

Summaries of Ballot Initiatives for Press Conference – September 12, 2016

Atlanta, GA

“On November 8th, voters within the city limits of Atlanta will have the opportunity to determine their transit futures for themselves. On the ballot will be a referendum that, if passed, would increase the current MARTA sales and use tax in the city by one half of a penny on the dollar. With new funding MARTA would be able to significantly increase bus services, bring new transit options such as bus rapid transit and a comprehensive light rail network and invest in existing heavy rail stations.”

Columbus, OH

COTA's ¼ percent 10-year sales tax will expire this year and is placing a request on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot to maintain the revenue from the 2006 levy. The proposed levy will be a renewal of the current ¼ percent 10-year sales tax. It will enable COTA to continue to deliver expanded and improved service, and implement planned enhancements without increasing taxes.

Los Angeles – Measure M

The Metro Board of Directors has approved placing a sales tax ballot measure, called Measure M, on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Why is Metro proposing Measure M? Angelenos spend an average of 81 hours a year stuck in traffic. Currently, there are 10 million people living in L.A. County and we are projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years. Traffic congestion and air pollution are expected to get worse with more growth and the measure is intended to raise money to meet those needs.

Measure M includes provisions establishing an independent oversight process, including a Taxpayer Oversight Committee and annual audits.

Measure M is expected to generate an estimated \$860 million a year in 2017 dollars. And based on the latest economic forecast by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, Measure M would add 465,690 new jobs across the region. Most of the proposed projects would be built over a 40-year period.

San Francisco, CA

Nearly two-third's of BART's fleet of train cars have been in operation since the doors open to passengers in 1972. Today, those old trains, which carry 440,000 riders each weekday, are traveling mostly on the original rails that were installed forty years ago. Additionally, the train control system that runs BART's fleet is decades out of date.

The \$3.5 billion BART bond would repair and replace the 44-year-old train system's 90 miles of deteriorating tracks, train control equipment and other aging infrastructure in order to maintain BART's excellent safety record, increase train reliability and protect our environment by keeping hundreds of thousands of cars off the road in the decades to come. To learn more, visit: bart.gov/betterbart

Santa Clara County, CA

VTA's Envision Silicon Valley was a dynamic visioning process to discuss current and future transportation needs, identify solutions and craft funding priorities. The process helped VTA prepare for Measure B, a countywide 1/2 cent, 30-year sales tax measure to be placed on the November 2016 ballot to enhance transit, highways, expressways and active transportation (bicycles, pedestrians and complete streets). The sales tax is

anticipated to generate between \$6 -\$6.5 billion in 2017 dollars. If passed in November by a two-thirds vote, tax collections could begin as early as April 2017.

Seattle, WA – Sound Transit 3

The Sound Transit 3 Plan adds 62 new miles of Link light rail service with stations serving 37 additional areas for a regional system reaching 116 miles in the Puget Sound region. The plan also establishes additional BRT service, expands capacity and service of the Sounder commuter rail, expands ST Express bus service, improves access to stations for bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, and pick-up and drop-off services, and expands parking at stations.

The plan's \$53.8 billion in investments would include funding for new voter-approved sales, Motor Vehicle Excise and property taxes. To pay for ST3, the typical adult in the Sound Transit District would pay an estimated additional \$169 annually or \$14 a month.

Click on the following links for more detailed information about Sound Transit 3. Here is a link to a [fact sheet](#) and an [overview](#).