



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How are roads and transportation projects funded in Madera County?

In addition to state and federal funding, transportation improvements in Madera County have been supported by a ½ cent sales tax measure known as Measure T, initially approved in 1990 and renewed in 2006 by voters.

Measure T provides over \$12 million per year in locally controlled funding for local transportation projects, including road repair and improvements, highway and interchange upgrades, public transit, bike and pedestrian safety, and other programs to relieve traffic and provide safe and affordable transportation options for all residents.

What is the benefit of having stable, local transportation funds?

Because of Measure T we have been able to leverage over \$226 million dollars in matching funds from the state and federal government. Without a local measure, we would not get our fair share of funding.

Measure T also provides local flexibility to address local priorities. According to financial projections, Measure T will provide approximately \$204 million in new revenues for transportation improvements for Madera County for the duration of the measure.

How are funds from Measure T allocated?

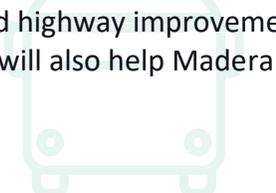
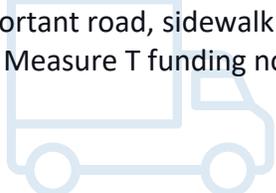
Measure T funding is allocated based on the population size of three local jurisdictions. The funds are allocated between Madera County, the City of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla.

When does Measure T expire?

Measure T was approved with a 20-year expiration date and will expire in 2026 unless renewed by voters. The Madera County Board of Supervisors has placed a measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot to renew this source of local transportation funding at the current rate.

Why do we need to renew this funding now when it expires in 2026?

Transportation projects like road repairs, highway improvements and traffic safety upgrades require significant planning and engineering before they can be implemented. If we wait until the last minute before Measure T funding is about to expire to seek a renewal, projects will have to be put on hold until we know the funding is in place to proceed. This will delay the completion of important road, sidewalk and highway improvements throughout Madera County. Renewing Measure T funding now will also help Madera County compete for available





state and federal matching funds that will otherwise go to communities like Los Angeles and San Francisco. Most public agencies seeking to renew an expiring funding stream do not wait until just before the expiration to renew the funding in order to allow for continuity in planning and delivery of funded improvements.

How long would a renewal measure last?

If approved by voters, the Measure T renewal will last until ended by voters. This will allow Madera County to rely on this funding on an ongoing basis to meet local transportation needs and to plan for the future.

If the funding were to be approved until ended by voters, how could the funding be repealed?

Any measure approved by voters could be repealed through the Citizens Initiative process by collecting signatures equal to 5% of all votes cast in county for candidates for governor in the last statewide election. The Authority Board could also repeal the tax.

The Plan will be revisited every 15 years to determine if funding priorities have changed and to provide for any necessary amendments to the Investment Plan.

If Measure T funding were repealed by a Citizens Initiative, what would happen to projects underway?

First, any revenue used to repay debt for local transportation projects could not be repealed until that debt is repaid. Second, during the time that it takes for the Citizens Initiative to play out, transportation projects in the County could be halted or slowed pending the outcome of the election and future funding.

Can spending priorities be changed following voter approval of the measure?

The Authority and MCTC will revisit or amend the Investment Plan at a minimum of every 15 years and every 15 years thereafter to potentially adjust the transportation programs and associated allocations of Measure T proceeds to ensure that the Plan addresses the future transportation needs of the County and its residents as determined through a comprehensive public engagement process.

Who decides how Measure T funds are spent?

Since 2006, the Measure T Transportation Sales Tax Program has been administered by the MCTA and the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC). The three local jurisdictions, Madera County, City of Madera and City of Chowchilla develop their lists of projects prior to presenting to MCTA for approval.



MCTA administers Measure T funding. MCTA is represented by six (6) members including:

- 3 members of the Board of Supervisors
- 2 members representing the City of Madera
- 1 member representing the City of Chowchilla

How can existing Measure T funds be used?

The allocation of Measure T funds is outlined in the Investment Plan. The Investment Plan was developed by a Steering Committee who developed the Measure T funding program. The Measure T Investment Plan details some of the following ways existing funds can be used.

Regional Transportation Projects

- Improve freeway interchanges
- Add additional lanes
- Increase safety as determined by the local jurisdictions
- Improve and reconstruct major commute corridors to enhance access between the cities and communities

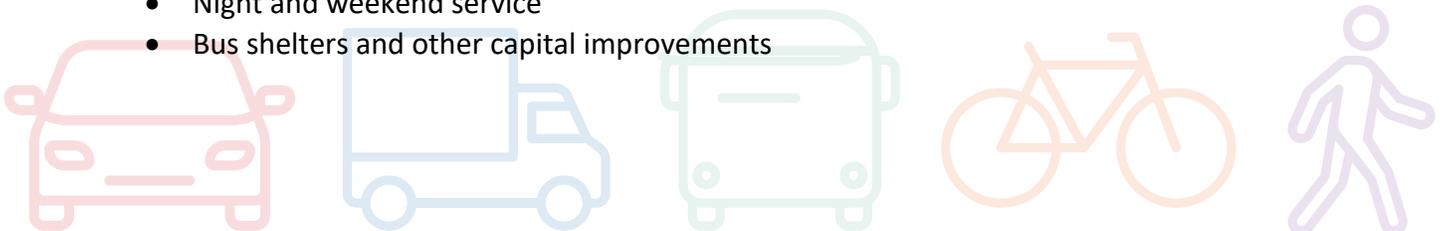
Local Transportation Projects

- Fill potholes
- Repave streets
- County Maintenance District Area improvements
- Add additional lanes to existing streets and roads
- Improve sidewalks
- Improve traffic control devices to enhance student and public safety
- Enhance public transit
- Construct bicycle and pedestrian projects and improvements
- Separate street traffic from rail traffic

