



**DATE:** July 26, 2018

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Oppose Proposition 6 in Repealing Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Action), Agenda Item No. 6i

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a motion of opposition to Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot.

## **BACKGROUND**

On April 6, 2017, the California State Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1, known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act. The bill levied a 12¢ per gallon tax on gasoline and a 20¢ per gallon tax on diesel fuel, and also raised vehicle registration fees. The revenue raised from SB1 is used primarily to repair existing roads, bridges, add bicycle lanes and increase funding for mass transit projects. SB1 is estimated to generate approximately \$5.4 billion annually. Governor Brown signed the bill into law on April 28, 2017.

California Proposition 6, the Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative, is on the ballot in California as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 6, 2018. The ballot initiative would repeal the gas and diesel tax increases and vehicle fees from SB1 and require voter approval for fuel tax and vehicle fee increases in the future.

The ballot initiative to repeal SB was driven by a signature drive, whereby volunteers gathered more than 940,000 signatures statewide which exceeded the minimum requirement of 584,000 signatures for the measure to be on the November 2018 voter ballot. The proposition qualified on June 28, 2018.

## **DISCUSSION**

SB1 invests approximately \$5.4 billion annually in California's transportation systems, and every city, town and county in California is receiving infrastructure investments from this legislation, as well as all transit operators. Local jurisdictions in Marin are anticipated to receive approximately \$8 million annually for local streets and roads from SB1. Marin Transit, Golden Gate Transit, and SMART will benefit from SB1 with annual capital and operating funding assistance. The Marin Sonoma Narrows and San Rafael's Multi-Use Path have received allocations of funds from SB1. Novato's Downtown SMART Station is anticipated to receiving funding later this year.

Given that state funding for transportation has been nearly non-existent for more than a decade, local agencies, like TAM and other CMAs, have been relying on local transportation sales tax to fund local, regional, and even state highway projects. State funds from SB1 are long overdue.

Staff is recommending the TAM Board adopt a motion of opposition to Proposition 6 on the November 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot. Loss of funds to Marin's cities, towns, the county, and our transit operators is significant.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

There are no fiscal impacts with adopting a position on a state proposition.

**NEXT STEPS**

Communicate TAM's position on Proposition 6 to our partner agencies and the California State Legislature.