

MEASURE B: THE ROAD MAINTENANCE & TRAFFIC RELIEF ACT OF 2016



One of the most essential infrastructure priorities for Sacramento County is a transportation system the regional economy can rely on, that enhances quality of life for all and reduces traffic congestion and air pollution.

The Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) was created by voters in 1988 to administer and oversee Sacramento County's transportation sales tax dollars in order to invest in our transportation needs, create a dedicated source of local funding with which to generate state and federal matching dollars, provide oversight of taxpayer money, and ensure the county adheres to the transportation plan approved by voters.

That plan, authorized under Measure A, has led to critical freeway improvements, light rail expansion, and better connections for all modes within our transportation system.

Now we need to fix our streets and plan for the future.

Sacramento County has many aging streets, roadways, and bridges that are in disrepair. The county and all of its incorporated cities have

identified potholes that must be fixed, streets that must be repaved, bridges that must be strengthened, and roadways that must be brought up to modern standards to better serve motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, disabled persons, and transit users.

In addition, regional and local transit providers have detailed new investments that must be made to improve the operations, maintenance, safety, and security of light rail, bus, and paratransit services throughout the county.

These "Fix it First" programs make up the core of the Road Maintenance & Traffic Relief Act of 2016, a countywide transportation plan that would be funded by a supplemental one half percent sales tax, which will appear on the countywide ballot as Measure B in November 2016.

The plan would also help fund high priority freeway traffic relief and light rail extension projects identified by transportation planners as essential for the future of our transportation system.

Investing in Our Future

All of these priorities are intended to keep up with the growth of the region's economy and fix our transportation infrastructure promptly, so we can avoid paying more down the line.

If approved by voters, Measure B would raise \$3.6 billion over 30 years to fund all the elements of the plan. Measure B also includes strong accountability provisions to be enforced by the STA's Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

The Measure B Transportation Plan includes:



Street and Road Maintenance & Repair Projects that will smooth neighborhood traffic flow and improve pedestrian and bike safety.



Repair or Replacement of Aging Roads & Bridges to ensure the safety and reliability of major pieces of infrastructure.



New Highway, Connector & Interchange Projects to provide traffic relief in congested areas of Capital City Freeway, Interstates 5 and 80, and Highways 50 and 99.



Operations, Maintenance, Security & Expansion of light rail and other transit services to increase options for transit users, take cars off the roads and improve air quality.



Strict Accountability Measures that require Fix it First maintenance projects be completed before moving on to new projects, annual audits by an Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee, and administration costs capped at less than one percent.

A + B Work Together

Measure B will work together with Sacramento County's current transportation expenditure plan under Measure A, reauthorized in 2004. Measure B strengthens Measure A by providing another guaranteed source of locally-controlled funding that allows Sacramento County to qualify for millions more in state and federal matching dollars.

To learn more about the local and regional projects in Measure B, visit www.SacramentoGo.com

