

July 24, 2026

The Honorable Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare Street, Suite 301
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Immediate Action Needed to Avoid Costly Delay of Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act's Ballot Placement

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

As mayors of Fresno County's cities, we write with profound disappointment, even anger, regarding the Board's July 14th decision to delay placement of the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act on the November 2026 ballot. We respectfully but unequivocally urge you to expedite completion of the study, convene any special meeting necessary, and place the measure on the November 2026 ballot by the August 7th deadline. The stakes for our communities could not be higher.

If not reversed, your July 14th decision to postpone the Better Roads, Safe Streets citizen-led transportation measure will have severe, even dangerous, consequences for our cities and residents. It places the health and safety of our residents at risk, as streets and roads will continue to deteriorate and needed safety improvements will be delayed. Smaller cities will lose critical local matching funds needed to compete for state and federal transportation grants. Jobs will be lost, and our economy will take a significant hit: an independent economic analysis concluded that the measure would create thousands of new jobs and generate billions more in labor income and substantial economic output over its 30-year life.

Our county is now at risk, not because voters rejected the measure, but because they may not be given the opportunity to consider it before it's too late. More than **one million Fresno County residents—including over 500,000 registered voters—are in danger of having three people make this monumental decision for them.**

The most troubling aspect of the current situation is how avoidable it is. The County has had six months since the measure was filed in January to order a study of its impacts. Instead, that study was ordered so late that Fresno County now risks missing the November ballot deadline by as little as **a single business day.**

You have an opportunity to right this wrong, not just for our roads, but for the basic democratic principle that the people should decide the issues that shape their future. Reverse course. Complete the study without further delay. Convene whatever special meeting is necessary by August 7th. Doing so will give you the additional information you've said you need, without silencing the more than 32,000 voters who signed petitions to place this measure on the ballot through the democratic process. Fresno County voters should not be denied the chance to decide this important issue for another 16 months simply because of a missed day or two.

Respectfully,



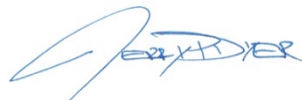
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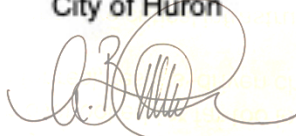
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