

Quick Facts: Local Transportation Funding Through Ballot Initiatives

- ★ In a 2018 report, it was found that transportation sales tax measures produced over **\$4 billion / year** in California for transportation construction and maintenance.
- ★ Counties where residents have voted to raise taxes for transportation projects are called **self-help counties**. There are some incentives for these counties when these tax measures pass.
 - Only self-help counties can apply for competitive portions of the Local Partnership Program, a statewide transportation funding source. Self-help counties can receive formulaic monies from the local partnership program.
 - Many transportation funding guidelines require matching funds; these counties have an easier time with finding matching funds.
- ★ According to NRDC research, residents in **27** counties in California have voted to raise sales taxes for transportation projects.
 - There are **14** active ballot initiatives in the Bay Area (defined by MPO regions).
 - There is **1** active ballot initiative in the SACOG region.
 - There is **1** active ballot initiative in the Fresno COG region, **which is going to sunset in 2026**.
 - There is **1** active ballot initiative in the SANDAG region.
 - There are **4** active ballot initiatives in the SCAG region.
- ★ There are at least **THREE** permanent ballot initiatives, and they are all in Los Angeles County.
- ★ The split in transportation projects is unique to the region. However, in a 2018 analysis of Local Option Transportation Sales Tax in CA, an average of 60% of LOST expenditures were funding road projects and over 30% were allocated to transit projects. *The data doesn't specify whether road projects were for maintenance or for expansions.