

MONTHLY UPDATE – June 2006

Measure B Transportation Improvement Program

This is the last monthly update by the Measure B Transportation Improvement Program staff to the HLUET Committee. The 1996 Measure B sales tax expired on March 30, 2006. While there are a few Measure B projects remaining to be completed, the vast majority of the \$1.3 billion sales tax dollars collected has been expended on eligible transportation improvement projects and programs. With the completion of the 85/101 N Interchange improvements on May 24, we have delivered the critical transportation projects that voters in the County asked for in November 1996.

The Measure B Program has been successfully implemented through a unique collaboration of the County of Santa Clara and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). The County entered into a formal agreement with VTA in 1999 whereby the County established the program, prioritized transportation projects, and acted as the bank-funding source and project monitor, dispersing sales tax revenues for project construction. VTA assumed the role of the primary implementing agency delivering the rail and highway projects with the assistance of private sector design, consultant, engineering and construction firms. VTA also secured outside funding to augment the program in a declining economy, thereby completing more projects than local funds alone would allow. VTA frequently delivered projects ahead of baseline schedules and budgets.

The County Roads and Airports Department also played a key role in delivering the Measure B Program. The Department made significant improvements to our County expressway system: repaving roads, improving intersections, widening expressways and synchronization of signals.

Highlights for June 2006

- ✓ The opening ceremony for the 85/101 N Interchange improvements in Mountain View, the largest Measure B highway project, was held on Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. The 85/101N Interchange project was the last remaining critical project of the Measure B Program.
- ✓ On June 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. there will a joint meeting with the County Board of Supervisors and the VTA Board of Directors to review the FY 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Plan.
- ✓ This is the final Monthly Update of the Program to the HLUET Committee. The Program plans to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors in December 2006.



Opening ceremony for the 85/101 N Interchange Improvements in Mountain View, on May 24, 2006

A. Program-wide

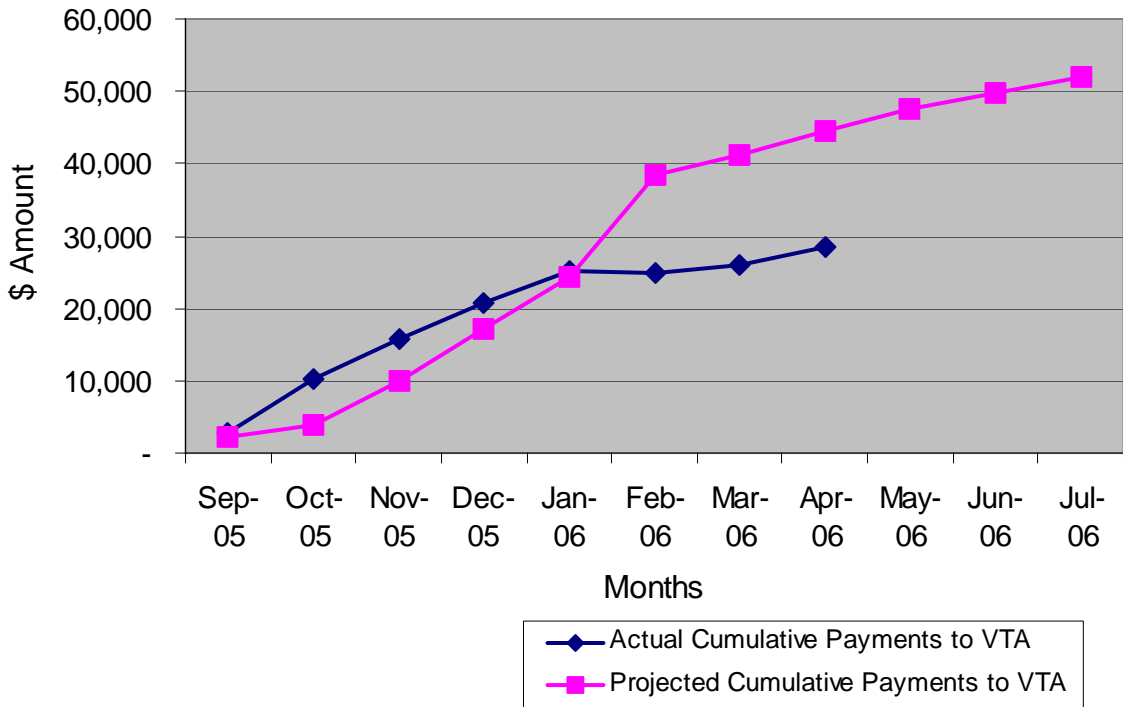
1. Sales Tax Update

- ✓ On June 15th Measure B staff will learn the final settlement of regular sales tax revenues for the Program. There will be residual sales tax revenues from audits and receipt of delinquent payments by the Board of Equalization. It is anticipated that the greatest portion of these revenues will be received in FY 2007.
- ✓ As of May 2006, Measure B sales tax revenues are approximately \$7.6 million ahead of projections in the December 2005 Semi Annual Report, as illustrated on the chart below.

