

HOW IS YOUR 1.5 PERCENT SALES TAX SPENT



ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT IN BRIEF

Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 2021-June 2022)



WHAT IS THE LOCAL REVENUE MEASURE?

The Local Revenue Measure - also known as Measure G-20 is a one-and-a-half percent (1.5%) local sales tax approved by City voters in November 2020. It supports and maintains essential services and facilities, such as open space preservation, bike lanes and sidewalks, public safety, neighborhood street paving and code enforcement, flood protection, senior programs, and other services and capital improvement projects vital to a thriving community.

The adopted community spending priorities help guide the Citizens' Revenue Enhancement Oversight Commission (REOC) when making recommendations to the City Council about Local Revenue Measure uses. The Council uses the REOC's input, and additional public feedback, to prioritize use of the Local Revenue Measure funding as part of the City's two-year financial plan process.

This report in brief highlights the revenue and uses of the Local Revenue Measure from July 2021 and ending June 2022.

The REOC will continue its oversight role on the use of the Local Revenue Measure to support accountability, transparency, and public engagement efforts. The Local Revenue Measure continues to be a vital resource to deliver the community's highest priorities and support San Luis Obispo's economic stability. Community members can learn more about the Local Revenue Measure by visiting www.slocity.org/localrevenue.



2021-22 Local Revenue Measure funds were used on the following Council-adopted priorities:

36%	STREET MAINTENANCE AND TRANSPORTATION* - \$7.56 M	7%	CREEK AND FLOOD PROTECTION - \$1.49 M
14%	COMMUNITY SAFETY - \$2.88 M	6%	OTHER VITAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - \$1.26 M
10%	YOUTH/SENIOR SERVICES AND RECREATION FACILITIES - \$2.16 M	5%	SAFE AND CLEAN PUBLIC AREAS - \$974,000
10%	OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION - \$2.03 M	4%	ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS - \$811,000
7%	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - \$1.42 M	2%	PROTECTING FINANCIAL STABILITY - \$329,000

SPENDING HIGHLIGHTS



*Projects listed in the "Street Maintenance and Transportation" category also include significant bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Mobile Crisis Unit

The Local Revenue Measure funds the City's new Mobile Crisis Unit. The unit provides support services to anyone in the City and is designed to help prevent and reduce chronic homelessness. The program provides support to individuals suffering from non-emergency mental health challenges, drug and alcohol addiction, and chronic homelessness. The Mobile Crisis Unit pairs a mental health case worker with a fire department emergency medical technician.



Creek and Flood Protection

The Local Revenue Measure helps fund fire fuel reduction and flood control efforts. Rangers and flood control staff are instrumental in making sure that creeks are clear of debris. Responding to the damage from the January 2023 storms and preparing for future storm events will be a top priority for the City over the next several years.



Youth Services & Recreation Facilities

The Local Revenue Measure is vital in providing funding for the City's youth and senior services and recreation facilities. In collaborate with SLCUSD, the City provides school age childcare programs on City school campuses and subsidized care for qualifying families. The Local Revenue Measure funds some Youth Services staff as well as a Parks Maintenance Specialist. A major parks project completed in 2021-22 was the irrigation and drainage replacement, hardscape replacement, and new hydration station at Sinsheimer park.

REVENUES

Local sales tax revenue totaled \$28.8 million in 2021–22, accounting for approximately 27 percent of general fund revenue. The Local Revenue Measure has generated more than \$130 million since its original adoption in November 2006.

\$28.8M

For every \$1 of revenue generated by the Local Revenue Measure, approximately 70¢ is paid by visitors and 30¢ is paid by City residents.

