



Frequently Asked Questions About Measure M

Q: What is Measure M?

A: Measure M is a transportation tax and spending plan proposed by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and placed on the November 2016 ballot. If enacted, Measure M will double the transportation sales tax rate approved by voters in 2008 and will be permanent if passed.

Q: Who are the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments? What positions have they taken on Measure M?

A: The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is an organization representing 27 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County to have a collective voice on issues important to the region, including transportation, air quality, economic development, and housing.

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments represents 16 cities to collaborate on regional issues with a focus on improving transportation and the environment, and strengthening economic development. Each COG has voted to officially oppose Measure M as the COGs believe it isn't fair to the hard working families of the Southeast LA County and South Bay communities.

Taxpayers in the communities the COGs represent—many of which are blue-collar--will be paying for Measure M but won't get significant traffic congestion relief, or completed street improvements, for decades.

Q: Don't constituents in these communities need the transportation projects Measure M proposes?

A: Under Measure M, improvements to the I-5, I-405, I-605, and I-710 freeways won't be completed for 30 to 40 years. Transportation critical to blue collar communities will be postponed under Measure M but projects in far more affluent communities are now first in line to receive Measure M funds.

Q: What studies, if any, has Gateway Cities COG conducted on this issue?

A: Gateway Cities COG conducted a survey in August 2016 which shows a clear majority of respondents are concerned about the fair sharing of transit dollars, and fiscal accountability. MTA projects have incurred nearly one billion in cost over-runs since 2009. After a number of facts were presented, Measure M fell well below the 2/3s majority required for passage.

Q: How can I get more information about this issue and how to vote?

A: Visit www.gatewaycog.org/MeasureM. For voting information visit www.lavote.net