

July 31, 2026

Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria
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2550 Mariposa Mall, Suite 3088
Fresno, CA 93721

Senator Anna Caballero
Hugh Burns State Building
2550 Mariposa Mall, Suite 2016
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act

Dear Assemblywoman Soria and Senator Caballero:

As mayors of rural Fresno County cities in your respective districts, we write with urgency to respectfully request your assistance in finding a path forward for the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act to be placed on the November 2026 General Election ballot.

After months of significant community engagement and input, the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act received 21,909 sufficient signatures from Fresno County voters to be placed on the November 2026 ballot and certification by the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters on July 8, 2026. Despite this, on July 14, 2026, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors voted to delay placement of the measure on the November 2026 ballot instead calling for a 30-day study of the measure. This delay will cause the measure to miss the August 7, 2026 deadline to be placed on the November 2026 ballot and will not be able to be placed before the voters until the November 2028 General Election. This is not an acceptable outcome for the people of Fresno County.

If action is not taken, postponement of the 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 vital safety improvements will be further delayed. Smaller cities will lose critical local matching funds needed to compete for state and federal transportation grants. Jobs will be lost, and our local 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. These risks disproportionately impact the small rural communities and vulnerable populations in your respective districts.

Our communities are now at risk because the Fresno County Board of Supervisors have denied the people of Fresno County the opportunity to vote on this crucial measure. We will work with you 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. We implore you both to seek a legislative

path forward to place the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act on the November 2026 ballot because the stakes for our communities could not be higher.

Respectfully,

Mayor Nathan Vosburg
City of Coalinga



Mayor Freddy Valdez
City of Firebaugh



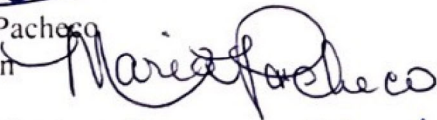
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