

Project Prioritization and Participatory Budgeting

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What is Participatory Budgeting?

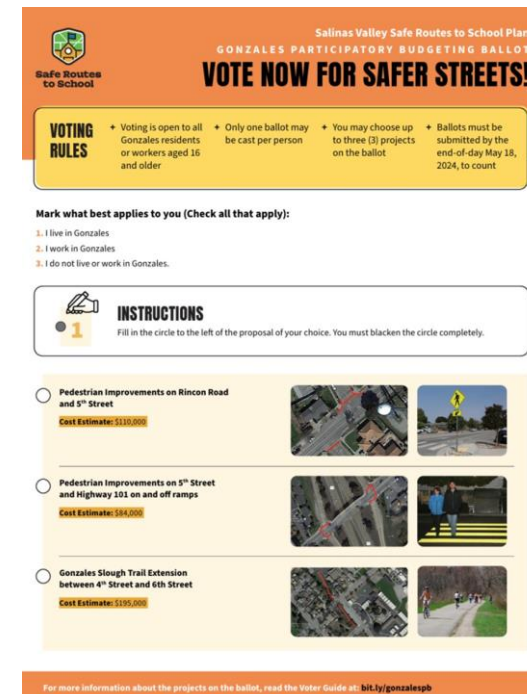
- A Public Engagement Method to increase public buy in and civic participation



Participatory Budgeting Examples

- Ballot Voting Method

- California's Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) implemented participatory budgeting as part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program in Greenfield, Soledad, King City, Greenfield, and Unincorporated North Monterey County communities.



The image shows a digital ballot for the "Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan" titled "GONZALES PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING BALLOT". The header includes the "Safe Routes to School" logo and the slogan "VOTE NOW FOR SAFER STREETS!".

VOTING RULES

- + Voting is open to all Gonzales residents or workers aged 16 and older
- + Only one ballot may be cast per person
- + You may choose up to three (3) projects on the ballot
- + Ballots must be submitted by the end-of-day May 18, 2024, to count

Mark what best applies to you (Check all that apply):

- ☐ I live in Gonzales
- ☐ I work in Gonzales
- ☐ I do not live or work in Gonzales.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill in the circle to the left of the proposal of your choice. You must blacken the circle completely.

☐ Pedestrian Improvements on Rincon Road and 5 th Street Cost Estimate: \$110,000		
☐ Pedestrian Improvements on 5 th Street and Highway 101 on and off ramps Cost Estimate: \$84,000		
☐ Gonzales Slough Trail Extension between 4 th Street and 6th Street Cost Estimate: \$195,000		

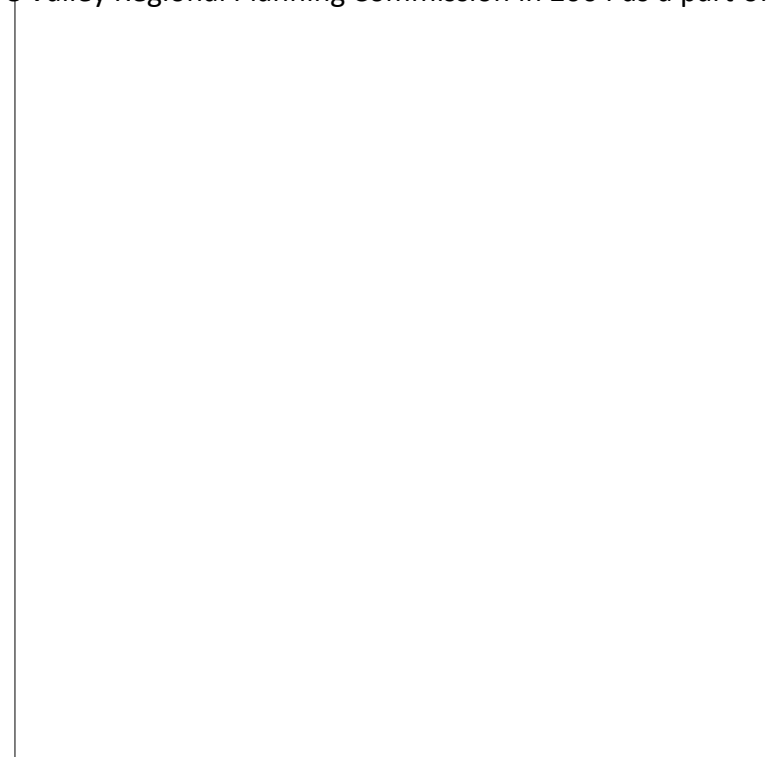
For more information about the projects on the ballot, read the Voter Guide at: bit.ly/gonzalespb



Participatory Budgeting Examples cont.

- The Dollar Game

- The Dollar Game is a Participatory Budget strategy used by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in 2004 as a part of their “Destination 2030- The Future in Transit Forum.”



