

July 31, 2026

The Honorable Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria

California State Assembly
2550 Mariposa Mall, Suite 3088
Fresno, California 93721

The Honorable Senator Anna M. Caballero

California State Senate
2550 Mariposa Mall, Suite 2016
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Assemblymember Soria and Senator Caballero:

We are writing to, first, extend our sincere appreciation for your continued leadership and steadfast commitment to advocating for the residents and communities you represent. Throughout your public service, you have consistently worked to ensure the voices of Central Valley residents are heard in Sacramento. We are grateful for your willingness to stand up for the people of our region.

Second, on behalf of the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area and the 700,000 residents who call our cities home, we join with our colleagues from Fresno County's rural communities and write to respectfully ask for your assistance regarding a matter of significant importance to every community in Fresno County.

Following months of community outreach, Fresno County voters submitted over 32,000 signatures and cleared the 21,909 valid signatures needed to qualify the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act for the November 2026 ballot. Although the measure was certified by the County Clerk on July 8, the Board of Supervisors voted on July 14 to conduct an additional 30-day review—effectively pushing the measure past the August 7 ballot deadline and delaying a public vote until March 2028.

This delay threatens public safety, local jobs and Fresno County's economy. Roads will continue to deteriorate, critical safety projects will be postponed, and every jurisdiction, including Fresno County, may lose matching funds needed to secure state and federal grants. Both urban and rural communities and vulnerable residents will face the greatest impact. Fresno County voters have earned the right to decide this measure in November 2026.

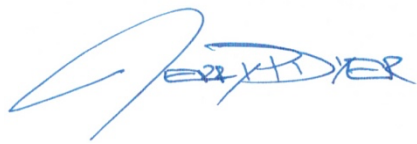
We believe the people of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area and throughout Fresno County deserve the opportunity to consider this measure at the ballot box. We are concerned that procedural timing, rather than voter choice, may ultimately determine the measure's fate for the November 2026 election.

The potential consequences extend well beyond a single election. Fresno County and each of its 15 cities relies upon dependable transportation funding to maintain local streets, improve public safety, leverage state and federal transportation grants, and plan responsibly for future infrastructure needs. Any interruption in that funding could have lasting impacts on our communities and on the region's economic competitiveness.

We respectfully ask that you consider whether there are any legislative, administrative, or other lawful avenues available to preserve the ability of Fresno County voters to consider this measure. We ask for your assistance in protecting the integrity of the democratic process and ensuring that voters are afforded the opportunity to make this important decision under California law.

Thank you again for your leadership, partnership with our communities, and unwavering commitment to the people of Fresno County. We appreciate your consideration of this request and stand ready to assist in any way that may be helpful.

Respectfully,

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Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vong Mouanoutoua", with a large, stylized initial "V" and "M".

Mayor Vong Mouanoutoua, City of Clovis