A Year in Review

Measure K is about what has been done, what is being done, and what will be done. The Annual Report celebrates our past success, but Measure K is making the region better now and in the future.

Celebrating Success

We have had a year or more to enjoy the Measure K improvements on I-5, Highway 99 south Stockton and Manteca, Arch Road, Highway 4, etc. Wider freeway lanes, smoother rides, and better access are all benefits that we have recognized and celebrated. They are improvements that are added to a long list of transportation enhancements that continue to make a difference in the region. Improvements such as the grade separations on Eight Mile Road and Lower Sacramento Road, the North Stockton Highway 99 improvements, the widening of I-205, the Bus Rapid Transit Route on Hammer Lane, to name a few.

Celebrating What’s Underway

Then there are those Measure K and regional projects just nearing completion or well underway. The widening of Lower Sacramento Road, the grade separation on Harney Lane in Lodi, the purchase of land for a Ripon ACE station, the grade separation on Eleventh Street in Tracy, the widening of Thornton Road in Stockton, and the completion of the final stage of Hammer Lane are but a few of the efforts.

Celebrating What’s Ahead

Measure K is about doing projects in the future. As I am writing, there is a call for bicycle projects throughout the region to get started. Design is underway for interchanges at McKinley/120 and Union/120 in Manteca. The design for an improved freeway-to-freeway connection at 120/99 is in development. The electrification of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District’s fleet of Stockton area vehicles is on schedule for 2025. ACE Rail extension to Merced and Sacramento is in the works.

Measure K keeps delivering for the San Joaquin County region!
WHAT A HALF CENT BUYS

Measure K is able to deliver the priority transportation projects residents depend on every day. The half cent sales tax is used for transportation projects that alleviate traffic congestion, sustain economic growth, and ensure future mobility in San Joaquin County.

Improved Roadways
A total of six street and road projects were completed or under construction.

Traveling Stress Free
There were 1.3 million train boardings on the 4 week-day Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) trains connecting the SJ region with Bay Area destinations.

Connecting Communities
California’s first full electric BRT route was initiated by RTD for the MLK corridor in South Stockton.

Preserving Resources
Smart travel options such as carpooling, vanpooling, walking, and transit saved 45 tons of CO₂.

Helping Freeway Drivers
The Freeway Service patrol (FSP) assisted over 5,911 residents caught on the freeway with car issues.

Fixing Streets
About $8 million dollars was allocated to the cities and County for street and other transportation improvement projects.

Saving Time
1 overpass is under construction so trains and cars can travel the same time without delay.

Transforming Neighborhoods
Safety improvements were constructed on Harrison Elementary to enhance overall condition for children and parents in the neighborhood.
One of the many successes of Measure K is how well it works on a local level to improve the drive for San Joaquin residents. Measure K provides cities and the county funds for street repair, rehabilitation, and other road improvements. This financial pipeline continues to deliver critical funding for enhancements such as grade-separation projects, street widening, repair and rehabilitation.

The City of Lodi’s Public Works Department continued work on the grade separation on Harney Lane. This overpass, located between Hutchins and Stockton Streets, will separate car traffic from the Union Pacific rail corridor. The south lanes of the bridge, intersection improvements at Hutchins Street and Stockton Street, and sound walls are complete and the north lanes of the bridge are 80% complete.
The San Joaquin County Public Works Department completed one project in Stockton and began another in Escalon. The McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvements project includes 1.1 miles of widening, 2 bridge replacements, traffic signal installation at McHenry Avenue and River Road, and the addition of a two-way center turn lane.

The City of Stockton Public Works Department began safety improvements on Alpine Avenue near Harrison Elementary School. The improvements include sidewalks, curbs, gutters on the north side; a center median east of El Pinal Drive; and two radar feedback signs along with a high visibility crosswalk in front of the school.

Continuing in Stockton is the widening of Hammer Lane between Thornton Road and Alexandria Place. This project is adding lanes, constructing a raised median, installing landscaping, and renovation of traffic signals, street lights, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

Also continuing are improvements to Thornton Road between Pershing Avenue and Bear Creek. Both drivers and bicyclists will benefit from two additional driving lanes, new bicycle lanes, and improvements to traffic signals, street lights, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Limited sound walls will also be constructed.

The completed Lower Sacramento Road Improvement project upgraded the roadway design, capacity and operations to achieve the primary goal of enhancing vehicular safety. The added lanes and signal improvements are necessary to reduce traffic congestion due to the increasing number of vehicles using Lower Sacramento Road.
Measure K and TRANSIT improvements

Measure K has been instrumental in providing San Joaquin residents with travel alternatives by subsidizing rail and public transit networks through the Passenger Rail and Bus Service program.

