

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE C

Fresno County's current Measure C Program, voter approved in 2006, expires on June 30, 2027. Voter approval of this measure would authorize the Fresno County Transportation Authority (the "Authority") to adopt an ordinance continuing the existing half-cent transactions and use tax on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all personal property in Fresno County for thirty (30) years (between July 1, 2027 and June 30, 2057).

State law requires that the ordinance imposing the tax be approved by two-thirds of the voters in Fresno County voting on the measure.

As required by state law, the 2022 Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan ("Plan"), included in the Voter Information Guide, describes how the estimated \$6.84 billion in tax revenues collected over 30 years will be spent in Fresno County if the measure is approved by the voters.

The Plan lists the programs and funding allocations over the 30-year period in the following order:

1. Local and Neighborhood Street Repair and Maintenance (51.37%);
2. Local Control (17.64%);
3. Urban and Rural Public Transit (11.88%);
4. Safe Bikes and Pedestrians, including Safe Routes to School and Access for People with Disabilities (1.22%);
5. Major Roads and Highways, Safety Improvement and Congestion Relief (14.60%);
6. Environmental Sustainability (2.00%); and
7. The Authority's and the Fresno Council of Government's ("FCOG") administrative and planning activities (1.25%).

The Plan lists various transportation improvement projects that may be completed if the measure is approved by the voters. All projects funded by the ordinance must be consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The ordinance authorizes the Authority to issue bonds payable from the proceeds of the tax to accelerate the delivery of projects and programs in the Plan.

The Authority will be subject to various review and reporting requirements, including biennial review to verify or modify funding expectations, annual independent financial audits, and annual written reports detailing how the tax revenues are spent and the progress in implementing the projects and programs

in the Plan. The Authority and FCOG will also conduct a 15-year mid-Program public review process to evaluate progress of the Plan and adjust the project list to reflect future transportation needs. Amendments to the Plan must follow a specified process which includes public hearings.

As required by state law, a Citizen Oversight Committee will continue to oversee compliance with the Plan and make recommendations to the Authority.

The measure was placed on the ballot by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

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