

*Local Roads First:
A Roadmap to
Transportation
Independence*

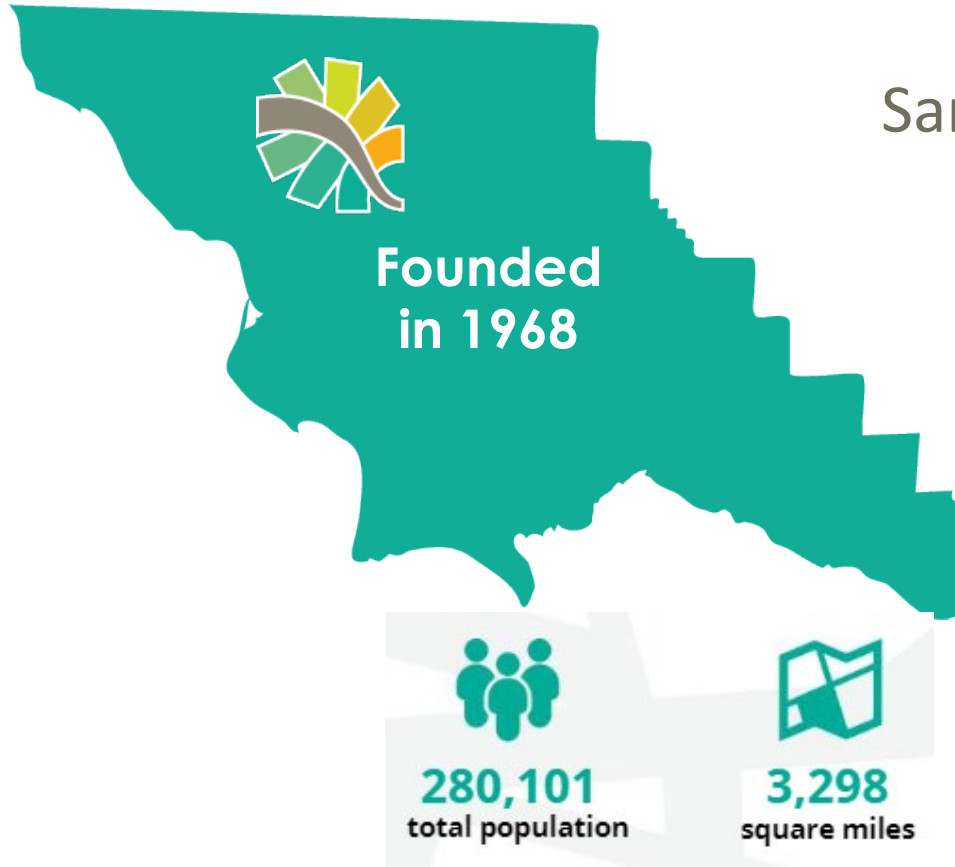
Presentation on the Draft
Transportation Investment
Plan

March & April 2024



Introduction to SLOCOG

Connecting Communities (7 cities & SLO County)



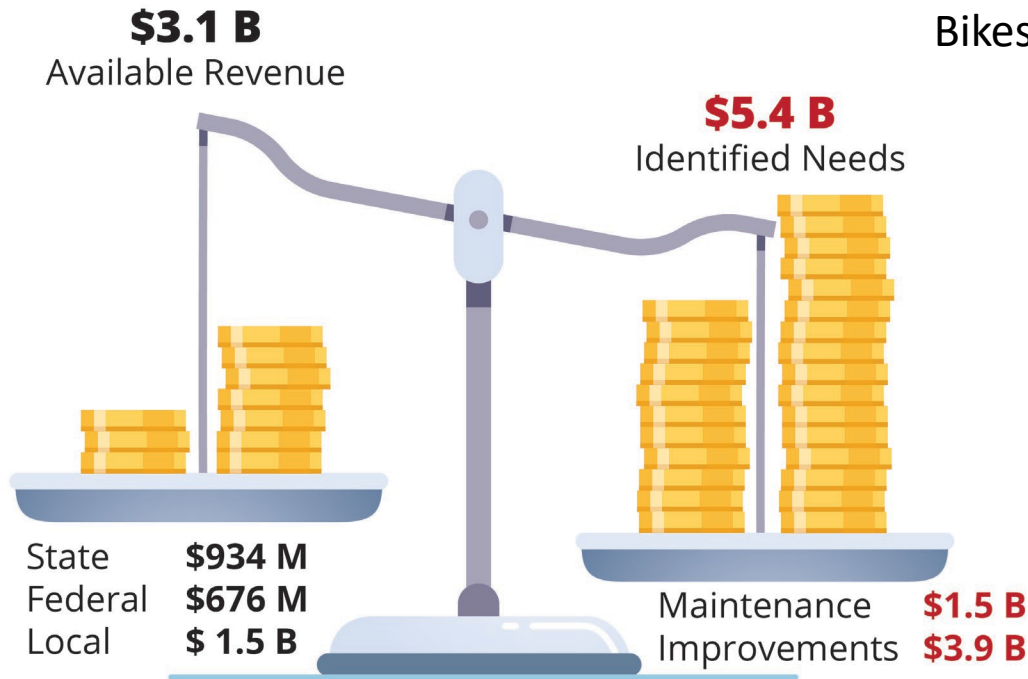
San Luis Obispo County & 7 Cities

- Arroyo Grande
- Atascadero
- Grover Beach
- Morro Bay
- Paso Robles
- Pismo Beach
- San Luis Obispo

+40,000 new people

23-Year Outlook Unfunded Need

Highways, Interchanges	-\$687M
Major Roads, Downtowns	-\$372M
Local Road Maintenance	-\$400M
Public Transit/Senior Mobility	-\$100M
Bikes, Peds, Safe Routes to School	-\$714M



