

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee**

June 12, 2026

Agenda Item 3a – 26-0725

June 2026 Primary Election Results

Subject:

Overview of key local ballot measures related to transportation, housing and the environment.

Summary:

In addition to establishing the candidates for the general election at all levels of government, the June ballot contained several local measures related to transportation and general local revenue funding, as noted below. The list below does not include all local measures, such as measures for school districts and libraries. All results provided in this memo are preliminary as of June 4, 2026.

Overview of Election Results:

- Voters in Marin and Sonoma counties overwhelmingly supported an extension of the ¼-cent sales tax for the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District for 30 years.
- Voters in San Francisco supported Measure A, the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond, authorizing a bond issuance of \$535 million to fund an array of infrastructure improvements including replacement of the seismically vulnerable 110-year-old Potrero Muni bus yard (\$200 million); retrofit of an emergency firefighting water system (\$130 million), neighborhood fire stations (\$100 million), police stations (\$72 million), public safety facility repairs (\$33 million).

The estimated tax rate to repay the bond is \$7.45 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, but it is not estimated to increase the taxes property owners are already paying because of the city's policy to issue new bonds after previously issued bonds are retired or the tax base grows.

- In the South Bay, voters appeared to approve two new dedicated taxes with no sunset date:
 - A county-wide two-cents (\$0.02) per square foot parcel tax for Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (with a focus on managing land and creeks to reduce wildfires, floods, and water pollution; expanding trails; preserving family farms;

and reducing illegal activity in open spaces. The measure is estimated to raise approximately \$17 million annually. The measure was placed on the ballot via a citizen initiative, so it required a simple majority to pass and received 53% support (as of June 4, 2026).

- In the City of San José, voters approved by 66% (majority vote required) an increase in the transient occupancy tax (commonly known as a “hotel tax”) from 4 to 6 percent to fund essential city services, generating approximately \$10 million annually with no sunset date.
- With respect to measures that failed, voters in Contra Costa County rejected a 0.625% general sales tax by 59% to partially backfill federal funding cuts to an array of services, including healthcare. In the City of Oakland, 54% of voters rejected Measure E, a \$192 per year parcel tax placed on the ballot via citizen initiative to fund public safety, including fire protection, and address homelessness and illegal dumping.

Next Steps:

Staff will provide a verbal update on any updated results at your meeting.

Issues:

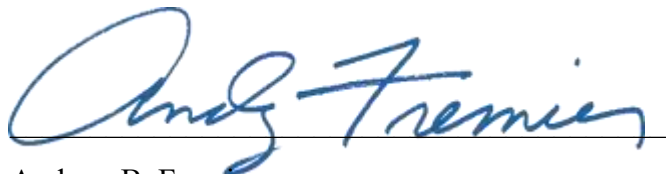
None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

None



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