

NO on Measure-T

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Background

- Measure T is a 1/2 % Sales Tax for Roads in Madera County
- The current Measure “T” will expire in 2027
- The proposed Measure T on the November 5, 2024, Ballot is a new 20-year extension and would take effect in 2027.
- The 1/2% sales tax has been around for 30 + years, but with questionable results.

We Recommend a NO Vote Because:

Past Flaws have NOT been fixed:

- **Bait and Switch on Road Projects**
 - Critical Tier 1 projects identified in the 2006 Measure T Ordinance have not been completed. Money was reallocated to Tier 2 projects without voter approval
 - Cancellation clause was removed. There is no provision to cancel the tax if voters are not satisfied
 - Jurisdictions at their sole discretion can shift funds from local roads to regional projects
 - Expenditure plan says Jurisdictions can move money around without citizen review; BUT the Ordinance says they can't. Which is it . . . Can, or Can't?
- **Insufficient Public Engagement**
 - Same decision makers as in the past
 - Decision-making board needs to be made up of both elected people and citizens
- **Negligible Impact on Road Conditions**
 - After 30 years, our roads remain in the bottom 5 counties in the state.
- **Safety Issues Not Addressed**
 - Egress Fire evacuation routes have not been given the highest priority. More funds and attention are given to new developments and businesses than roads in high fire danger areas
- **Lack of Transparency and Dark Politics**
 - Polling in early 2024 indicated that the Measure was expected to fail. SO, County Decision Makers resorted to Dark Politics. They:
 - Hired a sub-consultant specializing in campaigning (illegal)
 - Collaborated with sub consultant to lower voter approval threshold to win at any cost.
 - Overrode good-faith efforts of Citizens Steering Committee to retain control.
 - Falsely claim citizens wrote ballot language and Ordinance. They were written by Staff.
 - Hide funding sources and donors from voters with secretive organizations



There is another opportunity in 2026 to get it right!

We have 2 more years!

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