



Measure D – Safety, Pothole Repair, Traffic Relief, Transit Improvement

Measure D is a county-wide ½ cent sales tax ballot measure that residents will be able to vote on in November. If Measure D passes, Watsonville would receive about 15% of the total county-wide funding annually. This means Watsonville’s funding allocation for road maintenance and street improvements would increase by approximately \$750,000 each year. This measure requires funds to be managed and spent in Watsonville. This funding cannot be taken away by the State for other projects.



If approved, Measure D would be used to:

- Repair potholes and maintain local streets
- Continue to create safer routes to schools for local students
- Maintain mobility and independence for seniors and those with disabilities
- Invest in bicycle and pedestrian pathways and trails
- Ease congestion on major roadways
- Invest in transportation projects that reduce pollution

We have a few local projects that have received similar funding for example: the Airport and Freedom Blvd reconstruction project which improved road conditions and safety for pedestrians; the Freedom Boulevard Adaptive Traffic Signal Project which will help reduce traffic congestion and delays; and the 2013 Citywide Road Maintenance project which resurfaced 7.3 miles of City streets.

For more information on Measure D visit:

<http://sccrtc.org/funding-planning/2016transportationballotmeasure/> or contact Murray Fontes, Public Works & Utilities Principal Engineer at (831) 768-3100.

Every Smoke Alarm has an Expiration Date: What's Yours?



Does your home have a smoke alarm? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the answer is likely yes: NFPA research shows that most American homes have at least one. But do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you’re like most people, you’re probably not so sure.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. As of July 1, 2014, the State Fire Marshal requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they’re running low.

Remember to check your smoke alarm when the time changes. Smoke alarms can help save your life.

Keeping Up with Watsonville

Toilet Retrofit Program - If you have a toilet that uses more than 3.5 gallons per flush (gpf), it’s time to change it out for FREE! Call Central Coast Energy Services at 1-888-728-3637 to make an appointment. To check if your toilet is eligible, look inside the tank lid or behind the tank for a date stamp. Only toilets manufactured before 1992 or toilets that use more than 3.5 gpf qualify! If you have questions, call Customer Service at 768-3133.

New Traffic Detection Cameras on Freedom Blvd – The new adaptive traffic signals all along Freedom Blvd. will improve traffic flow by reducing congestion, delays and vehicle emissions. The cameras will identify the presence of vehicles and bicycles and send the information to the new signal computer controllers. This will help distribute the signal timing of red and green lights based on demand instead of the current timed schedule they are on.

November Election Schedule

Oct 10 - Early Voting in City Clerk’s Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Oct 11- Vote-by-Mail Ballots are mailed out

Oct 24 - Last day to register to vote

Nov 5 & 6 - Weekend Voting in City Clerk’s Office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov 8 - Election Day open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City Facilities will be Closed for Thanksgiving – City facilities will be closed November 24th-November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. For non-emergencies or for water related emergencies call 471-1151. For health and safety emergencies please call 911.

Your City Directory

Police (Records)	768-3370
Mayor Felipe Hernandez	768-3001
City Council	768-3008
City Manager	768-3010
Library (Main Branch)	768-3400
Parks & Community Services	768-3240
Permits	768-3050
Utility Bill Payments	768-3455
Water/Garbage	768-3133