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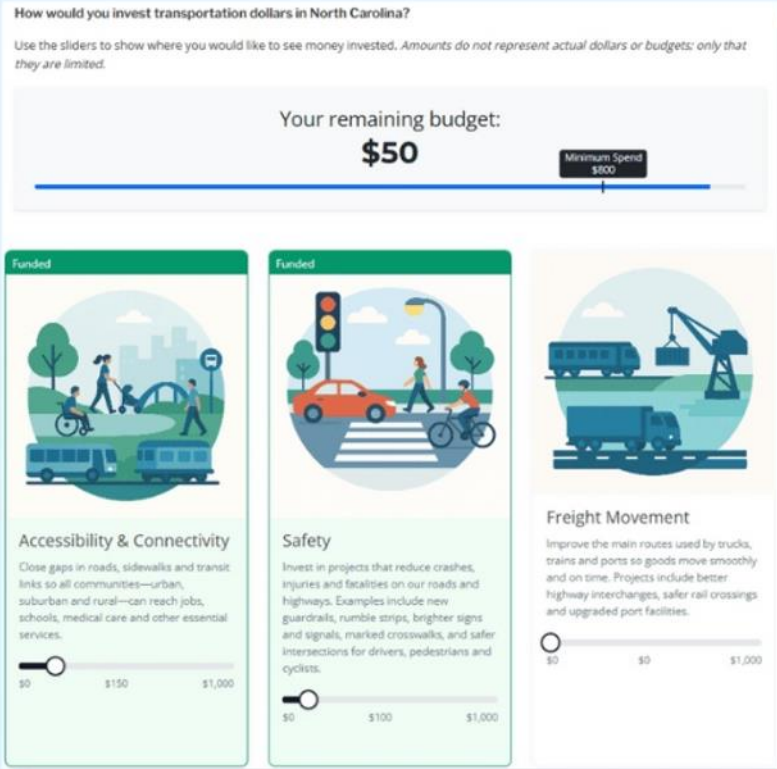
- Online Interactive Tools
 - Maptionnaire
 - PublicInput

How would you invest transportation dollars in North Carolina?

Use the sliders to show where you would like to see money invested. Amounts do not represent actual dollars or budgets; only that they are limited.

Your remaining budget: **\$50**

Minimum Spend \$100



Funded

Accessibility & Connectivity
Close gaps in roads, sidewalks and transit links so all communities—urban, suburban and rural—can reach jobs, schools, medical care and other essential services.

Safety
Invest in projects that reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities on our roads and highways. Examples include new guardrails, rumble strips, brighter signs and signals, marked crosswalks, and safer intersections for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Freight Movement
Improve the main routes used by trucks, trains and ports so goods move smoothly and on time. Projects include better highway interchanges, safer rail crossings and upgraded port facilities.



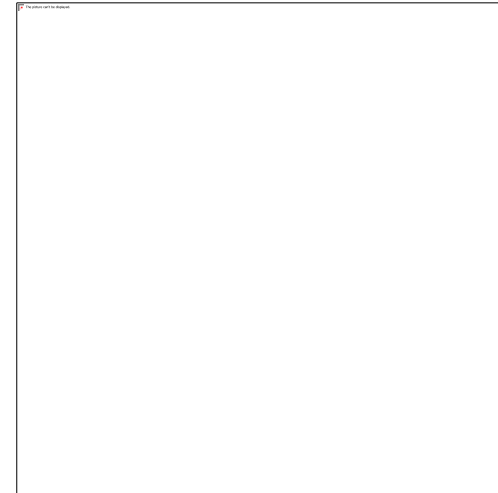
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- **Piggybank**
 - McHenry County, Illinois, brought a simple piggybank exercise to pop-up public outreach for its transportation plan.
- **Strings and Ribbons**
 - In 2003, the Bowling Green/Warren County MPO used a public involvement process known as the strings and ribbons exercise during their urban planning process.
- **Dot Voting**
 - Buckeye Hills Regional Council utilized the dot method during its Digital Equity Outreach process in 2023 with funding from the State of Ohio. This exercise was performed across 22 counties over a 3-month span.



Dungeons and Budgets

- Your local RPO is seeking input on a 10-year plan
 - This plan has a \$100,000,000 magical budget with no match required
 - The RPO is presenting a slate of 10 projects totaling over \$148 million
- Each player will choose a different stakeholder group to role play
 - County Commissioners
 - Local Town Council
 - Alternative Transit Coalition
 - State DOT
 - Local RPO
 - Older Americans
 - Youth



Dungeons and Budgets cont.

- You will then act as that stakeholder while discussing/debating which projects to fund.
- Each group will share at the end which projects they chose to fund and why



Dungeons and Budgets cont.

- Have fun and keep things civil!

