

# City of Brisbane

## Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works/City Engineer via City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Measure M

DATE: October 4, 2010

### **City Council Goals:**

To maintain and improve infrastructure. (#3)

To promote intergovernmental opportunities that enhances services and/or reduces cost of operations and services to city residents. (#10)

### **Purpose:**

To obtain Council's approval of Resolution No. 2010-44; support of this resolution will provide additional funds for traffic congestion relief, water pollution mitigation programs, and maintenance of local streets, all consistent with the community's values of being environmentally progressive (i.e., enhancements to water quality, and also air quality from traffic congestion relief).

### **Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution No. 2010-44 in support of Measure M to fund local transportation improvements in San Mateo County.

### **Background:**

Existing state law authorizes each county's Congestion Management Agency (in San Mateo, C/CAG), to propose a ballot measure that would authorize the imposition of a \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee on each motor vehicle registered within the County for a 25-year period.

Under the proposed Measure M, 50% of the collected revenue would be allocated to countywide transportation programs, and 50% of the revenue would be allocated to the cities and the County for local streets and roads programs.

The programs that would be funded include; transportation congestion relief, water pollution mitigation programs, and maintenance of neighborhood streets.

**Discussion:**

The City's sources of maintenance funds for our local streets and roads (Prop 42, local Measure A, and Gas Tax [HUTA]), continue to dwindle and come under attack. The state has regularly deferred quarterly Proposition 42 funds distribution to the cities, and has also deferred the subventions of the "Gas Tax" from the Highway Users Tax Account (both of which are funded from sales/excise taxes on gasoline purchases).

Further, the full impacts of the governor's recent elimination of the gasoline sales tax (funds Prop 42 allocations) and increase of the gasoline excise tax has yet to be felt. The local Measure A is derived from a percentage of sales tax; this revenue continues to decrease as spending patterns slow during this difficult economic time.

Without some supplementation, the countywide and local programs that provide congestion relief, water pollution mitigation, and maintenance of our existing transportation assets will be severely underfunded.

The only alternative considered to the proposal would be a vote to not support Measure M, possibly based on a belief that it would be inappropriate to assess these additional fees at this time.

**Fiscal Impact:**

If Measure M is approved by the voters, the city's minimum share of the local streets and roads programs would be \$75,000 per year.

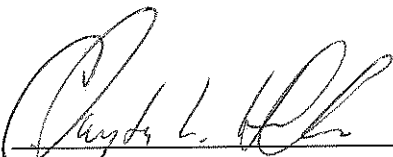
**Measure of Success**

Passage of Measure M will result in a much needed backfill of local streets and roads maintenance funds, which will allow the city to maintain (not necessarily improve) its Pavement Condition Index

**Attachments:**

Resolution No. 2010-44

  
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Director of Public Works/City Engineer

  
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City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE IN  
SUPPORT OF MEASURE M TO FUND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENTS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) is the designated Congestion Management Agency for San Mateo County (the "CMA") created pursuant to Chapter 2.6, of Division 1, of Title 7, of the California Government Code, responsible for the development and implementation of the Congestion Management Program for San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brisbane is a Member Agency of C/CAG; and

**WHEREAS**, C/CAG has placed a measure (Measure M) on the November 2, 2010 ballot which measure, if passed, would allow the CMA to levy of a \$10 vehicle registration fee (VRF), for 25 years, on each motor vehicle registered within San Mateo County, which VRF would generate approximately \$6.7 million annually to be used for transportation-related congestion and water pollution mitigation programs and projects in San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of Measure M would generate the funding to help maintain neighborhood streets, fix potholes, provide transportation options, improve traffic circulation, provide transit options including senior and disabled services, reduce congestion, reduce water pollution from oil and gas runoff, and provide safe routes to schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure M includes an Expenditure Plan that allocates up to five percent (5%) of the proceeds to be used for program administration, with fifty percent (50%) of the net revenue allocated to the 20 cities and the County for local streets and roads and fifty percent 50% to countywide transportation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, an Implementation Plan would be updated every five years and annual audits performed to assure that all funds be spent for programs and projects in San Mateo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brisbane:**

Endorses Measure M, the "Local Transportation Improvement In San Mateo County" measure on the November 2, 2010, ballot which measure would impose an additional fee of \$10 on each motor vehicle registered in San Mateo County, for 25 years, the proceeds to be used for transportation-related congestion and water pollution mitigation programs and projects in San Mateo County.

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W. Clarke Conway  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2010-44 was duly and regularly adopted at the regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on October 4, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Sheri Marie Spediacci, City Clerk