

**Why should Sacramento County residents pay more sales tax over 40 years to fund transportation infrastructure big developers need to create more sprawl?**

Measure A proposes to add a half-cent sales tax for the next 40 years to fund transportation infrastructure. The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County's (LWVSC) analysis has led us to strongly oppose Measure A based on our positions that support regional planning, air quality standards to protect public health, action to cut greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), improved mass transit, a balanced transportation system, and incentives for in-fill development rather than low-density sprawl that Measure A encourages.

### **Excluded Regional Planning**

Touted as a "citizens' initiative," Measure A is the product of developers, business organizations, and labor advocates who spent around \$1.7 million to pay for gathering needed signatures to qualify for the ballot as an end-run around SACOG, the six-county regional transportation agency's planning process. Without adherence to regional planning guidance, Measure A drafters created potentially noncompliant projects that extend for decades and further the climate crisis. As a "citizens' initiative", this tax measure requires only 50% to pass.

### **Risks State & Federal Transportation Funding**

To fix resulting problems if this sales tax measure passes, proponents expect SACOG to guide mitigation of damages, avoidable if planning had been sufficient in the first place. If Measure A passes and mitigation fails, Sacramento County will not meet its GHG and air quality goals, threatening access to federal and state funding.

### **Favors Automobiles**

About 59% of Measure A's funding goes to auto-related projects, including a 34-mile Capital Southeast Connector (CSC) expressway and other road expansions. Only 36% is directed to mass transit, and most for improvements in existing service.

### **Leads to Sprawl**

Roadway expansions like CSC through undeveloped areas open up swaths to even more suburban sprawl. This means more vehicle miles, more GHG emissions, and more air pollution while reducing mass transit use. Measure A's regressive transportation dictates move us backward, not forward to a cleaner healthier future for the Sacramento region.

### **Excludes Public Participation & a Tax Increase Requiring Only 50% to Pass!**

Without a sound planning process, County residents had no voice in shaping a transportation plan or vision for the region. \$1.7 million was spent paying people to collect signatures, so unlike other tax increase proposals, it will only require 50% instead of 2/3 of the vote to pass. Meas. A defies local climate action plans and asks residents to pay for it over 40 yrs. **VOTE NO**

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