

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
STAFF REPORT**

TO: Transportation Authority

THROUGH: Jim Hartnett
Executive Director

FROM: Seamus Murphy
Chief Communications Officer

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 6, WHICH WOULD REPEAL SENATE BILL 1, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT"**

ACTION

Staff recommends Board adoption of the attached resolution that expresses strenuous opposition to Proposition 6, which would repeal Senate Bill 1, also known as the "Road Repair and Accountability Act"

SIGNIFICANCE

Opposition to Proposition 6 is consistent with the Board approved Legislative Program.

BUDGET IMPACT

There is no impact on the budget.

BACKGROUND

The passage of Proposition 6 would jeopardize the funding needed for execution of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority projects and deprive Californians of resources now available from S.B.1 for much needed improvements in transportation infrastructure and transit systems statewide.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2018 –

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXPRESSING ITS STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 6, WHICH WOULD
REPEAL SENATE BILL 1, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

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WHEREAS, on June 7, 1988, the voters of San Mateo County approved a ballot measure known as "Measure A" which increased the local sales tax in San Mateo County by ½ percent with the new tax revenue to be used for highway and transit improvements pursuant to the 1988 Transportation Expenditure Plan (1988 TEP) presented to the voters; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, the voters of San Mateo County approved the continuation of the collection and distribution by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) of the New Measure A half-cent transactions and use tax for an additional 25 years to implement the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan (2004 TEP) beginning January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the California State Legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed, Senate Bill 1 (S.B. 1), also known as the "Road Repair and Accountability Act," a landmark transportation investment program designed to (1) rebuild California's transportation infrastructure by fixing neighborhood streets, freeways and bridges in communities across the State, and (2) strengthen, revitalize, and improve transit systems and congested trade and commute corridors; and,

WHEREAS, S.B. 1 will invest \$5.4 billion annually over the next decade to fix California's transportation systems and will address a backlog of repairs and upgrades, while ensuring a cleaner and more sustainable travel network for the future; and,

WHEREAS, in just this first year since S.B.1 became law, funds from the Road Repair and Accountability Act will provide the Transportation Authority with \$220 million for the San Mateo 101 Managed Lanes Project multi-jurisdictional partnership of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), and City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG); and,

WHEREAS, The San Mateo 101 Managed Lanes Project would provide a continuous managed lane in each direction on U.S. 101 from the terminus of the Santa Clara County Express Lanes to I-380 in San Mateo County in order to reduce congestion on the corridor, encourage carpooling and transit, increase travel time reliability and person throughput; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 is a statewide measure that will be placed on the November 6th, 2018 ballot asking voters to repeal S.B. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 6 would jeopardize the funding needed for execution of the TA projects listed above and deprive Californians of resources now available from S.B.1 for much needed improvements in transportation infrastructure and transit systems statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Transportation Authority strenuously opposes Proposition 6, which would repeal S.B. 1, the "Road Repair and Accountability Act"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Transportation Authority affirms its membership in the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation, and other organizations throughout the State that also are opposed to the repeal of S.B. 1;

Regularly passed and adopted this 2nd day of August 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, San Mateo County Transportation

Authority

ATTEST:

TA Secretary