

March 2026 Report to the Community



Measure S Citizens' Oversight Committee

The decision of voters to approve Measure S in the unincorporated area of El Dorado County within the Tahoe Basin in November of 2022 has begun to bring about the positive changes our residents wish to see in both snow removal and the severely deteriorated condition of our streets. The additional 4% increase in transient occupancy tax (TOT) generates revenue specifically restricted to improvement of pavement conditions and purchase of snow removal equipment. The Measure S Citizens' Oversight Committee continues to ensure that funding generated is used for the intended purpose and is in addition to, not replacement of, the normal annual funding the El Dorado County Department of Transportation has expended historically on snow removal equipment and street maintenance.

This report will highlight revenue generated along with recommendations from the Committee on how funding should be spent. A snapshot of the budget is included at the end of this report.

Revenue

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

\$2,382,008





Expenditures

At its June 3, 2025 meeting, the Committee recommended the purchase of two new graders to replace aging equipment, at a cost of \$600,000 each for a total of \$1.2m. Due to the lead time, this expenditure will fall outside this reporting period, however, the funds will be encumbered and carried forward for payment upon delivery of the equipment.

Road surface repairs were made utilizing \$224,283 of Measure S funding. These funds were used to seal asphalt work that had been completed the prior year to ensure longevity of the repairs that had been made.

It should be noted the Oversight Committee recommended accumulation of approximately one year of anticipated revenue in the restricted account to ensure there would be adequate funding in place for future expenditures. Hence, the ending fund balance of \$4,391,099 appears high as a result of this decision, along with the need to carry forward the equipment costs to the year equipment is actually delivered and paid for.

Equipment

We have made significant progress in updating the antiquated equipment fleet. One of the blowers arrived in July of 2025, and the second just arrived February 12th, and both graders have also very recently been received.





Road Surface Repair

The Committee has discussed a desire to split Measure S funding evenly between new equipment and road repairs. While we will continue to address the aging snow removal equipment fleet, we can now look forward to focusing more funding on repairing our residential streets.

The county has prepared a comprehensive roadway Pavement Condition Index (PCI) report. This report details the condition of each road within District 5 and indicates whether the road's condition is good, at risk, poor or failed. As we all know, our roads have taken a beating - almost half are in the poor or failed condition. This PCI tool will aid in determining priorities for street repair. It is anticipated we will begin to see progress on road repair this summer!



PCI failed

New asphalt

Staffing

While salaries and benefits for staff are not funded by Measure S, it seems prudent to use this opportunity to let the community know the status of current staffing.

At a community meeting held November 7, 2024, strong concern was expressed over the lack of staffing for snow removal operations, as the county was down six maintenance workers. We are happy to report that significant progress has been made in attracting additional equipment operators. Staffing fluctuates, but at the time of this writing the county has increased these essential workers by five, with only one permanent position vacant at this time. Temporary staff serves to augment the team. Recruitment efforts for two vacant equipment mechanic positions appear to have been successful, with background checks for both positions currently underway.



Committee Meetings

All Measure S Citizens' Oversight Committee meetings are open to the public, and we encourage community members' participation. Residents can sign up for email notifications of upcoming meetings by visiting the county's website, navigating to the bottom of the home page, and clicking on "email subscription service" - for convenience, here is the link: [Email Subscription Service](#). This is an excellent way to stay abreast of Committee meetings.



Measure S Budget Snapshot

Committee Members

Janet McDougall, Chair

Tom Celio, Vice-Chair

Debbie McIntyre, Secretary

Russ Crawford

Ed Miller

Measure S Budget Snapshot

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance: **\$2,233,374**

Revenue:

Tax Revenue \$2,242,003

Interest Revenue \$140,005

Expenditures:

Road/Surface \$224,283

Ending Fund Balance: \$4,391,099