#### RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION ON AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX AND EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND REQUESTING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("Metro") ordered that a proposed ordinance to add an additional ½ cent sales tax and to extend the existing traffic relief sales tax to fund a Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan, be submitted to the voters of Los Angeles County at a special election on November 8, 2016; and

BE IT RESOLVED by Metro that, pursuant to Section 130350 of the California Public Utilities Code, a special election is hereby ordered and called to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and that the following Proposition be submitted to the electors of the County of Los Angeles at the special election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Metro requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, consolidate the special election with the November General Election and place the Proposition upon the same ballot as shall be provided for the General Election to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016, and, that the same precincts, polling places, and precinct board members as shall be used for the General Elections Code Sections 10400 et seq.

#### **BALLOT PROPOSITION**

The exact form of the Proposition as it is to appear on the ballot is as follows:

Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan.	
To improve freeway traffic flow/safety; repair potholes/sidewalks;	YES
repave local streets; earthquake retrofit bridges; synchronize	
signals; keep senior/disabled/student fares affordable; expand	
rail/subway/bus systems; improve job/school/airport	
connections; and create jobs; shall voters authorize a Los Angeles	NO
County Traffic Improvement Plan through a $ m 1\!\!2~\phi$ sales tax and	
continue the existing $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ traffic relief tax until voters decide to end	
it, with independent audits/oversight and all-funds controlled	
locally?	

#### **EXHIBITATTACHMENTS**

The complete text of the proposed ordinance, including Attachment A, entitled "Expenditure Plan," and <u>Attachment B</u>, the map entitled "Subregional Maps," <u>is</u> attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u>Attachment B. These documents are incorporated herein by reference.

### PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to Section 12001 of the California Elections Code, Metro hereby PROCLAIMS that a special County-wide election shall be held on November 8, 2016, to vote upon the Proposition set forth in this resolution. Pursuant to Section 14212 of the California Elections Code, the polls shall be open for said election from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder shall cause this proclamation to be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed, published, and circulated in Los Angeles County, at least one (1) time before the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, pursuant to Section 130351 of the California Public Utilities Code and Section 9163 of the California Elections Code.

#### FILING RESOLUTION

The Chief Executive Officer of Metro, or his designee, is ordered to file a copy of this resolution with the Clerk of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at least eighty-eight (88) days prior to the date of the election.

#### ANALYSIS OF ORDINANCE

The County Counsel of the County of Los Angeles is hereby requested to prepare an analysis of said ordinance pursuant to Section 130351 of the California Public Utilities Code and Section 9160 of the California Elections Code.

### CEQA EXEMPTION

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this tax proposal, according to Section 21080(b)(8) and (10) through (13) of the California Public Resources Code, and Sections 15273, 15275, 15276 and 15378(b)(4) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

This tax is proposed for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses; purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials; meeting financial reserve requirements; obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas; (2) increasing funds for the existing public transit service programs; (3) instituting or increasing passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights of way already in use and/or (4) the continued development of a regional transportation improvement program.

Metro hereby finds that the purpose of this tax includes supplementing existing tax revenues to meet a demonstrated shortfall due to decreasing federal funding and increasing transportation costs needed to complete the Los Angeles County transportation system as set forth in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which is incorporated herein by reference, including funding to meet operating expenses, purchase or lease of equipment or materials, meet financial reserve needs and requirements and to obtain funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas and to assist in meeting stricter air quality standards and accessibility requirements.

The Chief Executive Officer of Metro, or his designee, is directed to promptly file a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

l	ELECTION/REGISTRAR-RECORDER
2	Metro staff is hereby instructed to cooperate with the Los Angeles County Registrar-
3	Recorder and to perform or cause to be performed such functions preliminary to the conduct
1	of the special election as may be agreed upon with the Registrar-Recorder.
5	Pursuant to Section 130351 of the California Public Utilities Code, the cost incurred by
6	Los Angeles County in conducting the special election shall be reimbursed by Metro.
7	The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to canvass the
3	returns of the special election requested herein to be consolidated with the November 2016
)	general election.
)	Pursuant to Section 130350 of the California Public Utilities Code, the vote
l	requirement for the Proposition shall be an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes
2	cast on the Proposition.
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1	ARGUMENTS
5	Metro hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Metro to file a
6	written argument in support of the Proposition and the rebuttal argument.
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3	REQUEST FOR LETTER IDENTIFYING PROPOSITION
)	Metro hereby requests that the Registrar-Recorder identify the Proposition as
)	"Proposition M." In the event that the letter "M" is not available, Metro requests that the
	Registrar-Recorder identify the Proposition as "Proposition E." In the event that neither the
2	letter "M" nor the letter "E" is available, Metro requests that the Registrar-Recorder identify
3	the Proposition as "Proposition T." In the event that none of the above letters are available,
1	Metro hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to select a letter
5	identifying the Proposition.
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7	BALLOT PAMPHLET ATTACHMENTS
3	Metro hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to submit any
)	attachments he deems necessary, including Attachments A and B of this resolution, or
)	excerpts thereof, to the Registrar-Recorder for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet.
2	NOTICE OF ELECTION

Upon receipt from the Registrar-Recorder of the published notice of election, the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, shall post the notice of election in a publicly available

location in the Metro Headquarters Building located at One Gateway Plaza in the City of Los Angeles, California.

# WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSITION

Metro hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to instruct the Registrar-Recorder to withdraw the Proposition from the November 8, 2016 ballot in the event that the California Legislature adopts any statute that prevents the attached Ordinance from taking effect.

## **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

Metro hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to retain outside legal counsel to take any action necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, including the attached Ordinance.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, at its meeting held on June 23, 2016.

> Michele Jackson Metro Board Secretary