

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN

**WHEREAS**, available revenues, including funding from Local, State, and Federal governments, are not adequate to support needed maintenance, upgrading or safety improvements to the existing infrastructure or the construction of the new infrastructure that the County and Cities anticipate will be needed to meet the demands of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the streets, roads, highways, transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County are of regional concern and are essential to the safety, mobility, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and quality of life of residents, businesses, visitors, seniors, veterans, and persons with mobility challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of California has authorized counties to establish voter-approved local transportation sales taxes pursuant to Public Utilities Code Division 19 (commencing with Section 180000) and Revenue and Taxation Code Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has been designated as the Local Transportation Authority for San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, keeping roads and highways in good condition and enhancing mobility helps protect public safety by allowing police, firefighters, and ambulances to respond quickly to emergencies and ensuring first responders are not stuck in traffic or slowed down by failing infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, San Luis Obispo County's transportation system is the backbone of our regional economy, allowing local farmers and businesses to move produce and products to market, creating jobs for local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, essential purchases like groceries are exempt from the ½ cent sales tax, helping to ensure the cost is not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the ½ cent sales tax is paid by both residents and visitors shopping in San Luis Obispo County, including visitors, to ensure all users of local roads and transportation infrastructure contribute; and

**WHEREAS**, by law, all the money must stay in San Luis Obispo County for local transportation improvements only and cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 180206, and through extensive public engagement and coordination with all incorporated cities and the County of San Luis Obispo, SLOCOG has prepared a countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan which guides the investment of revenues, provides for locally controlled funding for transportation repairs and

improvements, and requires strict fiscal accountability protections, including a Citizen's Oversight Committee, annual independent audits, and public disclosure of all spending; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Atascadero:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby approves the San Luis Obispo County Transportation Expenditure Plan that was approved by SLOCOG on February 4, 2026.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

On motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted in its entirety on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CITY OF ATASCADERO

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Charles Bourbeau, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lara K. Christensen, City Clerk