

2016 Measure B County Expressways Program Guidelines

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To fund Tier 1 improvement projects in the County's Expressway Plan in order to relieve congestion, improve safety and increase the effectiveness of the expressway system in the county. Candidate Projects are set forth in Attachment C.

Total Funding

11.90% of Program Tax Revenues

Program Type

Need/Capacity-based program

- Must comply with Board-approved Project Readiness Criteria

Project Readiness Criteria

- Project delivery status: Allocations for projects in the 10-year Program will be based on project delivery phases and completion of each phase. Projects must complete prior delivery phase(s) as a prerequisite for allocation of funds in a Biennial Budget for the next phase.
- Funding status: Project must have non-2016 Measure B match funds identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program and secured for a Biennial Budget allocation.
- Partner agency/community support: Partner agencies must be identified for inclusion in the 10-year Program. Community, permitting agency and partner agency support must be demonstrated for a Biennial Budget allocation.

Distribution of Funds

- Funds will be allocated on a two-year cycle, in conjunction with the VTA Biennial Budget process.
- As candidate projects move forward and meet the Project Readiness criteria, the County Roads and Airports Expressways team will submit requests to the 2016 Measure B Program Office for inclusion in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program.
- The 2016 Measure B Program Office will program funding based on the Project Readiness criteria in the Biennial Budget and/or 10-year Program to complete project.
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Implementation

- Only projects and programs listed on Attachment C of 2016 Measure B are eligible.
- Program management of the validation, financing, phasing-strategy, and delivery of all projects and programs listed on Attachment C of 2016 Measure B are eligible costs.
- VTA and the County of Santa Clara will execute agreements for the administration and delivery of the 2016 Measure B County Expressways

Program projects.

- VTA staff will work with the County of Santa Clara to advance projects and maintain an implementation plan.
- County Expressway Policy Advisory Board (PAB) will recommend the prioritization of projects.
- The County of Santa Clara will develop project timelines based on the County Expressway PAB adopted criteria, which includes the following:
 - Project readiness
 - Complexity
 - Geographic balance and public impact
 - Timing of other funding sources
 - Additional factors
 - Safety
 - Public support
 - Gap closures

Requirements

- Program requires a minimum 10% non-2016 Measure B contribution.
- Reporting requirements regarding project progress will be detailed in agreements executed with VTA for project funding.
- All projects must comply with VTA's Complete Streets reporting requirements.
- All projects must comply with 2016 Measure B program oversight requirements.
- All collateral material must comply with 2016 Measure B branding requirements.