Funding Shortfall = \$2.3 Billion



The why: A Shrinking Fuel Tax

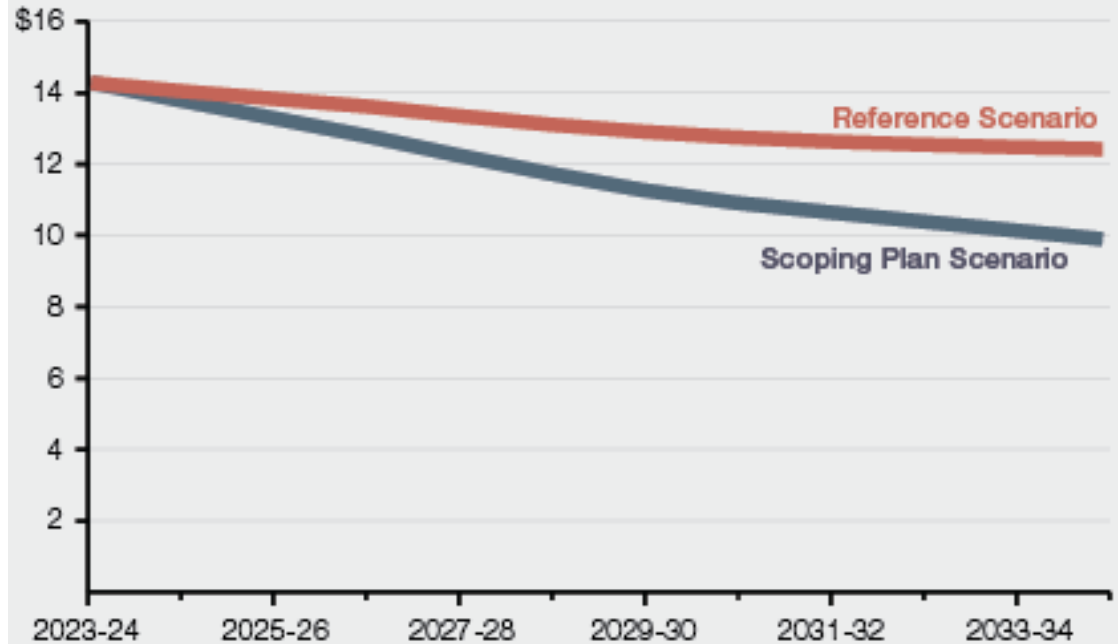
1970s, '80s, '90s:
More cars & travel
meant more Revenues

2001-2024+
Conservation + Hybrids +
EVs means flat Revenues
2023: EVs were 25%
of all new car sales

2035 and beyond
No new gas/diesel cars
to be sold in CA

Overall Transportation Revenues Projected to Decline Significantly

Inflation-Adjusted Dollars (In Billions)



LAO

Fallacies, Misperceptions, and Unicorns

Gas Tax will repair our roads

- **No**

Gas Tax went up, it will fix all our roads

- **No**

The State will reprioritize its funds to our roads

- **Nope**

Local funding will be reprioritized to roads

- **Maybe/maybe not**

Caltrans will fund 101 improvement

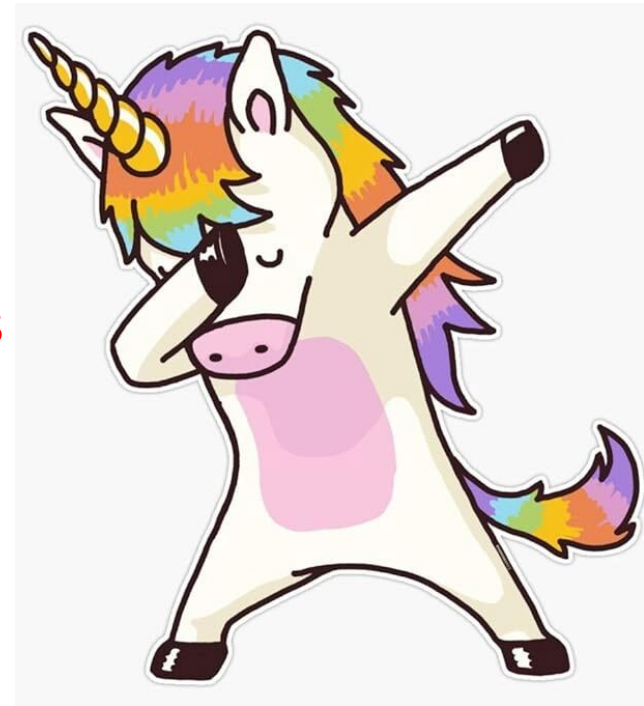
- **two major improvements in 25 years**

EV owners pay an average amount for road repairs

- **Not even close**

The State will change.....'something'.....that will fix everything

- **No chance**



Local Road Maintenance Issues Persist



2022 Pavement Condition Index

SLO: 70
Pismo Beach: 67
Morro Bay: 63...
County: 60
Paso Robles: 57
Arroyo Grande: 56
Grover Beach: 52
Atascadero: 49

Morro Bay: dropped 15 points from 63 to 48 in 2023.

