

MEASURE M2



AREA OF BENEFIT

All 34 Orange County cities and the County of Orange

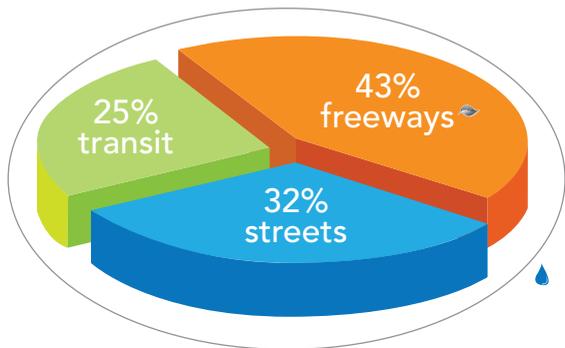
AT A GLANCE

- FUNDING:** ½-cent sales tax expected to raise more than \$15 billion through 2041
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Fact sheet as of 4/18/13

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

- Freeways 43%
- Streets & Roads 32%
- Transit 25%



- A total of 5% of M2 Freeway Program funds is allocated to the Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program
- A total of 2% of the overall M2 Program funds is allocated to the Environmental Cleanup Program



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VOTING FOR IMPROVEMENTS

On November 7, 2006, nearly 70 percent of Orange County voted yes to extend the Measure M one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Measure M2 (M2), administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), will provide more than \$15 billion* to improve transportation in Orange County over a 30-year period beginning in spring 2011.

M2 is designed to reduce traffic congestion and enhance overall mobility. Improvements in the plan include improving key freeways, upgrading major interchanges, and adding capacity and maintaining streets and roads. Other benefits will be synchronizing traffic signals countywide, continuing to grow our rail transit system, and protecting our environment from the street runoff that pollutes Orange County waterways and beaches. M2 also includes funding to purchase and protect open space for comprehensive freeway mitigation. As with the Measure M1 program, taxpayer safeguards will ensure the M2 program is delivered as promised.

FREEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Orange County freeways will receive 43 percent of net revenues. Relieving congestion on State Route 91 is the centerpiece of the freeway program. Other major projects include improving Interstate 5 (I-5) in south Orange County and Interstate 405 (I-405) in west Orange County and State Route 57 in North Orange County. Under the plan, major traffic chokepoints on almost every freeway will be improved.

STREET & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Orange County has more than 7,300 lane miles of streets and roads, many in need of repair and rehabilitation. M2 will allocate 32 percent of net revenues to streets and roads. These funds will help fix potholes, improve intersections, synchronize traffic signals countywide, and make the existing network of streets and roads safer and more efficient.

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Orange County's rail and bus service will receive 25 percent of M2 net revenues. These funds will be used to add transit extensions to the Metrolink corridor, reduce bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and establish local bus circulators.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

In order to address any environmental impact of freeway improvements, five percent of the allocated freeway funds will be used for environmental mitigation programs. A Master Agreement between OCTA and state and federal resource agencies will provide higher-value environmental benefits such as habitat protection, wildlife corridors and resource preservation in exchange for streamlined project approvals for the freeway program as a whole. Funds are also available under the Environmental Cleanup Program to implement water quality improvement projects.

*Per June 2012 forecast