

A LOOK AT THE TULARE COUNTY EXPENDITURE PLAN

Q: What is it?

A: This plan was put together by the Tulare County Association of Governments in preparation for putting a **1/2-CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX** on the November 7 ballot. **THE INITIATIVE IS KNOWN AS MEASURE R.**

Q: Where does the money go?

A: **BY LAW, ALL MONEY RAISED BY THE TAX MUST STAY RIGHT HERE IN TULARE COUNTY.** The plan requires that a Citizens Oversight Committee be formed to be sure the money is used to fund the projects outlined in the plan.

Q: Who will get the money?

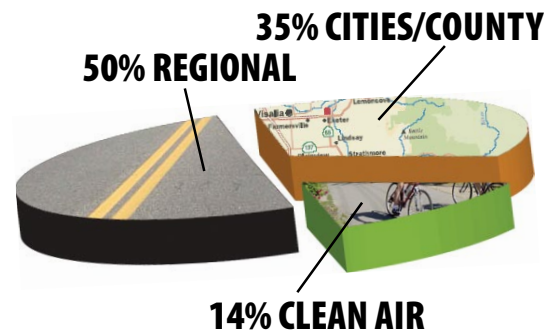
A: **50% WILL GO TO REGIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SUCH AS:**

- Widening **CALDWELL AVENUE** from Hwy. 99 to Exeter
- Improving **interchanges along HWY. 198** (including Lovers Lane, Akers, Shirk and Ben Maddox) **and along HWY. 99** (including the new Agri-Center interchange)
- Widening **HILLMAN/DEMAREE** between Visalia and Tulare
- Widening **ROAD 80** between Visalia and Dinuba
- Widening **HWY. 65** and **HWY. 190** in Porterville
- Widening and improving **SPRUCE ROAD**, which connects **HWY. 137** and **HWY. 198**
- Widening **AVE. 416**

▶ **35% WILL GO TO THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY**, to use for pothole repair and local improvement projects.

▶ **14% WILL GO TOWARD CLEAN-AIR PROJECTS** such as bike paths and better transit for seniors and disabled people.

▶ **JUST 1% WILL BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**



Q: How much money will be generated?

A: TCAG estimates that a 1/2-cent sales tax will generate more than **\$650 MILLION OVER ITS 30-YEAR LIFESPAN.** Measure R will allow us to qualify for millions in state and federal matching funds.

Q: What about congestion?

A: The cities will be able to use their Measure R money to **IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING AND REPAIR ROADS**, which will help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

Q: What about potholes?

A: The cities and the county (including rural communities) will get **35% OF THE MONEY** to use for transportation projects, repair potholes and make our streets safer.