Atascadero: 47 to 49 over 8 years, but 'Failed' (25 or less) increased from 16% to 25% (2023) now 22%

County roads were:

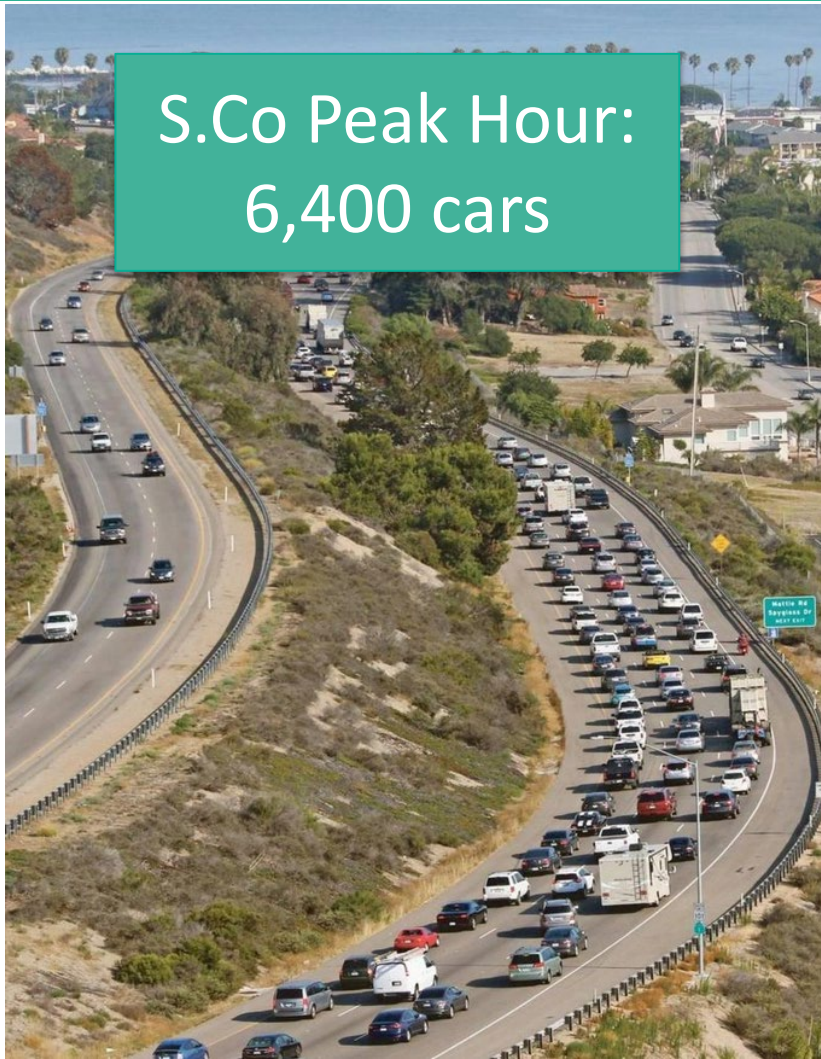
63 in 2013

64 in 2017

60 in 2020

60 in 2022

Highway Congestion



S.Co Peak Hour:
6,400 cars



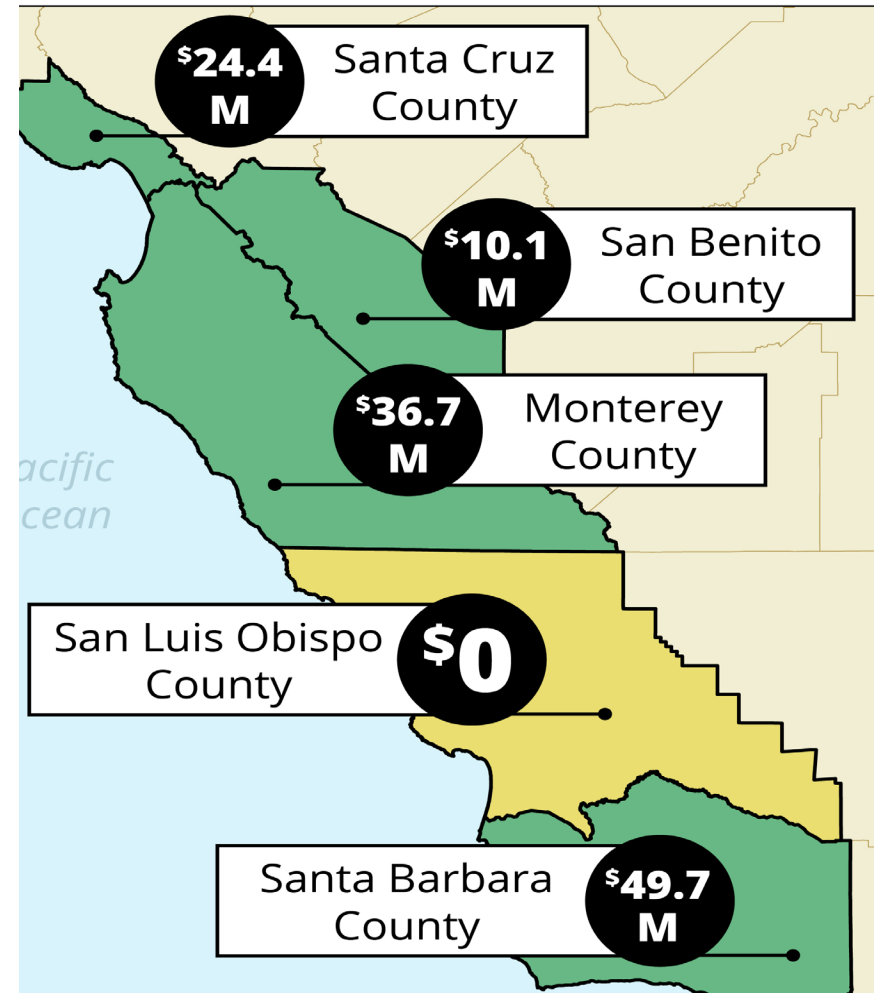
N.Co Peak Hour:
10,000 cars

Shell Beach: South of Avila Beach Rd

Atascadero: North of San Anselmo

Neighboring County Comparison

- Currently, 25 Counties (89% of Californians) **HAVE** a Special Transportation Tax
- San Benito – 2018 – 30 years
- Monterey – 2016 – 30 years
- Santa Cruz – 2016 – 30 years
- Santa Barbara - 2008 – 30 years
- San Luis Obispo – **Lost out on ~\$30m/yr over 7 years**



What is the Cost?

