



Office of the Mayor

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Board of Directors
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 300
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Board,

I have been following the discussions regarding the proposed extension of Measure B. To date I have not had an opportunity to review the details of the proposed expenditure plan, however, I would like to share my thoughts on the principles that I believe must be considered in any new sales tax proposal. I'm concerned that without fair, transparent and transit friendly tax proposal we will end up repeating the failed 1998 effort.

1. Fairness in allocating funds in both the Countywide Transportation Plan and any new sales tax proposal. This means that funding be allocated by proportionate share to the four geographic sub-regions: North, Central, South, and East, as it has been done in the Current Measure B.
2. Transparency to enable residents to see how funds are allocated. There should also be an annual accounting showing where funds have been allocated.
3. A "Fix It First" policy focusing on reducing GHG emissions by restoring transit service, its infrastructure and capital replacement needs, prior to any new projects being constructed.
4. GHG Emissions Reductions. All new capital projects must substantially reduce GHG emissions and be consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategies and Priority Development Areas.
5. The Civil Rights Act of 1964. Both the County Transportation Plan and any new sales tax proposal must comply with Federal Title VI requirements.

I would be happy to discuss these principles as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

Tom Bates
Mayor

Cc: Alameda County Mayor's Conference
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