

SUBJECT*Senate Bill 1 Support Resolution***RECOMMENDATION***To adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill 1, whereby*

- 1) Long Beach Transit opposes Proposition 6, the November 2018 ballot measure to repeal new transit and transportation revenues*
- 2) Long Beach Transit can be listed as a member of the coalition opposed to Proposition 6, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state*

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, into law. SB 1 is a long-term transportation solution that provides new revenues for road safety improvements and upgrades to California's public transportation network.

By allocating funding by formula and through competitive grant programs, SB 1 invests in every community throughout the state of California. SB 1 includes strict accountability provisions to reduce waste and bureaucracy and dedicates all funds to transportation improvements.

SB 1 provides a historic funding increase for transportation with an estimated 10-year funding level of \$54 billion to fix highways, local roads and bridges, address congestion for commuters and freight movement, and invest in transit and active transportation.

SB 1 dedicates \$700 million in new funding for public transportation which includes:

- \$300 million for the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program
- \$245 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
- \$105 million for the STA State of Good Repair (STASGR) Program

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2017–2018 and 2018–2019, LBT was awarded \$9,717,888 in SB 1 funds through the STA Program, TIRCP and STASGR Program to support the agency's daily operations and bus replacement program.

Proposition 6, a constitutional amendment initiative to repeal existing SB 1 funding, will be a measure on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot. Proposition 6 does not provide an alternative funding mechanism to ensure project delivery.

Proposition 6 could divert as much as \$9,717,888 in funds dedicated to LBT for FY 2017–2018 and FY 2018–2019, including from the STA Program, the STASGR Program, and the TIRCP, and impair critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in the communities LBT serves.



ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolution. However, staff does not recommend this option as SB 1 funds LBT's critical projects, including its bus replacement program which aids LBT in achieving its goal of having a 100 percent alternatively fueled fleet by 2020, as well as LBT's daily operations.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

LBT was awarded \$9,717,888 in SB 1 funds to support the agency's bus replacement program and daily operations. Below are the amounts and sources of SB 1 funds which were included in the FY 2019 budget and would be forfeited if Proposition 6 passes.

SB 1 Funding Programs	FY 2017–2018	FY 2018–2019	Total SB 1 Funding
TIRCP	\$ -	\$ 3,951,000	\$ 3,951,000
STASGR	\$ 925,973	\$ 1,031,783	\$ 1,957,756
SB1 STA	\$ 1,564,571	\$ 2,244,561	\$ 3,809,132
TOTAL	\$ 2,490,544	\$ 7,227,344	\$ 9,717,888

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading 'K. McDonald'.

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution in support of Senate Bill (SB) 1 whereby Long Beach Transit (LBT) opposes Proposition 6 and can be listed as a member of the coalition opposed to Proposition 6

WHEREAS, according to a report from the California Transit Association (CTA), 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" (SB 1, Beall and Frazier), passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown on April 28, 2017, 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 will improve air quality and the environment by investing in public transit, and active transportation helps get people out of cars; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 provides critically needed funding for Long Beach Transit that will be used for:

- Bus Replacement Program; and
- Daily Operations

WHEREAS, SB 1 contains strong accountability provisions to streamline projects by cutting bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, while also establishing the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 69, which passed by 81 percent of the voters on the June 5, 2018 ballot, adds additional accountability for taxpayers by preventing the State Legislature from diverting or raiding any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6, a ballot measure on the November 6, 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 denies our communities vital public transit and transportation improvement funds, because it would eliminate more than \$700 million per year in new funding dedicated to public transit programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would jeopardize more than 450 public transportation projects currently underway throughout the state, compromising projects to expand urban light rail, commuter and intercity passenger rail lines and new bus services; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 may have an impact on air quality and 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 Long Beach Transit and transit agencies throughout the state to expand service and fund battery-electric bus programs, zero-emission buses and rail projects which help reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 could divert \$9,717,888 annually in funds dedicated to Long Beach Transit, including from the State Transit Assistance Program (STA), 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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Long Beach Transit hereby opposes Proposition 6, the November measure to repeal new transit and transportation revenues.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Long Beach Transit can be listed as a member of the coalition opposed to Proposition 6, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the LBT Board of Directors held on September 24, 2018.

Maricela de Rivera
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date