



Reject the Attack on Safe Roads and Local Transportation Improvements

A deceptive measure that could soon qualify for the November ballot would put public safety and our quality of life at risk. If passed, the proposition would eliminate more than \$5 billion dollars per year in existing transportation funding. These funds are currently being put to use to make road safety improvements, ease traffic congestion, fix potholes, upgrade bridges and overpasses, and improve public transportation in every California community. This measure would jeopardize more than 5,000 transportation improvement projects currently underway or planned throughout the state –making our local roads less safe, more congested and more deteriorated.



OPPOSE Elimination of Critical Transportation Funds:

November ballot measure would rob our communities of vital transportation and public transit improvement funds.

A broad coalition of public safety, environmental, community, business, labor and local government groups is working to reject this attack on safer, better roads. Here's why:

- ✘ **Jeopardize public safety.** Currently, 89% of counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition and more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses are structurally deficient and unsafe. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, many caused by poor road conditions. This measure will eliminate hundreds of projects throughout the state improving the safety of our roads and ensuring our bridges, tunnels and overpasses are structurally sound and meet seismic safety standards.
- ✘ **Stop or threaten more than 5,000 transportation improvement projects already underway in every community.** According to the California State Transportation Agency, there are currently more than [5,000 local transportation improvement projects](#) underway or in progress throughout the state. This measure would put these and thousands of future projects at risk – eliminating projects we need to fix potholes, make safety improvements, ease traffic congestion, upgrade bridges, and improve public transportation.
- ✘ **Make traffic congestion worse.** Our freeways and major thoroughfares are among the most congested in the nation. This measure would stop hundreds of congestion relief projects throughout the state and will make our traffic even worse.

- ✘ **Cost drivers and taxpayers more money in the long-run.** This measure is a bad deal that will cost the average California driver hundreds of dollars each year in car repairs as road conditions will continue to get worse. The average driver already spends \$739 dollars per year on front end alignments, shocks and tire repairs because of bad roads, and this measure will cost us more in the long run by stopping projects that will create smoother, safer roads.
- ✘ **Hurt job creation and our economy.** The California Chamber of Commerce opposes this measure because it would eliminate 68,000 good-paying jobs and wipe out \$183 billion dollars in economic investments as thousands of road construction projects are put to a stop.
- ✘ **Eliminate public transportation improvements that improve air quality and reduce congestion.** This measure would stop public transportation improvements including projects expanding commuter rail lines, buses and other public transportation services that get people out of cars and reduce traffic congestion. These projects also directly reduce air pollution and carbon emissions that cause climate change.

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