

# MEASURE M1



**AREA OF BENEFIT**  
All 34 Orange County cities and the County of Orange

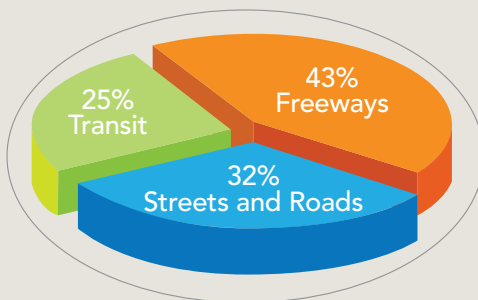
## AT A GLANCE

**FUNDING:** From 1991 to 2011:  
Measure M \$4 billion  
Federal/State \$1.2 billion

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## M1 FUNDING BREAKDOWN



Fact Sheet as of 12/13/2022

## PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

Measure M (M1) was a 20-year package of transportation improvement projects promised to voters in 1990 when they approved a local half-cent sales tax. To ensure the program was delivered as promised, M1 included more than a dozen safeguards which the Orange County Transportation Authority followed diligently. Between 1991 and 2011, M1 brought \$4 billion of improvements and leveraged another \$1.2 billion in Federal and State dollars resulting in significant relief to Orange County's transportation system.

## FREEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Freeway improvements were the cornerstone of the M1 program. In total, M1 delivered 192 lane miles of freeway capacity which included improvements to Interstate 5, Interstate 405 in south Orange County, State Route 55 and State Route 57 in central Orange County, and State Route 91 in north Orange County. With most of the freeway projects completed in the first ten years of the program, this accelerated timetable allowed for efficiencies resulting in cost savings. As a result, State Route 22 was widened as an additional "bonus" project to the M1 program.

## STREET & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

During the twenty year life of M1, 170 miles of Orange County's busiest intersections were improved with additional turn lanes, updated signal operations and other safety enhancements. This resulted in a ten percent decrease in intersection congestion during this time. M1 provided approximately 50 percent of the money cities used to fix potholes, coordinate traffic signals and repair and maintain streets. It also provided funds making major arterial streets, such as Beach Boulevard, Katella Avenue and Imperial Highway, work more efficiently as "Smart Streets" with more lanes, dedicated turn lanes, coordinated signals, and better functioning intersections.

## TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

M1 brought Metrolink commuter rail service to Orange County, providing an additional reliable alternative to driving within Southern California. Funding was also invested in rail station and line enhancements, stabilized bus fares for seniors and persons with disabilities, and paved the way for future transit services by acquiring the Pacific-Electric right-of-way for projects such as the OC Streetcar in Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

## EXTENDING MEASURE M

The collection of sales tax revenue under M1 concluded on March 31, 2011, and was deemed a success with all projects and programs completed as promised. With the success and benefits of M1, nearly 70 percent of Orange County voters renewed the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in November 2006 for another 30 years to launch Measure M2. In 2017, Measure M2 was rebranded as OC Go. The OC Go Transportation Investment Plan targets improvements to Orange County freeways, streets and roads, transit, and environmental programs through 2041. For more information on OC Go, visit [www.octa.net/OCGo](http://www.octa.net/OCGo).



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