

Let's Keep LA Moving

Infrastructure Bond Update

The State of California is poised to issue an infrastructure bond that could make substantial improvements to our State's quality of life.

Los Angeles County's infrastructure needs are grossly underfunded. The infrastructure bond is an opportunity to make significant improvements in our ability to keep Los Angeles County moving.

We would like to thank the LA County delegation for the work they have done thus far, and we urge the Legislature to seize the moment for California and put a bond on the ballot.

- > **With more than 10 million residents, Los Angeles County is one of the nation's most populous and congested regions**, home to roughly 27% of the state's entire population. Yet, the County fails to receive state transportation funding that is proportionate to its need.
- > **Los Angeles County is the 16th largest economy in the world**, and makes up approximately 26% of California's gross domestic product. While California, and Los Angeles County, experience economic growth, the state ranks 49th in transportation spending and delivery.
- > **Almost a quarter of the total number of annual vehicle miles traveled in the state occur in Los Angeles County.** Yet the County receives only 17% of the state highway funds made available to local agencies.
- > **More than 80% of the goods processed in California pass through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.** The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach together comprise the 5th largest port complex in the world, underlining the importance of this region as the trade/distribution center of the California economy. The two ports handle 43% of the shipping containers entering the U.S.
- > **Los Angeles County is home to four of the nation's most congested freeway interchanges.** No other county in California can make that claim. Infrastructure funding should be directed to the areas where it will have the greatest impact and serve the communities most in need.
- > **Los Angeles County has some of the worst air pollution in the country.** Health officials are increasingly concerned about pollution and its overall impact. Funds would allow the county to address some of the most egregious air pollution problems in the basin by implementing programs such as conversion of diesel truck and school bus engines to cleaner-burning fuels.
- > **Proposition 42 was approved in 2002 by nearly 70% of voters to improve public transit. To date, over \$2 billion has been diverted into the general fund.**

Failure to invest in Los Angeles County's transportation infrastructure negatively affects the region's environment and economy. Without an appropriate level of public funds, Los Angeles will lose opportunities to address mobility and congestion relief today and in the future. It is critical that LA County receive its fair share for a transportation system desperately in need of investment.



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