

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



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TO: Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-017 Approving the Measure I Continuation Expenditure Plan Developed by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-017 approving the Measure I Continuation Expenditure Plan developed by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority.

BACKGROUND

Measure I is a one-half of one percent transactions and use tax originally approved by San Bernardino County voters in 1989 and renewed in 2004. The measure provides dedicated funding for transportation improvements throughout San Bernardino County and is currently set to expire on April 1, 2040.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is proposing a continuation of Measure I beyond 2040, which is anticipated to be placed before voters on the November 3, 2026 ballot. If approved by voters, the continuation would maintain the existing one-half of one percent sales tax rate without increasing taxes and is estimated to generate approximately \$7.5 billion over its first 30 years. Revenues would remain within San Bernardino County and would continue to be dedicated exclusively to transportation-related purposes.

The proposed Expenditure Plan allocates revenues by percentage and geographic subarea. The City of Hesperia is located within the Victor Valley Subarea, where funds would be allocated as follows: seventy percent (70%) for Local Mobility, twenty percent (20%) for Regional Mobility, and ten percent (10%) for Operations.

Local Mobility funds are distributed directly to jurisdictions based on population and may be used for street rehabilitation, pothole repairs, sidewalks, bike lanes, grade separations, and related improvements. Jurisdictions must adopt an annually updated Five-Year Plan to receive funds and five percent (5%) must initially be reserved for active transportation projects. Regional Mobility funds support major regional projects such as freeway and interchange improvements, congestion management and related system enhancements, with expenditures determined by the SBCTA Board based on recommendations from local representatives. Operations funds support

transit and mobility services, including bus and rail operations, senior and specialized transportation services, and rideshare programs.

Additionally, three percent (3%) of total countywide revenue is reserved for Interregional Mobility projects addressing critical infrastructure improvements in key corridors that address congestion, enhance mobility, improve safety and strengthen resilience.

The Expenditure Plan includes return-to-source provisions, annual local audits, biennial SBCTA audits, and continued oversight by an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 180206, the Expenditure Plan must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities representing a majority of the incorporated population in order to place the measure before voters. Participating jurisdictions are being asked to consider the Resolution in advance of the deadlines necessary to place the measure on the November 2026 ballot.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Future Development - Facilitate balanced growth to ensure cohesive community development and pursue economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the recommended action.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution No. 2026-017
2. Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan Exhibit A
3. Draft Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Exhibit B
4. Draft Ballot Questions Exhibit C