



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: May 12, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director
Contact: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Annual Plan; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Annual Plan;
- b) Approve Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Annual Plan projects and Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction; and
- c) Find the Road Maintenance Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR section 15301(c) as the proposed project(s) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP). Every year, the Public Works Department prepares the RdMAP outlining the recommended maintenance work for the upcoming fiscal year, including both annual, routine maintenance and repair work plans, and capital maintenance projects.

Public Works Transportation Division maintains and repairs approximately 1,660 lane miles of roadways and adjacent bike paths, as well as major bridge and culvert structures, curb, gutter, sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signals, over 17,000 signs, and over 9,500 street trees.

The RdMAP process allows the Department to prioritize needed annual improvements and match this need with limited available funding for road maintenance.

Discussion:

On June 28, 1994, your Board approved the first Public Works RdMAP for FY 1994-1995, as well as the road maintenance planning process for future RdMAPs. The Transportation Division used this process to develop the final draft of the FY 2026-2027 RdMAP for the County's Transportation Infrastructure System.

Planning and implementing the RdMAP is a year-round process. In the fall, when the adopted RdMAP work is underway, planning for the next year begins. Maintenance crews and Superintendents gather information about needs and priorities based on what they see in the field. With that information and a preliminary budget, the Department creates an initial priority project list. Meanwhile, using asset management systems, engineers create a list to compare with what the Road Yards compiled. Then, using input from constituents received through the Board offices, requests through the road yards and other public input, the list of projects is refined. Finally, public meetings and Board office meetings complete the RdMAP project list presented to your Board.

Capital Maintenance projects included in the FY 2026-2027 program are listed in the RdMAP for each District. These road sections will be treated with surface seals or asphalt overlays, depending on their pavement preservation needs. The plan includes hardscape construction associated with these and other roads to improve ADA accessibility, and minor bridge repairs throughout the County. Road Yard Work plans prioritize efficient in-house maintenance for safety, mobility, and accessibility with limited resources.

Background:

Although the entire transportation network operates as a unified system, transportation funding is currently distributed geographically rather than by need. Measure A funding is split between the North and South County by Ordinance. In South County, it is distributed by 75% lane miles and 25% population by Board policy. In North County, it is distributed by lane miles exclusively. General funds are also distributed by the 75% lane miles/25% population formula, per Board policy. As a result, projects are selected by available funding in each District to meet the targets set by the distribution formula.

FY 2026-2027 RdMAP maintenance projects and work plans are identified by Supervisorial District (Attachment A). Operations and contract projects are funded primarily by Measure A Sales Tax, State Gas Tax, revenues from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), and General Fund (Maintenance of Effort, \$500K of discretionary funds, and Public Works' apportionment of 18% of unallocated growth set aside for maintenance).

\$7.5M of Measure A funding is allocated each year for operations and corrective maintenance and repair work, as approved this year by your Board in the Measure A Program of Projects on February 24, 2026. RMRA and the General Fund allocation provide the majority of the funding for in-house, and contract work to maintain the transportation network. 18% General Fund resources are used exclusively for pavement preservation, in keeping with the original intention to use it for PCI-related work. RMRA funding is also used primarily for pavement preservation, which is the most immediate and largest need.

The County's current overall system Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 57 (on a scale of 0-100, with 25 or less=failed, and 100=best). The annual backlog of deferred maintenance for FY 2026-2027 is \$358.9M. Of this, \$157M is pavement preservation needs. The remainder are bridges, hardscape and trees, drainage facilities, and traffic control devices.

For FY 2026-2027, the RdMAP programs approximately \$16M for pavement preservation and associated hardscape repair. The RdMAP also includes approximately \$2.5M of work on hardscape, bridges, culverts, and traffic devices such as guardrail and sign & striping. Your Board adopted a list of projects for FY 2026-2027 funded by the RMRA on April 21, 2026. The work in the RdMAP reflects the current funding and the RMRA project list will be updated at the end of the fiscal year as part of the annual expenditure report to the State.

Annual Road Yard Work Plans outline the various activities planned to maintain pavement, trees, hardscape, drainages, and traffic control devices for each road yard. There are three major road yards and two satellite yards: the South County Road Yard, with two maintenance crews; the Central County, with a crew in Lompoc and the satellite road yard in Santa Ynez; and the North County, with two crews, and the satellite road yard in Cuyama. In addition, there are two countywide crews: the Urban Forest & Utility Crew focuses on caring for and maintaining the County's trees, vegetation, and associated hardscape; and the Sign & Stripe Crew refreshes paint throughout the County, focusing on school zones in the summer, and replaces and repairs signs as needed in our inventory of over 17,000 signs and 370 signals, flashers, radar signs, and bicycle path lights.

These projects are exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c) as they involve the repair and maintenance of existing road facilities. The Department requests that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the funded projects listed for the Surface Treatment Program/Capital Maintenance and any Tree Partnership Program contracts utilized to accelerate these efforts. Once approved, the Department will advertise the funded projects identified in the FY 2026-2027 RdMAP online through PlanetBids.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This funding is for Capital Maintenance of Transportation assets under annual road, culvert, traffic signs, striping, hardscape, and bridge maintenance projects. Of this amount, approximately \$16M will go towards pavement preservation. This work will be programmed in Funds 0015 and 0016 in FY 2026-2027 and appropriations have been included in the Department's requested budget.

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	Operations & Maintenance	Capital Maintenance	Total
Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program		\$10,250,236	\$10,250,236
Measure A	\$7,500,000		\$7,500,000
General Fund Maintenance of Effort	\$2,041,300		\$2,041,300
General Fund Baseline	\$500,000		\$500,000
General Fund 18% Policy		\$8,261,200	\$8,261,200
Total	\$10,041,300	\$18,511,436	\$28,552,736

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a minute order of these actions to Emily Ferguson, Public Works - Transportation, ekferguson@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – FY 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP)

Attachment B – Notice of Exemption

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