

Board of Supervisors of the
County of Santa Barbara, California

Approval of Measure D Renewal
Transportation Expenditure Plan for Santa
Barbara County

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Since 1989, when a majority of Santa Barbara County voters approved the original Measure D Transportation Sales Tax Measure, nearly \$500 million dollars in new transportation revenues have benefited transportation projects in Santa Barbara County.

WHEREAS, these vital local transportation funds will sunset in 2010 unless a two-thirds majority of Santa Barbara County voters support Measure D -2006 in the November 7, 2006 general election.

WHEREAS, the loss of these local transportation revenues will result in the rapid deterioration of the county's local streets and road pavement quality since approximately 50% of local agency road maintenance and repair funds are comprised of Measure D sales tax revenue.

WHEREAS, without continuation of Measure D revenues, needed improvements to the local and regional transportation network like the widening of highways 101, 246, rural highway safety improvements, increased transit services and new bicycle and safe routes to school programs will be forced to rely upon limited and unreliable state transportation funds, potentially delaying or even cancelling these much needed projects

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments acting in its capacity as the Local Transportation Authority for Santa Barbara County adopted a Measure D Renewal Transportation Expenditure Plan by a unanimous vote of its board of directors at its April 20, 2006 meeting.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 180206, the plan must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the city councils representing a majority of the county's incorporated area population before a renewal measure can be placed on the ballot.

WHEREAS, the Measure D Renewal Transportation Expenditure Plan contains a local program allocation to the cities and the County providing local agencies with flexible local funding required to meet each agency's unique transportation needs for infrastructure maintenance, alternative transportation and congestion relief.

WHEREAS, the SBCAG Measure D renewal Expenditure Plan also contains needed funding for rural highway safety improvements, new and improved local and regional transit routes and new county-wide regional bicycle program and safe routes to school programs.

WHEREAS, continuation of the existing half cent transportation sales tax levy for an additional thirty years and a new one quarter cent increase for thirty years is necessary to fund the complete Measure D Renewal Expenditure program of projects.

WHEREAS, local residents can rely upon the effective implementation of the expenditure plan projects because the revenues derived from this measure are controlled by locally elected officials and expenditures will be subject to annual auditing by a citizens oversight committee of local residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and adopt the attached Measure D Renewal Transportation Expenditure Plan for Santa Barbara County.
2. Approve the attached Notice of Exemption prepared and adopted by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2006.

Joni Gray
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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