

Resolution in Support of SB532 for Short-Term Funding to Prevent Transit Cuts While Planning for Sustainability

Whereas, the recent increase in funding for public transportation in the state budget has helped reduce the shortfall in transit agency budgets, but some Bay Area agencies including BART, Caltrain, SFMTA, and AC Transit are still facing significant revenue shortfalls that have a high risk of service cuts; and

Whereas, planning is underway for a regional ballot measure in 2026 to provide a permanent, stable source of funding to fully restore and improve Bay Area transit service; and

Whereas, if no additional money is found, transit service cuts will cause traffic to get worse, and also cause businesses and events to lose customers, with tax revenue and economic impacts affecting the county, region, and state;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports SB532 which will provide the use of short-term temporary funding via bridge tolls to cover the gap between now and the passing of a permanent regional transit funding source, in a manner that minimizes the impact on low-income residents.

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