

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 01/07/02  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054/02/02  
**Agenda Date:** 01/15/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Scott D. McGolpin, Deputy Director  
Transportation Division, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Supporting Proposition 42 for Safer Roads and Traffic Relief Without Higher Taxes  
All Supervisorial Districts

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a Resolution supporting Proposition 42 for Safer Roads and Traffic Relief Without Higher Taxes.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Transportation in California is funded through several sources, but primarily through the state and federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel, truck weight fees, optional local sales taxes, sales taxes on fuels and a variety of other miscellaneous sources. State Polling suggest that the public considers gasoline taxes collected at the pump as quote "user fees", and as such should be dedicated to transportation improvements. This public support has contributed to the approval by the Governor and the Legislature of AB 2928 (Chapter 91, Statutes of 2000), which dedicates the State's portion of the existing sales tax on gasoline to transportation purposes for five years. During last year's budget negotiations this dedication to transportation was deferred for two years, but agreement was reached to place before the voters a constitutional dedication of this revenue source. Proposition 42 will be on the March 2002 ballot to accomplish this objective.

The Public Works Department requests that the Board of Supervisor's approve the attached resolution in support of Proposition 42. A Yes on 42 will be a unified effort shown throughout the state that the gasoline sales tax dollars are desperately needed to improve the existing conditions of our highways, bridges and streets.

This Resolution was reviewed by the Legislative Committee on January 14, 2002.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None with this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the Resolution and a certified stamped Minute Order approving this action to the Transportation Division, attn: Cecelia Barnes.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel

Construction of 2000/2001 Measure 'D' Asphalt Concrete Overlay in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Supervisorial Districts in Southern Santa Barbara County, County Project No. 810471

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