



Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: July 1, 2016

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1131

RE: Contra Costa Transportation Authority 1/2-Cent Sales Tax

Background

It is expected that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) will place a 30-year 1/2-cent sales tax measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot to fund various transportation projects. The measure is anticipated to generate approximately \$2.9 billion in current year dollars. The preliminary expenditure plan, summarized below, was informed by many months of extensive public outreach, stakeholder engagement and polling of Contra County residents:

Key Projects/Project Categories	\$ Millions	Percentage
Improving BART, Bus, Ferry and Train Networks	\$ 770	26 %
Reducing Congestion and Smoothing Traffic	\$ 595	21 %
Fixing Local Streets and Roads	\$ 684	23 %
Sustainable Communities and Protecting the Environment	\$ 700	24 %
Provide Services for Children/Seniors/ADA	\$ 179	6 %

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

The program categories and funding amounts identified in the expenditure plan resulted from months of collaboration with CCTA’s advisory committees and stakeholder committees. CCTA also received input from the public, elected officials from the 19 cities and towns within Santa Clara County and the many transit districts and other public agencies within the county. The measure includes a strengthened county wide Growth Management Program and rigorous policies for complete streets.


This measure would provide crucial funds for numerous priority projects that serve Contra Costa County residents and workers alike. Given that alternate funding sources from the state of California have not materialized and the outlook for increasing federal funds has been frustrated for decades, this measure offers a secure level of local funding that simply is not available elsewhere.

Accordingly, subject to a final action by CCTA, staff recommends a support position on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority 1/2-cent sales tax November 2016 ballot measure.

Known Positions

Support
None on File

Oppose
None on File



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