

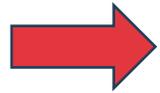


Regional Transit Measure



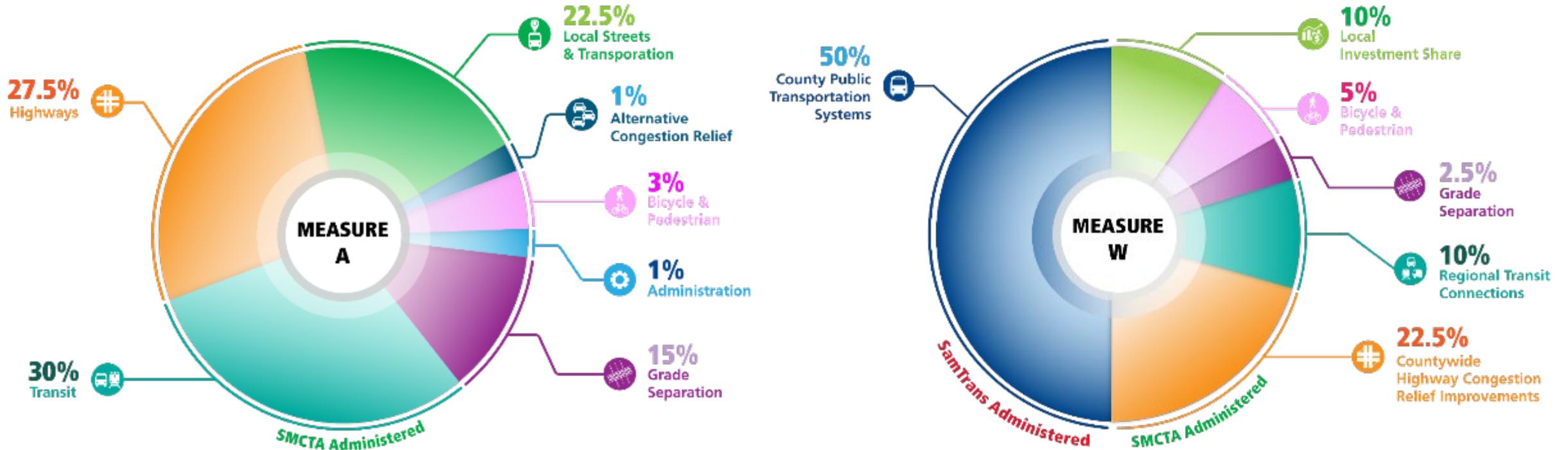
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SMC Transportation Ballot Measures



	Expiration Year	Est. Renewal Year	Est. Annual Revenue	Type	Administered by:
Measure A	2033	2028	\$120M	.5% sales tax	SMCTA
Measure M	2035	2032	\$7M	\$10 vehicle registration fee	C/CAG
Measure W	2048	2044	\$120M	.5% sales tax	SMCTA & SamTrans
Measure RR	2050	2048	\$30M	.125% sales tax	Caltrain

SMC Transportation Ballot Measures



Measure A generates approximately **\$120 million** annually. **Measure W** generates approximately **\$60 million** annually for the TA. Half of Measure W funds are administered directly by SamTrans and account for an additional **\$60 million** annually.

San Mateo County Priorities

A regional measure must:

- Provide an opt-in voluntary option for San Mateo County
- Be fair and viable (supported by polling)
- Fund projects and programs in an expenditure plan that demonstrates clear benefits to SMC Taxpayers
- Cover Caltrain's deficit and guarantee that each Caltrain member county contributes its proportional fair share
- Include significant flexible funding for county needs
- Provide funding directly to counties, not MTC
- Protect San Mateo County's existing Measure A half-cent transportation sales tax

San Mateo County Priorities - BART

Funding amounts for BART should be:

- Limited to a fair share percentage of COVID fare loss
- Have clear indicators of community support from polling and/or expenditure plan development engagement

BART must provide:

- Accountability, transparency, and responsible fiscal management
- Commitment to service, maintenance, safety, cleanliness and improvements at all San Mateo County stations at a level consistent with systemwide service
- Coordination of service with Caltrain and SamTrans schedules
- Materials for annual financial reports and audits by an accounting firm retained by SamTrans and paid for by BART or MTC

SB 1031

Time	Action
Winter 2024	MTC sponsors SB 1031 enabling legislation; introduced by State Senator Scott Wiener.
Winter 2024	State Senator Aisha Wahab introduces bill to consolidate all Bay Area transit agencies.
Spring 2024	Wahab's bill merged with SB 1031; consolidation mandate weakened to consolidation study.
Summer 2024	SamTrans Board opposes SB 1031, followed by Caltrain and VTA. SB 1031 fails to advance.

Reasons for Opposing SB 1031

Main concerns:

- Inclusion of consolidation study and assumption that consolidation is preferred to enhanced coordination.
- Unfair geographic distribution - only 70% of revenue generated in San Mateo County would be returned to the County.
- Potential to threaten renewal of San Mateo County Measure A ½-cent sales tax for transportation.
- Expands MTC's role, giving MTC too much power to withhold funding transit agencies rely on

MTC Select Committee

Time	Action
June 2024	MTC convenes first meeting of the Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee and Executive Group (comprised of transit agency General Managers); groups meet monthly.
August 2024	MTC introduces scenarios for a regional measure.
Sept/Oct 2024	MTC presents revised scenarios that are more complex and provide less funding for SMC to manage; Select Committee does not reach consensus on scenarios but approves policy considerations.
Nov/Dec 2024	MTC refines scenarios, full Commission approves final Select Committee report and polling on two ballot measure frameworks and various policy provisions.

MTC Select Committee

Scenario 1A – Core Transit Framework for 10 years

- 10-year, 1/2-cent sales tax for Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Opt-in option for Santa Clara County
- 90% for transit operations throughout measure, 10% to transit transformation

Revised Scenario 2/Hybrid

- 30-year, 9 county, combines 1/2 cent sales tax with 0.18% payroll tax or \$0.09 per square foot parcel tax
- Funds 90% of operator-reported shortfalls for Years 1-8 and declines over time, while county flex grows. 10% to transit transformation

New bill and next steps

- On January 9, Senator Wiener introduced enabling legislation for the regional ballot measure, SB 63.
 - Currently a spot bill
 - Will be revised in the coming months

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