WHAT WOULD A 1/2 CENT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX LOOK LIKE?

THINGS THAT WILL **NOT** BE TAXED



HOUSING

rent, mortgage, utilities, insurance



MEDICAL

healthcare, insurance



GROCERIES

food purchased at grocery stores

EXAMPLES



\$30 SHIRT = \$0.15 TAX

\$1,000 CELL PHONE = \$5.00 TAX



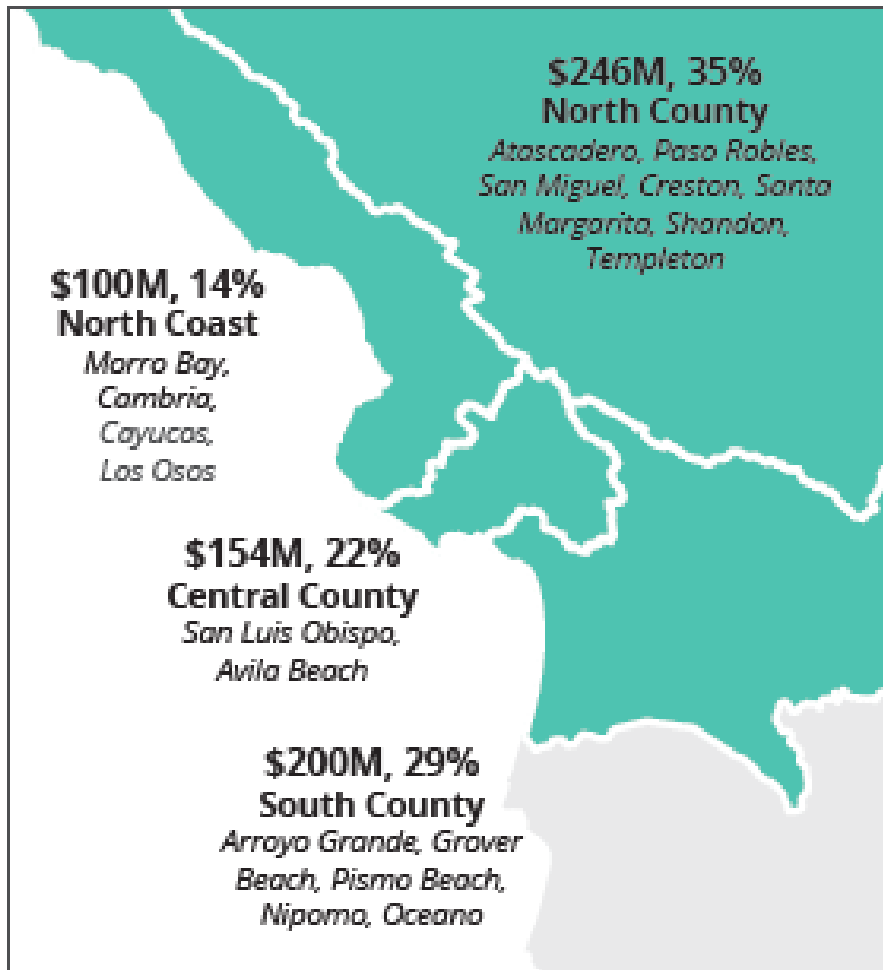
\$30,000 CAR = \$150.00 TAX

1 ADULT
(NO CHILDREN)
\$60,000 SALARY

WILL SPEND AN ESTIMATED
\$2.31 A WEEK
ON A REGIONAL SALES TAX

For the San Luis Obispo Region, a ½ cent sales tax would:

- **Raise \$35m / year**
- Be used to **Leverage ~\$1 billion** out of Sacramento
- Be protected from Sacramento (**cannot be stolen**)
- **Speed up** project delivery (reducing cost)
- **Guarantee** every penny for our local **TRANSPORTATION** priorities (no bait and switch)
- **Contain Safeguards** (accountability, oversight, audits, reporting, a sunset date, and 1% maximum for SLOCOG administration)
- Provide that **tourists** pay a tax guaranteed for our roads (finally!)



