



Public comment on: Resolution Adopting a Measure O Spending Plan

From Joseph <jz93@humboldt.edu>
Date Mon 4/21/2025 5:05 PM
To COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for allocating 20% of Measure O funding to public transit, and to urge you to reject the proposed limitations that would significantly reduce transit's share of this critical funding.

As a member of this community, I have seen firsthand the vital role that public transportation plays in the lives of our residents. Many in our county, including the elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals, rely on buses and other transit services to access essential services, maintain their independence, and participate fully in the life of our community.

Unfortunately, our current public transit system falls short of meeting the needs of many residents. The lack of Sunday bus routes and limited evening service make it difficult for people to get to work, attend religious services, or visit healthcare providers. This is particularly concerning for our older residents, including my own grandfathers, who have faced the challenges of losing their ability to drive due to age-related health issues. Providing robust and reliable public transportation is not only a matter of equity, but also a crucial way to ensure that all members of our community can maintain their dignity, independence, and connection to the world around them.

The proposed limitations on Measure O funding for transit are deeply troubling. Denying transit agencies access to any of the funding until July 2025, and then capping their share at an arbitrary 14%, would severely undermine our ability to improve and expand public transportation services. Similarly, the proposal to force transit agencies to return any "excess" savings would create unnecessary financial instability and make it nearly impossible to plan for long-term improvements.

I urge you, as the Board of Supervisors, to reject these proposed limitations and instead allocate 20% of Measure O funding directly to public transit, as was the clear intent of the measure's supporters. This investment would allow us to address the unmet needs of our community, such as the lack of Sunday bus routes and limited evening service, and ensure that all residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to the transportation they need to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I look forward to your leadership in ensuring that Measure O funding is used to support a robust and equitable public transportation system for our county.

Sincerely,

Joseph Zazo

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~ Joseph Zazo

Board of Supervisor's Meeting-4/22/25, Comment on Measure O

From Rhonda Kyrias <kyrias27@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 7:22 AM

To COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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Please allocate at least 20% for transit funding. Supporting transit in Humboldt County is a serious consideration.

An article published on Bloomberg this last week ... transit ridership is off the charts in Brampton, Ontario due to that city's ability to understand the importance of mass transit, and to fund it accordingly. With a population of 700,000, they have a ridership of 226,500 on an average weekday. Their city is not pedestrian friendly, very much like Eureka.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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Comment on upcoming agenda

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Hello,

Regarding Item I-3 (Resolution Adopting a Measure O Spending Plan) in the upcoming county supervisors meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2025:

I'm writing to urge you to allocate at least 20% of Measure O funding to public transit. The currently proposed 14% allocation undervalues the critical role transit plays in our community—particularly for those who rely on it for work, healthcare, or access to the community and essential services. Public transit supports economic development, reduces congestion, decreases road maintenance costs, and protects the unique natural beauty in our county.

I encourage you to think about what kind of future we want to help build here in Humboldt? We have long prioritized subsidizing roads and cars at the expense of all else, and as a result we live in a world where people are regularly and violently killed on the road, it is not safe to be a pedestrian or a cyclist, and if you do not have a car your access to transportation is severely limited.

Increasing transit funding to 20% from measure O revenue is a modest and necessary investment in our community's long-term well-being and would be an important step towards a safer and more equitable future.

Please adjust the Measure O spending plan accordingly. Thank you for your attention and your service to Humboldt County.

Kris Skotheim