



**RESOURCE
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AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: October 14, 2008

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertise Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Plans or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 733-6291						

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Measure R ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve an Amendment to the Measure R ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan.

SUMMARY:

The Measure R ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan serves as a guide for the use of transportation funds over the next thirty years. The Expenditure Plan was developed by the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and its nine member agencies (Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Woodlake, and the County of Tulare) and approved by the voters in November 2006. The Expenditure Plan addresses the diverse interests and regional transportation needs through the year 2037 for the County and the incorporated cities.

The Expenditure Plan provides a detailed blueprint which allows for the leveraging of state and federal funds through the revenues being received through Measure R ½ cent transportation sales tax. The Expenditure Plan includes funding for regional road improvements, public transit, rehabilitation of existing roads, and other

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transportation programs which will improve mobility and air quality within the County and each of the Cities.

On June 16, 2008 (TCAG)/Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) met and determined a need for the first amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan.

On July 18, 2008 all potential changes were submitted to the TCTA Director. Discussions with the County, City Managers, TCTA, and the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee followed the submittal of requested changes and a draft Expenditure Plan amendment was created.

Six requests for changes to the existing Measure R ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan have been incorporated as follows:

1. The City of Porterville requested that sixty percent of the City of Porterville Measure R Bike funds be distributed to a "City of Porterville Transit Fund." The amount of the transit fund would be \$300,000. The City of Porterville has submitted their request to best serve the citizens of Porterville.
2. The City of Porterville and County of Tulare request a change in description for the Phase 1 State Route-190 regional project from "passing lanes" to "operational improvements." The change in description will provide funding for the County to partner with the State to deliver significant improvements on the SR-190 corridor.
3. The County of Tulare requests a description change for the "Regional Bike Path Improvements" Program, to "Regional Bike and Pedestrian Improvements." The change in the description provides more grant opportunities and is consistent with other agency programs in Measure R.
4. The City of Dinuba requests creation of a \$200,000 "City of Dinuba Bike/Pedestrian Improvement Fund" within the "Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects Program." The creation of a City of Dinuba Bike/Pedestrian Improvement Fund would provide an opportunity for the City of Dinuba to apply for numerous grants and provide opportunities for the City of Dinuba to assist with a regional implementation of the Tulare County Bike Plan.
5. The City of Tulare requests a revision from "J Street Railroad Over-Crossing" to the "Tulare Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Program." The change in the description would create flexibility for the City of Tulare to obtain various grants.

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6. The Cities of Exeter, Lindsay, and Porterville request creation of a \$2–3 million “Rail Preservation Fund” within the “Transit/Bike/Environmental Projects Program.” The new Rail Preservation Fund would allow for potential funding to preserve rail right of way/rights in Tulare County. The Rail Preservation Fund would be created as a result of increased revenues beyond original Measure R projections for the “Transit/Bike/Environmental” Program.

All six requests have been incorporated in the amended Expenditure Plan. The amended Expenditure Plan will allow for member agencies and the TCTA to have more opportunities to partner with other agencies and apply for grants.

On September 8, 2008 the TCTA approved the Final 2006 ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Measure Plan (Amended) for submission to its member agencies.

Approval by Tulare County and at least five incorporated cities representing a majority of the incorporated population is required for the amended Expenditure Plan to be adopted by the TCTA. Board approval is necessary for this amendment to move forward to TCTA adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Only amendment request Numbers 4 and 6 would have a fiscal impact on the Measure R Expenditure Plan. The increase in funding for these requests would be covered by excess revenues which have been received in the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year.

There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The Final 2006 ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax Measure Plan (Amended) links to the Strategic Plan for safety and security by improving and maintaining an adequate infrastructure for safe transportation of citizens and goods within Tulare County. The Plan also links to quality of life by providing funding for clean air projects.

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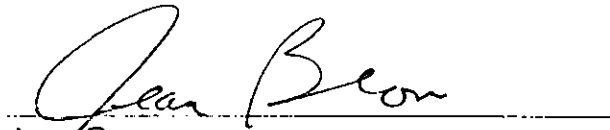
ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve the amendment. This is not recommended as it will limit the ability of the County and the Cities to obtain advantageous grant funding and pursue future projects to meet the growing needs of the citizens.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

TCAG, TCTA Board, City Managers of the eight unincorporated Cities, and the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee have participated in development of this amendment.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Jean Brou
Assistant Director – Transportation



Henry Hash
Director

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s)

Final 2006 ½ Cent Transportation Measure R Expenditure Plan (Amended)

TCTA Resolution No. 2008-019

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF)
AN AMENDMENT TO MEASURE R)
½ CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES)
TAX EXPENDITURE PLAN)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved an Amendment to the Measure R ½ Cent Transportation Sales Tax
Expenditure Plan.