



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MEETING
of the
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Thursday, August 30, 2018
9:00am
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
Dave Davis (Chair), Paula Perotte (Director), Dick Weinberg (Director)
- 3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**
- 4. COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR 2018 - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Committee will elect a Chair for 2018.
- 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Committee will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes from April 10, 2018.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Please complete and deliver a *Request to Speak* form, including a description of the subject you wish to address, to the MTD Board Clerk before the meeting is convened. These forms are available at the meeting or on our website www.sbmtd.gov.
- 7. RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSITION 6 - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Staff will recommend that the Committee consider forwarding to the Board of Directors a Resolution regarding Proposition 6.
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Committee members will report on other related issues.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING
of the
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of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
11:00 AM
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Committee Chair Dave Davis called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
Committee Chair Davis reported that all members were present.
- 3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**
General Manager Jerry Estrada reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, April 6, 2018, at MTD's Administrative Office, mailed and emailed to those on the distribution list, and posted on MTD's website www.sbmtd.gov.
- 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Committee Chair Davis recommended that the prior minutes from October 27, 2015, stand as draft since Committee members Paula Perotte and Dick Weinberg did not serve on the committee in 2015. Committee members Perotte and Weinberg agreed.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**
No comments were made.
- 6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
General Manager Estrada recommended that the Committee receive a report on selected California Transit Association (CTA) legislative priorities and provide direction to staff. Manager of Government Relations & Compliance Steve Maas presented brief summaries of several CTA priorities.

The Committee unanimously directed staff to forward a recommendation to the Board in support of Proposition 69, which will be on the June ballot, and SB 1434, which is currently under consideration by the State Legislature.
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
No other items were discussed.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
Committee Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:27 AM.



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MEETING DATE: AUGUST 30, 2018 **AGENDA ITEM: #7**

DEPARTMENT: GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/COMPLIANCE

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

PREPARED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

Signature

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSITION 6

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Committee consider forwarding to the Board of Directors a Resolution regarding Proposition 6.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has attached a draft resolution for the Committee's consideration regarding Proposition 6.

ATTACHMENT:

- Attachment 1 - No on Proposition 6 (SB 1 Repeal)

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WHEREAS, according to a report from the California Transit Association, California's local public transportation agencies have faced a 10-year, \$72 billion shortfall when comparing available funding to the actual transit capital and operating needs for rehabilitating transit systems and expanding service; and

WHEREAS, "The Road Repair and Accountability Act" (Senate Bill 1, Beall and Frazier), passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor last year, will raise \$5 billion annually in long-term, dedicated funding to invest in public transportation, make road safety improvements, fill potholes and repair local streets, highways, bridges and overpasses, with the revenues split equally between state and local government projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 represents the largest state investment in public transportation in a generation, providing more than \$700 million per year in dedicated new funding for public transit, including funding to expand transit capital and operations; replace older transit vehicles with zero-emission vehicles; and invest in intercity rail and commuter rail; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 provides critically-needed funding for Santa Barbara MTD for the following projects:

- Around \$1.3 million annually in increased State Transit Assistance for capital and operating expenses
- State of Good Repair funds helping fund the purchase of needed new buses
- Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds for facility improvements and maintenance

WHEREAS, Proposition 6, a ballot measure on the November 2018 ballot, would repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB 1 and make it more difficult to increase funding for state and local transportation improvements in the future; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 will make air quality worse and harm the environment, by eliminating funds dedicated to expanding rail transit lines, buses and other public transportation services that directly reduce air pollution and carbon emissions that cause climate change, and, because Proposition 6 threatens projects identified by Santa Barbara MTD and transit agencies throughout the state to expand service and fund electric bus programs, zero-emission buses and rail projects which help reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 could divert at least \$1.6 million annually and \$1.5 million one-time in funds dedicated to Santa Barbara MTD including from the State Transit Assistance Program, the STA State of Good Repair Program, and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and halt or slow down critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara MTD hereby Opposed Proposition 6, the November measure to repeal new transit and transportation revenues.