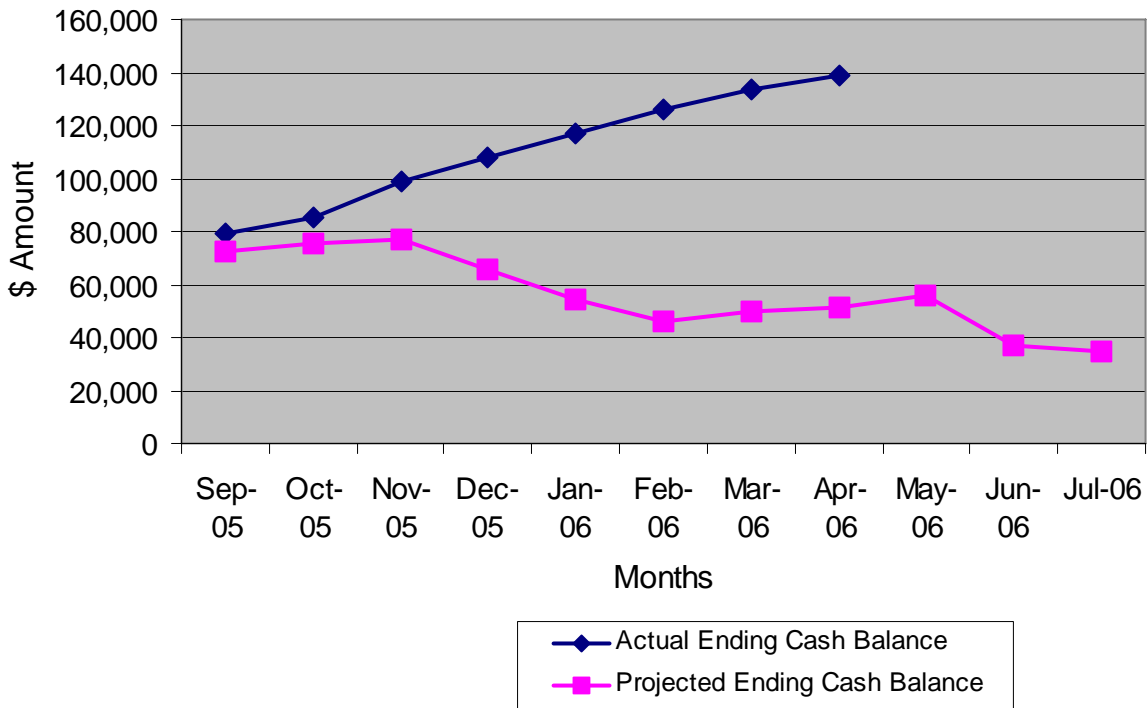
Measure B Sales Tax Revenues
(In thousands of dollars)
As of May 2006

Month	Projected	Actual	Variance
Dec 2005	\$ 13,108	\$ 18,240	\$ 5,132
Jan 2006	\$ 10,280	\$10,795	\$ 515
Feb 2006	\$ 13,706	\$14,394	\$ 688
Mar 2006	\$ 13,990	\$15,072	\$1,082
Apr 2006	\$ 9,243	\$ 9,363	\$ 120
May 2006	\$ 12,324	\$12,430	\$ 106
Jun 2006	\$ 2,200		
		Cumulative Variance	\$ 7,643

1996 Measure B Payments to VTA
 Projected vs Actual
 Cumulative, 09/2005 to 07/2006



1996 Measure B Ending Cash Balance
 Projected vs Actual
 09/2005 to 07/2006



2. Citizens Watchdog Committee

- ✓ In order to complete the business of the CWC and the FY 2006 financial audit, all current CWC members have been offered the opportunity to serve an extended term, through June 2007. For those members that are not electing to extend their term, the June 13, 2006 CWC meeting will be their last meeting.

3. Audits

- ✓ The CWC audit subcommittee met in May 2006 to agree upon a recommended scope for the FY 2006 Financial Audit and the FY 2006 Measure B Compliance Audit of VTA. As well, the subcommittee plans to review having the CWC continue with Macias, Gini and Company for auditing services.
- ✓ The Management Audit that is being conducting by Harvey Rose is proceeding and currently Measure B staff is expecting to receive a draft report in June 2006.

B. Rail Program

4. Vasona Light Rail

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 97.7% complete. An opening ceremony was held on October 1, 2005 with revenue service beginning afterwards.
- ✓ All major construction has been completed on all contracts.
- ✓ Wind loads generated by trains passing by at fast speeds are impacting an older existing building within very close proximity to the track. VTA has slowed its trains when passing the building. The VTA is proceeding with a separate construction contract to construct a barrier wall outside the building

5. Capitol Light Rail

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 99.6% complete. Revenue service began on June 24, 2004.
- ✓ The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is in the process of finalizing the project

6. Tasman East Light Rail

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 99.7% complete. Revenue service began on June 24, 2004.
- ✓ The VTA is in the process of finalizing the project.

