



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

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Information

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Update on Transportation Measures on the Ballot

Issue: What were the results of transportation-related county ballot measures in California in the November 2016 election?

Recommendation: None, this is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: A number of local transportation-related measures were on the ballot in the recent election. Staff will brief the Committee on the outcomes of various county-level measures. If there is interest, staff could also provide a briefing on city-level measures at a later time.

Attachment A provides a summary from the California Transit Association of vote percentages as of the day after the election. Although vote numbers have since increased slightly due to the counting of absentee ballots, no measure outcomes have changed.

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Californians Take Action to Support Investments in Transportation

Yesterday, Californians voiced their support for billions of dollars in new investment in transportation infrastructure by approving six local sales tax measures, a bond measure, and a parcel tax measure.

Transportation Funding Measures

This year, 14 local sales tax measures were on the ballot in counties across California. All of these measures, with the exception of the County of San Francisco's Proposition K, required a 2/3-vote of the electorate. Despite this high voter-threshold, 6 of these measures passed and will go into effect next year, generating billions of dollars for public transit and local streets & roads. A number of these measures, including Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Measure B won decisive approval with nearly 70% and 71% of the vote, respectively.

Additionally, the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, Merced and Stanislaus joined the ranks of the "self-help counties" by electing, for the first time, to tax themselves at higher sales tax rate to fund important transportation infrastructure improvements.

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Measure RR, a \$3.5 billion general obligation bond measure to update, repair, and replace the BART aging infrastructure, captured 70% of the vote. Finally, voters in the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District overwhelmingly extended the District's existing \$8/month parcel tax for an additional 20 years, generating approximately \$30 million annually for transit service.

The outcomes of all transportation funding measures are listed below:

Local Sales Tax Measures – Existing Self-Help Counties

Los Angeles, Measure M – Passed: Yes 69.82%, No 30.18%

San Diego, Measure A – Failed: Yes 57.04%, No 42.96%

Contra Costa, Measure X – Failed: Yes 62.54%, No 37.46%

Sacramento, Measure B – Failed: Yes 64.81%, No 35.19%

Santa Clara, Measure B – Passed: Yes 70.93%, No 29.07%

San Francisco, Measure K – Failed: Yes 34.95%, No 65.05% (Majority Vote Required)

Local Sales Tax Measures – Aspiring Self-Help Counties

Humboldt, Measure U – Failed: Yes 42.89%, No 57.11%

Monterey, Measure X – Passed: Yes 67.36%, No 32.64%

Merced, Measure V – Passed: Yes 69.15%, No 30.85%

Placer, Measure M – Failed: Yes 63.71%, No 36.29%

San Luis Obispo, Measure J – Failed: Yes 65.0%, No 35.0%

Santa Cruz, Measure D – Passed: Yes 67.12%, No 32.88%

Stanislaus, Measure L – Passed: Yes 70.58%, No 29.42%

Ventura, Measure AA – Failed: Yes 56.91%, No 43.09%

General Obligation Bond

BART, Measure RR – Passed: Yes 70.1%, No: 29.9%

Parcel Tax Measure

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, Measure C1 – Passed: Yes 81.4%, No 18.6%

For additional information on all statewide election results, please visit the [Secretary of State's website](#).

If you have any questions or comments about this Funding Update
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