

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # IX.*A.

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE September 23, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution and Letter Supporting Measure S, Also Known As the Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safer Streets Program Transactions and Use Tax Measure

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a Resolution and Letter Supporting Measure S, Also Known As the Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safer Streets Program Transactions and Use Tax Measure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No County funds will be expended for the production or distribution of Board of Supervisors letters of support.

If Stanislaus County voters approve Measure S, the County will receive local funding for needed transportation improvement projects. It is anticipated that the Transportation Measure will generate \$700 million over the next 20 years to address transportation needs throughout Stanislaus County. This includes \$350 million (50%) for regional capital projects, \$343 million (49%) to be expended on capital corridor improvements and \$7 million (1%) for administration of the proceeds of the sales tax.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-676

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Grover and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, and Vice-Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors approved the placement of Measure S on the November ballot during the Board meeting of July 22, 2008. If approved by voters, this Measure will provide critical funding for road projects.

The purpose of Measure S is to maintain and improve the quality of life in Stanislaus County by focusing on accomplishing the following:

- Improve safety and reduce congestion on local highways;
- Improve intersections and synchronize traffic signals;
- Improve emergency response times for police and fire;
- Enhance student safety around schools;
- Improve travel along east-west corridors;
- Retrofit and replace bridges;
- Fill potholes, fix, widen and extend local roads; and
- Enhance Stanislaus County's ability to secure state and federal funding for transportation by providing required local match funding.

The one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax is dedicated for transportation purposes including the planning, design, right of way acquisition, environmental review and mitigation, construction, operation and maintenance of transportation projects, improvements and programs. Funds cannot be used for other governmental purposes or programs of any kind. To ensure that all funding from the tax is used appropriately, the Ordinance contains the following safeguards:

1. The specific projects and programs included in the Financial Expenditure Plan will be funded in part by revenue raised by the transactions and use tax. The Final Expenditure Plan can only be changed upon approval by the Authority.
2. An Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will supervise fiscal and performance audits regarding the use of all sales tax funds to ensure that all funds are spent in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance and the Financial Expenditure Plan.
3. The tax is for transportation programs only and is not intended to replace revenues generated through locally-adopted development fees and assessment districts.
4. The Transportation Authority will continue to seek maximum funding for transportation improvements through State and federal programs. The Authority will not provide sales tax revenue to any of the Cities or the County unless all transportation revenues currently used by that agency are continued to be used for transportation purposes.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to consider the adoption of a resolution and letter supporting the passage of Measure S on the November 4, 2008 ballot which would, through imposition of a one-half of one percent sales tax, provide critical funding to address transportation infrastructure needs throughout Stanislaus County and its nine cities. This request is consistent with the Board's priority of a Well Planned Infrastructure.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item. If Measure S is approved by voters in the November election, StanCOG will administer the sales tax program and carry out the mission outlined in the Expenditure Plan.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Resolution Supporting Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safer Streets Program Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, Also Known As Measure S

Whereas, At its July 9, 2008 meeting, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Policy Board, acting as the designated Stanislaus County Transportation Authority ("Authority"), unanimously adopted a Transportation Sales Tax Ordinance, and

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors at its July 22, 2008 Board meeting authorized the placement of the Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safer Streets Program Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, also known as Measure S, on the November, 2008 Ballot, and

Whereas, Measure S provides for the imposition of a one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax for local transportation purposes for a period of 20 years, and

Whereas, It is anticipated that Measure S will generate \$700 million over the next 20 years to address transportation needs throughout Stanislaus County, and

Whereas, the passage of Measure S by Stanislaus County voters would provide local funding for needed transportation improvement projects, and

Whereas, This includes \$350 million (50%) for regional capital projects, \$343 million (49%) to be expended on capital corridor improvements and \$7 million (1%) for administration of the proceeds of the sales tax, and

Whereas, Measure S would help to maintain and improve the quality of life in Stanislaus County by focusing on accomplishing the following:

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Whereas, Measure S will enhance Stanislaus County's ability to secure state and federal funding for transportation by providing required local match funding, and

Whereas, funds cannot be used for other governmental purposes or programs of any kind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby support Measure S, also known as the Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safer Streets Program Transactions and Use Tax Measure.

September 19, 2008

Subject: BETTER ROADS – SAFER STREETS. PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING
MEASURE S

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We are writing to you today to ask for your support and urging you to join the coalition of community residents and local leaders working to pass this vital transportation improvement measure.

In order to achieve victory on November 4th, we must receive 67% support – a difficult margin to reach in any campaign. The efforts to pass Measure S has broad support across our county, but will require a well-run and well-messaged campaign with grassroots support that reaches out to local voters to ensure it achieves the goal at hand. For this to occur, we need your help.

Please join us in supporting Measure S. To lend a hand or if you have any questions, please visit www.BetterRoadsSaferStreets.com or call Ms. Kelly Hayes at (209) 480-2130 or email her at betterroadssaferstreets@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for helping ensure Better Roads and Safer Streets for Stanislaus County.

Sincerely,

Jim DeMartini

Jeff Grover

Tom Mayfield

Dick Monteith

Bill O'Brien

Vito Chiesa



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