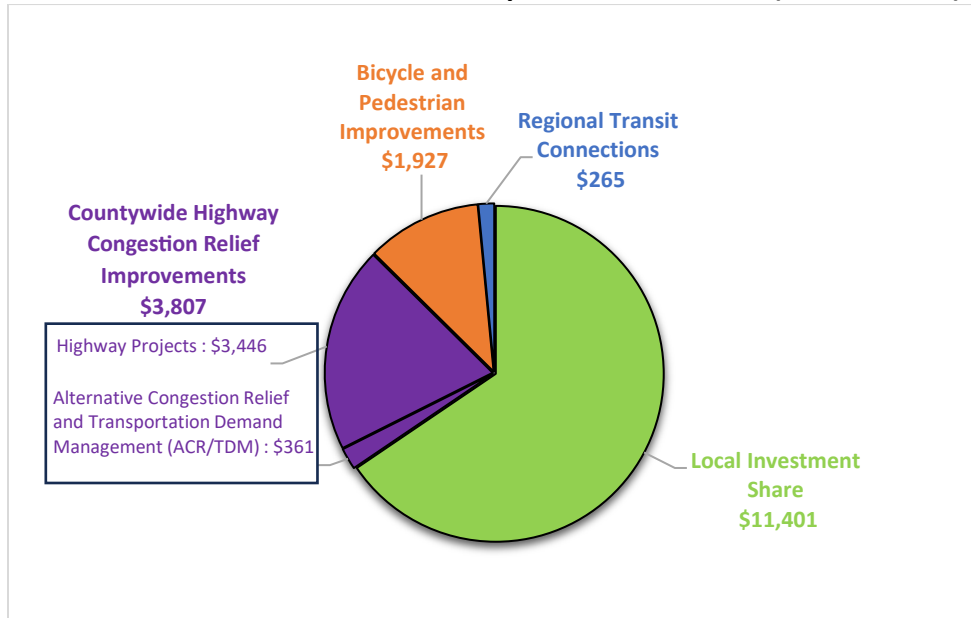
For FY25, expenses were realized in the Highway, Local Investment Share, Bicycle and Pedestrian, and RTC programs. Highway expenditures also include the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program sub-category, which is called out in Figure 4 separately. While there were expenditures in the RTC program, they were associated with annual oversight and administrative expenses associated with issuing the first CFP in April 2025. The only SMCTA Measure program category with no expenses is the Grade Separation program. Updated policy guidance for the Grade Separation program was adopted by the Board in January 2026 and directs the majority of grade separation funding, from both Measure A and Measure W, to the Broadway grade separation project while also reserving funding to complete the final design of

the Linden Avenue and Scott Street grade separation. Since inception of Measure W, the Grade Separation program has accrued \$16 million.

The expenses in FY25 are shown in Figure 4, and correspond to the following efforts and projects:

- Countywide Highway Congestion Improvements including:
  - US 101 / State Route (SR) 92 Interchange Area Improvements
  - Moss Beach SR 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements
  - Route 1/Manor Drive Overcrossing Improvements Project
  - Alternative congestion relief program expenditures for projects across San Mateo County
- Local Investment Share (Local Safety, Pothole and Congestion Relief Improvements) for local transportation investments such as roadway rehabilitation, planning and implementing traffic safety projects and promoting alternative modes of transportation.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements across San Mateo County including:
  - The County Office of Education's Safe Routes to School program
  - Menlo Park's Middle Avenue Project
  - City of Pacifica's Esplanade & Palmetto Improvements
  - San Mateo County's Alpine Road Corridor Improvements

**Figure 4. Fiscal Year 2025 SMCTA Measure W Expense Distributions (in thousands)**



*Data Source: Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report*

**SMCTA Funding Allocations and Consistency with Measure W Core Principles**

The Strategic Plan 2025-2029 establishes scoring criteria<sup>1</sup> based on the Measure W Core principles<sup>2</sup>, as well as the Goals of Measure A<sup>3</sup>. These scoring criteria are applied to the competitive CFPs for the following program categories: Highways, Grade Separations, Pedestrian and Bicycle, and Regional Transit Connections. Projects that compete well in the CFP process are those that score well in accordance with these criteria. In FY25, the SMCTA conducted three CFPs including Measure W funding, Cycle 1 of the RTC program, Cycle 2 of the TDM program, and Cycle 7 of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program.

Additionally, as part of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Program, the SMCTA Strategic Plan 2025-2029 directs 5 percent of Measure W Pedestrian & Bicycle Program funding to the County’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. Two years of funding, \$0.48 million, was programmed and allocated at the April 2024 SMCTA Board meeting for FYs 25 and 26. These funds are directed to the San Mateo County Office of Education which administer the SRTS CFP directly with local schools and school districts.

