



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURE EXPENDITURE PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLACE A 20-YEAR TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 08, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

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; and

WHEREAS, the road, transportation and circulation systems within the cities and unincorporated areas of Humboldt County are of regional concern and the quality of such systems have a direct impact on residents, visitors and tourism, agriculture, business, industry and the general economy within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Association of Governments Board has developed the Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan pursuant to the authority of Public Utilities Code Section 180206; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan was authorized for public release by the governing body of the Humboldt County Association of Governments on June 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the 20-year Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan will: generate revenue, of which 99.5% will be specifically and solely for local maintenance projects selected by local agencies, better leverage state and federal funds to support local projects, retain commercial air service, create jobs that support economic development, and establish an Taxpayer Oversight Committee to ensure that all funds are spent consistent with the voter-approved expenditure plan; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined in prior court cases and in particular, *Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 113, the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, that establishing a Transportation Investment Plan and corresponding measure does not constitute a project under the State of California Environmental Quality Act and that the City does not need to make an environmental determination at this time; and

WHEREAS, the interests of Humboldt County and its residents and businesses will benefit by the implementation of the 20-year Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan through the new half-cent sales tax for transportation in Humboldt County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trinidad City Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Action. The City Council of the City of Trinidad hereby approves the Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan introduced by the Humboldt County Association of Governments on June 16, 2016.

SECTION 2. Action. The City Council of the City of Trinidad recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors place the Humboldt County Transportation Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan on the November 8, 2016 ballot together with a transportation sales tax measure.

SECTION 3. Environmental Determination. The City Council has determined that the above actions do not constitute a project, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act and is not subject to environmental review.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL of Humboldt County of the State of California this 13th day of July, 2016.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Trinidad City Council by the following vote:

Ayes:	West, Fulkerson, Miller, Baker, Tissot
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Attest:

Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk

Dwight Miller
Mayor