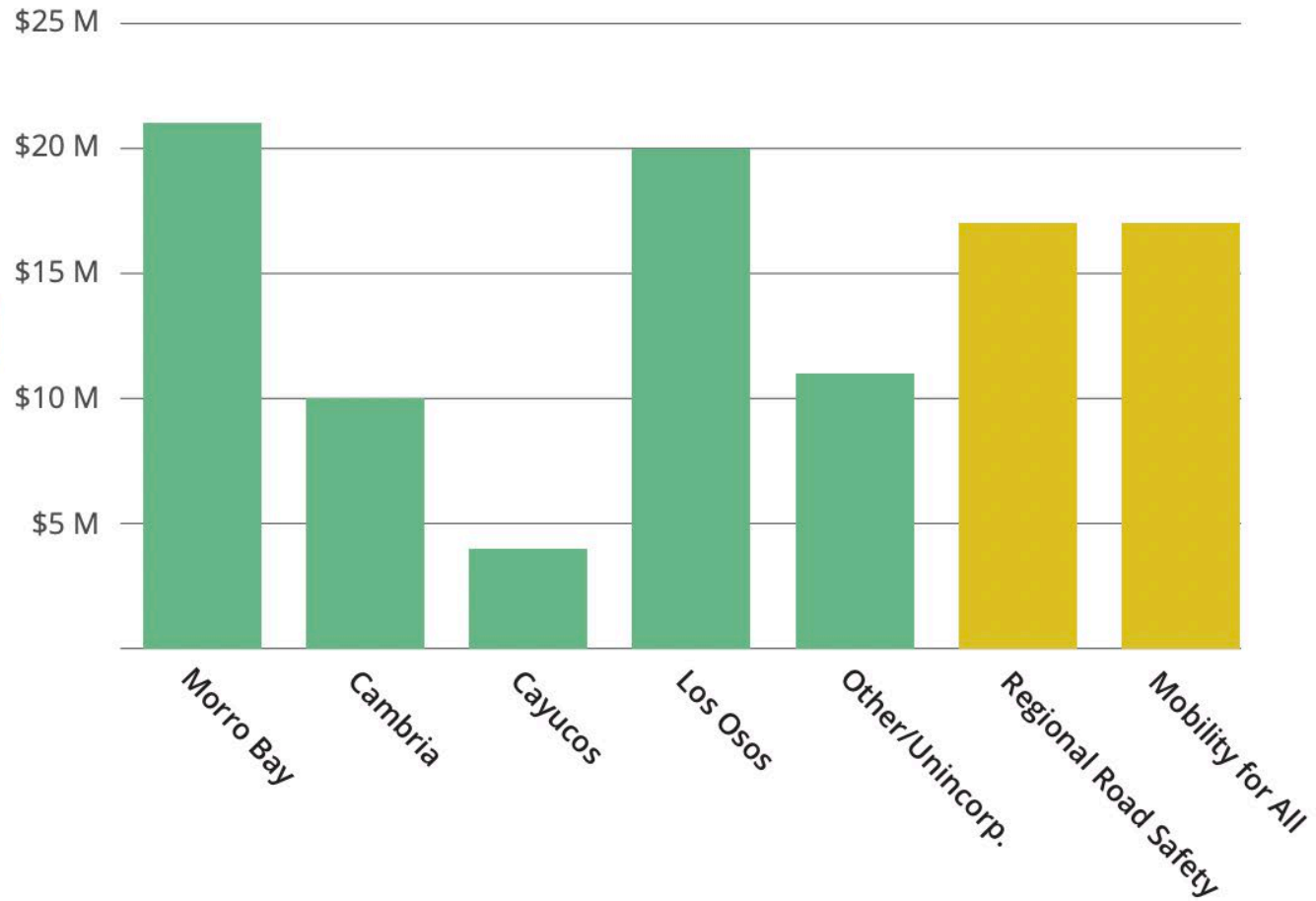
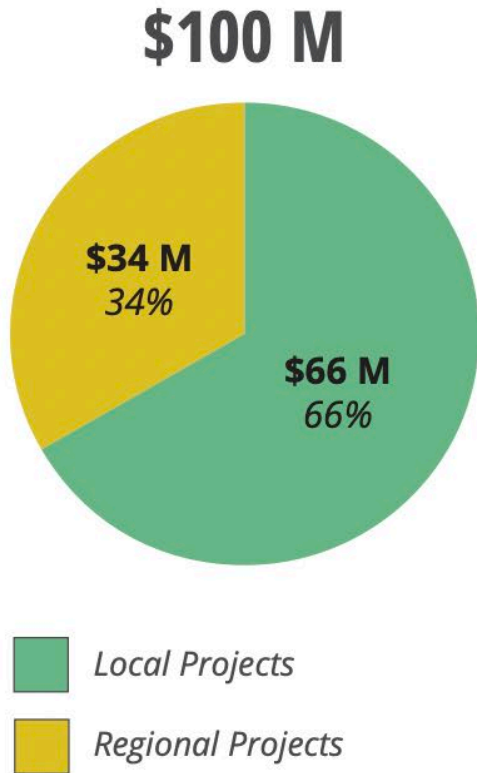
Total funding distributed by subregion based on population, over 20 years