7. Caltrain

- ✓ The overall Palo Alto Transit center was opened to VTA buses on October 10, 2005. An official grand opening ceremony was held on December 13, 2005 for both the transit center and the station building. All work has been completed and the VTA is in the process of finalizing the project.
- ✓ Design work on the San Martin Parking Improvement and the Palo Alto and California Avenue Underpass projects is proceeding to further refine the estimated cost for the projects with the ultimate goal of getting all projects shelf-ready. VTA, Caltrain, and Measure B staff continues to develop a feasible funding plan for these remaining deferred projects.

B. Highway Program

8. Route 85/101 (S) Interchange

- ✓ The overall landscaping construction project is approximately 95% complete. Construction started in March 2005 and is expected to be completed in May 2006, followed by a three-year plant establishment period.
- ✓ Tree planting is complete. Irrigation installation and completion of plantings is anticipated in May 2006.
- ✓ The prime contractor proposed a substitution of the contractor's planting subcontractor due to the subcontractor having an expired contractor's license. The subcontractor protested the substitution requiring an administrative hearing by VTA, who ultimately approved the substitution. This process and heavy spring rains and the substitution protest have delayed planting completion from April to May 2006.

9. Route 85/101 (N) Interchange

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 99% complete. The project was opened to traffic in May 2006, with the ribbon cutting ceremony being held on May 24, 2006.
- ✓ Punch list items are currently being completed.

10. Route 87 (S) HOV Lanes

- ✓ Caltrans opened bids in late October 2004 and awarded the construction contract to RGW in December 2004. Caltrans is administering this project. Construction activities started in early April 2005, with contract completion expected in November 2006.

11. Route 87 (N) HOV Lanes

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 70% complete. This project is expected to be completed in April 2007.
- ✓ Bridge widening construction for the southbound and northbound Route 87 bridges over Auzerais Avenue is continuing.
- ✓ VTA requested permission from regulatory agencies to commence construction activities within the river limits prior to the previously permitted work windows of mid-June. All agencies granted an early entry of May 15, to allow falsework construction for the Guadalupe River bridge widening to commence.
- ✓ Pile foundation construction for the northbound Route 87 bridge widening over Guadalupe River is continuing.
- ✓ Concrete has been placed for the bridge widening at Julian Street and falsework has been removed.
- ✓ Falsework placement for the bridge widening work over North Almaden is complete.

12. Route 152 Safety and Operational Improvements

- ✓ Project B – Phase II: The construction contract was awarded in March 2006 to FCI Construction, Inc for \$1,783,735.50, which was 2.3% under the Engineer's Estimate.
- ✓ Construction of the roadway and bridge widening at the Old Llagas Creek Bridge commenced in early May 2006.
- ✓ PG&E has completed the relocation of the gas pipeline at Old Llagas Creek.

13. Route 17 E

- ✓ The overall project is approximately 25% complete. Construction work started in early September 2005 and is expected to be completed in October 2006.
- ✓ Traffic lanes have been shifted to the right to allow placement of the temporary barriers in the median.
- ✓ Existing concrete median barrier removal has been completed, thereby allowing reconstruction of the pavement in the median, which has been completed on the southerly portion of the project.
- ✓ Structural section placement in the median on the northerly portion of the project was significantly impacted by rains during November through April, including completing the paving for the inside lanes. The traffic shift to the inside lanes were completed in late May 2006 to allow outside widening work to commence.

14. Consolidated Biological Mitigation Site

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15. Level of Service Intersection Improvements

- ✓ The construction contract for the Central Expressway Level of Service intersection improvements from Bowers to De La Cruz was awarded in January 2005. Measure B funded signal synchronization of Central Expressway was incorporated into this construction contract, including a fiber optic trunk line from San Tomas to De La Cruz and closed-circuit TV cameras and interconnects at the intersections. Construction is nearing completion however; the construction contract cannot be completed until late spring when the weather is warm enough for final paving activities.
- ✓ Preliminary engineering for the Almaden Expressway project between Branham Lane and Blossom Hill Road has begun. This project is using Measure B funds as local match for Federal funds. Due to extended requirements for federally funded projects, the construction contract advertisement is not planned until the fourth quarter of calendar year 2007.
- ✓ Preliminary engineering for the San Tomas and Hamilton project has begun. This project is using Measure B funds as local match for Federal Earmark funds. Due to extended requirements for federally funded projects, the construction contract advertisement is not planned until the second quarter of calendar year 2008.

16. Signal Synchronization

- ✓ The construction contract for the San Tomas-Montague Expressway segment was awarded on January 10, 2006, and is under construction. Project completion is currently scheduled for October 2006.
- ✓ Bids were opened for construction of Montague Expressway segment between Capitol Ave and I-680 on March 30. The Board of Supervisors approved award of the contract on April 25th. Project completion is currently scheduled for September 2006.