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Mr. Michael Brown  
County Administrator  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 406  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2065

Subject: Measure D Renewal Expenditure Plan

Dear Mr. Brown:

At its meeting on April 20, the SBCAG board unanimously approved a transportation expenditure plan for the renewal of Measure D, which is set to expire in March 2010. The board is proposing to place a measure on the November 2006 ballot to continue for 30 years the ½ percent local retail transactions and use tax (sales tax) for transportation and provide for a ¼ percent increase in the sales tax which will be used for specific transportation projects and programs outlined in the plan. To take effect, an ordinance to extend Measure D and implement the expenditure plan must be approved by two-thirds of county voters. If approved, the local sales tax measure would generate an estimated \$1.575 billion for transportation needs in the county over its term.

Before the renewal measure can be placed on the ballot, the transportation expenditure plan must be approved by the county board of supervisors and by a majority of the city councils representing a majority of the county's incorporated area population (P.U.C. Section 180206).

I am requesting that you place an item on your board's agenda for the Tuesday, May 23, 2006 meeting so that your board may vote on the expenditure plan. SBCAG staff will attend the meeting to make a presentation on the plan and answer questions. A copy of the expenditure plan is attached.

Gregg Hart, Government Affairs Coordinator\PIO of my staff will be contacting you within the next few days to confirm that the requested meeting date can be accommodated on your council's agenda.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Kemp  
Executive Director

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