

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 09/25/2018 by the following vote:

AYE:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2018/482

In the matter of Proposition 6, the November 2018 ballot proposition that would eliminate recently passed (Senate Bill 1 2017 – Road Repair and Accountability Act) fuel and vehicle taxes thereby reducing funding for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs and adding a requirement that after meeting the super majority-2/3 vote test in the Legislature, to add an additional requirement that a majority of voters approve new or increased state fuel and vehicle taxes in the future.

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network’s condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe and 89% of counties have roads that are in ‘poor’ or ‘at-risk’ condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, with poor road conditions as a major factor in vehicle collisions and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate more than \$52 billion over the next 10 years in existing transportation funding, including the \$15 billion in direct apportionments, and \$11 billion in available competitive grant funding, to cities and counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would stop funding for more than 6,500 transportation improvement projects currently underway or planned in every California community; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would jeopardize public safety by eliminating thousands of projects to fix unsafe bridges and overpasses, repair crumbling and unsafe roads, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate approximately \$15,460,000^[1] annually dedicated to Contra Costa County, and will halt or slow critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community potentially including the following projects, programs and other activities: Kirker Pass Road Truck Climbing Lane, Vasco Road and Byron Highway Improvements, Appian Way/San Pablo Dam Road Improvements, Norris Canyon Road Safety Improvements, Route 239 – Vasco Road/Byron Highway Connector Project, Baily Road/SR4 Interchange Improvements, Marsh Creek Road Safety Improvements, Camino Tassajara Bike Lane Gap Closure, Countywide Guardrail Upgrade, Parker Avenue Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing, Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacement (bridge 143 & 145), Bel Air Trail Crossing Safety Improvements, Marsh Drive Bridge Replacement Project, Fred Jackson Way, First Mile/Last Mile Connection Project, Byron Highway Bridge Replacement, Ability to respond to emergencies – slides, sinkholes, etc. (e.g. Morgan Territory Rd. and Alhambra Valley Rd.); and

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly passed Prop 69 in June thereby ensuring transportation funds can only be used for transportation purposes and the State and local governments are accountable to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can’t be diverted or borrowed, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads.

[1] Estimate provided by the California Association of Counties, data available [here](http://www.counties.org/post/sb-1-road-repair-and-accountability-act-2017):
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NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopts a position of OPPOSE for Proposition 6 which would repeal Senate Bill 1 (2017) the Road Repair and Accountability Act (transportation funding), and
2. Consents and requests to be listed as a member of the No on Prop 6 coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, environmental leaders, transportation advocates and other organizations throughout the state.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: September 25, 2018

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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