Public Transportation Projects

Major new expansions of the express, local, and feeder bus services including additional:

- Routes
- Buses (including low emission)
- Night and weekend service
- Bus shelters and other capital improvements





Clean Air and New Technology Program

To improve air quality and the environment through four important programs:

- Alternative fueling facilities
- Clean air vehicles
- New Technology projects
- Car and Vanpool Programs support and coordination

Administration and Planning Program

Measure T funding is provided to the MCTA to:

- Prepare Investment Plan updates
- Develop allocation program requirements
- Conduct audits and facilitate the Citizen's Oversight Committee
- Administer and conduct specified activities identified in the other four (4) programs described above

What specific projects have been completed with Measure T funds?

Completed regional projects include:

Ellis Street Overcrossing

- Improved traffic flow and increased safety
- Relieved congestion at the Hwy 99 and Cleveland Avenue interchange
- Connected North Madera and West Madera
- Assisted in accommodating the growing needs for better and safer streets
- Having Measure T allowed this project to be delivered a decade earlier

4th Street Widening

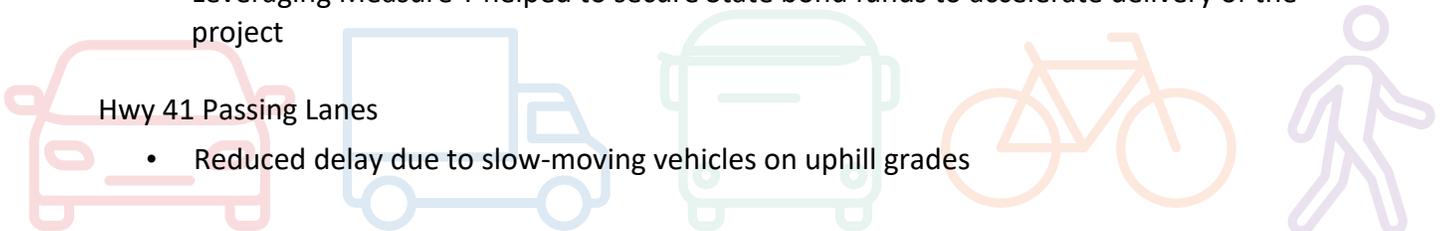
- Improved traffic flow for Hwy 99 on and off ramps and at city street intersections
- Increased capacity and traffic flow on the 4th Street and Hwy 99 overcrossing
- Having Measure T allowed this project to be delivered a decade earlier

Hwy 99 Widening and Avenue 12-17 Improvements

- Improved traffic flow and increased safety
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Leveraging Measure T helped to secure State bond funds to accelerate delivery of the project

Hwy 41 Passing Lanes

- Reduced delay due to slow-moving vehicles on uphill grades





- Improved overall traffic flow
- Having Measure T allowed this project to be delivered a decade earlier
- Leveraged \$1.3 million in funding
- Improved traffic flow and increased safety

River Parkway Road (Mid Town Connector) in Oakhurst

Recently completed local projects include:

North Fork Roundabout (Madera County)

Fuller Neighborhood Project (City of Chowchilla)

- Leveraged Federal funding
- Increased pedestrian safety

Wilson School Area Pedestrian Improvements and Orange/6th Street Rehabilitation (City of Chowchilla)

- Leveraged State Local Partnership Program funding

Alley Paving at Various Locations (City of Madera)

- Leveraged Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding

City Street 3R and ADA Project (City of Madera)

- Leveraged State Senate Bill 1 and Local Partnership Program funding

To learn more about projects, including projects in progress, please visit:

<https://www.maderactc.org/measuret>

How do we know if Measure T funds have been spent as promised?

Measure T requires a clear system of accountability, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual independent audits to ensure that the money from the measure has been spent appropriately and in accordance with the voter-approved expenditure plan. An independent committee reported that all Measure T funds have been spent as voters intended, and the MCTA has been open and transparent about all expenditures. To view those reports, please visit <https://www.maderactc.org/measuret/page/measure-t-oversight-committee-coc>

How much of the Measure T revenues generated go to administrative costs?

The Administration and Planning Program will receive 1.5% of Measure T Renewal revenues. Of this amount, salaries and benefits shall not exceed 1%.



What is the financial impact to you?

Measure T is a current 1/2 cent or one half of one percent (.5%) retail transaction and use tax. It is a portion of the local, Madera County, and State sales taxes collected by merchants on all qualifying (groceries are exempt) sales made within the County. These taxes are paid by County residents and visitors alike. It is estimated that County residents annually contribute between \$30 and \$60 toward Measure T which funds transportation improvements throughout the County.

As an example, a qualifying purchase of \$10 would collect 5 cents toward the current Measure T improvement projects and programs. The Measure T Renewal will not impose new taxes, but would extend the existing retail transaction and use tax that has been funding transportation improvements since 1990.

How can I learn more?

To learn more and to view the full Investment Plan, please visit www.KeepMaderaMoving.org.

