Transportation Solutions in the City of Sebastopol

Infrastructure Investments Funded By Senate Bill 1 and Measure M

Essential funding for transportation programs and projects throughout Sonoma County is provided through SB 1 and Measure M. Measure M is expected to leverage external funds to deliver safety and congestion relief projects. SB 1 alone will generate over $1.4 million for road repairs and maintenance over the next 10 years for the City of Sebastopol. Together Measure M and SB1 can deliver results faster.

FUNDING SOLUTIONS

SENATE BILL 1 (SB 1)

In April 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. This landmark funding program increased the gas tax, diesel tax and vehicle registration fees to invest approximately $5.4 billion annually in state and local roads, goods movement, public transit and active transportation programs. SB 1 will also put people to work. With every $1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure, it supports approximately 13,000 jobs a year.

ANNUAL STATEWIDE SB 1 FUNDING

- $1.5 Billion: state highway operations protection program administered by Caltrans
- $400 Million: state bridge maintenance and repairs
- $1.5 Billion: local streets and roads
- $750 Million: mass transit
- $300 Million: goods movement and freight projects
- $250 Million: congested corridors and relief management
- $200 Million: the local partnership program to match locally generated transportation funds
- $100 Million: Active Transportation Program

ROAD REPAIRS ADVANCE IN THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

The City of Sebastopol is delivering local streets and roads projects proposed in FY2018-19 funded by SB 1 and Measure M for maintenance, rehabilitation and safety.

- Pedestrian Improvements will occur throughout the City with projects that will provide:
  - Crosswalk signals
  - Median refuge areas
  - Crosswalk striping
  - Accessibility features

- ADA Curb Ramp Installation includes installing new ramps to meet federal accessibility standards to maximize safety at multiple locations within the City.

PROPOSITION 6 PUTS SB 1 FUNDING AT RISK IN THE COUNTY

The measure to repeal SB 1 through a constitutional amendment will be on the November 2018 ballot as Proposition 6. If successful, it proposition will:

- Eliminate over $15 million per year in road maintenance funds from city and county budgets.
- Eliminate all SB 1 funding designated for state highways
- Eliminate more than $4 million per year in transit funds in Sonoma County.
- Require any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval.
- Potentially lower future transportation tax revenues.

Sonoma County projects to improve highways, rail, goods movement, roads, bridges, trails and pedestrian safety could be delayed indefinitely with the elimination of SB 1 funding.
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
Strict accountability and transparency along with performance measures ensures safe and efficient delivery.

✓ SB 1
  ▪ Cities and counties must adopt and submit to the state a planned list of projects and year-end reporting that accounts for every dollar of SB 1 revenue received.
  ▪ SB 1 establishes an independent Inspector General appointed by the Governor to oversee programs to ensure all funds are spent as promised and reports annually.

PROTECTION OF FUNDS
The State and counties have long relied on “user fees,” fuel taxes and vehicle charges, to maintain transportation infrastructure. Diversion of those funds created a backlog of road and bridge repairs. Proposition 69, approved by the voters in June 2018, created a “lockbox” to ensure that all SB 1 funding is dedicated for transportation-related purposes only.

✓ Proposition 69,
  ▪ Prohibits the diversion of funds.
  ▪ Prohibits revenue from new vehicle license fees from being used to repay general obligation bond debt.
  ▪ Exempts new revenues from state and local spending limits.

FUNDING AT RISK

✓ Proposition 6: SB 1 Repeal Effort
  If approved on the November 2018 ballot, it would:
  ▪ Eliminate all SB 1 funding sources and reduce transportation funding statewide.
  ▪ Require legislation to submit any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval.
  ▪ Potentially lower future transportation tax revenues.

Transportation Projects At Risk
SB 1 is a new revenue stream that supports projects currently funded by Measure M – a measure approved Sonoma County voters. Measure M is expected to leverage external funds to deliver multimodal projects and safety improvements. SB 1 and Measure M combined can deliver projects faster. However, if Proposition 6 on the November ballot passes...

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