The Regional Transit District (RTD), the regional transit service provider for San Joaquin County, continues to provide public transit services in the Stockton Metropolitan Area, as well as intercity, interregional, and rural transit services county-wide. In 2017, they led the charge for a cleaner Stockton with the first all-electric, zero-emissions Bus Rapid Transit route in the nation, right in South Stockton. Additionally, two programs were deployed that enhanced mobility for public transit users: the FREEdom Program Pilot provides ADA certified passengers with free passes on RTD’s fixed-route service and a vanpool program, operated by CalVans. Overall, RTD recorded 3.59 million passenger trips county-wide.

The City of Escalon eTrans bus service connects Escalon residents to medical, shopping, and educational destinations in the City of Modesto. A total of 721 passengers used the eTrans Route 1 service in fiscal year 2016-17. A short-range transit plan is underway to study improvements to the existing service.

The City of Ripon’s Blossom Express connects riders throughout Ripon and Modesto and provides local connections to regional transit service providers San Joaquin RTD and Modesto Area Express (MAX). A total of 1,144 passengers used this service in FY 2016/17.
The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) owns and operates Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail, which brings commuters from the Northern San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area and currently operates four daily weekday round-trips between Stockton to San Jose. ACE provides a reduced-stress alternative to the heavily congested I-580/I-680 corridor for over 1.3 million riders a year—since 2011, ridership has doubled and is continuing to grow.
Measure K and our FREEWAYS

For the past 27 years, Measure K has been the driving force behind freeway improvements across the county. 2016 saw the completion of three major freeway projects: Interstate 5 in North Stockton, Highway 99 in South Stockton, and the Crosstown Freeway Extension.

Planning Ahead: It takes years of planning before any construction begins. Before freeway construction begins, environmental reports must be approved, project must be designed, and right-of-way procured. While these last projects were being completed, SJCOG was moving forward on design work and environmental studies for several new projects including: I-205 HOV 8-Lane Widening, I-5 Mossdale HOV Widening, State Route 120 6-Lane Widening, and the State Route 99/120 Connector Project.
Measure K and SMART travel

Measure K continues to meet the transportation needs of the county through SJCOG’s Transportation Demand Management program and roadside assistance program.

dibs is the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program for San Joaquin county. The dibs team work directly with commuters, employers, member agencies, and community organizations to promote smart travel options such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit, and biking and walking. Program elements include a comprehensive trip planning tool, community outreach and presentations, vanpool subsidies, Emergency Ride Home (ERH), San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Rule 9410 implementation assistance, and coordination of employer and community events.

"Fast! Knowledgeable! Friendly! Honest! An angel in a blue uniform!"

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) is a free, emergency roadside assistance service provided to motorists on the I-205 corridor in Tracy and within the construction zones on Interstate 5 and Highway 99 in Stockton.

Total assists this year on all three corridors: 5,911

Interstate 205 • 4,753
Interstate 5 • 598
Highway 99 • 560

Did you know?

71% of FSP assistance this year was for accidents that occurred on the right shoulder. They committed 4,888 hours helping residents with automotive issues.

Bike Month is an annual event held every May, bringing awareness to those in the workforce about a healthier and environmentally friendly way to get to work. In May of 2017, there were over 8,868 miles biked and an average of 1,709 trips logged, which led to a whopping total of 470,352 calories burned and 3,263,275 tons CO₂ savings.
San Joaquin County Transportation Authority

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Measure X - Renewal Expendable Trust Fund
For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2017

Revenues
Sales Tax $54,505,508
Earnings on Investments $1,385,220
State and Local Matching Funds -
Total Revenues $55,890,728

Expenditures
Local Street Repair
City of Escalon $258,000
City of Lodi $832,668
City of Manteca $972,561
City of Ripon $258,000
City of Stockton $4,156,666
City of Tracy $1,174,960
City of Lathrop $291,237
County of San Joaquin $7,944,082

Local Street Safety
City of Escalon $42,000
City of Lodi $135,549
City of Manteca $168,924
City of Ripon $42,000
City of Stockton $676,667
City of Tracy $191,272
City of Lathrop $47,411
County of San Joaquin $1,293,223

MX Administration $270,430
Railroad Safety Crossing -
Smart Growth -
Passenger Rail & Bus $12,020,385
Congestion Relief $16,127,423
Investment Expense $136,941
Debt Service
Principal $2,100,000
Interest $16,445,214
Total Expenditures $67,575,001

Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures $(11,684,273)
Net Change in Fund Balances $(11,684,273)

Other Financing-
Fund Balance, Beginning $185,505,792
Fund Balance, End of Period $174,222,519

Internally Generated - Unaudited
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About Measure K

Measure K is the voter approved half-cent sales tax for transportation projects in the San Joaquin region. In place since 1990, it has financed numerous highway expansions, pedestrian-friendly projects, bike paths, and local road improvements throughout San Joaquin County and has generated millions in new revenues for rail and public transit networks. It has also invested in preserving and maintaining local streets and roads. This annual report highlights work completed in 2016 and reports on the status of ongoing major projects funded all or in-part by Measure K.

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