

# Self-Help Counties Coalition

## Locally Funded Transportation Investments

### California's Economy Fueled by Local Sales Tax Measures

**THROUGHOUT** California, 19 county transportation agencies have formed the Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC). **Californians depend on these agencies for accessible, safe, innovative and cutting-edge transportation solutions.** Each county delivers voter-approved (by super-majority) transportation sales tax measures that fund transit, highway, freight, bicycle, pedestrian and other mobility programs. Together, these counties pump \$3 to \$4 billion each year into California's transportation infrastructure, creating jobs, expanding mobility and enhancing local communities and the environment.

**IN CALIFORNIA,** 19 Self-Help Counties will fund over \$95 billion of voter-approved transportation investments by mid-century, pumping \$3 to \$4 billion each year for essential transportation programs and projects.

- ✓ **Self-Help Counties create and maintain jobs** for transportation infrastructure, operations and maintenance.
- ✓ The SHCC provides a **reliable and stable funding stream** that far outstrips state and federal funding on an annual basis.
- ✓ The SHCC has **extensive accountability** measures and local elected official oversight on all taxpayer's dollars.
- ✓ The public has **direct access to local decision-makers**, and public meetings are held each month throughout the state with public opportunities to participate in every self-help county.
  - ✓ **Expenditure plans explicitly detail how funds will be spent**, allowing the public to fully understand where their local transportation dollars go.

#### 81% of California's population is in Self-Help Counties

Alameda	1,529,875	San Bernardino	2,065,377
Contra Costa	1,066,096	San Diego	3,140,069
Fresno	942,904	San Francisco	812,826
Imperial	177,057	San Joaquin	696,214
Los Angeles	9,889,056	San Mateo	727,209
Madera	152,925	Santa Barbara	426,878
Marin	255,031	Santa Clara	1,809,378
Orange	3,055,745	Sonoma	488,116
Riverside	2,239,620	Tulare	449,253
Sacramento	1,436,105	<b>TOTAL: 31 Million</b>	

## Local Funding for Major Transportation Initiatives

### CALIFORNIA REPRESENTS

the United States' largest economy, and the ninth largest in the world. Its diverse industries range from agriculture to mining to biotechnology to the Internet — all of which support the state's economic strength. Each industry relies on a backbone of transportation to move its people, goods and services. Local sales tax dollars represent a stable fund source to finance critical transportation programs and projects, despite volatile federal and state funding. The Self-Help Counties spend a small portion of the sales tax on administration. The majority of sales tax expenditures result in:

- ✓ **Job creation:** Local sales tax dollars are pumped back into the local economy through contracts with local firms. Transportation system improvements require the services of architects, engineers, construction workers, project managers and other professionals. High-quality, efficient transportation systems attract and retain businesses in California.
- ✓ **Mobility:** The Self-Help Counties invest in multimodal transportation that provides choices for the traveling public — from express bus services, pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians, and public transit for youth, seniors and people with disabilities, to road and highway investments — Self-Help Counties move people, goods and services that are vital to the quality of life and economic strength of California.

- ✓ **Technological innovation:** Implementing technologies on heavily traveled roadways such as express lanes, adaptive ramp metering, real-time signage, monitoring and incident management reduces congestion and travel time and improves safety. Throughout California, the SHCC is implementing state-of-the-art transportation solutions.



Technical innovations reduce congestion, reduce travel time and improve air quality.

- ✓ **Community vitality:** Reinvesting local dollars back into communities attracts additional funding resources. Leveraging these local dollars allows counties to complete major capital infrastructure projects, operate public transit and paratransit services and focus on transit oriented development to revitalize communities and meet the needs of people at all income levels.



Local dollars reinvested help meet the transportation needs of the community.



Providing multimodal alternatives to driving reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

- ✓ **Sustainability:** Multimodal investments — bicycle and pedestrian improvements, public transit and paratransit for seniors and people with disabilities — support greenhouse gas reduction mandates in California Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, and California Senate Bill 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. These investments also support Sustainable Communities Strategies across the state.

### Self-Help Transportation Spending in California

Based on the Self-Help Counties' expenditure plans, over \$95 billion will be infused in California's transportation infrastructure from local transportation sales tax measures over the next 28 years. These figures are based on the individual projections from the counties.

Self-Help Transportation Spending in California*	
Capital Projects	\$45.9B
Local Streets & Roads	\$23.9B
Mass Transit	\$17.6B
Paratransit	\$3B
Express Bus	\$1.8B
Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$1.3B
Program Administration	\$997.6M
Other	\$908.1M
Transit Oriented Development	\$264.4M
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>Over \$95B</b>

\* Figures are based on projections from the individual Self-Help Counties; each has a different basis for projecting dollar values.