



RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OPPOSE POSITION ON PROPOSITION 6 THE VOTER APPROVAL FOR FUTURE GAS AND VEHICLE TAXES AND 2017 TAX REPEAL INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority approves a set of legislative principles to guide transportation policy advocacy in the sessions of the Federal and State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, With the assistance of the Transportation Authority's legislative advocate in Sacramento, staff has reviewed pending legislation for the current Legislative Session and analyzed it for consistency with the Transportation Authority's adopted legislative principles and for impacts on transportation funding and program implementation in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, At its July 24, 2018 meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed Proposition 6 the Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby adopts an oppose position for Proposition 6 the Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is directed to communicate this position to all relevant parties.

Attachment: Table 1



The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 24th day of July, 2018, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin Ronen, Stefani and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Safai and Tang (3)

 7-24-18

Aaron Peskin
Chair

Date

ATTEST:

 7/26/18

Tilly Chang
Executive Director

Date

State Legislation – July 24, 2018

To view documents associated with the proposition, click the bill number link.

As shown in **Table 1**, staff is recommending the Board consider adopting an **oppose position on Proposition 6** on the first read, given the importance of communicating the agency’s position now that the measure has qualified for the November 2018 ballot and in light of the upcoming Board recess.

Table 1. Recommendation for New Position

Recommended Position	Bill # Author	Title and Description
Oppose	Prop 6 Legislative Constitutional Amendment on California’s November 6, 2018 ballot	<p>Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Repeal Initiative.</p> <p>Proposition 6 would provide that any tax on motor vehicle fuel or vehicles themselves must be subject to a vote of the people and would apply retroactively to January 1, 2017, as shown in Attachment A. As a result, this measure would not only repeal the new revenues put into place by SB 1, it would also set a very high bar for any future effort to raise revenue from transportation user fees.</p> <p>SB 1 provides San Francisco with over \$60 million per year in formula-based funds that will be used to repave and maintain our roads, maintain and upgrade our rail infrastructure, and increase Muni service on our city’s most crowded lines. In addition, regional transit providers like BART, Caltrain, and the San Francisco Bay Ferry will receive over \$25 million per year for much-needed improvements including escalator upgrades, hiring more police officers and station cleaners, improving safety and reliability, and enhanced ferry service. SB 1 also creates or increases funding for several competitive grant programs. San Francisco plans to compete for grants to make biking and walking safer, purchase new Muni light rail vehicles and buses, purchase new BART cars and new Caltrain locomotives, and to help manage congestion in the U.S. 101 corridor.</p> <p>Without these revenues, local road improvements will slow, transit operators will have to look for new funds to sustain services, and there will be sizable gaps in the funding plans of major capital projects, threatening their ability to move forward.</p>