<sup>1</sup>[Appendices Strategic Plan 2025-2029](https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029Appendices), (<https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029Appendices>) Appendix H

<sup>2</sup>[Strategic Plan 2025-2029](https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029), (<https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029>) Page 13

<sup>3</sup>[Strategic Plan 2025-2029](https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029), (<https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029>) Page 10

### **Administrative Overhead**

Administrative overhead is comprised of administrative wages, benefits, and indirect costs necessary to support shared services provided by the District. To promote equitable distribution, the District utilizes an external consulting firm to establish the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) rate. These overhead costs are dependent on positions, salaries, vacancy rates, and the finalized ICAP rate for the fiscal year.

### **Equity and Community Support Considerations for the Distribution of SMCTA Funding**

As part of the SMCTA Strategic Plan 2025-2029, equity and community support are highlighted as a core evaluation criterion in SMCTA CFP processes. Projects are evaluated holistically in terms of demonstrated community/stakeholder support, as well as geographic and socioeconomic equity. Demonstrated community support now also includes additional consideration for inclusion of Community-based Organization input and support of projects in the evaluation criteria.

#### ***Geographic Equity***

Geographic equity is evaluated by a Call for Projects Scoring Evaluation Committee assembled to review the submitted applications. The Committee assesses whether sales tax revenue is being distributed fairly to all areas in the San Mateo County. Specifically, the Evaluation Committee often looks at whether funds are proposed to be distributed between the Coast side versus the Bayside and amongst the North, Central, and Southern portions of the county. This often includes a review of past funding awards, in particular for smaller jurisdictions that may not often apply for Measure A and Measure W funding. The Evaluation Committee then makes recommendations to the SMCTA Board of Directors for their consideration if there are any deviations proposed from the ranked project list.

#### ***Socioeconomic Equity***

Socioeconomic equity scoring criteria are more directly linked to evaluating locations throughout San Mateo County that may have higher proportions of the historically underserved and/or communities with lower incomes or higher ratios of people of color as compared to other locations. These criteria are generally consistent with the Senate Bill 535 statewide criteria, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) regional criteria, and the newly developed Reimagine SamTrans countywide criteria.

Additionally, applicants are provided with a narrative question that allows them to describe other equity benefits for other vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, people living in high density and affordable housing, low-income residents, transit-dependent populations, and others that may not be directly captured in the technical equity analysis metrics.

### **Technical Assistance to Jurisdictions**

The Strategic Plan 2025-2029 recommended the SMCTA strive to further its role with technical assistance, as resources permit, to advance project delivery. The following are the four areas of concentration for SMCTA technical assistance:

- Provide technical assistance to sponsors, not limited to the Highway Program.
- Utilize consultant services to offer Complete Streets and other best practice workshops.
- Temporarily offer consultant services to sponsors, on request, to keep projects moving, while minimizing delay.
- Provide consultant services to help sponsors better position themselves to obtain grant funds to better leverage SMCTA funding.

All programs may request SMCTA to both provide technical assistance to develop and lead projects on behalf of sponsors. As part of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program adopted in December 2024, two of the 24 project awards requested technical assistance from the SMCTA.

### **Regional Transit Connections**

The RTC category receives ten percent of Measure W revenue. The intent of the category is to invest in infrastructure and services that are designed to improve transit connectivity between San Mateo County and the rest of the nine-county Bay Area region. The Strategic Plan 2025-2029 recommended that a Regional Transit Connections planning study and an accompanying Transit Capital Improvement Program (CIP) be prepared to better inform the competitive selection process. The plan was adopted by the SMCTA Board in October 2024, and a subsequent CFP was released in early April 2025. Eleven applications were received and the Board awarded \$69.7 million for all eleven projects in June 2025.

### **Suggested Audit Report Improvements for FY2026**

The Measure W COC commends the quality and clarity of the audit report. To further enhance transparency, the COC requests that the FY2026 report include each funded project's total cost, along with the percentage funded by Measure W. In addition, the COC recommends that the FY2026 report include cumulative expenditures, expressed as percentages and compared with the allocations required under Measure W.

## **Appendices**

- A. [FY25 Measure W Audit Report \(https://www.samtrans.com/media/36857\)](https://www.samtrans.com/media/36857)

## **Additional Information**

1. [District FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)
2. [District FY25 Popular Annual Financial Report \(https://www.samtrans.com/media/36376\)](https://www.samtrans.com/media/36376)
3. [District FY25 Adopted Budget \(https://www.samtrans.com/media/30697\)](https://www.samtrans.com/media/30697)
4. [SMCTA FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report \(https://www.smcta.com/media/36374\)](https://www.smcta.com/media/36374)
5. [SMCTA FY25 Popular Annual Financial Report \(https://www.smcta.com/media/36377\)](https://www.smcta.com/media/36377)
6. [SMCTA FY25 Adopted Budget \(https://www.smcta.com/media/33724\)](https://www.smcta.com/media/33724)
7. [SMCTA Strategic Plan 2025-2029 \(https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029\)](https://www.smcta.com/media/StrategicPlan2025-2029)