

## SBCAG BOARD STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Regarding Proposition 6

**MEETING DATE:** September 20, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM: 6**

**STAFF CONTACT:** Marjie Kirn

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Adopt Resolution 18-26 (Attachment A) regarding Proposition 6.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff has attached a draft resolution for the Board's consideration regarding Proposition 6.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Resolution 18-26 Opposing Proposition 6

# ATTACHMENT A

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 6 )

RESOLUTION NO. 18-26

**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**, cities and counties are facing a funding shortfall of \$79 billion over the next 10-years to repair and maintain in a good condition the local streets and roads system and the State Highway System has \$59 billion worth of deferred maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – will raise approximately \$5.4 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets, roads, and highways, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the revenues split equally between state and local projects; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1 provides critically-needed funding in Santa Barbara County that will be used for:

- Delivery of the Highway 101 Widening Project from Carpinteria to Santa Barbara;
- Local street and road maintenance and safety improvements;
- Regional commuter rail and transit improvements;
- Local bicycle improvements; and
- Other regionally significant projects that reduce congestion in Santa Barbara County.

**WHEREAS**, SB 1 contains strong accountability and transparency provisions to ensure the public knows how their tax dollars are being invested and the corresponding benefits to their community including annual project lists that identify planned investments and annual expenditure reports that detail multi-year and completed projects; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1 requires the State to cut bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, and also establishes the independent

office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 69 passed in June 2018 added additional protections for taxpayers by preventing the State Legislature from diverting or raiding any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 6 on November 2018 ballot would repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB1 and make it more difficult to increase funding for state and local transportation improvements in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed November proposition would eliminate \$12 million annually dedicated to the County of Santa Barbara and the cities in Santa Barbara County and \$1.5 billion annually on our state highway system, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments hereby opposes Proposition 6 that would repeal the new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments supports and can be listed as a member of the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state, in opposition to the repeal of SB 1.

ADOPTED this day September of 20, 2018.

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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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Marjie Kirn  
Executive Director

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Joan Hartmann, Chair  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Rachel Van Mullem  
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