Fair and Understandable

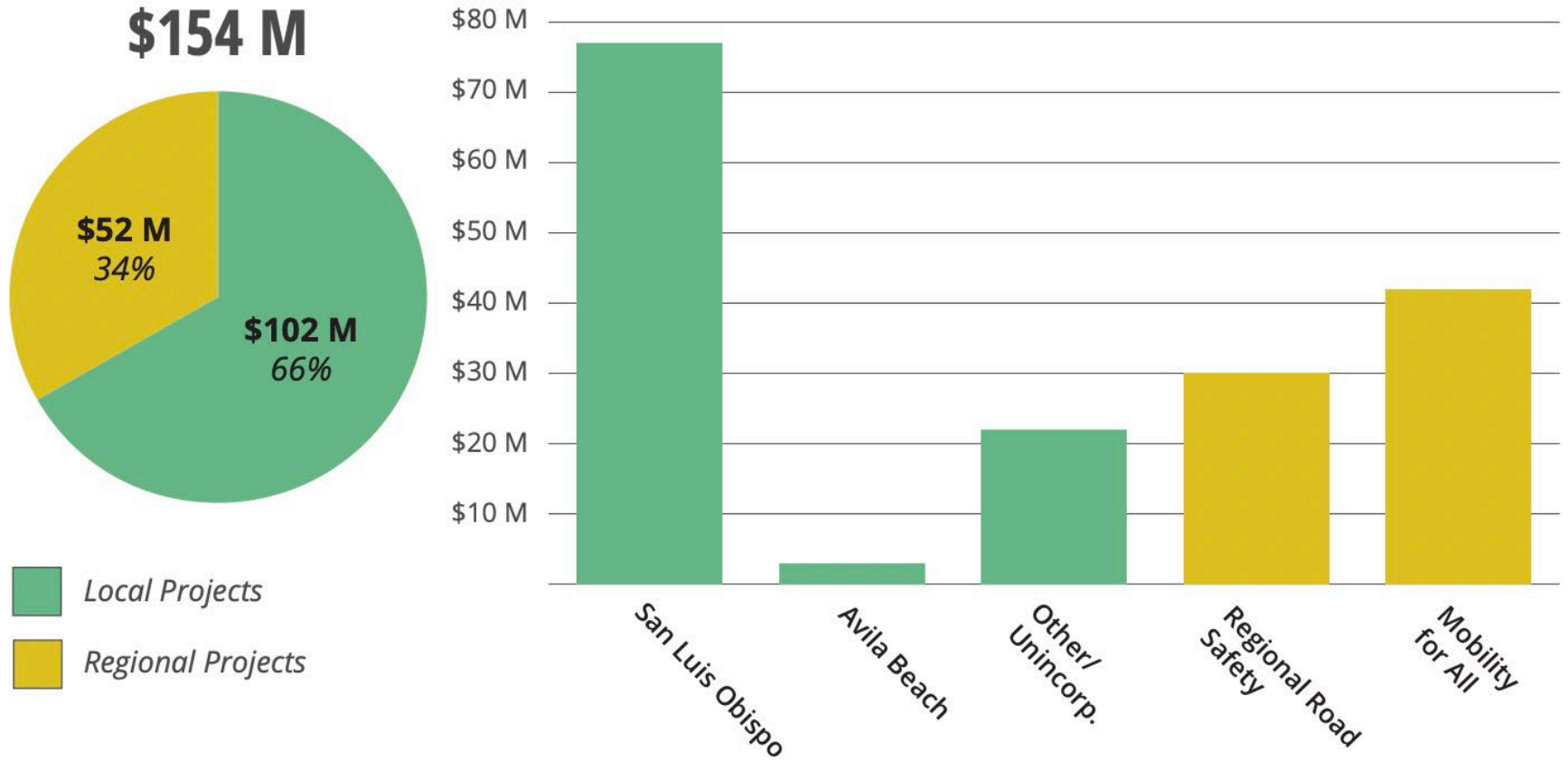
Local Distribution Formula:

- 4 Subregion Population %
 - 66% to Local Direction
 - %City
 - %City
 - %Unincorporated
- (\$3M added to 4 smallest cities from uninc. subregional share)

