



Draft 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for San Mateo County

C/CAG CMEQ Committee
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What is the STIP?

- The STIP is a 5-year capital improvement program of state transportation funds.
- STIP programs certain portions of the gas tax for transportation projects.
- Emphasize partnerships between Caltrans and regional agencies in making investment decisions addressing the most critical corridor needs.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is preparing the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to be submitted for the STIP.
- The STIP is ultimately approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).



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What Are The Existing STIP Programming Policies?

Some of the existing policies impacting the 2026 STIP include:

- Projects must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Plan Bay Area 2050
- Projects must be consistent with the County Congestion Management Plan (CMP)
- Projects must have a Caltrans approved Project Study Report (PSR) or equivalent to be programmed
- Requested projects phases must be fully funded
- Projects must follow both the federal and state process for allocation and obligation



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Past Projects That Have Received STIP Funding



2026 STIP

- The 2026 STIP covers 5 fiscal years (FY): FY 2026-27 through FY 2030-31.
- New funding is generally available in the outer 2 fiscal years e.g. FY 2029-30 and FY 2030-31.
- The CTC has the discretion to reprogram projects in different fiscal years based on available capacity of the STIP.



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STIP Strategy for SM County

- Develop a list of projects that supports the continued policy within the County Transportation Plan of directing the STIP towards major highway improvement projects of regional significance to best leverage other state and federal funds.
- Consider previously approved STIP programming and commitments.



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2026 STIP Proposal for San Mateo County

Working estimate is approximately \$46.2M for the 2026 STIP to be programmed in the outer years (FY 2029/30 and FY 2030/31).

New proposed programming recommendation the following projects:

- US-101 Managed Lanes Projects – North of I-380 (C/CAG/SMCTA)
- El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project (Town of Colma)
- US-101/Holly Street Interchange Improvements and Overcrossing (City of San Carlos)
- Moss Beach State Route 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project (San Mateo County)



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2026 STIP - San Mateo County

Lead Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Prior Info Only	Project Totals by Fiscal Year (\$1,000's)					Project Totals by Component (\$1,000's)					
					26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	R/W	CON	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
SM C/CAG	101	658M	US 101 Managed Lane Project North of I-380			7,147			9,687		9,687		5,447	1,700	
Pacifica	101	2091K	Highway 1/Manor Drive Overcrossing Improvement Project				5,000				5,000				
Colma	82		ElCamino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project				10,000				10,000				
San Carlos	101		US-101/Holly Street Interchange Improvements and Overcrossing Project					12,500			12,500				
San Mateo County	1		Moss Beach State Route 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project						8,500		8,500				

2026 STIP:

- Available capacity for 2024 STIP: \$46,134
- The CTC has the discretion to reprogram projects in different fiscal years based on available capacity of the STIP.

2026 STIP Schedule

- August 2025 – Presentation to the C/CAG Congestion Management Program Technical Advisory Committee (CMP TAC) & Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee.
- September 2025 – Draft 2026 STIP to be presented to the C/CAG Board.
- October 2025 – Final 2026 STIP to be presented to the C/CAG Board for approval.
- December 2025 - MTC RTIP Approval
- March 2026 - CTC STIP Approval



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Questions?

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