



Staff Report

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Yountville Town Council Staff Report

DATE: April 2, 2024

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: John Ferons, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Hilary Gaede, Acting Town Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt resolution 24-4257 approving the Expenditure Plan for the proposed Napa Valley Transportation Authority – Tax Agency’s Measure U – Napa Valley Transportation Improvement Act, for the purpose of improving local streets and roads and investing in regional capital projects.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

On February 21, 2024, the Napa Valley Transportation-Tax Agency released a Sales Tax Replacement Measure Draft Ordinance and Expenditure Plan set forth therein, for inclusion on the November 5, 2024 ballot. NVTA -TA in coordination with Joint Powers Authority (JPA) have developed a proposed Ordinance and Expenditure Plan that would replace Measure T, the Countywide Road Maintenance Act, passed in 2012, so that transportation sales tax revenues work better for residents, visitors, and the workforce by improving roadway conditions and reducing traffic congestion.

NVTA staff is requesting that each member jurisdiction act by resolution to approve the expenditure plan, after which it will go back to the NVTA-TA for final approval and then the Board of Supervisors to place on the November ballot.

The proposed sales tax replacement measure has been discussed extensively by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority – Tax Agency Board of Directors and technical steering committees made up of jurisdiction public works staff members. In addition, the Napa Area Manager’s group made up of city/town managers and the county executive have been regularly briefed on the proposed measure.

The following are the highlights of the Sales Tax Replacement Measure:

- No tax increase, the sales tax measure would remain a ½ cent
- The measure would be a 30-year measure, from 2025-2055
- Generate approximately \$1.2 billion in transportation funds
- Jurisdictions have the opportunity to bond, to bring revenues forward to complete long-awaited maintenance projects
- 90% of revenues will be dedicated to fund Local Streets and Roads (LSR) countywide
- The LSR distribution formula will be updated every five years to account for actual sales tax revenue generation
- No jurisdiction will receive less than 3% of LSR funds

- There will be some flexibility within a jurisdiction's LSR revenue to use funds on other transportation improvements, including capacity
- Administration costs will be capped at 2%
- The measure requires local jurisdictions to make investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure, indexed to 7% of measure revenue, but using other eligible fund sources
- To ensure funds are spent locally and responsibly, an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee will have oversight of the measure

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Exempt per California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guideline, Section 15061(b)(3)

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Yes

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Quality of Life:** The Town enhances the livability of Yountville by providing well-maintained public facilities, parks, and trails, and quality programs and events.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. Enhancing local streets and roads and investing in regional capital projects not only facilitates smoother transportation but also fosters economic growth, social connectivity, and overall enhances the quality of life for communities.