



**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
ADOPTION OF SPECIAL TAX SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, to consider an ordinance, called the Go Sonoma Act (the “Act”), imposing a special tax on the incorporated and unincorporated area of Sonoma County (“County”) to fund local transportation projects in Sonoma County. In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, the public hearing will occur virtually through Zoom. Members of the public can watch or listen to the hearing by one of two options: (1) downloading the Zoom meeting application on your computer, smartphone, or tablet and joining Meeting ID 815 3562 5017, or (2) calling (669) 900-9128 and entering Meeting ID 815 3562 5017. You may email public comment to Seana Gause Seana.Gause@SCTA.ca.gov. All emailed public comments will be forwarded to all Board members. During the hearing, there will be a specific point assigned to public comment.

The Act, if adopted, will be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2020, election, and will become effective if it is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure.

The special tax proposed in the Act would be a quarter-cent transactions and use tax imposed for twenty (20) years on retail sales in the incorporated and unincorporated area of the County, beginning April 1, 2025. The tax would be collected in the same manner as sales tax is currently collected. The Act is in a form provided by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to ensure it includes all of the necessary procedural requirements and exemptions and exclusions from the tax.

As part of the approval process for the Act, the Board must approve an Expenditure Plan for the revenue. A draft Expenditure Plan is attached to the proposed Act. The revenue from the tax can be spent only on projects and goals listed in the Expenditure Plan. The Expenditure Plan sets out a detailed description of these programs, which can be summarized as providing for the following:

1. Smooth & maintained roads
2. Move traffic & improve safety
3. Increase bus service
4. Build bikeways & pathways

A copy of the Act and the Expenditure Plan is posted at SCTA's office, located at 411 King Street, Santa Rosa, California and is also available on-line at <https://scta.ca.gov/meetings-and-events/>

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND BE HEARD ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

By: 
Drew Nichols, Clerk of the Board