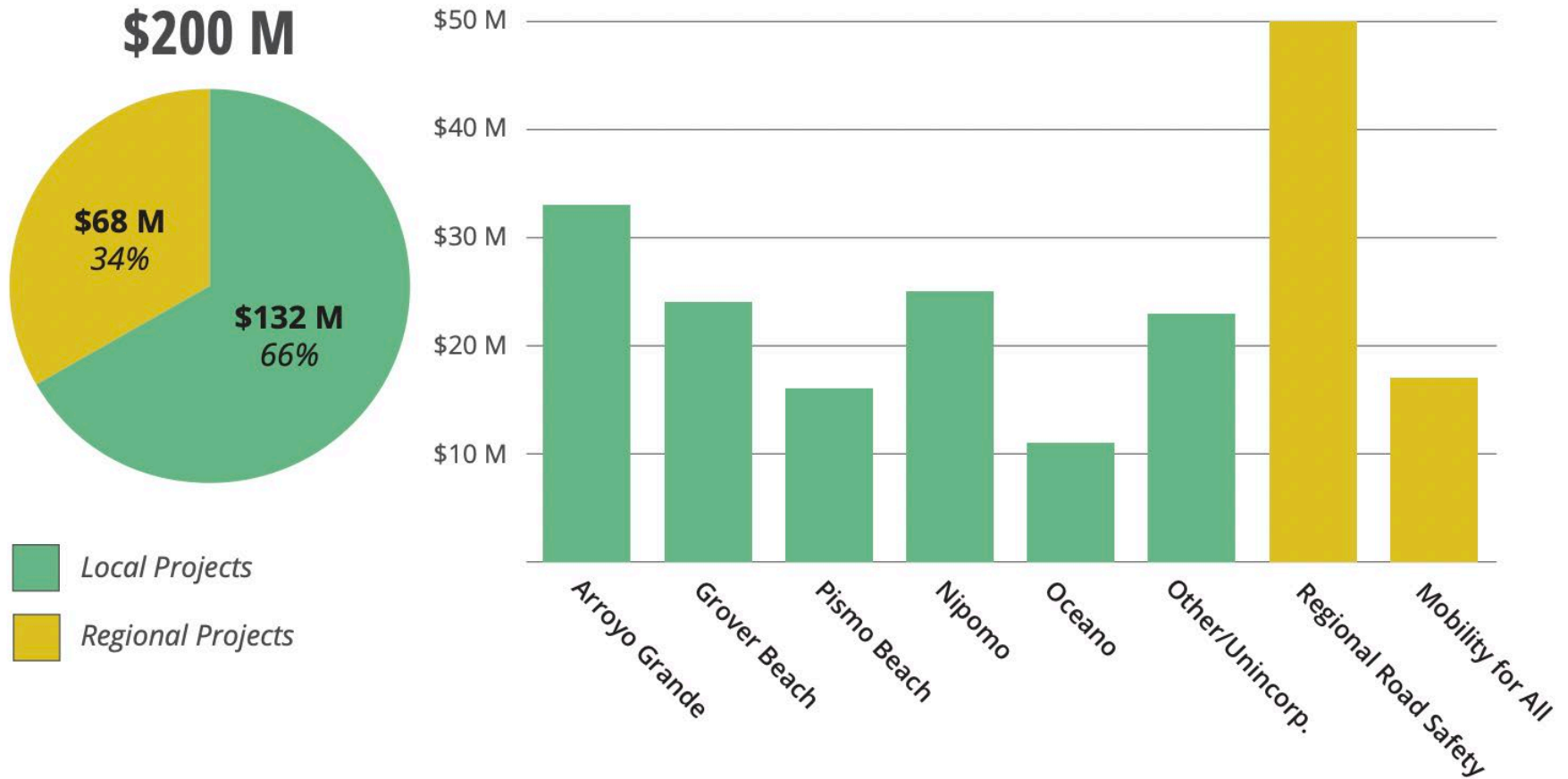
Draft Investment Plan: NORTH COAST



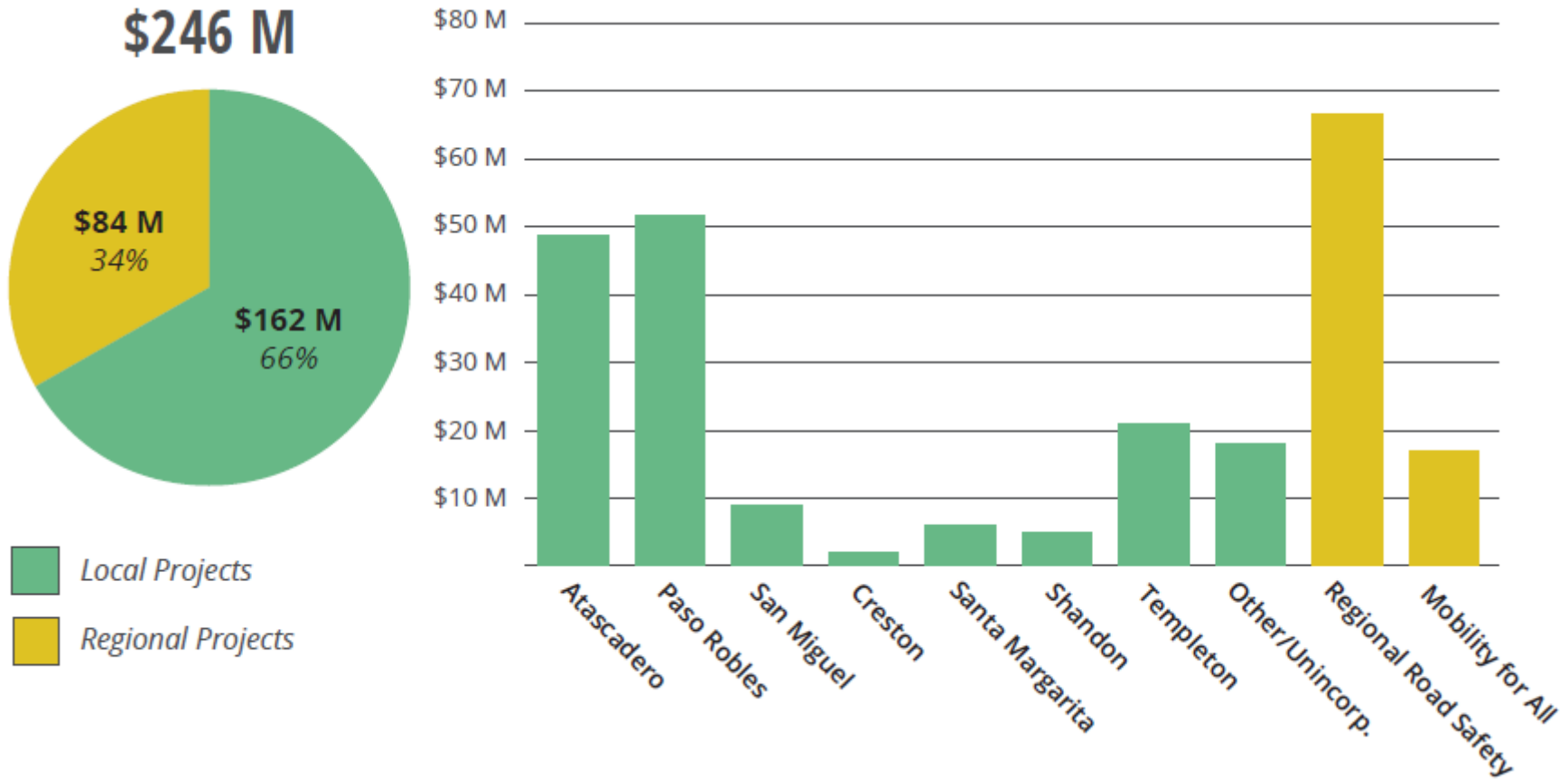
Draft Investment Plan: CENTRAL COUNTY



Draft Investment Plan: SOUTH COUNTY



Draft Investment Plan: NORTH COUNTY



Local Area Investments - Draft

Paso Robles	\$52 M
• Road Repairs to Union Road, Paso Robles St., Creston Rd, Niblick Rd, Spring St, Commerce	\$30 M
• Community Road Safety & Congestion Improvements	\$22 M
◦ US 101 corridor congestion/safety improvements to overcrossings, intersections, interchanges, signalization, ramps, parallel routes	
- Highway 46E (US 101 to Jardine Rd.) safety improvements / Union Overcrossing	
- Salinas River Trail & Eastside "Grand Loop" bikeway	
- US 101 / Highway 46W interchange improvements	
◦ Safe Routes to School	
◦ Public Transit for Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, and Veterans	
Shandon	\$5 M
• Centre Street safety and revitalization	
• Road Repairs, Paving, and Safety Improvements	
Templeton	\$21 M
• Road Repairs and Safety Improvements (Vineyard Dr. and others)	
• Local Interchange improvements	
Other/Unincorporated	\$18 M
• Road Repairs and Safety Improvements for all North County Unincorporated areas	\$6 M
• Community Road Safety & Congestion Improvements	\$12 M
◦ US 101 corridor congestion/safety improvements to overcrossings, intersections, interchanges, signalization, ramps, parallel routes	
◦ Safe Routes to School	

