

RESOLUTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT
DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05

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

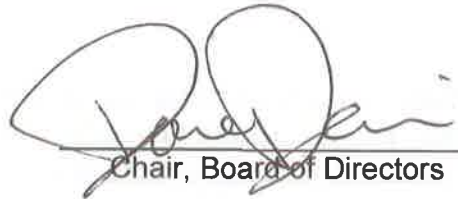
WHEREAS, Proposition 6 could divert at least \$1.6 million annually and \$1.5 million one-time in funds dedicated to Santa Barbara MTD including from the State Transit Assistance Program, the STA State of Good Repair Program, and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and halt or slow down critical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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District this 4th day of September, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSENT: _____

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Directors