

Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act

The proposed measure, if approved by the voters, would create a Fresno County (County) ordinance imposing a one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use tax, commonly referred to as a sales tax, for thirty years to be used for specified transportation purposes (Measure).

The tax will be imposed in accordance with and incorporate provisions of state law. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration will administer and collect the tax.

Tax proceeds will be deposited into a fund maintained by the County and will be appropriated to the Fresno Council of Governments (COG). COG will annually allocate the proceeds to the County, incorporated cities (Cities), and local transit agencies for the purposes specified in the Measure, including:

- Sixty-five percent (65%) of the proceeds would be allocated to the County and Cities to repair, rebuild, and maintain roads to improve travel time, accessibility, safety, and public health. Each jurisdiction will annually receive a base allocation, and additional allocations will be based on population and public roadway miles.
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds would be allocated to support public transportation services, with ten percent (10%) going to Clovis Transit, seventy percent (70%) to Fresno Area Express, and twenty percent (20%) to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.
- One percent (1%) of the proceeds would be allocated to the Fresno Yosemite International Airport.
- Four percent (4%) of the proceeds would be allocated to fund regional street, road, and highway improvement projects.
- Four percent (4%) of the proceeds would be allocated to support zero-fare public transit programs for people with disabilities, veterans, seniors, children, and students, and to award grants for clean-energy projects and future transportation technologies.
- One percent (1%) of the proceeds would be allocated to COG for administrative and oversight purposes.

The Measure requires COG to develop program requirements, complete studies, review fiscal and compliance reports, and conduct annual independent audits.

The Measure will establish a Citizens Oversight Committee (Committee) of eleven members appointed by the COG Policy Board. The Committee will conduct public meetings held at least quarterly, review reports, and oversee annual fiscal and compliance audits.

If any part of the ordinance created by the Measure is invalid, it will not affect the rest of the ordinance.