



# Advisory Council on Aging

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Re: Transportation Infrastructure Funding/Measure X

Dear Committee Members:

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging finds the failure of Measure X to be of great concern to the aging community. Inattention to transportation maintenance projects and infrastructure development will demand the attention of the Board of Supervisors Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee in the near future due to the growth and congestion of Bay Area traffic. Seniors who rely on public transportation to avoid the costs and/or stress of driving, or who are managing medical/ambulatory issues which preclude the use of a private automobile, need access to transportation that will allow them to remain independent in their home and community. Access to safe and efficient public transportation is not only the hallmark of an age friendly community but an ecologically minded community as well. We can do better to protect the human, economic and ecological interests of our community. Addressing the dated and potentially unsafe issues now allows healthy movement for all members of the community to be productive and engaged citizens.

Roughly one in five residents in Contra Costa County is over the age of 60. By 2030 that figure will be roughly one in four residents, or 25% of the population. This emerging older adult demographic and constituency must be planned for through access to safe and reliable transportation.

We hope the Committee promotes mobility options and improvements for local seniors and adults who have a disability. The Advisory Council would like to work with you to help craft future plans and learn what we can do to support securing additional funding.

Regards,

President  
Gerald Richards  
President

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