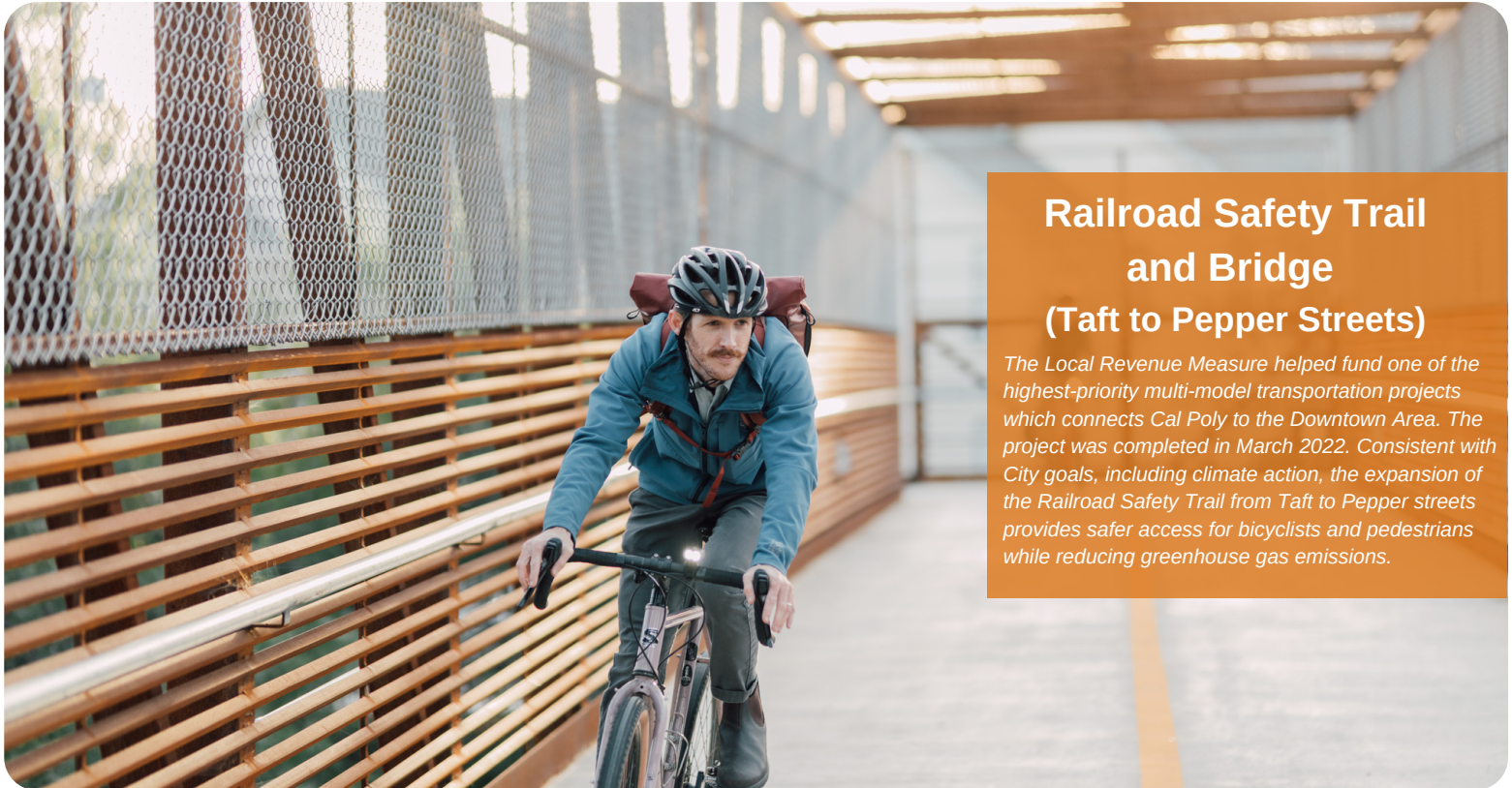
USES

Operating Uses (\$6.9M // 23%) – To fund positions that provide community services

Examples of operating expenditures include funding for positions such as police officers, open space rangers, homelessness response positions, and flood control staff.

Capital Uses (\$23.6M // 77%) – To fund construction and investment in infrastructure & equipment

Examples of capital expenditures include construction of major projects like the Orcutt Tank Farm Roundabout as well as the maintenance of City infrastructure.



Railroad Safety Trail and Bridge (Taft to Pepper Streets)

The Local Revenue Measure helped fund one of the highest-priority multi-modal transportation projects which connects Cal Poly to the Downtown Area. The project was completed in March 2022. Consistent with City goals, including climate action, the expansion of the Railroad Safety Trail from Taft to Pepper streets provides safer access for bicyclists and pedestrians while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Orcutt Tank Farm Roundabout

The Tank Farm Road and Orcutt Road Roundabout is a critical transportation infrastructure project identified in both the General Plan and Orcutt Area Specific Plan to improve traffic operations and safety at this high-volume intersection with the ongoing construction of new housing within the Orcutt Area. The roundabout addresses ongoing congestion and vehicle queuing during peak commute periods, as well as provides dedicated crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians, improving multimodal connectivity between Islay Park and neighborhoods to the north.

“The Greys in Between”, the permanent 3-legged sculpture at the center of the newly completed roundabout, was created by artist Anila Quayyum Agha. In exploring the intersections of race, class, culture, and religion, the piece celebrates minority and immigrant peoples’ contributions to our society and signifies San Luis Obispo as a community committed to being a welcoming place for all.



Photo credit: Steven Heraldo