



SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 12

POSITION ON PROPOSITION 6 WHICH WOULD REPEAL SENATE BILL (SB) 1

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution

Key Staff: Norman Hom, Executive Director

Recommendation

Adopt attached Resolution opposing Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Background Information

Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law on April 28, 2017. It increased fuel excise taxes and imposed additional vehicle registration fees. Most of the \$5.2 billion raised per year statewide goes toward local street and road repairs, maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system, bridge repairs, and funding for transit. The remainder goes toward transportation matching funds for local agencies, bike and pedestrian projects, Freeway Service Patrol, planning, research, and workforce development and training. Proposition 69, passed in June, ensures the funds are used only for transportation improvements.

Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot seeks to repeal SB 1 and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future by requiring voter approval for all future increases in fuel and vehicle taxes or fees.

Discussion

Sacramento County and the Cities together have a current road maintenance backlog exceeding \$1.1 billion. Through SB 1, the local agencies receive upwards of \$50 million per year for local road repair, reconstruction, and maintenance. SB 1 funding is critical in helping the local road network from declining even further behind current levels.

In addition, hundreds of millions of SB 1 dollars are dedicated for improvements on local freeways. \$125.3 million has already been programmed High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on U.S. Highway 50 and Interstate 5. The Capital|SouthEast Connector was recently awarded \$20 million and Sacramento Regional Transit directly receives over \$6.6 million per year through SB 1 for transit operations and improvements. Proposition 6 would end these funding streams.

At the August 9, 2018 meeting, the STA Governing Board requested this item be agendaized to allow the Board to adopt an official position on Proposition 6.