

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:  
Prepared Date: 01/30/06  
Department: **Public Works Transportation**  
Budget Unit: **054/02**  
Agenda Date: **02/14/06**  
Placement: **Administrative**  
Estimated Time:  
**Continued Item: NO**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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Transportation – 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Measure "D" 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for Transportation for all Supervisorial Districts

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding 2006/07 through 2010/2011 Measure "D" Five-Year Local Program of Projects (Set Hearing for March 7, 2006) (Est. Time: 30 minutes staff; 45minutes total)

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution for the Measure "D" Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2006/07 through 2010/11, for submittal to the Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority for acceptance;
- B. Reaffirm Resolution 89-465, which established priorities and policies related to the use of the local portion of the one-half cent sales tax for transportation needs in Santa Barbara County;
- C. Approve Notice of Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the above; (Post);
- D. Reaffirm or consider revisions to Measure "D" distribution formula for allocation of revenues within Supervisorial Districts;
- E. Direct staff to prepare Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMap) based upon approved Measure "D" distribution formula.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:**

As part of the local guidelines of the Measure "D" one-half cent sales tax, the Board of Supervisors must annually adopt a resolution indicating the program of projects and certifying the intent to allocate the required local discretionary funds to satisfy the "Maintenance of Efforts" provision of Measure "D".

On November 7, 1989 the voters of the County of Santa Barbara approved Measure "D", the Santa Barbara Transportation Improvement Program, with a 55% majority vote. As a result of the passage of Measure "D", the local sales tax was increased countywide by one-half cent, effective April 1, 1991. The transportation sales tax will remain in effect for 20 years, with the revenues being allocated for transportation improvements.

The revenues generated countywide by this transportation sales tax are currently distributed with 70 percent going to local agencies to meet their local needs. The remaining 30 percent are allocated to state and regional highway projects. The County of Santa Barbara is required on an annual basis to develop a five-year program for proposed projects to be funded with these sales tax monies. The Department of Public Works presents this five-year program to your Board every spring for consideration and approval. Upon approval, the program is sent to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for approval and incorporation into the countywide plan.

The Department will file the final departmental board letter on February 27, 2006, with all of the associated reference material required to satisfy the requirements of the Measure "D" Five-Year Local Program.

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:**

No change in programs or service level.

**FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:**

None with this action.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

The Department will notice the hearing for the Measure "D" 1/2 Cent Sales Tax. The notice will be published for one week in the Santa Maria Times and the Santa Barbara Newspress.

**Concurrence:**

None