

ROAD REPAIR, TRAFFIC RELIEF AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY MEASURE FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Summary

This measure, consisting of an ordinance and investment plan, will implement needed road repair, traffic relief, and transportation safety projects and programs in Santa Barbara County.

The measure calls for the North County and South Coast to each receive \$455 million in funding for high priority transportation projects and programs that advisory committees in each region have selected to address the current and future needs of that region.

In the North County, the plan includes widening the Highway 101 Santa Maria River Bridge, improving safety on rural highways like 166, improving safety at school crossings and providing safe routes to schools, increasing senior and disabled accessibility to public transit, making local street improvements such as pothole and bridge repairs and adding turn lanes at intersections.

On the South Coast, the plan includes providing incentives for commuters to form carpools and vanpools, safer walking and bike routes to schools, increasing senior and disabled accessibility to public transit and making local street improvements such as pothole repairs and synchronized traffic signals. +

The measure will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety by providing \$140 million in matching funds to widen Highway 101 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes south of Santa Barbara and \$42 million for improvements on Highway 101 in the North County.

The improvements will be funded through a continuation of a local one half percent (1/2%) sales tax approved by county voters in 1989 which will expire in 2010. Upon approval of this measure by two-thirds of county voters, the term will be extended for 30 years, generate \$1.050 billion, and match an estimated \$522 million in federal and state gas taxes, developer fees and other funding for projects described in this investment plan.

The Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority, consisting of local elected officials from the eight cities and the board of supervisors, will administer the measure according to strict accountability provisions including annual independent financial audits and public review of expenditures by a citizen's oversight committee.

REQUIRED INVESTMENTS			
<u>Highway 101 Widening: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara</u>		\$140 million	
<u>North County</u>		\$455 million	
Hwy 101/Union Valley Parkway Interchange	Orcutt	\$10 mil.	
Hwy 101 Santa Maria River Bridge	Santa Maria	\$10 mil.	
Hwy 101/135 (Broadway) Interchange	Santa Maria	\$10 mil.	
Hwy 101/Betteravia Interchange	Santa Maria	\$2 mil.	
Hwy 101/McCoy Interchange	Santa Maria	\$10 mil.	
Hwy 246 Passing Lanes	Lompoc-Buellton	\$20 mil.	
Hwy 246\Santa Ynez River Bridge	Lompoc	\$8 mil.	
Highway 166 Safety Improvements.	Guadalupe-Cuyama	\$3 mil.	
Solvang Circulation Improvements		\$3 mil.	
Buellton Circulation Improvements		\$3 mil.	
Guadalupe Circulation Improvements		\$3 mil.	
Specialized Transit, Seniors-Disabled		\$4.5 mil.	
Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Pedestrian		\$3 mil.	
Carpool and Vanpool Program		\$2 mil.	
Interregional Transit		\$22.5 mil.	
Local Street & Transportation Improvements		\$341 mil.	
(allocated as follows, with a min. of \$43 mil. for Safe Routes to School, transit services, bicycle, pedestrian and other alternative modes)			
Buellton	\$9.9 mil.	Guadalupe	\$12.5 mil.
Lompoc	\$65.4 mil.	Santa Maria	\$137.2 mil.
Solvang	\$11.2 mil.	County\Unincorp.	\$104.8 mil.
<u>South Coast</u>		\$455 million	
Safe Routes to School		\$13 mil.	
Bike & Pedestrian Program		\$13 mil.	
South Coast Transit Operations Program		\$58 mil.	
South Coast Transit Capital Program		\$27 mil.	
Interregional Transit		\$25.35 mil.	
Specialized Transit, Seniors-Disabled		\$6 mil.	
Carpool and Vanpool Program		\$7 mil.	
Commuter\Passenger Rail		\$25 mil.	
Carpinteria Circulation Improvements		\$1 mil.	
Goleta Overpass Improvements		\$7 mil.	
Local Street & Transportation Improvements		\$272.7 mil.	
(allocated as follows)			
Carpinteria	\$22.78 mil.	Goleta	\$42.91 mil.
Santa Barbara	\$104.05 mil.	County\Unincorp.	\$102.91 mil.