Draft Investment Plan: NORTH COUNTY

Key Regional Projects\$84m

Regional Road Safety Improvements

- Highway 46E (US101-Jardine Rd.) safety imp./Union: **\$30M**
- North County US101 Regional Safety Corridor Imps: **\$37M**
 - At US 101 Northbound off-ramp to Highway 46E
 - Between Cuesta Grade and San Miguel, to address safety, mobility, and congestion issues

Mobility for All **\$17 M**

- Public Transit: Seniors/Persons w/ Disabilities/Veterans **\$7M**
- Active Transportation (Bicycle & Pedestrian) **\$10 M**
 - Salinas River/N. Anza Trail corridor
 - Paso Robles River Trail/Grand Loop trail
 - Templeton, Vineyard Drive improvements
 - Atascadero Westside corridor

Steps and Timing

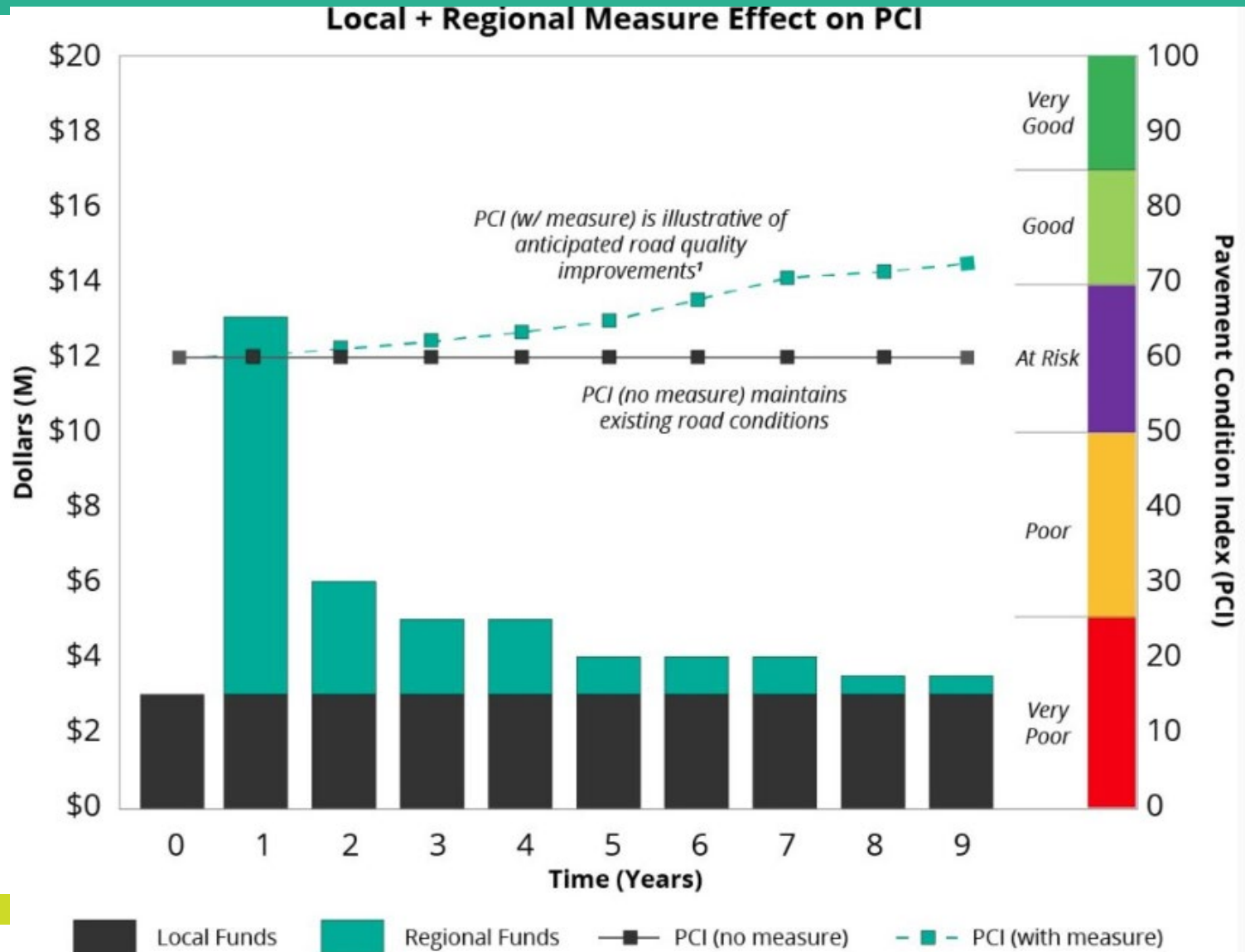
- Feb 7: SLOCOG Board Direction to Present Draft to Member Agencies, Seek Feedback, Continue Engagement Efforts, Develop Polling
- March: Polling by phone/text/email
- March/April: Draft TIP review/comment by all jurisdictions
 - 3-5: San Luis Obispo
 - 3-11: Grover Beach
 - 3-12: Arroyo Grande
 - 3-19: Pismo Beach & Paso Robles
 - 3-26: Morro Bay
 - 4-9: Atascadero & County Supervisors
- May 1: SLOCOG Approve/Deny Final TIP
- May: All Jurisdictions Approve/Deny Final TIP
- May 29: SLOCOG Determines Direction
 - November 2024 Election
 - Fail => No change
 - Pass => Delivers Investment Plan
 - Other Future Election



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ILLUSTRATIVE LOOK AT PCI



¹California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, August 2021
10-year-Funding-Scenarios